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HOUSTON ON ADVERTISING

Calls Ministry Down for Cutting the Rates

Attempt Made to Slur the Nelson Tribune

[Special to The Daily News.]

Victoria, Dec. 9.—(Press Gallery, Legislative Assembly.)—The Assessment bill is now complete so far as its consideration in committee is concerned, and it will not again make its appearance in the house until it is reported. In the meantime active steps are being taken by commercial and other classes to vigorously lobby against the bill. From different parts of the province strong protests are being received by members from their constituents, who in many instances did not understand the real significance of the bill until the discussion arose on it in committee. The legislature committee of the Victoria board of trade, of which Eberts is a prominent member, has been going into the measure and has come to the conclusion that a number of its provisions are inimical to the business interests of the country. They have sent an urgent letter to the Vancouver board, asking that a deputation come down on tomorrow's boat and meet them for the purpose of appraising the effect of the measure. Telegrams have also been dispatched to Nelson, Rossland and other points where boards of trade exist.

Another government caucus takes place tonight, when the demands of the timbermen, some of whom are here from remote points in southeast Kootenay, will be laid before the government members. The representatives of the timber industry are bringing strong pressure to bear on their members, alleging that the clause relating to the timber industry was drafted for the benefit of the Vancouver mill and lumbermen, without reference to the rest of the province, and it is said that the finance minister has already promised that the clauses objectionable to the timbermen will be struck out.

Two bills were introduced amending the Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act, 1903; Royal Inland Hospital Act, 1896, and the Steam Boiler Inspection Act, 1901.

The premier introduced a bill amending the Midway & Vernon Railway Act, 1902. The bill provides that work shall be commenced in 15 months after the granting of the subsidy by the dominion parliament, and that it shall be completed three years thereafter.

The Coal Mines Act received its third reading, and the house went into committee on the Assessment bill.

John Houston took exception to the clause providing for the cost of advertising. In the old act it was provided that $1 a name should be paid for delinquent tax notices for advertising, but the finance department was trying to obtain them for 50 cents each. The advertising, he said, should be paid for at decent rates, which the department was evidently not inclined to grant.

Both the finance minister and Mr. Wells thought it better to leave the matter to the discretion of the department.

The member for Nelson inquired if either of these gentlemen knew more about running newspapers than he did. What he wanted to prevent was understrappers in the department deciding what rate should be paid.

The minister of finance disclaimed all knowledge of how to run a newspaper, but intimated that if he ever attempted to do so, it would not be run on such lines as that of the member for Nelson.

Mr. Houston demanded an explanation, but it was not forthcoming, and the matter dropped.

The leader of the opposition took exception to section 201, which permits the lieutenant-governor-in-council to make regulations for the collection and recovery of tares. He held that powers were thus conferred which should belong to the legislature, and which were almost as far reaching as those of a court. The clause was struck out.

The committee being on the point of rising, the leader of the opposition sought an understanding from the government that the two per cent tax would be adjusted to relieve the mines of the present erroneous taxation.

The attorney-general promised a comprehensive scheme which would be laid before the members, and of which the fullest discussion would be allowed.

In reply to Macdonald, he also said that when the proposition was submitted to the house he (Macdonald) would have ample opportunity to bring in a notice of motion before the legislature.

In reference to the exemption of benevolent societies, the attorney-general proposed to exempt from taxation ordinary income derived from its members by assessment by benevolent societies. The attorney-general would not undertake to say whether or not income from debentures would be exempt.

The committee tonight rose, and the bill as amended will be re-printed.

The Evidence Act was committed. The attorney-general suggested one amendment, giving a magistrate the power to refer the nationality of any party in an action, where it is in doubt. He held this necessary in order to properly enforce certain acts.

Henderson asked why it was not added to the acts to which the attorney-general referred instead of being added to the Evidence Act.

The attorney-general replied that if introduced in that way it would cause a disallowance of the measures.

The clause carried and the bill was reported.

The Coal Tax Act was committed and reported complete.

The Pharmacy bill passed the third reading.

HENDERSON'S QUERIES.

Government to Be Asked Some Very Pointed Questions.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Victoria, Dec. 9.—Stuart Henderson will ask on Friday: No. 1—Did the premier, or any member of his government, or any one who has been a member of his government, while he was in office, write a letter of which the following is a copy, or of which the following is a copy of a portion thereof, re the lots 4593 and 4594:

Dear Sir,—The policy of the present government with regard to the disposition of the land, is to secure to all the present legal holders of any claims thereon their statutory rights. We deem it advisable not to take immediate action along these lines, as we wish to avoid any complications which might arise by alleged claims that may be made on behalf of the C. P. R., which we do not recognize. We do not anticipate that the dominion government will attempt to disallow chapter 8, statutes of 1903, but it is thought advisable to defer action until the disallowance period will have elapsed, which will be about May 1st, 1904. Immediately after this last mentioned date we propose to deal with the lands in question as though the same had always been vacant crown lands, and will then recognize all valid locations according to their priority, including these now in existence. We will not, however, assume responsibilities of deciding conflicting claims.

No. 2.—If answer to No. 1 is affirmative, who wrote it?

No. 3.—If answer to No. 1 is affirmative, to whom was it written?

No. 4.—If answer to No. 1 is affirmative, when was it written?

No. 5.—If answer to No. 1 is affirmative, was a copy of the original sent to any member of the legislature, and, if so, to whom?

No. 6.—If answer to No. 1 is negative, did the premier write such a letter to any persons or person to a similar purport, and when?

Mr. Oliver will move on Thursday that an order of the house be granted directing the deputy provincial secretary to return the ballot boxes used in the late provincial elections in Fernie, to the returning officer for that district, for the purpose of producing said ballot boxes before the county court judge, so as to allow the recount applied for to be proceeded with.

Hall gives notice of a motion to memoralize the governor-in-council to legalize the use of fish trape.

COLOMBIA IS BELLIGERENT

MOVING TROOPS FOR PURPOSE OF INVADING PANAMA.

NATIONAL INTEGRITY SOCIETY FORMED ON LARGE SCALE.

La Guaira, Venezuela, Dec. 9.—The French steamer Versailles, which has arrived here from Savanilla, reports that Colombian steamers have landed 1,100 men from Cartagena, near the mouth of the Atrata river, to open a way through the mountains to Panama. Other troops from Cuaca, Colombia, are said to be converging on Panama and from all parts of Colombia. The troops are reported to be marching or awaiting on the result of general Reyes' mission to Washington.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Dr. Herran, the Colombian charge d' affaires, today said that if troops from Cartagena had landed near the mouth of the Atrata river it is decidedly in opposition to the wishes of both himself and general Reyes.

The policy of the United States navy department with respect to the entry of Colombian troops in Panama was said today to be to prevent a conflict before it commenced. When seen today, lieutenant-general Young, chief of staff, authorized the statement to be made that the war department was ready to dispatch troops to the isthmus on short notice. Although the statement heretofore has been denied, it is learned that the department has taken notice of the repeated reports that Colombian troops were assembling at different points with the avowed intention of making a hostile demonstration against Panama, and has perfected all military plans to repel such an invasion.

New York, Dec. 9.—Under date of December 5th, the Herald's Bogota correspondent cables: "The national electoral committee has proclaimed general Reyes as the unanimous choice for the presidency of Colombia, and general Gonzales Valencia as the choice for the vice-presidency. President Marroquin today cabled general Rafael Reyes at Washington that any negotiations proposed at Washington not based on the return of Panama would be useless and not acceptable to Colombia. A national integrity society on a large scale has been organized, with 300,000 active members, with the object of recovering the isthmus of Panama. The elections in Colombia were to have been held on December 2nd.

Colon, Dec. 9.—The United States cruiser Atlanta is still patrolling the eastern end of the San Blas coast and keeping an outlook for any attempt on the part of the Colombian government to land troops on the isthmus, which the Atlanta would at once prevent. The Atlanta is also endeavoring to ascertain if the Indians know anything of the movement of the troops in the interior across the frontier, and is also seeking information concerning the alleged concentration of Colombian troops at the mouth of the Atrata river on the gulf of Darien. The Atrata river being in Colombia, the Atlanta, of course, could not interfere with any movement of Colombian troops there. The report brought to La Guaira, Venezuela, by the French steamer Versailles from Savanilla, to the effect that the Colombian steamers have landed 1,100 men near the mouth of the Atrata river to open a way over the Darien mountains to the isthmus cannot be confirmed here. The movements of the Atlanta are entirely of a precautionary nature and for the purpose of securing information as to the situation. The United States gunboat Bancroft left today to patrol the eastern end of the San Blas coast in cooperation with the Atlanta. It is expected that the latter vessel will return here in a day or two to report.

Bogota, Dec. 7—Via Colon, Dec. 9.—A prominent and well informed politician, who is close to the government, when questioned today by the Associated Press correspondent, declined to give any expression of opinion concerning the ratification of the canal treaty by the government of the republic of Panama. The following expression of the attitude of the Colombian government, however, is authorized, the strict censorship preventing a fuller report: "The statement issued by the United States secretary of state, in explanation of the violent happenings on the isthmus of Panama, has produced a most unfortunate and disastrous impression in political and diplomatic circles here by reason of its contradictions and its lack of sincerity and logical arguments. The Bogota press has answered secretary Hay's statement in the most victorious and convincing manner. The central government is acting and will continue to act with dignity and honor, but it has decided to combat the independence of the isthmus most determinedly and without cessation. Americans here continue to enjoy complete security despite the indignation of the people."

HOSKINGS GETS DAMAGES

SUPREME COURT OF CANADA GIVES JUDGMENT TO PLAINTIFFS.

FATHER WAS KILLED IN SHAFT OF LE ROI NO. 2 MINE.

The damage suit of Hosking vs. Le Roi No. 2 has been finally decided in favor of the plaintiffs by the supreme court of Canada. This decision of the supreme court reverses the judgments of both the trial judge, Martin, J., and the full court of British Columbia. The result of this judgment is that the plaintiffs, Mrs. Hosking and her children will get about $4,000 for the death of Charles Hosking, husband and father.

The case was tried at Nelson before a jury when a verdict was given to Mrs. Hosking for $3,000 and to her two infant sons for $2,000. The trial judge, Mr. Justice Martin, on a question of law refused to enter judgment on the verdict. This the full court sustained on appeal. The appeal was taken to the supreme court of Canada by the plaintiffs and argued in October at Ottawa with the result above stated and with a direction that if the parties cannot agree a jury shall be summonsed to fix the amount of damage under the Employers Liability Act, which should give the plaintiffs' about $4,000.

