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JAS. A. SMART TO RETIRE

Deputy Minister of Interior Sends in Resignation on Score of Ill Health

Will be Succeeded by W. W. Cory, Assistant Commissioner of Dominion Lands--A Western Man

[Special to The Daily News]

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—James A. Smart, deputy minister of the interior, has resigned. His resignation will take effect on January 1st, when he will be succeeded by W. W. Cory.

Mr. Smart resigned because he has not been in the very best of health for some time and he feels the work of department, which is the largest in the public service, too confining and telling somewhat on his constitution. There is no doubt Smart has been trying to do too much work. The department is altogether too large for one minister and one deputy, and should have been long ago cut in two. The whole region west of Lake Superior, is under control of one minister, and until recently one deputy. It is still under one minister, but some time ago a deputy minister was placed over the Indian department.

The immigration work of the department, which is growing and giving excellent results is particularly heavy.

W. W. Cory, who succeeds Mr. Smart, has earned the position by hard and industrious work. He was for many years chief clerk in the attorney-general's office in Manitoba. When he came to Ottawa he was appointed inspector of public offices in the west. Later on he was made assistant commissioner of Dominion lands, a position which he now holds. Mr. Cory knows the west like a book. He is thoroughly conversant with the needs of the country, and besides is a man of sound judgment and good tact. The fact that he was not an applicant for the position shows that this is another instance where the office sought the man, not the man the office.

When all the dominion election returns are in, the total vote will be one million, and the government will have a majority over the conservatives of about 60,000 and over all parties of nearly 50,000. Returns from Mackenzie, in the Northwest, and the Yukon have yet to be received. Then there are no figures for Gaspe and L'Assomption in Quebec, Dauphin in Manitoba and Comox-Atlin, British Columbia, where liberals were elected by acclamation. Allowing the ordinary vote in these constituences and the total vote will be over one million, and the governement's majority over the conservatives, over 60,000.

BRITISH PRESS.

On Abandonment of Halifax and Esquimalt Dockyards.

[Special to The Daily News]

Victoria, Dec. 24.—A special London cable to the Times:

The Broad Arrow says: "To abandon the dockyards both at Halifax and Esquimalt, unless indeed, we have a good understanding with Canada as to their up keep, is to take risks which are unduly great."

The Spectator says: "Though we fully realize that navy defence can never in the last report be local, and that if the enemy are in the Mediterranean or the Indian ocean, it is there and not in the north Atlantic or the Pacific that the coasts of Canada will have to be protected, we desire to see the sense of fighting, seamanship and of naval enthusiasm grow up in the colonies. In order to obtain this the formation of local naval forces, for which the colonies will pay and be responsible, is essential. With interest and responsibility thus created will come a knowledge of the command of the sea, not merely of the coast but of the blue water and unridden paths of the ocean, and then colonial subsidies to navies will be freely placed, under the control of the admiralty for their share in securing the command of the sea wherever they may be required.

ENQUIRY INTO ASSESSMENT ACT.

Victoria, Dec. 24.—The commission promised by provincial government to inquire into the whole subject of assessments in the province has been appointed but the government has not yet made public the personnel of the commission. It is understood, however, that it will consist of Hon. R. G. Tatlow, Hon. F. Carter-Cotton, D. R. Ker of this city, and J. E. Buntzen, manager of the B. C. Electric Railway company. It will sit immediately after the holiday season and the report will be forthcoming when the house meets.

GREEK CABINET RESIGNS.

Government Defeated on a Want of Confidence Motion.

Athens, Greece, Dec. 24—The cabinet resigned today in consequence of the defeat of the government in the chamber yesterday on a vote of confidence, moved by former premier Delyannis. The latter sharply criticized the government's general policy, and M. Zeimis did the same. Later M. Zeimis said his party had supported the ministry for the past year because of the Macedonian question. As, however, that question had now entered on a chronic phase, the Zeimists could no longer place confidence in the ministry and the country should be asked to judge of the ministerial program King George is considering whether to form a cabinet or dissolve the chamber and entrust M. Delyannis with the task of forming a new cabinet.

KILLED HIMSELF.

After Trying to Force Carbolic Acid Down His Wife's Throat.

Rochester, Dec. 24.—A. M. Crowley, 47 years old, killed himself by taking carbolic acid this afternoon, and attempted to kill his wife. Mrs. Crowley is in the hospital, horribly burned by the acid her husband dashed into her face after he had fought to force the liquid down her throat. The husband dragged his wife out of bed and, clutching her by the throat with one hand, he attempted to force a cup of carbolic acid down her throat. The woman screamed for help, and a boarder in the house broke into the room and rescued the woman, but not before the furious husband had dashed the cup of acid into her face. Crowley then seized another cup filled with the acid, drank it and fell to the floor. He died almost instantly. His wife will recover, but will be disfigured for life.

THOUSANDS FACE DEATH

STARVATION CONFRONTS INHABITANTS OF ACHILL ISLAND.

HORRORS OF IRISH FAMINE DESCRIBED BY EYE WITNESS.

New York, Dec. 24.—The American has the following from Dublin:

Seven thousand men, women and children are actually facing starvation and death on Achill island, Connaught.

The full horrors of the Irish famine cannot be understood except by those who have witnessed with their own eyes as I have during the past two weeks, the terrible plight of these poor people.

Achill island is a poor, wild, scourged, tragic place. It is a sort of earthly purgatory to the Connaught man's imagination.

When times become bad on the mainland the peasant says: "God help us; things must be terrible entirely in Achill."

Her position is desperate, and Achill contains some 7000 souls, most of whom have now no winter store at all.

The shopkeepers cannot stand much further strain. One of the chief of them told me that several of his island customers had not been able to pay him anything for 12 months past.

It was hoped that a fair potato crop would enable them to "clear up" and, as in other places, the Achill crop promised well till the great storms came. Now all hope is gone.

One might drive through Achill and conclude that it was simply a cheerless, impoverished place — a shade worst than Mayo, but not so bad as it really is.

The worst in Achill is awful. I went with some who knew the island intimately to homes—if they can be called homes—of the people.

In the villages like Dooega and West Dooega, the conditions are terrible, and at Keel and Dooach they are just as bad.

Several of the homes are wretched one-room affairs, in which cattle as well as people are perforce housed.