The action was for damages for the death of Charles Hosking in August, 1902, who was killed at the bottom of the Josie shaft 865 feet in depth, by water being let out of the Annie shaft, 565 feet above, into the Josie shaft. The exact cause being that the company was raising from the 300 foot level to the bottom of the Annie shaft expecting to get the bottom in 75 feet, when they blew the bottom out in 12 1-2 feet.

The counsel engaged in the case were S. S. Taylor, K.C., and J. A. O'Shea, for the plaintiffs; and E. P. Davis, K.C., C. R. Hamilton, and J. S. Clute, for the defendant company.

This is the second case which Mr. Taylor has won in the supreme court at its present sittings in the face of adverse judgments from both B. C. courts.

VICTIMS OF DEPUTIES.

Their Funeral to Be Made Occasion of Union Demonstration.

Trinidad, Colorado, Dec. 9.—While a number of deputies and clerks were driving from Berwind to Tobasco this evening they were fired upon by several men, hid behind rocks and brush. The deputies and clerks jumped from the wagon and returned the fire. The shooting continued at intervals for 30 minutes, though no one was injured. The double funeral of Velano and Rand, the miners killed by guards in battle on Monday night, will be held tomorrow afternoon, this being the first blood shed since the strike began. Great preparations are being made for a demonstration.

LAURIER WAS IN MONTREAL.

There to Confer with a Number of the Liberal Chiefs.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Montreal, Dec. 9.—There was considerable stir around Windsor hotel this morning, where sir Wilfrid Laurier met a number of liberal chiefs, including attorney-general Pugsley, of New Brunswick. The premier returned to Ottawa this afternoon.

BODY TO BE EXHUMED.

An Inquiry to Be Made into the Death of John Lavin Sandon.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Vancouver, Dec. 9.—The attorney-general has ordered the exhumation of the body of John Lavin Sandon, and an inquiry into the cause of his death.

RUSSIA SHOWS ITS TEETH

Threatens to Land Troops and March on Seoul

Disgruntled Because Yongampho is to be Opened

Tokio, Dec. 9.—A strong Russian squadron consisting of eight warships, including two battleships, has arrived at Chemulpo, port of Seoul, capital of Corea, to support Russia's opposition to the proposed opening of the Yongampho to the commerce of the world. The Russians threaten to land 3,000 men and to march on Seoul should Corea disregard their warning.

London, Dec. 9.—The Tokio dispatch announcing the arrival of a Russian fleet off Chemulpo was communicated to the foreign office here by the Associated Press, and was received with apprehension, though it was not confirmed by any foreign office dispatches from the far east. It was said that if the information from Tokio was correct it would almost nullify any negotiations, however pacific, now proceeding between Russia and Japan. The Japanese legation had no confirmation of the Tokio dispatch, and baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, said to the Associated Press that he was inclined to discredit the story.

Yokohama, Dec. 9.—Advices received here from Tokio today say Russia's reply to the Japanese proposals had not yet been received. It is not believed that it will be finally decisive, but will probably necessitate further negotiations on the subject of minor details.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—The National Zeitung which has recently published a number of reliable telegrams from St. Petersburg, today printed the following from St. Petersburg, under yesterday's date: "In declaring that a Russo-Japanese settlement is immediately at hand, the diplomatists doubtless base their opinion on the well established fact that during three weeks there had been an exceedingly active exchange of telegrams between Tokio and Washington, which suddenly stopped two days ago. The diplomatists conclude from this circumstance that the governments of the United States and Japan had been engaged in highly important negotiations regarding possible common action against Russia, and that the negotiations have been concluded.

London, Dec. 9.—No further news has been received here showing that the reported arrival of a Russian squadron at Chemulpo has any significance beyond that indicated in the recent dispatches. The names of the vessels which have arrived at Chemulpo are not given.

Dispatches to the Daily Telegraph from Tokio and Nagasaki, under date of Wednesday, do not even mention the arrival of the squadron at the Corean port. The Telegraph's correspondent states that the situation has undergone no change except for an increase in the tension due to the protraction of the negotiations. They also report that the Japanese government is buying war material abroad.

The correspondents of both the Daily Mail and the Daily Telegraph expect that viceroy Alexieff will start for St. Petersburg almost immediately. Leading editorials in the newspapers this morning point out that Russia is bound by strong obligations to Great Britain to respect the integrity of Corea, as it was on the understanding that this should be done that Great Britain restored Port Hamilton to Corea.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 9.—The correspondence between baron Derosen, Russian minister to Japan, and admiral Alexieff, Russian viceroy in the far east, concerning the modifications of the Japanese demands, was dispatched from the far east yesterday. Owing to the time taken in the transmission of the correspondence the submission of the Japanese negotiations may be delayed several days.

BUILDING FORTIFICATIONS.

Russia Is Preparing to Resist British in Thibet.

London, Dec. 9.—The Daily Mail's correspondent says it is reported by the Chinese representatives in Thibet that the Russians are now building two forts and are preparing to resist the British expedition. The locality in which these forts are being built is not definitely known.

ALTMAN ACQUITTED.

He Was Accused of Destroying Several Hundred Hats.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Brockville, Dec. 9.—C. J. Altman was acquitted today on the charge of malicious destruction to the hat factory here by which several hundred hats were destroyed. He is suing his former partners in business for false arrest.

OPPOSED TO ASSESSMENT ACT.

A Call for Protests Against It from Victoria.

Victoria, Dec. 9.—The Victoria board of trade today sent dispatches to all the boards of trade in British Columbia asking them to urge that the passage of the new assessment act which practically increases taxes all around in the province, be delayed. The board claims it will be detrimental to the business of the province.

The following is the telegram referred to in the above dispatch. It was received at a late hour last night and will be discussed at the meeting of the board this evening:

Victoria, Dec. 9th.

President, Board of Trade, Nelson:

The new assessment law imposes extraordinary taxes upon merchants and manufacturers. This board is protesting and asking for delay until the law can be considered by the interests affected, and urges you to instruct your representative by wire to insist upon delay. Immediate action necessary.

F. ELWORTHY, Secretary.

INTERESTING LITIGATION

DAMAGE SUIT FOR UNDERGROUND TRESPASS.

CASE INVOLVING LODE AND PLACER RIGHTS.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Rossland, Dec. 9.—Two decidedly interest- and important legal actions are now in course of hearing before the supreme court sittings here.

Centre Star vs. Rossland-Kootenay is an instance of a damage suit for underground trespass and for an injunction forbidding the defendant company to permit its deserted mine workings to fill with water because of alleged expense incurred thereby to the adjoining mine and the danger to the lives of the adjoinging company's employees. The writ in the matter was issued last spring, but the case is only now coming to trial.

The plaintiff asserts that in 1901 the Rossland-Great Western company, then owners of the Nickel Plate mine, entered Centre Star ground from the 600-foot level of the Nickel Plate mine, and extracted ore to the estimated amount of 7,000 tons. The fact was not discovered by plaintiffs until January of the present year, and in the interim the mine had been taken over by the Rossland-Kootenay company, which company, plaintiffs assert, took over the liabilities and assets of the preceeding proprietors. In the interim, also, the Nickel Plate workings had been permitted to fill with water and this induced a strong influx of water into Centre Star ground that had not been previously encountered. Figures have been produced to show that the extra pumping at the Centre Star mine amounted to over $700 per month while Nickel Plate workings were filed.

Defendants state that the trespass was committed by a company preceding the present owners, and that the latter are liable. They further state that during the past summer heavy, watertight bulkheads, were constructed to close the Nickel Plate workings, the undertaking costing over $10,000. They further state that the ore extracted in the trespass workings was not stipped, but was deposited on a dump where it now lies. The plaintiffs state that the watertight compartments do not serve the purpose intended and that the dump in question does not contain more than 2000 tons of $3 to $4 ore.

The decision in the matter will be a precedent in respect to underground trespass, which has hitherto not been threshed out in the province. Moreover, the matter of one mine being compelled to keep its workings clear of water to safeguard the interests of life and property in an adjoining mine will be settled, and this is decidedly a new point in provincial legal practice.

The second case is that of Tanghe vs. Morgan et al. Plaintiff is the locator of a placer claim partially covering the Lucky Jack lode claim, Poplar creek's pioneer bonanza location. Tanghe was ordered by a gold commissioner to move his stakes and refused to do, being sentenced to three months imprisonment for contempt. The present action is to reverse the judgment of the gold commissioner, to establish the rights of his placer location as against the Lucky Jack lode location and to secure recognition of these rights in future. The case will involve a clearer interpretation of the rights of placer claims as against lode claims and the outcome will be awaited with interest.

Trial of the case of Tanghe vs. Morgan was commenced today. W. A. Macdonid appeared for the defendants Morgan and Gold commissioner Fraser. Counsel for the defence secured leave on opening to amend some pleadings.

Tanghe was the first witness summoned and gave details of the claim. All the evidence was in when the court adjourned and the argument of counsel will be heard today.

MOST UNRULY PUPILS.

Indiana School Teacher Tied to Pig Trough by Scholars.

Sullivan, Indiana, Dec .9.—Miss Erlene Sinclair, the 19-year old schoolteacher of the Parks schoolhouse in this county, who was overpowered by her unruly pupils here yesterday and tied to a pig trough and ducked in a dirty pond until only her head was above the surface, swore out warrants for assault and battery against six children today.

BLIZZARD IN CATSKILLS.

Kingston, New York, Dec. 9.—A blinding blizzard, which extends over the entire Catskill mountain district, and this city, started this afternoon. The snow tonight is drifting rapidly and blockading the roads.

BURGLARS SENTENCED.

Cornwall, Dec. 9.—Charles Wilson, alias "Foxy Smith;" John Martin, alias "Charles Yeats," and Frank L. Waterous pleaded guilty to burglary today and were sentenced to the penitentiary, Waterous to three years and the others to four.

NOMINATED BY CONSERVATIVES.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Montreal, Dec. 9.—J. J. Bonnelly was nominated as a candidate for the house of commons for South Bruce, and E. P. Stevens for Brome, Quebec. Both were nominated by the conservatives.

HEAVY SNOW STORM.

Catskill, N. Y., Dec. 9.—The first heavy snow storm of the season is now prevailing. On the mountains eight inches of snow have already fallen.

LAND BRINGS GOOD PRICES.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—The Ontario government held a land sale this morning, when 876 miles were offered. The prices realized were in excess of the record. The highest price paid was for a lot in the township of Macklem, which sold for $10,250 per mile. The highest price realized in 1901 was $4,700.

FORMAL NOTICE GIVEN.

United States Will Today Occupy Guantanamo Naval Station.

Havana, Dec. 9.—The government was formally notified by the United States naval authorities today that they would formally occupy the naval station at Guantanamo tomorrow. The secretary of public works has telegraphed to senor Portuondo, chief engineer at Santiago, ordering him to preceed to Guantanamo and report on whatever details may be found necessary for the purpose of occupation of the United States.

DEAD POPE'S VESTMENTS.

They are to Be Distributed Among the Needy Churches.

Rome, Dec. 9.—During the pontificate of Leo. XIII a great quantity of sacred vessels and vestments accumulated at the vatican. Pope Leo expressed his intention to distribute them among needy churches and clergymen and pope Pius in carrying out the desire of his predecessor, has appointed a committee headed by cardinal Merry del Val, secretary of state, to effect the distribution.

WILL VETO LOTTERY BILL.

Havana, Dec. 9.—It is rumored here that president Palma will not veto the lottery bill, if it passes the house by a large majority.

The Associated Press correspondent, however, is reliably informed that the president will veto the bill the moment he receives it and that in fact he has already prepared a statement of his reasons for such action.

WINTER SCHOOL OF MINES

PRACTICAL COURSE FOR PROSPECTORS AND MINING MEN.

CHEMISTRY, GEOLOGY, MINERALOGY, ASSAYING ETC., TAUGHT.

The Daily News yesterday received from Milnor Roberts, dean of the university of Washington, the appended communication relating to the school of mines attached to that institution. It was accompanied by a request to have it published. The presumption is, therefore, that the course is open to those in this section of British Columbia who desire to take advantage of the opportunity made available by the school. Following is the communication:

The school of mines of the state university of Washington gives a course each winter for the special benefit of prospectors and mining men in general. It is the aim of the institution to make this course thoroughly practical. The location of the university in Seattle gives exceptional advantages in the way of studying mining, milling and smelting methods at places where these operations are being carried on. Visits for the purpose of study are made by the students to the smelters at Everett and Tacoma and to the United States assay office in Seattle. For the study of coal formations and coal-mining, the large mines at Renton, Newcastle, Caroonado, Fairfax, etc., are easily reached and permission for full inspection is granted to the university classes. Index, Silverton, Monte Christo and other nearby districts afford an excellent opportunity to study ore deposits and methods of concentration.

The assaying and chemical labratories of the university have been renovated and enlarged during the past summer, giving every facility for work. The expenses of the mining course are limited to the cost of text-books and the fees in the laboratory courses, which are as stated below. Admission to the classes is without examination. The library, dormitory, gymnasium and other accessories of the university, as well as the general lecture courses, are open to the special mining students. The following paragraphs are quoted from the university catalogue. The special course in mining begins January 6th.

For the purely lecture subjects no fees are charged. In the laboratory subjects, sufficient charges are made to cover the cost of materials actually consumed. In subject 1 a fee of five dollars is charged, and a deposit of five dollars is required to cover the cost of apparatus which may be broken; in subject 3 a fee of three dollars is charged, and a deposit of two dollars required as a surety for return of the blowpipe outfit and other apparatus loaned; in subject 4 a fee of ten dollars is charged and a deposit of five dollars is required to cover breakage of apparatus. All fees must be paid, and all deposits made, at the beginning of each subject.

The subjects studied are as follows.

1.—General chemistry and qualitative analysis. Laboratory practice in the determination of the common elements. (Three lectures a week and two afternoons.)

2.—Geology. Lectures on the elements of geology, the common varieties of rocks, metalliferous vein and ore deposits, etc. (Three times a week.)

3.—Mineralogy. Inspection and practice in blow-pipe analysis, followed by lectures upon the common minerals, with practice in the identification of minerals, by field tests. (Three times a week.)

4.—Furnace Assaying. Lectures and laboratory work. Lectures on sampling, preparing ores for assay, furnaces, fuels and reagents. Ores of various metals are studied with reference to the nature of the fluxes required for their assay. The laboratory work includes the preparation and testing of reagents and the assaying of ores, furnace and mill products. (One lecture and three afternoons a week.)

5.—General methods of mining. Lectures on excavating, blasting, tunneling and shaft singing, timbering, mine transportation, pumping, ventilating and hydraulic mining. (Twice a week.)

6.—Mining law. A series of lectures on the mining laws of the United States. (Once a week.)

The following subjects are intended to supplement those given above and are offered for the benefit of those students who wish to acquaint themselves more fully with those subjects:

7.—Advanced mineralogy. A continuation of descriptive mineralogy with much practice in determinative work. (Prerequisite, 3.)

8.—Quantitative analysis. Gravimetric and volumetric analysis. Talbot's quantitative analysis. (Two afternoons a week. Prerequisite, 1.)

9.—Wet assaying. Assaying bullion for fineness. Assaying of copper by various methods. Amalgamation assay. Prerequisite, 1, to be taken with 7.)

10.—Mining. Ore dressing. Lectures upon the treatment of ores, underground and at surface. Hand-picking, crushing, sizing, separating, vanning, jigging, etc. Stamp battery and amalgamation process. Receiving, sampling and purchasing of ores at smelters.

11.—Economic geology. A study of the origin and extent of metalliferous veins and ore deposits; varieties of coal and localities of coal fields; building stones and mineral products of commerical importance. Lectures, with Kemp, Tarr and Phillips as references. (Three times a week throughout the year. Prerequisite, 3. To be taken with 7.)

For catalogue, address the Registrar, University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.

MANY ROADS ARE PLANNED

Government Will Soon Outline Railway Policy

Coast and Kootenay are to be Connected by Rail

[Special to The Daily News.]

Vancouver, Dec. 9.—Since the opening of the present session of the legislature, the government members have been holding many, many caucuses. While it is true that the various government measures were among the topics discussed at many of these it is nevertheless beyond doubt that some time has been taken up with the consideration of a railway policy, the initiation of which is demanded of the government by the members from the Similkameen, Atlin, Cassiar and other sections which await development by transportation facilities yet to be acquired.

The long vacation planned from the rising of the house at the end of the session of the 15th instant until mid-January, has for its object not only the preparation of the estimates and other necessary legislation, but also the formulation of a railway policy. Just what this policy will be remains to be disclosed.

There are many projected lines, the promoters of which are seeking assistance. Each of these has its supporters in the house and on the government side the respective advocates of these lines are making hay, assisted by the company lobbyists, who are pushing an unusually energetic canvas among the members.

Though little is heard of it, for example, there is going on a steady and persistent canvas for a Coast-to-Kootenay road. So marked success, it is said, has resulted, that it need not come as a surprise if the government after the resumption in January announce a plan for the immediate undertaking of the work. One thing decidedly in its favor is the fact that so many of the members of the legislature are directly interested, either personally or from the particular standpoint of their constituents. Among those favoring this line none is more vigorous in his advocacy than is Mr. Shatford, of Similkameen, a riding to which the building of this line means very much. Nearly all the members from the coast cities to the extreme easterly boundary of the province, it is believed, will favor the line, provided suitable terms for building can be secured.

There can be little doubt but that the recent visit of the premier and hon. R. F. Green to Seattle, a few months ago, had something to do with this project, and that from that interview with Mr. Farrell, confidential representative of J. J. Hill, a series of negotiations has been carried on for the purpose of securing satisfactory conditions upon which the Coast-Kootenay road would be built forthwith. Hill, it is said, is ready to undertake the work, but he does not care to be bound down to push it through within a specified time. He proposes to build as he himself sees business offering, and members from the Kootenays and intervening points hardly agree to this. If forced to prosecute the work ahead of his own business plans, and complete it within a time limit, the Great Northern will require at the hands of the government a substantial subsidy, which would not otherwise be suggested.

It is said that Smith Curtis, who is keeping in close touch with the legislature, represents the Coast-Kootenay project for Mr. Hill. Before the end of the vacation the government will undoubtedly have their project well advanced in as far as being cognizant of what terms will be acceptable to the party as represented by the railway-advocating conservative members. The final negotiations may then be taken up. The assistance which will be given this line will probably cut off from provincial aid the Nicola, Kamloops & Similkameen, which is promoted by Mr. G. A. Begy, of St. Catharines, Mr. Jukes, and their associates.

The northern members, including C. W. D. Clifford, of Skeena, and Dr. Young, of Atlin, are strongly urging a northern line, which for convenience may be described as the Kitimaat-Atlin line, but this prospective move toward the Yukon will undoubtedly be given second place to the Coast-Kootenay road.

The Kootenay Central, from Golden through Fort Steele to the international boundary, also seeks aid in order to push its work along. This charter also, it is said, may be taken up by the Great Northern if the desired assistance is obtained from the province at this session. It is only reasonable, therefore, to believe that railway legislation will occupy the greater part of the time of the legislature after the vacation.

SCORE OF BICYCLE RACE.

New York, Dec. 9.—At midnight the score of the bicycle race was: Leander and Butler, Walthour and Munroe, Newkirk and Jacobson, Bedell and Bedell, Content and Breton, Bowler and Fisher, Root and Dorlan, Krebs and Peterson, 1,259 miles and 6 laps; Keegan and Moran, 1,225.2; Samson and Vanderstuyft, 1,258.8; Gougoltz and Krebs, 1,267.6; Dove and Medsproth, 1,247.1.

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REDUCING THE NATION'S DEBT.

The national debt of Canada in 1896 was $258,497,433, and at the close of the last fiscal year, June 30th, it had increased to $261,943,485. But there is only one proper way in which to consider this matter of public debt, and that is to compare one period with another in conjunction with the increase of population. This gives a most surprising result to those who have taken delight in asserting that the liberal government have been extravagant and have piled up the debt to an alarming degree. In very truth so far from the debt having increased in proportion to the growth of population it has decreased to an astonishing extent. It was $50.22 per head in 1889, $50.66 per head in 1896, and $46 per capita at the end of last June.

Since confederation the occasions on which the debt has been reduced are not many in number; two happened prior to 1896 and two have taken place since the liberals took office. The occasions before the liberals had a finger in the pie were in 1871 and 1882, and the aggregate amount of the two reductions was $2,237,355; since the extravagant liberals assumed control of public affairs and began the era of reckless squandering the conservatives are so fond of talking about the debt has been twice reduced, the last time being the present year, and the total reduction effected being the comfortable little sum of $10,665,243. The very fact, too, that the political opponents and critics of the government have found fault with them for spending so much money is proof that this reduction is not effected at the expense of the adequate conduct of public works and general administration; there has been no cheese-paring policy adopted. On the contrary, while due economy has been observed the government have wisely seen that a dollar well spent is better than a like amount foolishly saved. In proportion to the revenue there is a great difference in relation to the public debt, the latter being less than four times the revenue, whereas in 1896 the debt was seven times, and a little more, greater than the revenue. It is easy to make charges of extravagance; it is less easy to withstand the ceaseless demands for money for this, that and the other work or purpose, all, presumably, for the general benefit of the country, but it is least easy of all to so keep down expenditure, or rather to so control it, that there is neither niggardliness on the one hand nor extravagance on the other, and at the same time reduce the national indebtedness in the short period of seven years by over ten and a half million dollars. This is what the Laurier administration has accomplished. No government that has ever ruled Canada has made such a record. It is one of which every Canadian may well be proud and point to with the consciousness that the dominion produced the men who are responsible for it.