In some houses it was hard to see anything for smoke, though the cheery Irish words of welcome, at once pious and poetic, were never missing.

There was illness in many a cabin. I shall not soon forget the picture of one old woman in Dooega West, who lay by the fire, poorly covered, on an apology for a bed, moaning pitifully in a fever, and for the time untended, while the wind swept in through the open door. It was one of the most painful evenings of my experience.

MAY COMPENSATE VICTORIA

Victoria, Dec. 24.—From hints dropped by a military man who is in the confidence of the authorities "at home," it seems very likely that Victoria will be compensated for the loss of the naval vessels on this station by a very substantial increase in the military strength here before very long. It is said to be the intention of the war department to increase to a considerable extent the military forces here at present, especially the artillery and engineers.

The British war office works quite independently of the admiralty, so that the turning of Victoria into a garrison town of some importance is quite within the range of possibilities, as an offset to the withdrawal of the ships of the navy. The force at present under the command of colonel English numbers only between 300 and 400 of all ranks. The informant mentioned hinted at a couple of thousand men to be stationed here at no distant date.

SIOUX CITY FIRE LOSS.

Sioux City, Dec. 24.—The total loss by last night's fire in the business section of the city is $2,500,000, and the insurance about $1,600,000.

NANAIMO SENSATION

Nanaimo, Dec. 24—A big sensation was sprung at the licensing court here as a result of which a number of prominent citizens, who figured as participants in an illegal gambling game at the Central hotel recently, will probably have to appear in court. Rev. Robert Hughes, the pastor of Haliburton street Methodist church, strongly objected to the renewing of the license of the house, saying that, although to prove the charge of permitting gambling he would have to disgrace respectable familes, he was determined to go on and would subpoena at least half a dozen well known citizens.

CANADIAN NORTHERN

Consolidates its Stock Issues Under New Bonds

Winnipeg, Dec. 24—Considerable confusion has existed among British and foreign investors over the several issues of the Canadian Northern railway stock. As this company has absorbed at on time and another various concerns, it has taken over their issues without conversion into the company's own bonded issues. The company has at present some seven or eight million dollars of bonds outstanding as a total liability, although these are known as Lake Manitoba Railway & Canal company, Manitoba Southern railway, and C.N.R. stocks. To do away with the confusion the company, with the assistance of the Manitoba government, propose to transfer all previous issues to a common basis, in an issue of $9,000,000 stock to be known as Canadian Northern Consolidated bonds. The issue and transferences will be made by the National Trust company of Winnipeg, and the bonds will bear interest at four per cent guaranteed by the Manitoba government, and redeemable in 1930. All shareholders of the previous issues will have the option of exchanging their bonds for the consolidated issue at par. The surplus issue will be applied to the development of the road and all future issues will bear the same title. Premier Roblin, minister of public works Rogers and the provincial secretary will countersign all issues as nominees of the provincial government.

GOSSIP OF GRAND FORKS

[Special to The Daily News]

Grand Forks, Dec. 24—The Christmas tree and cantata given by the Presbyterian church last night was the best ever given in Grand Forks. The cantata, "Christmas with the Pixies," was well rendered, and the doll drill given by eight little [illegible] most pleasing feature of the program. The violin solo given by Marjorie Kennan, was much appreciated by the large audience. At the close of the program four Pixies, with dainty little boxes, took up a collection and a neat sum was added to the treasury of the Sunday school. Twelve o'clock came before the heavily laden Christmas tree was entirely dismantled by Santa Claus.

The Great Northern railway hospital, situated some short distance from the city will be dispensed with next week, owing to the fact that railway construction in this section is nearly finished.

Yesterday a man named Cane, who was recently employed at the Granby smelter, snatched an overcoat from where it was hanging in front of Clark & Son's store. The coat was missed shortly after it was taken and the thief tracked to Columbia, where he was arrested in the Pacific hotel. He was lodged in the city lockup and will there remain over Christmas.

The Yale dancing club has issued invitations for a grand ball in the Yale hotel on Friday evening, December 30th. It is expected there will be a large attendance as the managing committee is sparing no expense to make the dance the event of the season.

The Ladies of the Maccabees will give their monthly dance in the Eagles' hall on the evening of the 26th instant. This is the third dance of the kind the ladies have given this season.

SEVENTY CARS DAILY

C. P. R. HAULING LOTS OF ORE OUT OF PHOENIX

NELLIE COTTON AND MYSTIC CLAIMS TO BE WORKED

[Special to The Daily News]

Phoenix, Dec. 24—Never in the history of the C.P.R. in the Boundary has the railway been taking so much ore out of Phoenix daily as it is today, the average output running over 70 cars, and taxing the facilities of the railway company.

Word has been received here that the Phoenix Gold & Copper Mining company has acquired the Nellie Cotton and Mystic claims, adjoining the Granby mines in this camp, and development will be started at no distant date. Some $500 has already been spent on these properties.

A second shipment of second class ore is being prepared for sending out from the Skylark mine, making the fourth shipment since operations commenced on the property.

An underground telephone system is being installed throughout the Granby mines for the convenience of the employees.

By the derailment twice of the slag hauling locomotive at the Greenwood smelter, those reduction works were out of business a day or two this week. There are now ten furnaces in blast in the Boundary smelters—six at Granby, two at Greenwood and two at the Boundary Falls smelter.

In another week or ten days the new 15 drill air compressor is expected to be working at the Brooklyn mine in this camp.

Shipments of ore from the Rawhide mine, which were started this week, are gradually being increased to ten cars daily, or 500 tons.

It will probably be the 1st of February before the Granby mines will have everything in readiness to ship ore over the Great Northern railway from this camp. The tracklaying squad, however, is now within sight of town. This week the new electric machinery, including the electric locomotive, was received at the Granby mines.

ANOTHER DOCTOR THREATENED

Kamloops, Dec. 24—Dr. Vereertbrugghen has received a letter from Dr. Fagan, registrar of the B. C. Medical council, informing him that as a result of a charge preferred against him of unprofessional conduct in making certain alleged statements respecting Dr. Procter, the council had decided to remove his name from the medical register on December 31st, unless he made public apology in the interim. Dr. Vereertbrugghen's legal advisers are looking after his interests and will no doubt take the matter before the supreme court.