THE SYSTEM IS WRONG.

The Toronto Globe gets somewhat astray when it declares that "Manhood suffrage, apart from intelligence and character, is a menace to political liberty. Having chosen to give the franchise to all sorts and conditions of men, the duty of educating the electors in the intelligent exercise of the franchise cannot be neglected except at the peril of electoral blundering and corruption. That duty has been neglected. During recent years political campaigns have been woefully barren of serious and instructive discussion of the principles of popular government or the problems of present day politics. Other and less worthy features are thought to count for more on election day. In the long intervals between elections very little discussion of political questions is even attempted by our politicians in their constituencies. There are a few notable exceptions. Personalities and general "slang-whanging" take the place of a campaign of ideas. The result is political ignorance and political indifference, making the way easy to political corruption. Thousands of electors regard the franchise as a personal and private possession, to be used or not used as they see fit and in their own interest. They have not been taught that the vote is a trust from the state to the individual, to be used in the state's interest, according to the best intelligence and the conscience of the individual, and that whosoever neglects to exercise the franchise should forfeit it, and whosoever sells it to another or uses it for private gain betrays a public trust and deserves the punishment of a common thief."

Why throw blame upon the elector when the real fault lies with the system? There will be no improvement in the conditions the Globe complains of until a change, a radical change, in the system upon which political elections are conducted, is made. So long as the large corporations and other apostles of the cult of graft are permitted to practically run the country, so long as they are allowed to put up men for election who are in their service, just so long will the present conditions continue, and the sooner the Globe and all others desirous of clearing the political atmosphere realize this fact the better will it be for the object they have in view. There must be some plain talk. There must be no beating about the bush; a spade must be called by its right name and the public much be made to understand in plain English just what sort of influences are at work in the political world, both provincial and dominion.

Our remedy is to send to parliament business men of integrity who will get through the business in hand as promptly as though they were transacting their own affairs. When that type of man predominates at Ottawa or Victoria there will be less of this crying out against the electors and the alleged evils resulting from manhood suffrage. Until sessions are confined to reasonable duration, however, it will be useless to try to induce active business men to devote a part of their time to parliamentary duties. Rid the political world of the graft element and cut down the waste of time in the house and there will be no dearth of good material from which to select fit representatives to conduct our public affairs.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A strike has been made at depth in the Rambler-Cariboo, which promises to yield additional dividends for that company. The Rambler-Cariboo has come to be regarded as one of the mines of the Slocan on which the stockholders can always rely for a profit. It has made an excellent record for itself in the past and with this strike it should be able to soon distribute additional profits among its shareholders.

The Montreal Herald of a recent issue has the following appeal to the patriotism and purses of the electors of Montreal: "Pay your water rates and secure your vote." It is difficult to tell whether the Herald wishes to replenish the city treasury or to bring about a full vote. In this city the appeal might be issued as follows: "Pay all your city taxes if you wish to vote at the coming city election."

ALEXANDRETTA INCIDENT

CONSUL DAVIES GIVES HIS ACCOUNT OF TROUBLE.

TRIED TO HELP AMERICAN CITIZEN OUT OF COUNTRY.

Constantinople, Dec. 9.—The Turkish official report of the incidents at Alexandretta complained of by the United States consul, W. R. Davies, has been telegraphed here by the governor of Beirut, as follows. "Attarian, a native of Kharput, who has for some years been abroad, recently re-entered the country secretly and has been travelling in the interior with a Turkish passport. On his arrival lately at Alexandretta, Attarian claimed the protection of the American consul, as he was an American citizen, and asked for his assistance to enable him to embark for Egypt. Mr. Davies accordingly notified the authorities, but the latter insisted that the sanction of the governor must be obtained, and that the usual formality be carried out, such as photographing Attarian. Mr. Davies refused to tolerate the delay, and attempted to embark Attarian by force. The police arrested Attarian at the quay, whereupon Mr. Davies, aided by his military couriers, struck the policemen, who were wounded in the faces, and afterwards attempted to force an entrance into the guard house, breaking windows and doors unavailingly. Thereupon Mr. Davies threatened that unless Attarian was released and allowed to embark within four hours, he would himself leave. Not receiving satisfaction, Mr. Davies embarked for Beirut on the same steamer that Attarian tried to take."

FOUND MANCHURIA FERTILE.

Davidson Corrects an Erroneous European Impression.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 9—James W. Davidson, United States consul at Tamsu, Formosa, who is here on his way home after four months of extensive travel in Manchuria, says that through the courtesy of baron de Rosen, the Russian minister to Japan, he was provided with a special car when travelling on the Manchurian railway, and that every facility was placed at his disposal by the Russian officials throughout his journey. Consul Davidson gathered there much valuable information, some of which corrects the apprehensions concerning Manchuria now current in Europe. He found that Manchuria, especially in the Liauho valley, is very fertile, and with a dense Chinese population. Much money, the consul says, it being spent between Vladivostock and Port Arthur in the erection of many permanent buildings. None of the buildings, however, are on the east China railway, as has been reported.

SWEDISH GIRL MISSING.

She Is 27 Years Old and of Prepossessing Appearance.

Vancouver, Dec. 9.—Gerda Hansen, a Swedish girl, who has for some time past resided with relatives on Mount Pleasant, is mysteriously missing under circumstances which occasion grave anxiety. She left here for Seattle on the 11th of November to consult a medcal specialist, taking with her perhaps $100. Since then she has completely disappeared. Vice-consul Chilberg, representing Sweden and Norway at Seattle with the police there, has made a thorough search, but cannot locate the missing girl, nor secure the slightest clue to her whereabouts. Miss Hansen is 27 years old and prepossessing.

DENSE FOG ENVELOPS COAST.

All Shipping Is Virtually Held at a Standstill.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Vancouver, Dec. 9.—A dense fog still envelops the entire coast and holds virtually all shipping at a standstill. The inbound Empress of India is awaiting fairer weather, 10 miles off Victoria. The lumber ship Chill is somewhere between Seattle and here and the Pass of Killicrankie is still en route from Victoria, which port she left yesterday morning for here. San Francisco and northern steamers are somewhere out in the bank of white, but no one can say just where. No disasters owing to the fog are yet reported.

DOWIE'S FINANCIAL TROUBLES

Receivers Not Yet Discharged on Account of Technicality.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—The settlement of the Dowie receivership may not pass as an order signed by judge Kohlsaat on Tuesday indicated. Attorneys for one of the creditors served notice on representatives of all the other interested parties that a motion would be presented before judge Kohlsaat tomorrow to strike out that part of the order providing for the payment by Dowie of all expenses of the receivership. The point will be that Dowie has no right to agree to pay these costs until he is proved solvent.

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The sale to be held on Saturday in the opera house store in aid of St. Joseph's school promises to meet all the necessities of the Christmas season. Apart from the display of ornamental needlework and useful Christmas gifts for young and old, there will be a large collection of homemade pies and cakes with a goodly lot of the old English plum pudding. Afternoon teas will be served and an excellent dinner menu is prepared. A cordial invitation is extended to all who would bear testimony to its worth.

The ladies in charge of the various departments are: Mrs. Madden, president; Mrs. Clark, vice-president, fancy table; Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Goodeve, religious articles; Mrs. Scanlon and Mrs. McSweyn; tea tables, Mrs. Tierney and Misses Clarke and Gigot; dining table, Mrs. Archambault, Jacquiemin, and McKay; fish pond, Mrs. Labba; candy table, Misses Sturgeon, Tierney, Gigot and Archambault.

Gifts for the sale will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the Sister Superior or members of the committee.

PUNITIVE EXPEDITION.

Italy Will Punish the Somaliland Tribe For Killing Officers.

Rome, Dec. 9.—The Italian cruiser Lombardia, the gunboat Volturn, and the despatch boat Galilee have arrived at Aden today. They will soon be joined there by the cruiser Cristoforo Colombo, the flagship and will proceed to Durbo to inflict punishment upon the Somaliland tribe, which on Sunday last killed lieutenant commander Gabaur, after he had opened fire upon the fort there for refusing to hoist the Italian flag. The news reveived here that the British cruiser Mohawk had landed a detachment of marines at Durbo and set the village on fire caused some surprise. Durbo being the Italian protectorate, it is contended that a British warship should not undertake belligerent operations there. Answering interpellations in the chamber of deputies today, under secretary for foreign affairs Fusiato said that Italy wished to keep her actions in Somaliland separate from those of Great Britain in the latter's campaign against the Mad Mullah, and merely watches the coast as prescribed by the Brussels convention to prevent the smuggling of arms and the commerce of slaves.

LANGLEY'S AERODROME.

Engine Worked Beautifully Till Machine Struck Something.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Dr. S. P. Langley, the secretary of the Smithsonian institute, whose aerodrome failed to fly yesterday, today said that he did not know what caused the accident F. M. Manley, who was on the machine, said that it was impossible to say when the experiments would be resumed. "The engine worked beautifully," said he, "and everything seemed to work smooth until the rear end of the machine struck something and the frame broke in half."

SHOULD NOT BE OVERTAXED

LUMBERING INDUSTRY CANNOT STAND HEAVY CHARGES.

TWO PER CENT LEVIED ON ORE SHOULD BE ABOLISHED.

William Blakemore, of Brydges, Blakemore & Cameron, yesterday gave to The Daily News, his views on the recent assessment act. He agrees with Mr. Fowler that Mr. Houston's amendment is preferable to the government scheme for taxing mines, but would prefer to see the two per cent tax abolished altogether. Mr. Blakemore approves the increased tax on railways and considers the act as a whole very satisfactory.

"I heartily agree," said Mr. Blakemore, "with all that Mr. Fowler has said in regard to the assessment and taxation of mines. It seems to me that Mr. Houston's amendment affords a much better and fairer basis than the present act. Plant and buildings should be assessed as real property and then, if ore must be taxed, only the net profits should be taxed, otherwise many mines that are actually losing money would be compelled to pay the two per cent tax.

"Personally I believe the two per cent tax should be removed entirely. It produces very little revenue and is a constant source of irritation and annoyance. The government promised to do away with it and I believe they could well have afforded to keep their pledge.

"The increased taxation of railways I believe to be in the interests of the province. The revenue must be increased and the railways can stand it better than any other, but I am not in favor of the increased tax on the lumbering industry. The profit in this business has not been excessive, although prices have ruled high and we have such extensive limits and so little taken up that we should not impose a tax which may have the serious effect of checking an important and purely local industry.

"With these exceptions I consider the general policy of the government is fair, comprehensive, and carefully thought out.

"I consider that in the Kootenays we have got over the first stage of excitement and are entering on the second stage of steady industrial expansion and that it is not unreasonable that we should have a new basis of taxation as the business of the province is now well able to stand it."

AFTER TICKET SCALPERS.

Big Four Applies For Injunction Against Them

St. Louis, Dec. 9.—The Big Four railroad, for itself and on behalf of all the other railroads entering St. Louis, applied today to the United States circuit court for an injunction to prevent the sale by "scalpers" of non-transferrable railroad tickets.

ARMENIAN REVOLT EXPECTED

London, Dec. 9.—The Moscow correspondent of the Times says: The government is hurried by preparing to meet the contingency of a general Armenian revolt in the Caucasus. Troops have been drafted and extraordinary precautions taken to safeguard the main railway line.

Don't Sing

"Where is my wandering boy tonight," but make it possible for him to sing "There's no place like home" by securing one or more

Good Books for Xmas

Such as "Boys' Own Annual," "Glengarry School Days" or one of the Henty Books, Ballantyne Books, Kingston Books, and scores of others, from 25c to $2.00 each.

A Kodak or Camera

will also give him amusement and pleasure—taking flash light pictures. Kodaks from $1 to $35 and a number of last season's Cameras—new ones—at one-third off the list prices.

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PROPOSED U.S. LEGISLATION

MATTERS TO RECEIVE ATTENTION OF CONGRESS

SOME TO BE AVOIDED AS IT'S PRESIDENTIAL YEAR.

Washington, Dec. 9.—A long, dry, negative session is expected of the regular session of congress begun yesterday. Leading senators and representatives unite in the opinion that there will be no legislation in regard to the tariff or the currency.

Representative Payne of New York, who is the republican leader on the floor in all matters relating to legislation affecting the revenues and finances of the government said today: "I have no idea that there will be any tariff legislation or any financial legislation of material concern. The tariff is not a matter to be tinkered with on the eve of a presidential campaign, and finance is equally important."

Of the numerous questions of large importance on which the republicans feel obliged to take a negative position, the question of tariff legislation, many persons believe, is fraught with most danger, for the reason that the democrats have practically decided that the tariff shall be the dominant issue in next year's campaign. In responding to party demands, many of the republican members of the house will be placed in the attitude of openly opposing a thing which they secretly favor. The same fear of losing votes will also stand in the way of any financial legislation, it is believed.

It may be safely said that the majority will not pass the eight hour bill, which organized labor is prepared to demand with more aggressiveness than ever before. This promises to be a troublesome question. The party in power finds itself between two fires—organized labor on one side insisting on the legislation, and organized capital on the other side, not only opposing the proposed legislation, but threatening dire results to the republican party if such a bill shall be passed.

The minority will insist on additional anti-trust legislation, but it is doubtful if it gets a hearing on the subject. The majority party feels that from a political standpoint, it is in pretty fair shape on the trust business. To be sure, little or nothing has been accomplished under the legislation of last winter, but the department of commerce and labor is busy gathering facts and figures, and it is hoped, moreover, that the celebrated merger case will be decided against the trust makers before the people are called on to vote.

Opinion differs as to what may be done at the session in regard to the postoffice frauds. The republicans feel that the Roosevelt administration has escaped all odium for the wrongdoing by the prompt and thorough measures taken to probe the scandals to the bottom and bring the guilty to punishment. The minority, however, is keeping both eyes open and will not let slip an opportunity to show, if possible, that the administration is responsible for the grave irregularities disclosed during the last six months.

Senator Quay intends to renew his efforts to secure statehood for Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico, and it is anticipated that the long fight of last winter will be duplicated.

Alaska is also due to receive a good deal of attention at the present session. This was shown in president Roosevelt's message, delivered yesterday. The subcommittee from the senate committee on territories, which spent two months in Alaska will make recommendations that a territorial delegate be admitted to the house, and that the judicial machinery of the territory be rearranged.

The reciprocity trade treaties may bob up again during the session, but they will go down with the regularity of the baby heads at a country fair.

Lobbyists are not ignorant of the check an approaching election places on congress. A member of the legisaltive committee of the anti-saloon league, commenting on the popular impression that the canteen will be restored at the present session, said persons who were taking that view forgot that there is to be a presidential election next year. "I'll give you a tip," said he, "to the effect that the canteen will not be restored at this session despite the favorable recommendations of the secretary of war and leading army officers. The anti-saloon element is too powerful in about 150 congressional districts to permit the program of the war department to be carried out."

The advocates of the ship subsidy have not surrendered their view as to the wisdom of the legislation they have been opposing for several years, but in their view also the nearness of a presidential election will probably deter them from pressing the question at the present session. In order to keep busy, and at the same time, avoid dealing with the more momentous and dangerous questions it is probable that at the session will devote considerable time to the discussion of matters relating to our insular possessions. In addition to the Alaskan matter, there are a number of questions affecting Hawaii, Porto Rico, and the Philippines which will probably be brought up. Among other things the policy of the government with regard to road building in the Philippines will be brought up and an effort made to agree upon some plan to obviate the difficulty of land grants and at the same time induce American capital to enlist in the enterprise.

IT IS A GREAT GAME.

Harvard University Will Not Suppress Football.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 9.—The athletic committee of Harvard university, which was asked by the faculty and science to report whether the big football contests should be discontinued, has reported that it is not advisable at present to stop football games between university elevens. The committee ventures to express the opinion that the game of football is only one of the many sports in college life so far there is not evidence that its abolition would necessarily turn the attention of students to more serious pursuits.

THE BEST REMEDY FOR CROUP.

(From the Atchison, Kan., Daily Globe)

This is the season when the woman who knows the best remedies for croup is in demand in every neighborhood. One of the most terrible things in the world is to be awakened in the middle of the night by a cough from one of the children. The proper remedies are almost as sure to be found in case of croup, as a revolver is sure to be lost in the case of burglars. There is no to an old fashioned remedy for croup, known as hive syrup, but some modern mothers say that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is better, and does not cost so much. It causes the patient to "throw up the phlegm" quicker, and gives relief in a shorter time. Give this remedy as soon as the croupy cough appears and it will prevent the attack. It never fails and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all druggists and dealers.

TAKEN FOR A STRIKE BREAKER

A Trunk Maker Shot and Killed in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Mistaken for a strike breaker, as the police believe, John Osuchowski, a trunk maker, has been shot and killed. The crime is attributed by the police to union pickets of the striking tanners of the American Hide & Leather Co. The district has been turbulent since the tanners' strike began a month ago. One man was shot soon after the trouble began. Pickets have surrounded the plant at all hours and non-union men have been escorted to and from work by a heavy guard. The victim leaves a wife and children.

GAINED FORTY POUNDS IN THIRTY DAYS.

For several months our youngest brother had been troubled with indigestion. He tried several remedies but got no benefit from them. We purchased some of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and he commenced taking them. Inside of thirty days he had gained forty pounds in flesh. He is now fully recovered. We have a good trade on the tablets.—Holley Bros., Merchants. Long Branch, Mo. For sale by all druggists and dealers.

ITALIAN SHIP ASHORE.

Her Master and Crew Rescued By Life Savers.

Astoria, Oregon, Dec. 9.—The Italian ship Cavour, lumber laden, for the west coast, dropped her anchors and went ashore on Republic spit, at this place, not far from the Point Adam life saving station. The seas are breaking over her and there is little hope of her being saved. The point Adam life saving crew took off the master of the ship and 16 men.

AN ATTACK OF PNEUMONIA WARDED OFF.

"Some time ago my daughter caught a severe cold. She complained of pains in her chest and had a bad cough. I gave her Chamberlain's Cough Remedy according to directions and in two days she was well and able to go to school. I have used this remedy in my family for the past seven years and have never known it to fail," says James Prendergast, merchant, Annato Bay, Jamaica, West India Islands. The pains in the chest indicated an approaching attack of pneumonia, which in this instance was undoubtedly warded off by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It counteracts any tendency of a cold toward pneumonia. For sale by all druggists and dealers.

COTTON COMPRESS DESTROYED.

Sherman, Texas, Dec. 9.—The Sherman compress was destroyed by fire yesterday and 2,000 bales of cotton and several flat cars were burned. Loss $50,000.

Sore and swollen joints, sharp shooting pains, torturing muscles, no rest, no sleep—that means rheumatism. It is a stubborn disease to fight but Chamberlain's Pain Balm has conquered it thousands of times. One applicaton gives relief. Try it. All druggists and dealers sell it.

CHAIR FACTORY BURNED.

Boston, Dec. 9.—The six story brick chair factory of John A. Dunn, 197 Portland st., was burned today. The loss is estimated at $125,000.

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is better than other powders, as it is both soap and disinfectant.

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TIMBER NOTICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a Special Licence to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, viz.:

Situated on the West Fork of Cultus Creek, Kootenay Lake, beginning at a post marked J. M. Lay's North East corner running thence West 160 chains, thence South 40 chains, thence East 160 chains, thence North 40 chains to point of commencement. J. M. LAY.

Nelson, B. C., Nov. 10th, 1903.

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Nelson, B. C., Nov. 10th, 1903.

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Nelson, B. C., Nov. 10th, 1903.

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Situated on Coffee Creek running into Kootenay Lake, and beginning at a post about 4 1-2 miles up the creek, marked John Vicar's South East corner No. 2, running thence North 160 chains, thence West 40 chains, thence South 160 chains, thence East 40 chains to point of commencement JOHN VICARS.

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SHIPMENTS OF REPUBLIC

ONLY FOUR MINES ARE NOW SENDING OUT ORE.

MOUNTAIN LION COULD NOT MARKET ALL ITS ORE.

Republic, Dec. 9.—The output of the mines of Republic for the month of November did not vary much from that of the previous month. Mining here has been reduced to four mines—the Quilp, Mountain Lion, Knob Hill and Morning Glory. There is little prospect that there will be any other mines worked during the present month. Of these the Morning Glory is producing no ore. The entire force of mine men are driving a crosscut. It is believed that this work will be finished by the beginning of the new year. The future development has not been decided upon, or if determined the fact has not been given to the public. It is probable, however, that upon the completion of the present work that the winze will be sunk 200 feet deeper, and the ledge again crosscut at that level. It has been apparent for some time that this will be necessary to determine the location and length of the rich ore shoot.

The Mountain Lion mine reduced its working force the first of the present month, as it was unable to place its ores on as large a scale as for several months past. The smelters which have been taking it, having a pretty large supply on hand, cut the daily order in two. There are still 17 men employed, and it is not believed that this force will be increased for several weeks. There is said to be a considerable ore body now exposed which can be successfully treated in the mill. From the best information obtainable it is the intention of the management to start up the mill again about the first of the year. It is to be run in a small way at first, and if the ore proves to be as tractable as it now promises, the entire mill will be again placed in commission. The machinery which has been ordered to test the Hendryx process has not arrived, and it is therefore impossible to predict with any degree of certainty just when it will be in operation.