NELSON WILL NOT PROSECUTE

San Francisco, Dec. 24—"Battling" Nelson will not prosecute his manager, Teddy Murphy, who with Eddie Santry, was brought from Stockton to this city today by a detective to answer charges of embezzlement. The check for $900, found in Murphy's possession was cashed and the money deposited with the property clerk of the court. Santry has been released on his own recognisance, and Murphy will be released on $1000 bail.

LOUISE'S HARD LUCK

Berlin, Dec. 24—Countess Montignoso, formerly the crown princess Louise and divorced wife of king Frederick Augustus, left Leipsic at midnight for Florence, Italy. A special despatch from Dresden says the Saxon government will take steps to prevent a repetition of the countess' efforts to see her children. The frontier railway stations will be watched.

FOUGHT TO LAST MAN

Heroic Resistance Made by Garrison Against Japanese Assault

Story of Capture of Important Position on West Flank of Port Arthur--A Skilful Manoeuvre

Headquarters of the Japanese Third Army before Port Arthur.—(Delayed in transmission)—Via Tien Tsin, Dec. 24.—Since the general assault of November 26th and 27th, against the forts of Rihlung and Kekwan mountains, resulting in furious fighting and great loss of life as described at length by the Associated Press correspondent in a despatch filed December 17th, the Japanese have been engaged in tunneling under the main forts. Two main tunnels have been run under the north wall of the fort from the moat for a distance of 40 feet, and there were four short branch tunnels. On the morning of December 18th, seven dynamite mines were laid, the object of which was to destroy the north wall and so give the Japanese access to the fort. The fort had so long resisted the assault of the Japanese that it was considered necessary that the explosion of mines and the subsequent attacks should be carefully planned. General Samejima, commander of the left division attacked the Russians. Two entire battalions answered the general's call, one from the left division and the other from the general reserves. The first battalion remained in the galleries during the explosion of mines, while the second battalion was in a parallel close to the wall of the counterscarp. In order that the dark blue uniforms of the men might not show against the brown of the soil, the attackers wore brown woollen underdrawers over their trousers, and brown sweaters over their tunics. Instead of a cap, each man wore a brown woollen headpiece, which extended to his shoulders, leaving only the face visible. Every man carried a rifle in his right hand and dynamite grenades in his left, while a lighted slow match was attached to his cartridge box, with which to ignite the fuse of the grenade. In this peculiar garb with the lighted matches at their waist, the troops pressed across. The soldiers of battalions in the galleries were distinguished by white badges on their arms as in the second assault. General Samejima personally conducted the assaults, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on December 19th, after the explosion had taken place. The first mine exploded without warning, and the explosion was not entirely successful, owing to the heavy concrete above the mine. The explosion of the second mine followed immediately, and this was succeeded by five explosions. The sight was wonderful in the extreme. Huge clouds of brown earth and debris of all kinds were thrown a hundred feet in the air, and it looked as if the whole fort had been sent heavenward. When the clouds of earth had settled down, the snow for some five hundred yards around the fort was covered with brown earth, piles of timber and blocks of concrete. The explosion made two large breaches in the north wall of the fort, through which the Japanese in the moat swarmed. They filed in so quickly that 50 of them were killed or wounded by the falling debris. The Japanese succeeded in gaining the ramparts and charged the interior of the fort, but they were repulsed by a portion of the garrison from behind a wall at the rear of fort, which had not been touched by the force of the explosion. Behind this wall there were four field guns and three machine guns. In the meantime the Russians had rushed up reinforcements of some 300 to the fort through the covered wall at the rear. The second battalion of attackers were unable to advance immediately as the sapping trenches from the parallel to the moat were filled with debris. When this debris had been excavated, the battalion gained the moat and reached the ramparts, through the breaches that had been made by the explosion. The commander of this enterprise recognized that any attempt to gain the interior of the fort, would end in disaster if his whole force advanced in one body, so he disposed his men along the whole line and ordered them to gain the lower level of the interior by twos and threes, and to find cover in the holes which had been made in the surface by the Japanese shells, as these offered good cover for the rifle and machine gun fire directed from the rear of this fort. In these holes 150 of the attackers had found cover at 5 o'clock in the morning. Advancing carefully, the Japanese approaches the Russian defenses in the rear of the fort and by working from hole to hole, under cover of the darkness, the whole battalion gained the interior of the fort, notwithstanding the desperate resistance made by the Russians. The final charge made against the wall of sandbags proved unsuccessful but charge followed charge until midnight when the last corner of the Russian defences was captured. The fighting was desperate in the extreme with bayonets and dynamite bombs and the entire garrison was killed with the exception of a party of 20 who escaped through the covered wall which they destroyed behind them by exploding four mines, and thus prevented the Japanese from pursuing them. Though the numbers engaged were small, both assault and defence were more furious than any in the previous history of the siege of Port Arthur. With the exceptions noted, the garrison died fighting to the last man. The wounded refused to retire and insisted on continuing the fighting, saying that they vowed to take the fort and they must succeed. Four field guns, three machine guns were captured, and over 300 Russians killed. The skilful manner in which the assault was executed prevented very heavy losses and insured the capture of the fort. The fort opens a way up the gorge between it and Kekwan mountain and is the point at which to pierce the principal line of forts for the purpose of gaining a foothold on the higher hills of the ridge. The stubborn resistance made by the Russians was due to the fact that the capture of the fort was the key position at this point to the western flank.

CLOSING IN ON PORT ARTHUR.

Additional Heights Captured—Russian General Killed.

Tokio, Dec. 24.—The Japanese forces besieging Port Arthur yesterday stormed and now hold the heights east of Houyangshukou. Prisoners captured by the Japanese report that the Russian general Kondratenko and another general officer, whose name is unknown, have been killed, and that general Fock is among the wounded. On December 22nd the Russian defense works on the heights east of Houyangshukou, Sungshu mountain, Rihlung mountain and the "H" forts were bombarded by the Japanese with heavy guns, which inflicted considerable damage. As a result of the bombardment a detachment of the Japanese right wing at dawn, December 23rd, attacked the enemy on the heights and captured the ridge and heights. In the morning, the enemy concentrated his fire from several forts at Taiyangkou and Yahutsi upon our newly occupied position, following this with a determined counter attack, during which hand grenades were thrown; but our force finally repulsed the enemy. Later, as the enemy's bombardment abated, we constructed some defensive works, so that our occupation became more assured. As a result of our heavy gun bombardment one 15-centimetre gun in each of the forts was destroyed. The covers were also considerably damaged.