However, there is little doubt that inside of a couple of months it will be in an advanced stage of readiness for work. The mine is in good shape for extensive work, and the ore in all the stopes said to be looking well. There is sufficient ore in sight above the 300 foot level to last the mill for a year, should it start up and prove to be a success.

The Quilp mine is looking as well as usual. There was no ore shipped one day the past week. This made the shipment smaller than for many weeks. The total sent out for the week was 320 tons.

There is no change to report from the Knob Hill. The ore is still maintaining its usual good grade.

During the month of November the Quilp mine shipped 1,400 tons of ore over the Great Northern to Tacoma. The Kettle Valley lines took 300 tons to the Nelson smelter, 650 tons to Boundary Falls, 1200 tons to Trail and 40 tons to Crofton. Total shipments for November, 3,690 tons.

Shipments from the Zale M. have ceased for several days, on account of the condition of the roads. The usual force is working in the mine. The principal work is being carried on at the 350 foot level. The ore body in the face of the drift is a little more than three feet wide. The grade is high.

Mr. Harper, superintendent of the Belcher mine, reports that mine in fine shape, and the tunnel, which is being driven along the ledge, is making rapid progress.

The mill building for the Bodie company is practically completed. Work on the installation of the machinery will now be pushed.

ANOTHER RADIUM PUZZLE.

Reverting to the Dream of Medieval Alchemists.

What is becoming of our science of chemistry? Our century-old atomic conceptions have received a rude shock; the law of the conservation of energy to which everything in this universe was supposed to be subservient, is attacked; and now we seem to be reventing to the dream of the medieval alchemist—actually thinking of the transmutation of metals, says the Scientific American.

This, at least, is what we have come to, after the announcement made by sir William Ramsay that radium apparently changes to helium. When he compares the resultant product of radium with helium, sir William Ramsay is sure of his ground; for in conjunction with lord Rayleigh he carried on a series of classic experiments which ended in the discovery of argon and helium—a discovery which deserves to be considered one of the most noteworthy achievements in chemical physics of the nineteenth century. Sir William Ramsay caught the heavy gas which radium emanates, a gas so evanescent that it disappears after a time; he found that gradually its spectrum, entirely different from any hitherto recorded, displayed the characteristic yellow line of helium. Day by day the helium grew brighter. In a word, one element seemed to have changed to another. It is quite necessary to know how fast radium is turned into helium. As yet little that is definite has been furnished. If nothing else occurs but the changing of radium into helium, then, professor Ramsay figures, it will take 2,000,000 years to dissolve the gas.

Are we not perhaps on the verge of some great generalization, which will ultimately prove that just as we have many kinds of forces, all manifestations of one great force, so we may have seventy odd elements, hitherto regarded as simple forms of matter distinct from each other, but in reality mere manifestations of but one matter? This strange, newly-discovered phenomenon certainly tends to show that one element may be changed into another. "What is this?" asked sir William Ramsay, "but an actual case of that transmutation of one element into another in which the ancient alchemists believed when they painfully sought to change lead into gold and incidentally founded the modern science of chemistry?"

Clearly, there are more things between heaven and earth than are dreamed of in our chemical philosophy.

LANGFORD GOT DECISION.

He Defeated Joe Gans, the Lightweight Champion.

Boston, Dec. 8.—Samuel Langford, a colored pugilist from Cambridge, tonight surprised the followers of boxing, by defeating Joe Gans of Baltimore, the light weight champion of the world, in a 15-round bout at the Criterion Athletic club in this city. Although Langford won the decision he was not awarded the world's lightweight championship as he was two pound over weight. During the first three rounds Langford appeared to be somewhat afraid of Gans. When the fourth round opened Langford seemed to have gained confidence and in his blocking and footwork he outclassed Gans. In the last eight rounds practically all the honors were on Langford's side.

PERILS OF THE MOUNTAINS

MANY LIVES ANNUALLY LOST CLIMBING THE ALPS.

CRAZE FOR EDELWEISS CAUSES MANY ACCIDENTS.

Never in the history of Alpine climbing have there been so many accidents as this year, no fewer than 40 having taken place, resulting in the loss of more than 160 lives. Last year 119 people were killed on the Alps and according to statistics, from the year 1890 to the present season 534 people have met with fatal acidents while climbing.

It is a remarkable fact that the majority of fatalities occur to German and Austrian climbers. The Swiss come next, then follows Italians, afterward English and American, and, lastly, the French. The reason so many accidents fall to the lot of Germans and Austrians is that they very seldom employ guides.

A well known Alpinist, Dr. Kursteiner, gives some interesting figures showing that 37 per cent, of the accidents occur in the Central Alps, including Switzerland, 13 per cent in the Western Alps, and nearly 50 per cent in the Eastern Alps. He says that although so many accidents have occurred, yet when it is considered that at least 100,000 expeditions are made each year, the number of deaths is not very great in comparison to the number of expeditions made, especially when it is considered that quite 20 per cent of the people who climb mountains are quite novices at the sport.

The accidents this year began early in May, the first happening to a woman and her children, who were swept away by an avalanche near the hospice at the Simplon. Then a Vienna marchent was killed in the Tyrol, falling 1,000 feet while attempting to climb without a guide. Two days afterward a Geneva Alpinist met his death on the Saleve. He fell 150 feet on the rocks and then rebounded and fell another 300 feet below.

Several more accidents followed on subsequent days to German tourists in the Austrian Alps, and on May 15th a lieutenant in the French army, while making a mountain trip near Brincon, fell over the cliffs and was killed.

A strange death befell a German lady, Miss Julia Dillman, who was killed on Mont Pilatus. She practically courted death, as she went up without guides, and wore ordinary shoes without nails and had not even a stick. On the same day a German student was killed near Fellach.

A very sad accident took place some days later on the Untersberg, two Bavarian tourists—twin brothers—being overtaken by a storm and killed by lightning. On June 7th Charles Schmidt, president of the Geneva society of mountineers, met his death on Mont Blanc. Three days afterwards a leading member of the Berne Alpine club was killed by a fall while attempting to make the ascent of the Ramhorn without a guide.

Several more deaths took place in the Austrian Alps and in each of these cases the climbers were unaccompanied by guides. Professor Holman, of Berne university, was killed on June 12th by falling into a deep ravine not far from Mont Preningard, near the Schwartzsee.

A curious accident happened to Dr. Bauer on the Risser Kogel Summit. He was with a party of English tourists, and wishing to see over the edge of the rocks, he incautiously went too near and fell into a gorge below. Perhaps one of the saddest accidents that have happened this year befel professor Groebli, of the Zurich college, who, with three students, was killed by an avalanche. The next accident of note took place on the Pizzo near Airolo, where three priests lost their lives; and on the following day a youth was killed on Mont Pilatus. July 31st saw an accident on the Weisshorn, an avalanche of stones and snow sweeping away three guides who were repairing a road. During the next ten days no less than 14 fatal accidents were reported, including one lady, who was killed on Mont Reposoir.

The Canton of Grisons on August 2nd, claimed three more victims; and a lady from the Canton of Neufchatel was killed in the Jura mountains.

Mont Blanc this year has been the scene of several distressing accidents, especially during the month of August, when a young Frenchman named Caillex was killed. He fell into a gorge, and when his body was found it was quite unrecognizable. A young German lady also met her death on Mont Blanc. She started to explore the Mer de Glace without guides. Another lady, Mme. Klaeger, was killed on the Saentis while making an excursion with two companions.

The craze for edelweiss has caused many accidents, such as happened to a man named Custer, who was killed on the slopes of the Herrenreuitli while trying to gather a bunch of these flowers. Quite 17 deaths during this year are attributed to the foolhardiness of people in endeavoring to gather this flower in nearly inaccessible places.

During the last fortnight in August 29 people lost their lives. The saddest accident, however, of the year took place on the 26th of August, when the Rev. John Hartley, vicar of Exton, near Oakham, lost his life near the Red Shelter, St. George, in the Engadine. The clergyman was accompanied by the best guide of the district. Mr. Hartley was on his honeymoon, and took his wife half way up the mountain with him, leaving her at the Royal Shelter Hut. He then proceeded toward the summit, but on reaching Crast Aguzza he fell over a precipice, dragging the guide with him.—London Daily Express.

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ELECTIONS OF ELECTORS.

In Santo Domingo They Will Take Place on January 16th.

San Domingo, Republic of Santo Domingo, Dec. 9.—A decree of the provisional government was issued this morning providing for the elections of electors to take place January 16th, preparatory to a meeting of congress and the installation of a president of Santo Domingo.

GERMANY'S NEW TARIFF.

Probably Will Not Go Into Effect Till January, 1905.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—Importers of American goods at Hamburg and Bremen, have received the assurance from a government source that there is little probability that the new tariff will go into effect before January, 1905. The grain duties remain a serious point of difference with Russia.

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A SCIENTIST HAS A GLIMPSE OF INFERNAL REGIONS.

DEPOSIT FOUND BY INDIAN WHO SOLD IT FOR A HORSE.

Dr. George I. Adams, of the United States geological survey, has recently had a glimpse of the infernal regions. He was sent to inspect a sulphur mine in Nevada, and he brought back to Washington an interesting collection of specimens, which show that a good grade of sulphur is produced in this country, and that we are not dependent on importations from Sicily to supply the demand, says the Mining World. Only a few deposits in the United States are at present mined, but if a tariff were levied on the foreign product, much greater development of native deposits might be expected. This is one of the industries that ought to be fostered. The investigations of the survey were made for the purpose of ascertaining the nature and extent of the Nevada deposits.

The mine visited by Dr. Adams belongs to the Nevada Sulphur Mine company. It is situated in the Rabbit Hole mining district, just northwest of the Rabbit Hole springs, about 35 miles from Humboldt house station, on the Southern Pacific railroad. This is on the edge of the Black Rock desert, a desolate volcanic region in which there is little to rest the eye or cheer the spirit. The mines are in the form of pits, open cuts and drifts, exemplifying in every case that ancient truism: "Easy is the descent to Avernus."

This deposit was discovered about 35 years ago by an Indian, who sold it for a horse and saddle that he never received. In 1874 the mine was worked by two partners, white men who quarreled over the profits until one of them killed the other, cut him up, put him in a sack and buried him thereabouts.

For a long time the ghost of the murdered miner had things all his own way. The appearance of the Nevada Sulphur Mine company in the field in 1900 put an end to this monopoly. The new company entered at once on the active production of sulphur and brimstone. They started with only one retort, but have since added another. These retorts are cylindrical iron structures somewhat resembling a blast furnace in general appearance. After the ore is dumped into them they are closed and the superheated steam is then turned on. The sulphur melts and runs out of the bottom of the retort into a settling pan, from which it is drawn into molds. The forms in these molds weigh about 250 pounds. After they have cooled, they are crushed to pea size or ground with buhrstones into flour.

The sulphur of pea size is shipped in 100-pound sacks, the flour in 110-pound sacks.

Where the sulphur has taken crystalline form, it looks bright and sparkling, its yellow crystals often beautifully tinted with rosy cinnaabr. The richer deposits are the dark, massive ones, which look like solid walls of brimstone. They make an appropriate background for the ghostly figures of the miners bent at their tasks. Everywhere about the upper works hangs the penetrating odor of sulphurous fumes, and below ground the gruesome squeak of the sulphur follows every footfall.

Dr. Adams will write a report on the mine, to be included in the survey's yearly volume on economic geology.

UNCLE SAM'S LITTLE JOKE.

Lamentation of Cement Barkers Engaged in the Hold-Up Business.

The man who wilfully deceives a guileless, confiding trust is no gentleman, and yet that is the grave charge against Uncle Sam, says the Detroit Free Press. The government is building a $3,000,000 dam across Salt river, Arizona, and expects to use 200,000 barrels of Portland cement in the work. The estimated cost of cement was $3 per barrel. But the cement trust unexpectedly discovered that it couldn't supply the cement at less than $9 a barrel. The government didn't rebuke the cement trust nor murmur at the price. The government simply started in to build a $100,000 cement plant of its own.

Now enters the humorous element. The cement trust heard that its confidence had been betrayed. It had been given no opportunity to come in and explain how it had unintentionally overstated its first bid. It had been tricked. To Washington ruffled cement kings are flocking from all parts of the country—to protest against this "injustice." Congress is to be asked to pass a law "preventing the government from competing with manufacturers." Obviously the government has no right to offer the slightest resistance to private parties engaged in a perfectly legitimate hold-up business. Obviously when the government feels that it is being shaken down, it may be allowed to expostulate quietly and politely attempt to appeal by purely argumentative methods to the generosity and patriotism of the cement magnates. Beyond this the government cannot properly go.

HOT CURE FOR FEVER.

Unusual Treatment in the London Hospital in Case of Typhoid.

London, Dec. 8.—At the London hospital there is a little girl with typhoid fever who is undergoing a method of treatment which, it is said, has only once before been employed in the history of that institution. For five days past the patient, who is only five years old, has been kept in a bath of hot water. She lies on water pillows, and her body is entirely under water, which is kept at a constant temperature of 101 degrees by an arrangement of hot and cold water entering a mixed cistern, from which it flows into the bath and thence out by a pipe. In five days the child's temperature has fallen from 105 to 103 degrees, but the crisis has yet to come. At least three weeks must be spent in the bath before the disease can be shaken off. It is said to be most unusual to find a typhoid case necessitating this treatment. Some years ago at the London hospital a man was kept immersed for six weeks and recovered. In the present case the patient has moments of consciousness, during which she asks for her mother.

DOWAGER COUNTESS MARRIED.

London, Dec. 9.—Cara, dowager countess of Strafford (formerly Mrs. Samuel Colgate, of New York), and M. T. Kinnard, were married today at St. George's church, Hanover square, this city.

CHILE TO ANNEX PROVINCE.

London, Dec. 9.—The Times' Valparaiso correspondent says it is reported in reliable quarters that the Chilian government intends to annex the provinces of Tacna and Arica by a decree of congress.

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MORGAN A CAUSTIC CRITIC

FINDS FAULT WITH ROOSEVELT FOR PANAMA TREATY.

OLNEY ASHAMED OF ATTITUDE OF HIS COUNTRY.

Washington, Dec. 9.—United States senator Teller concluded his speech in opposition to the Cuban reciprocity bill and senator Morgan was also heard in opposition to that measure. Mr. Morgan took occasion to refer frequently to the Panama canal treaty, and in that connection again freely criticized what he denominated as "presidential usurpation." He declared that the United States is becoming affected to the core with covetousness, and said the country seemed to be quivering with doubt as to whether it should go over entirely or pursue the better course followed by our national fathers. So far as he was concerned he would not be so mean as to yield to a temptation simply to advance the commercial interests of his state. He asserted that the United States would do as it might please with the island of Cuba, and added: "She is now fettered to the decks of our warships as firmly as professor Langley's airship was ever attached to his house boat." He spoke of the negotiation of the Panama canal treaty as a grotesque act and declared that Panama had "no more right to appoint a minister to the United States than that country had to consecrate a saint."

"He came," the senator continued, "as a swift winged messenger of falsehood, dispatched on his mission by the Panama Canal company."

Mr. Morgan said that the United States is practically at war with Colombia as the result of the fact that the president had fallen into a trap. He wanted, he said, to save the senate from the same trap, and again referred to Mr. Bunau-Varilla, and after reviewing briefly that gentleman's history, as an engineer and contractor on the Panama canal, said that he had "contracted wisely and well, and had *left the isthmus a rich man.*" Mr. Morgan said that his whole purpose was to warn the senate against ratifying a treaty, the negotiation of which he characterized as a "most wretched, a most abominable and a most horrible transaction."

"Notwithstanding this was the case, the senator continued, "the senate sleeps over this breach of the Monroe doctrine, while the president of France and the president of the United States, in tones in unison, give their solemn and satisfied amen." He expressed the opinion that the cost of the Panama canal in its early stages would be so great as to cause congress to stop the appropriations before the enterprise had gone far and thus accomplish the purpose of the transcontinental railways in preventing the construction of any canal.

Discussing the president's message, he said the chief executive had failed to execute the Spooner law, because it was distasteful to him, and declared that he had not succeeded in formulating any satisfactory excuse for his course. He predicted that the time would come when Cuba would "clip the threads that restrain her and bind her to us, and again flow off into the seas of liberty."

"In such an effort," he continued, "Cuba might find a friend in Germany which might follow our example and create a state of independence in a night and then annex it with the next sunrise. No doubt there would be fighting, for who," he asked, "is more eager to fight than emperor William or our own strenuous president."

He then proceeded to say that only yesterday he had met a great democrat who had "had a place in our affairs only second in importance to the presidency, and made a name for himself in diplomacy, (evidently meaning former United States secretary of state Olney), "who had bowed his head as he said: 'For the first time in my life, I have to confess I am ashamed of the attitude of my country.'"

Mr. Morgan reverting again to Cuba said: "Our relations with the island ought to remain as they are, so far as our economic policy is concerned, or she ought to be admitted as a state."

Mr. Morgan stopped speaking at 4:05 and the senate went into executive session, and ten minutes later adjourned.

FLORA IS STILL STRANDED.

Wreckers Succeeded in Moving Her a Distance of Six Feet.

Victoria, Dec. 9.—A heavy fog continues to delay the salvage operations at the stranded British cruiser Flora, on Denman island, but the wreckers are meeting with better success. The sixth attempt to haul the vessel off resulted in moving her six feet from the reef nearer deep water. The hawser parted then and the towbots were torn from the Grafton as a result of the heavy strain. Another attempt will be made at high tide tomorrow. The weather remains calm.

ALASKAN AWARD.

Wade Will Give an Address Upon It in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Dec. 9.—Fred. C. Wade, K. C., who was one of the associate counsel on the British side in the adjudication of the Alaskan boundary, has consented to give a public address in the Winnipeg theatre on Tuesday evening on the subject of the award.

COPPER MARKET.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 9.—The copper market had another day of quiet steadiness, with Amalgamated and Copper Range in activity.

A MOST INGENIOUS BRIEF

ATTORNEYS SAY THE RAILWAY MERGER IS LAWFUL.

PURCHASED THAT WHICH WAS LAWFULLY SALEABLE.

Washington, Dec. 9.—A brief in behalf of Messrs. J. Pierpont Morgan, Robert Bacon and Daniel S. Lamont, appellants, and others, in the case of the United States vs. the Northern Securities company, was filed in the United States supreme court by attorneys Francis Lynde Stetson and David Wilcox. They claim that the so-called merger was entirely lawful, and say: "These transactions have consisted merely in the organization of a lawful corporation of New Jersey and in the sale to and purchase by it of property lawfully saleable. All acts done in relation to the organization of the Northern Securities company and in the purchase by it of the shares of stock of the railway companies and to the sale thereof by the owners, were expressly authorized by law. The legal effect of the transaction has been that the owner of stock in one of the railway companies has sold the same to the securities company and has received therefor stock of the securities company, which company owns the stock, not merely of one of the railway companies, but the stock of both, so that each individual who has transferred his property to the securities company has obtained therefor something entirely different, namely an interest in a company holding stock of the other railway company as well. It is manifest that in the fullest possible sense this constituted a sale of the property."

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC ROUTE

Pacific Coast Terminus Has Not Been Selected.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Victoria, Dec. 9.—Engineer Vanarsdel, chief of the Grand Trunk Pacific staff on the Pacific coast, with headquarters here, has gone to Edmonton, where he will take charge of the work of survey being carried on to ascertain the eastern approaches to the Rocky mountains. He states that a number of points suitable for the Pacific terminus, as far as ocean approach is concerned, have been found. He now awaits spring, when parties can be put in the field with pack trains to ascertain approaches to these points from the land side. His visit to Edmonton will probably result in deciding first what passes are available for the company, so that when spring opens only the British Columbia sections will require to be surveyed.

WILL EXPEDITE MAILS.

Vancouver Postoffice to Have Tunnel From Railway.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Vancouver, Dec. 9.—A subway is to be tunneled from the Canadian Pacific railway station building under Cordova street and into the basement of the proposed postoffice and federal office building to be erected at the corner of Hastings and Granville streets.

This is one of the specially convenient features designed for the new building, the plans for which are now being prepared by the chief architect of the department of public works.

Through the proposed subway mails will be carried between the trains and the postoffice building. Not only will the cost of handling be greatly reduced, but the mails will be carried that way in a quarter of the time now occupied by conveying them from the train to the post office. The tunnel will be over 300 feet long and equipped with a carrying system as nearly automatic as possible.

In this way, mails arriving by the Pacific No. 1 express, for instance, will be in the postoffice within a minute after the train stops and will be in the process of distribution by the time a person would walk around the hill and up Granville street to the front door of the building. The construction of the building will be carried out by day labor. It is the intention to start excavating shortly, in order to provide work for men during the idle season this winter.

SOVEREIGNS REMITTED.

Used as Medium of Exchange Between London and United States.