ADMIRAL TOGO REPORTS.

Tells of Splendid Achievements of Japanese Fleet

Tokio, Dec. 24.—Admiral Togo announces the withdrawal of the majority of the fleet from Port Arthur. Admiral Togo, telegraphing under date of December 22nd says: "After 203 Metre hill was occupied as the result of a gallant and desperate attack by the besieging army, the bombardment of the enemy's squadron by siege and other heavy guns became effective. In consequence the battleships Poltava and Retvizan were sunk, and subsequently the Pobieda and Peresvlet, the protected cruiser Palada and the armoured cruiser Bayan were sunk. The battleship Sevastopol escaped the land bombardment, left the harbor December 9th and anchored near Chentao mountain. She was attacked there continuously by our torpedo boats and heavily damaged. The main strength of the enemy is completely crushed. Only a weak gunboat and several torpedo boats remain afloat. Under these circumstances our combined fleet has been removed as unnecessary from the blockade of Port Arthur. I have arranged for a closer watch for ships attempting to run the blockade and to watch the remnant of the enemy's squadron. During the blockade we suffered from the enemy's mines, both laid and floating on the high seas and from dense fogs. The cruisers Miyako, Sayen and Yoshimo, Battske,(battleship), Kaimon (gunboat), and Holyen, coast defence vessel, were sunk and many gallant and loyal officers and men were killed, but we succeeded in maintaining the blockade. When the enemy emerged from the harbor our fleet successfull engaged him and finally, with the valuable support of the troops, we destroyed the entire squadron. During the blockade all the ships under my command accomplished the work and duty assigned to them. Especially to be noted are some of those who are engaged in the difficult task of blockading, or who tirelessly accomplished the work of laying mines in the presence of the enemy and others who, braving all danger, were engaged in the work of clearing mines away and others still, who were posted to watch the enemy and guard against the enemy's ships. Their combined work strongly contributed to the accomplishment of the blockade. I deem it my duty to especially mention my recognition of the valuable services rendered by the officers and men.

JAPANESE SCOUT SHIPS.

Honolulu, Dec. 24.—The steamer China from Asiatic ports brings definite information that the steamer Nippon and Hong Kong have left Yokohama for Singapore and will act as scout ships in the operations of the Japanese warships against the Russian second Pacific fleet. The steamer America will follow convoying torpedo boats.

STILL HOPE FOR REFORMS.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.—Current stories of a complete victory of the reactionaries and the definite shelving of all hope for early revision of the laws, traced to an authority close to the emperor, are absolutely false. Interior minister Sviatopolk-Mirsky stands higher than ever in the emperor's confidence and esteem and the program of reform that is being worked out covers national, municipal and peasant administrations.

THE MIKADO'S THANKS.

Tokio, Dec. 24.—An imperial rescript to vice-admiral Togo says: "We hear with great satisfaction that our torpedo flotillas engaged in the work at Port Arthur have gallantly and successfully accomplished the work required of them, and in so doing had to brave the dangers of storms and shells by day and night. Despite all the difficulties confronting them, they have succeeded in performing their duties without the least confusion, rendering one another mutual assistance. We especially note their brave and loyal performance of the duties required of them, and express our approbation of their gallant behavior."

A JAPANESE REPULSE.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.—General Kouropatkin reports having made a reconnaisance in force in the direction of the Japanese positions at Bentziapuize. The Russians forced an entrance into Bentsiapuize, occupied some of the entrenchments and repulsed the counter attacks of two battalions of Japanese, with great loss, the Japanese leaving nine prisoners in the hands of the Russians. The Russian losses were three officers and six men killed and three officers and 31 men wounded. The night of December 23rd, general Kouropatkin adds, was quiet.

MURDERERS ON PAROLE.

Indianapolis, Dec. 24.—Four prisoners at the state prison were released today by the governor so that they might reach home for Christmas. One was pardoned and three paroled. All were serving terms for murder.

LIFTING OF DENSE FOG

REVEALS REMARKABLE SCENE ON OLD FATHER THAMES.

HUNDREDS OF BIG STEAMERS PREPARING TO MOVE TO DOCKS.

London, Dec. 24.—The lower Thames tonight presents an extraordinary and unprecedented spectacle. The fog, slightly lifting, reveals from the Pool to Greenwich Reach, hundreds of great liners and freight steamers from every quarter of the globe lifting anchors and preparing to move to the docks after three days of inaction and obscurity among the opaque banks of fog. A number of outward bound liners have been able to proceed, but consequent to the great number of incoming vessels gathered at the mouth of the Thames, and other points in the channel and coupled with anxiety of these craft to reach their docks, shipping reports are full of minor casualties and collisions. Up to midnight, however, no serious disasters have been reported and it is possible that Christmas morning will find shipping again resuming its ordinary condition.

TO KILL GIRL'S BETRAYER.

Spokane Father Swears Vengeance Against J. R. Woodley.

Spokane, Dec. 24—"I shall avenge my daughter's dishonor by killing Woodley, her seducer, if I can find him.

"My pastor and several lawyers have told me that I would be justified in killing Woodley. I have a revelover to do it with."

Herman Smith, expressmen, father of pretty 18 year old Mona Smith, is seeking the life of his daughter's paramour, J. R. Woodley, the alleged private detective and mining man.

To escape death Woodley has fled from Spokane taking with him the girl he degraded, and induced to solicit on the streets. The pair went to Seattle, but are now believed to be in Portland. The father of the girl is almost insane from grief over his daughter's disgrace and elopment and has taken an oath to slay the man he blames.

If Herman Smith meets Woodley, murder will result. The father secured a revolver and tried to find Woodley, but the latter was warned and escaped. Then Smith took counsel with attorneys and laid the case before a minister of the gospel.

The preacher, so Smith says, told the distracted father that the law of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, would justify the killing of the girl's betrayer.

REMOVAL OF PASSPORT SYSTEM

St. Petersburg, Dec. 24—For the present the abolition of the passport system will only apply to Russians and not to foreigners, although it is intended at the close of the war to abolish the system governing foreigners also. The state tax on the latter, however, will be removed. Abolition of the passport system in Russia will work a complete revolution, not only in removing every individual in the empire from constant surveillance by the police, but in many other ways increasing personal freedom. It is impossible under the present system for the peasant to leave a commune without an endorsed passport.