New York, Dec. 9.—By far the most interesting feature of the current gold movement has been the use of British sovereigns as a form of remittance. Sovereigns are very rarely used by gold importers, owing to the traditional dislike of London to export them and to the difficulty of securing coin approaching near enough the standard weight to make them profitable. The $60,000 in sovereigns engaged abroad by New York bankers this week brought the total movement to the United States of British coin up to $600,000 since November 21st last. This was regarded as a most remarkable movement made possible only because of the abnormally low level at which the exchange market has ruled and the very high price asked for gold bars in London.

WM. SEATON IS SECRETARY

Noted Writer Honored By the Triton Fish Club.

New York, Dec. 9.—At the annual meeting of the Triton Fish and Game club, of Quebec, held today, among the members present were Wm. Seaston, of Quebec. The following officers were elected for the coming year: G. F. Gregory, president; B. Frank Hall, of Philadelphia, first vice-president; W. C. Witherbee, of Port Henry, second vice-president; E. D. Church, treasurer, and Wm. Seaton, secretary.

DREYFUS' FRIENDS HOPEFUL.

They Are Confident M. Mercier Will Order Revision.

Paris, Dec. 9.—M. Victor Mercier, the representative of the Dreyfus' commission, has completed his examination of documents submitted to the commission by the ministers of war and justice. He will now begin the preparation of his report which he expects will be finished in another week. M. Mercier's conclusions are not known, but Dreyfus' friends are confident that he will advise a revision of the case.

EXPLOSION IN COAL MINE.

Division Engineer Killed and Two Assistants Injured.

Greenburg, Pa., Dec. 9.—An explosion in the Euclid mine of the Pittsburg Coal Co., at Port Royal today, shortly after division engineer W. A. Williams and his assistants, Edward Oliver and Milton McMillen, had entered it, resulted in the instant death of McMillen and the serious injury of Williams and Oliver. Seventeen miners at work in the mine escaped without injury.

FARLEY SENTENCED.

New York, Dec. 9.—Henry Farley, walking delegate of the Painters' union, who committed perjury in connection with the trial of Samuel J. Parks, pleaded guilty today in the court of general sessions and was sentenced to not less than one year, nor more than two years' in the state prison.

WILL INCREASE DIVIDENDS.

Pennsylvania Oil Advanced Three Cents A Gallon.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 9.—The Standard and Producers and Refiners' Oil companies today revised the quotation of Pennsylvania oil three cents bringing the price up to $1.30, the highest since May, 1896. Tiona, Corning and Newcastle were also advanced three cents, while the lower grades were put up one cent.

BANK SUSPENDS.

[Special to The Daily News.]

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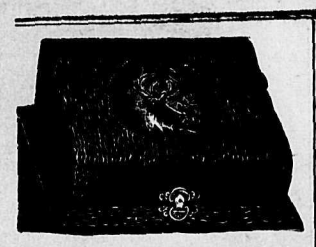

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NELSON'S NEWS OF THE DAY

D. R. McLennan, of Trout Lake, registered at the Hume yesterday.

School master D. Wilson returned last evening from an official trip through the Boundary country.

E. J. Clayton, of Marysville, arrived in the city last evening to spend a week with his brothers, Dr. W. B. Clayton and W. Clayton, of Nelson

J. A. Kirkpatrick has sold out his interest in the K. W. C. block to William Wilson of Ymir. The other owners of the block are C. J. Wilson and A. H. Clements.

The following promotions in the R. M. R. have been made: A. Carrie to be lance-sergeant; J. G. Simpson and W. F. Weir to be corporals, and L. Whittaker to be quartermaster-sergeant.

E. F. Crawford has severed his connection with the B. C. Riblet firm to go into the foundry business with B. C. Travis. Mr. Crawford has been foreman for the Riblet works since Mr. Riblet first went into business.

A pleasant and well attended dance was held last evening in the Success club hall on Victoria street. Both music and floor were good, and the affair passed off so successfully that it is likely that another will be given at an early date.

An auction sale of the household goods and effects of Mrs. M. Peele, will be held this afternoon commencing at 2 o'clock at her residence at the corner of Josephine and Victoria streets. Charles A. Waterman & Co., will conduct the sale.

A new pay schedule for some of the C. P. R. employees was received at the local offices yesterday. It is understood that the introduction of the new schedule will mean a substantial increase in the pay of engineers and firemen but it has not yet been made public.

At the record office on Wednesday, the following locations were recorded: Custer and Elko, on Erie mountain, by the Gordon Mining & Milling Co. A certificate of improvements was issued to R. W. Caldwell and Chas. L. Caldwell on the Garfield mineral claim.

A meeting of the St. Andrew's Society was held last evening at the Strathcona hotel to recieve the report of the banquet committee. This report showed that all financial obligations incurred had been met, and a small balance remained, which was placed in the general funds of the society.

Jack Curley and Barney Mullin have been giving sparring exhibitions along the line of the Crow's Nest Pass railway ever since the latter's fight with Jack Burrowes, but are now thinking of returning to Nelson Curley is endeavoring to get on a match with Burrowes at Fernie and this may be arranged at an early date.

The delegates to the recent meeting of the Associated boards of trade at Rossland will present their report at the regular monthly meeting of the local board this evening. Other important matters will come up, including probably the question of sending samples of mineral to the St. Louis exhibition. Nothing has been done locally about this so far, and at this evening's meeting it will be decided whether the board will take official action in the matter.

The Masonic lodge of Nelson held a meeting last night at which officers for the ensuing year were elected. The following were chosen: John A. Dewar, W.M.; C. H. Crandon, I.P.M.; T. S. McPherson, S. W.; J. H. Nolan, J.W.; S. P. Shaw, P.M., treasurer; George Johnstone, P.M., secretary; E. A. Crease, P.M., chaplain; Chas. Maltby, tyler. Auditors, T. Morley, W. H. Seatle. The other officers of the lodge are chosen by the W.M. and will be installed on the 27th instant.

At St. Saviour's church yesterday morning an ordination service was held when the incumbents at Michel and Trout Lake, Revs. A. Stoney and H. G. Solly, were appointed priests. The service was conducted by the Rt. Rev. John Dart, bishop of New Westminster and Kootenay, and the clergy of the diocese who were in the city attending the meeting of the diocesan executive committee. The choir of the church attended and furnished suitable music for the occasion. Rev. Mr. Stoney is well known in Nelson, having been located here for some time as curate.

The licence commissioners met yesterday afternoon at the city hall and dealt with several applications. The licenses of the Manhattan and Nelson hotels were transferred to the new owners and the application of J. V. O'Loughlin for a licence for the Rossland hotel on Vernon street, was laid over untill January 13th, 1904, to which date the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners passed a resolution to the effect that all applications for renewals or transfers of licences must be in the hands of the clerk of the board before noon on the date of the next meeting, January 13th, and must be accompanied by the usual fee.

A meeting of the executive committee of the diocese of Kootenay was held yesterday afternoon at St. Saviour's Sunday school at which the following were present: Rt. Rev. bishop Dart, Revs. W. A. Robbins, Greenwood; H. Beer, Kaslo; C. A. Mount, New Denver; and F. H. Graham, of the clergy, and Messrs, George Johnstone, J. M. Lay, F. Irvine, T. Morley, W. H. Bullock-Webster, and E. A. Crease The matter of an appointment of an archdeacon to fill the vacancy occasioned by the transfer of Rev. archdeacon Pentreath came up but no action was taken. The report of the committee on the dividing up of the diocese into rural deaneries was read, and left over for the consideration of the bishop. Outside of those two matters only routine business was transacted.

A report has been current this week that a rich strike was made recently at the 700-foot level of the Rambler-Cariboo mine, where a two and one-half foot lead of ore was encountered, assaying from 150 to 200 ounces of silver. This property has been considerably developed during the past summer and is rapidly coming to the front as a solid and rich property. The McGuigan basin, in which it is located, is one of the most promising sections of the Kootenays, and a number of good mines are located there, although but little is being done execept at the Rambler. The Rambler is about half way up the mountain, and there are other properties above and below it, so that the striking of rich ore on this deep level is important to all the other contiguous mines, and when silver picks up a little will lead to another revival of activity in this section.

Another business deal was closed this week in the transfer of the Nelson Brewery on Latimer street to the Nelson Brewing & Ice company, a newly organized local company. The purchasing company was formed for the purpose of taking over this brewery, which has a capacity at present of fifty barrels a day, and has also an ice plant attached with a capacity of from four to five tons of ice per day. The officers are J. Fred Hume, president; W. P. Tieney, vice-president; J. R. F. Rowley, George Bartlett, Thomas Madden, W R. Thomson, directors; John A. Turner, treasurer; A. G. Gamble, secretary; P. E. Wilson, solicitor. The brewery and property on which it stands was purchased for $35,000, and the new company will expend considerable money in the further extension of the plant, the improvements including a new bottling plant and some additions to the ice plant, so that ice can be manufactured for sale in the city, as well as supplying the requirements of the brewery The product of this brewery has already acquired a flattering reputation throughout the Kootenays and with a strong company taking the plant up and advertising and pushing the sale a large business should speedily be built up here.

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Madden—A. V. Smith, Ainsworth; D. Ferguson, Rossland.
Grand Central—J. Blaney, Winlaw; G. Smith, Jaffray; H. Gale, Medicine Hat; R. T. Nightingale, Walla Walla; M. O. Steele, E. H. Julian, Mrs. Julien, A. C. Van Nest, Cranbrook; O. Cameron, B. Kirk, Vancouver.

A real estate deal was put through yesterday by H. Heywood whereby the whole of the Nelson Brick Manufacturing Co.'s property becomes vested in Mr. Wm. Hancock who buys the other two-thirds. Mr. Heywood still retains the agency for the bricks for the old firm and will act for Mr. Hancock in that capacity during the coming season.

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Excursions of a similar nature are henceforth to be run from Manitoba and the Northwest territories to the Pacific coast as well. There will be two this winter, the first of December 15th, 16th and 17th, and the second on January 12th, 13th and 14th, good returning at any any time during the three months following. The excursions are from any point in Manitoba or the Northwest to the Pacific coast. The rate will be single fare for the round trip. This will give those who desire an opportunity of going or coming via Nelson, with stop over privilege, if desired.

That these excursions will be largely patronized goes without saying. There are thousands of people in the territories who have never seen the coast and with the good times prevailing in that country undoubtedly a great many will be glad of the opportunity to spend a few weeks of the winter season in the mild climate that rules on the borders of old Pacificus

THE GLASS BLOWERS.

Large crowds attended the exhibition of Owens' Glass Blowers yesterday and every one is highly delighted with what they saw and received as a souvenir. Those contemplating paying them a visit should do so at once as the time is limited, Saturday being their last day here. On that afternoon children will be admitted for 10c and each one will receive a present. Two hundred glass ships will be given away.

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