SHIP CANAL TRAFFIC.

Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 24—According to the statistical report of the traffic through the ship canal here this year's December traffic is the greatest on record. It is 976,868 tons, an increase of 412,667 net tons. The total for the year is 31,515,166 tons, a decrease from last year of 3,128,339. The total tonnage through the Michigan canal was 26,517,916 and through the Canadian canal 5,508,190.

NAN PATTERSON'S TRIAL.

New York, Dec. 24.—Judge Jerome said today that proceedings for a new trial would be hurried as fast as possible.

RUSSIA'S DEFENSE

Pleas Advanced Before Court of Enquiry Into North Sea Incident

Firing Was Justifiable--Believed They Were Attacked--At Worst an Accident of the Sea

Paris, Dec. 24.—The Russian defence before the international commission, which is to inquire into the North sea incident, is practically complete. The main features are:

First—That the firing by the Russian squadron was justified as a defence against attack. This entails proving the presence of Japanese torpedo boats. The Russian delegates inform the Associated Press that they possess this proof in the most positive and overwhelming form.

Second—That even if the Russians were not attacked they believed they were attacked and therefore the defensive measures taken were in absolute good faith.

Third—At most it was an accident at sea where the dangers and risks are extreme and analogous to the British battleship Camperdown ramming and sinking the British battleship Victoria and the recent firing by a British warship upon a coasting vessel during target practice.

The preliminaries of the commission have clearly shown that the British are anxious for a prompt disposal of the case while the Russians do not object to delay. Therefore the postponement of the opening of the sessions of the commission owing to the non-arrival of rear admiral Charles H. Davis, the American member, developed an incident showing the attitude of the delegates; the Russian sharing the American view that admiral Davis is entitled to ample time, while the British and French sentiment did not approve of the postponement.

It developed that American ambassador Choate sent a wireless telegraph message to the Finland notifying admiral Davis that the commission would be opened December 22nd. This is probably the first use of the wireless system in an important official communication in mid-ocean.

BENOIT WILL CASE

Chicago Jury Failed to Agree—Bequest to Church at Stake.

Chicago, Dec. 24—After being out 19 hours the jury in the John Benoit will case today reported a disagreement and was dismissed. Benoit was an eccentric French-Canadian, who died in this city about a year ago, leaving $40,000 to the Roman Catholic church. Relatives of Benoit's wife contested the will on the grounds that the bequest to the church had been improperly secured. Rev. Achille Bergeron, pastor of the church of Notre Dame, was accused of taking wrongful advantage of Benoit's mental condition in persuading him to sign the will.

HERSOFS PARDONED

Convicted of Murder in 1896—Now Believed to be Innocent

New York, Dec. 24—Former assistant district attorney Henry S. Davis of New York county, secured from governor O'Dell today the pardon of Adolphe Hersops, who was convicted of murder in the second degree in 1896. Mr. Davis was one of the prosecuting attorneys in the Hersops case but afterwards was convinced of his innocence.

DEPUTY SYVETON'S DEATH

Paris, Dec. 24—The mystery of the death of deputy Syveton is developing into a plot and counter plot, rivalling Paul Hervie's intense dramas. The evidence of assassination is accumulating, leading to the expectation of sensational arrests. Mme. Syveton has begun action against the newspapers charging her with responsibility for her husband's death.

OLD CHICAGOAN DEAD

Chicago, Dec. 24—D. J. Gallery, one of the original members of the Chicago board of trade, fell dead in his son's office here today. Death is supposed to have been due to heart disease. Mr. Gallery would have been 66 years old on Christmas day.

DEATH OF PIONEER ENGINEER

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 24.—Wm. T. Hackett, an engineer, who brought the first locomotive to Kansas City in 1865, died at his home here today, aged 83. He also took the first locomotive into Toronto, Ontario.

WILL LEAVE DAWSON.

Dawson, Dec. 24.—Rev. Dr. Barraclough, pastor of the Dawson Methodist church, has accepted a call from the Frist Methodist church at New Westminster, B. C. He leaves here next June.

COLORADO ELECTION FRAUDS.

Denver, Colorado, Dec. '24.—Three more election official were sent to jail by the supreme court today for contempt, making a total of 30 who have been sentenced for violation of the court's injunction issued over the November elections.

VICTORY FOR QUEBECERS

New York, Dec. 24—The Quebec hockey club defeated the New York Athletic club tonight, seven to three at the St. Nicholas rink. The team work of the Canadians was exceptionally good and the game was lively throughout.

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A Complete Assortment of Other Christmas Delicacies

NOTE—Each and every article here quoted arrived here this week. You may therefore depend on all being

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

The Daily News extends to all its readers the compliments of the season and hopes that everyone of them, old and young, but especially the little ones, will pass a thoroughly enjoyable Christmas.

Whilst other festivals pall and considerable effort is frequently required to arouse interest in their commemoration, the Christmas spirit appears to grow stronger each succeeding year. It is well that this is so. The world is better for one day free from sordid strife and clash of personal ambitions. Today no man will think evil of his neighbor. All will unite in wishing one another happiness and all kinds of good fortune. Considering what a pleasant world this is on Christmas day, the pity is that we cannot have more of the Christmas spirit pervading all the days of the year.

The people of Nelson, in common with the rest of British Columbia, can well afford to make merry this Christmastide. The year now drawing to its close has proved a fairly prosperous one to all interests. In some lines progress has not been as marked as was anticipated at the beginning of the year, but on the whole industrial conditions have been satisfactory and the prospects for the future were never brighter.

SLOCAN'S PROUD BOAST.

The Sandon Standard claims for the Slocan the lead in dividend paying properties over all other mining districts of British Columbia. The sum total of dividends paid by Slocan mines to date is $4,763,297. The following are the mines and the amounts paid. The figures were compiled by E. M. Sandilands, mining broker, and are as accurate as is possible to get them from the most reliable sources:

Payne	$1,420,000
Slocan Star	575,000
Idaho	400,000
Reco	287,500
RamblerCariboo	220,000
Last Chance	213,000
Whitewater	209,000
Ruth	125,000
Sunset	66,000
Noble Five	50,000
Goodenough	45,188
Washington	38,000

Xmas Greeting

To our many friends in East and West Kootenay we cordially extend the season's greetings, with the hope that all Christmas joys may be yours and your New Year the most prosperous you have known.

Ashdown Hardware Co.

Winnipeg Nelson Calgary

Imperial Bank of Canada

Head Office: Toronto.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....$3,000,000 REST $3,000,000

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Branches in Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, British Columbia, and North West Territories.

Savings Department

Deposits received and Interest allowed at current rates from date of opening account and credited half-yearly.

Cranbrook Branch
J. F. M. PINKHAM, Manager

Trout Lake Branch
(Lardeau District)
E. K. BOULTBEE, Manager

Nelson Branch
J. M. LAY, Manager

Christmas Presents

Let us suggest

Skates or Cutlery

Our stock is large and varied.
Quality of the best and prices right

Wood-Vallance Hardware Co., Ltd., NELSON Wholesale and Retail

We've got 'em coming

our way to buy their

Xmas Gifts

at the Mortgage Sale. They simply can't help it when they see the prices at which we are selling handsome leather dressing cases, beautiful work baskets, toilet sets, manicure sets, leather purses, etc.; beautiful gift books, and all the variety of things that make nice Xmas presents, AND ALL FRESH, NEW GOODS.

Mortgagee Morley & Co.

To the Electors of Nelson

At the request of a large number of ratepayers of our City, I have consented to offer myself as a candidate for the Mayoralty for the forthcoming year. If elected I will give my best efforts to carry out the following:

1. An energetic administration of the City's business and carrying out of its projects.
2. Sell debentures and erect at once a Power Plant on site acquired by City on Kootenay River, and to borrow more money if necessary to complete the plant.
3. Operate efficiently and economically the Electric Railway system and advocate the opening of negotiations to purchase for the City such system with the ultimate view of lawfully extending a belt line through the East ward, and thence through the Park, into Fairview.
4. Improve main City thoroughfares and where necessary to macadamize the streets and for that purpose utilize facilities owned by the City.
5. Extension of City limits to include suburbs.
6. Improvement of City Park.
7. The necessary extension of sewer and water systems.
8. Provide suitable and commodious school accommodation with a view of inaugurating a system best adapted to the present and future needs of our growing population.

If elected I promise to use my utmost endeavor to further the interests of the city.

WILLIAM O. ROSE.

ANNOUNCEMENT

TO THE PEOPLE OF NELSON:

At the request of residents who are of the opinion that Nelson should be independent of the West Kootenay Power & Light Company in carrying on the business of supplying electric light and power, I will be a candidate for mayor at the election to be held on January 12th, 1905, and if elected I will do my best to—

(1) Build the power house on Kootenay river;

(2) Extend the street railway so as to make it a convenience for the residents of the East ward;

(3) Improve the streets by using the road-making plant that has been standing idle for four years;

(4) Encourage manufacturing industries by supplying them the cheapest power, both water and electric, that can be had in the province;

(5) Put a stop to professional gambling, and do it without interfering with the reasonable rights of individuals.

Respectfully,
JOHN HOUSTON.

Monitor	27,000
Queen Bess	25,000
Jackson	20,000
Surprise	20,000
Bosun	12,000
Antoine	10,000
Grand Total	$4,763,297

The resignation of James A. Smart from the position of deputy minister of the interior will be sincerely regretted by everyone who has had anything to do with that department since he assumed charge under Mr. Sifton. It is only due to Mr. Smart to say that he has proved an invaluable lieutenant to the energetic and progressive minister of the interior. It can also be said that the success of Mr. Sifton's immigration campaign was very largely due to Mr. Smart, who took hold of the work with a zest that made good results a foregone conclusion. His many friends will hope soon to learn that Mr. Smart's health is completely restored and that he is able to engage in congenial employment of a less exacting nature than that which he has been compelled to give up.

NEW FLOATING DOCK

Addition Made to Shipping Facilities at Vancouver.

George P. Downey, travelling representative of N. Thompson & Co., of Vancouver, spent yesterday in the city. To a representative of The Daily News Mr. Downey spoke of the enterprises of the firm.

N. Thompson & Co. are putting a floating dock in Vancouver harbor that will accommodate the largest ships doing business on the Pacific coast of America. The dock is being constructed by Messrs. Swan and Hunter, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and will be shipped to Vancouver in sections, and there put together in place by N. Thompson & Co. The dock will be located near the property of the B. C. Sugar Refinery, and will be a great convenience to all shippers.

There is, Mr. Downey says, a floating dock at Seattle similar to the one being constructed for the Thompson company, but very much smaller.

Mr. Downey is travelling through Kootenay looking into the business conditions in the interest of his firm. He hopes to secure a considerable share of the traffic of the interior of the province, especially in the line of mining and mill machinery.

Some Friend Forgotten

Perhaps some friend has been overlooked in making up your list of Xmas presents. We have still quite a variety to choose from and would be pleased to have you call.

W. H. WILSON

Cranbrook, B.C. Jeweler and Optician

Chocolates

Lowney's
Rowntree's
Webb's

In Fancy Boxes and Baskets
A Dainty Xmas Gift

Also a Full Line of BRUSHES, MIRRORS, PERFUMES, and TOILET CASES.

Canada Drug & Book Co.

East End Store

Corner Baker and Josephine Nelson, B C.

BOUNDARY ORE OUTPUT

PASSED THE 800,000 TON MARK LAST WEEK.

RAWHIDE MINE NOW ON THE SHIPPING LIST.

[Special to The Daily News]

Phoenix, Dec. 24.—This week's tonnage from the mines of the Boundary country brings the total ore output for this year to over 800,000 tons, with another full week yet to be counted in the calendar year.

For the first time in the Boundary history the Rawhide mine in this camp is on the shipping list and will doubtless send out ore steady from now on. In detail the total from the several mines is reported to be as follows:

Granby mines to Granby smelter	12,270
Mother Lode to B. C. smelter	2,144
Brooklyn-Stemwinder to Montreal and Boston smelter	1,950
Rawhide to Montreal and Boston.	140
Sunset to Montreal and Boston...	300
Emma to B. C. Copper smelter..	396
Mountain Rose to B. C. smelter.	66
Senator to Granby	240
Providence to Trail	30
Elkhorn to Trail	20
Total for the week	17,556

Total for the year to date 800,085 tons.

Treatment at the three Boundary smelters for the current week was as follows:

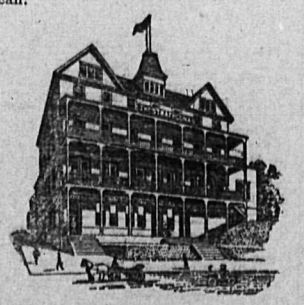
Granby smelter, 12,450 tons, or 569,115 tons for this year.

B. C. Copper smelter, 2,253 tons, or 204,360 tons this year.

Montreal and Boston smelter, 2,370 tons, or 27,730 tons since starting.

A total of 17,073 tons of ore smelted this week, and of 801,205 tons smelted this year.

HUME—G. F. Williams, Vancouver; M. McLean, New Denver; R. B. McKay, Slocan.



STRATHCONA—A. D. Wheeler, Ymir; A. G. Wheeler, C. Galer, J. F. Getsey, Spokane; A. M. Nattestad, Erie.

ROYAL—Watson company; A. M. McPherson, Bear Lake; W. Smellie, H. Smellie, Procter.

BARTLETT—W. Hair, F. Lyon, M. Minear, Venus mine; G. Arscott, Juno mine; J. W. Sweet, A. Hubbard, Ymir; C. Harrison, Reliance mine; F. McKay, Kaslo; J. Usher, Lardo; E. Hutchins, T. Goldworthy, C. Harrington, Erie; W. Walton, Procter.

GRAND CENTRAL—E. Pecord, H. T. Aitken, R McNeill, C. McAdam, Juno mine; J. Kelly, Enterprise; O. Johnson, Golden.

NELSON—W. A. Brown, Rossland.

MADDEN—W. J. Murphy, M. C. Monaghan, Granite; H. L. LaBrasche, Slocan Junction; L. Oxley, Rosebery; T. B. Watt, J. Nicholson, Ymir; W. Kelling, Kaslo; J. Boyer, Bonnington.

QUEENS—O. T. Appleton, Eight-Mile; H. H. Sewell, H. C. Smith, Clubb ranch; F. Morrison, Venus mine; F. Jensen, Erie; Mice Gray, Miss McArthur, D. Mooney, F. McArthur, Saimo; Miss Cohilham, Erie.

TREMONT—W. J. Banerstock, J. Ryan, A. Lynch, A. Thompson, Venus mine; R. Hutcheson, J. Winkelried, Granite mine; H. Stevenson, T. Boardman, Rossland; D. Johnson, D. Grant, J. Hunse, Slocan; H. Bell, W. McCosh, Winlaw; A. Wood, Six-Mile; J. Thompson, Wilcox mine.

LAKEVIEW—W. . Wilton, J. Mayne, A. Fleck, Granite mine; C. Lance, Hunter V mine; A. McIntyre, A. Redfern, Lardo.

EVENING WELL SPENT.

Paris, Dec. 24—Mme. Loubet, wife of the president, celebrated Christmas eve by giving presents to the children of functionaries of the Elysee palace and by distributing $2000 among widows who are supporting families.

TWELVE KILLED—20 INJURED

Paris, Dec. 24.—The victims of last night's railway collision in a fog between the London-Boulogne express and the Lille express, outside the Northern railway station here, number 12 dead and 20 seriously injured. As previously cabled all the victims were Frenchmen.

AGENTS WANTED.

Applications will be received for the position of agent in this locality, to represent the Occidental Loan & Savings company of Vancouver, B. C. One willing to canvass desired. Good proposition to right man. Apply P.O. box 152, Vancouver, B.C.

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For sale, cheap for cash, or to rent, the Lake Shore Laundry, New Denver. Buildings with all laundry furniture, fixings, as it now stands, $275 takes it. Electric light, wood and water. A good opening for a permanent paying business. Present owner wishes to retire on account of ill health. Apply to W. D. MITCHELL, Agent.

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Opening play Monday, Dan Sully's beautiful pastoral play

The Parish Priest

The sweetest story ever told.

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Seats on sale at Rutherford's Saturday for the first three nights.

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Having disposed of my interest in the firm of D. McArthur & Company, I now take this opportunity to extend to the customers of that firm my thanks for the patronage extended in the past, and I request on behalf of the new firm, the Standard Furniture Company, a continuation of that patronage and good will for the future. D. M'ARTHUR.

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CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS AND Tom Smith's Crackers

Fancy Xmas Tree Ornaments, large size, 1 doz. in box, per box 50 cents.
Small size, per box, 25 cents.
Tom Smith Crackers, large box, each 45 cents.
Tom Smith Crackers, smaller size box, 25 cents.
Choice Mixed Candy, per lb. 25c.

W. J. TOYE

PHONE NO. 7.

$15.00

A month will buy a six-roomed cottage and lot in the Hume Addition.

$425

will buy a four-roomed cottage and lot, centrally located.

R. J. Steel

PRESENTS

When selecting your Xmas presents do not fail to visit our store and get up to date goods at sale prices.

Silk Umbrellas with gold and silver mounted handles, were $5 and $6, sale price $3. Other good Umbrellas from $1 to $2.50.

Genuine Moka Gloves, $2.50 quality for $2.00.

Wade's Mufflers in black and blue, were $1 now 75 cents; Silk Dress Mufflers, silk lined, were $1.50, now $1.

All the latest in 4 ply Linen Collars, 20 cents each, $2.25 per dozen.

Ties of all kinds and shapes from 25 cents to 75 cents.

Any and all of these make nice presents. Bring your dollars and get your bargains. Store open every night this week.

CLOSING OUT SALE OF

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TURKEYS, GEESE DUCKS AND CHICKENS
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SUNLIGHT SOAP

ASK FOR THE OCTAGON BAR

Sunlight Soap washes the clothes white and won't injure the hands.

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CHRISTMAS SPECIALTIES

Ganong's "G.B." Chocolates—the best made in Canada; Santa Claus' Surprise Stockings, Holly Sprays, Toys of all kinds for the little ones.

Fine line of swellest candy boxes ever seen in Nelson.

Our home made candies are unexcelled They sell on their own merits.

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Orders by Mail to any Branch will have Prompt and Careful Attention.

The Sidewalks Are Slippery

A POLICY in the Railway Passengers' Assurance company is the best New Year's investment that business men, steamboat and railway men can make. It insures you against accidents of all kinds, also 18 of the most prevalent diseases. The cost is small, only $7 per $1000 for select risks. Write or apply for information to

T. G. Procter

WARD STREET, NELSON AGENT

The HALL MINING AND SMELTING COMPANY, Limited

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Purchases

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For Xmas Trade

Cranberries
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and all seasonable fruits.

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WHOLESALE ONLY

GREAT NORTHERN STOCK

WILL AGAIN BE PLACED ON THE MARKET AT PAR.

TRAMWAY FOR LUCKY JACK AND SWEDE GROUPS.

W. B. Pool, president of the Great Northern Mines company was asked yesterday by The Daily News, what his company's plans were now that the litigation was over. He replied with the following statement:

"Before the adverse to the crown grant applied for on the Lucky Jack was entered, the company's stock was *selling readily at par value, $1 a share.* When we became involved in a law suit we took the stock off the market and withdrew our advertisements from the papers. We did so because the Lucky Jack mine, to which our title was disputed, was considered by ourselves and by the public one of our most valuable assets. We couldn't honestly advertise a property that the courts might decide was not ours.

"Up to that time we had been selling stock as I have said. With the proceeds we were going ahead with development work, building mills, roads and tramways. Every mining man knows that such work is very expensive. We have built a 10 stamp mill at Camborne second to none in the province. When we stopped selling stock we also discontinued building and development work.

"Now that the litigation is satisfactorily ended we are where we were before. We are putting our stock on the market again and are ready to go on with the work. We are going to double the capacity of the Camborne mill by putting in another 10 stamps. We are going to build a tramway at Poplar on the Lucky Jack and Swede groups. The stock will again be offered at par and I am confident that it will find a ready sale. Our mill has made a profit on every ton of ore treated.

"We are not trying to hide anything. When we offer stock for sale we also offer the property for inspection. It has been visited and examined by many experts and all hove pronounced it the best surface showing they have ever seen. That refers especially to the Lucky Jack, but it is almost equally true of our other properties. We have 21 altogether. Of these the Oyster-Criterion is already a proved mine. I don't think it is extravagant to expect that of the rest, a few at least will be found good. Everyone of our properties contains free-milling gold.

"The record of myself and my associates in this company is well known. Every property that we have been connected with has been a money maker. The Nettie L. is still making good money for the people who bought it from us. We want to make money for ourselves of course. We also want to make it for everyone who buys property or stock from us. We have done so up to date.

"Our head office will remain in this city and we shall operate from here. All connected with the company's headquarters will make their homes here. I think the work the company will do will materially benefit Nelson, and for that reason I expect the people of this city to take an interest in the company. I regard Nelson as the natural headquarters of this district. It is the sluice-box of Kootenay and the wealth will naturally gravitate this way. The steamer routes and the railway lines will make Nelson to the interior of British Columbia what Denver is to Colorado."

BIRD VS. ANNABLE.

Alderman Not Disqualified By Sale of C. P. R. Lot to City.

Editor, The Daily News: I regret to see by today's paper that Mr. Annable finds himself unable to apologize for the charge of grafting, which in the heat of an election meeting he made against me. As a good citizen with whom I have always been on friendly terms, I thought Mr. Annable would admit his error, on learning the truth, instead of evading his first fault and attempting to raise a new issue. The substance of Mr. Annable's charge against me was that I could have sold the lot in question to the city for $200 had I wished to, but, for the sake of the larger commission, I made the sale at $950. It was this statement that I hoped Mr. Annable would apologize for.

He now claims that I was anyway guilty of technical violation of the law which disqualified me for the position of alderman. It would seem to be Mr. Annable's opinion that I would have been disqualified no matter what price the C. P. R. sold that lot for, even if it had been $200. In fact, that so long as I am in the city council, the C. P. R. cannot sell any land to the city, because my firm are their land agents here. I should like to say that I have taken the best legal opinion in the city (including that of the city solicitor) as to whether the transaction in question ever affected my standing and am advised that I am not disqualified, and never was disqualified, nor in any way guilty of any violation of the law, either technically or otherwise. I intend to offer myself as a candidate for alderman at the coming elections and trust that no elector will be misled as to my right to do so, by any misrepresentations such as have been made against me.

This is the end of the controversy so far as I am concerned. I have nothing more to say in the matter, and am content to leave it to the electors.

Yours faithfully, HARRY BIRD.
Nelson, Dec. 24.

GRIP QUICKLY KNOCKED OUT

"Some weeks ago during the severe winter weather both my wife and myself contracted severe colds which speedily developed into the worst kind of la grippe, with all its miserable symptoms," says Mr. J. S. Egleston of Maple Landing, Iowa. "Knees and joints aching, muscles sore, head stopped up, eyes and nose running, with alternate spells of chills and fever. We began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, aiding the same with a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, and by its liberal use soon completely knocked out the grip."

It is a good plan to take a dose of Tablets when you have a cold. They promote a healthy action of the bowels, liver and kidneys, which is always beneficial when the system is congested by a cold or attacked of the grip. For sale by all druggists and dealers.

PROJECTED BIG AMALGAMATION.

Brantford, Dec. 24—Rumors have reached here, from reliable sources, that the Massey-Harris company and Deering Harvester company, the former of Toronto and Brantford, and the latter of Chicago and Hamilton, well known farm implement manufacturers, will amalgamate early in the new year.

MUST BE QUICK

Pains in the stomach and attacks of colic come on so suddenly and are so extremely painful that immediate relief must be obtaintd. There is no necessity of sending for a doctor in such cases if a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is at hand. No doctor can prescribe a better medicine. For sale by all druggists and dealers.

NO HOPE FOR BELL

[Special to The Daily News]

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The case of Joseph Bell, under sentence of execution at Kamloops on January 13th, was before the cabinet council today. He was convicted of murder at Phoenix and in view of the judge's report and the man's record in the United States, there is not much doubt that Bell will pay the penalty for his crime.

AN EMERGENCY MEDICINE

For sprains, bruises, burns, scalds and similar injuries, there is nothing so good as Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It soothes the wound and not only gives instant relief from pain, but causes the parts to heal in about one third the time required by the usual treatment. As it is an antiseptic all danger from blood poisoning is avoided. Sold by all druggists and dealers.

STRENGTH OF U. M. W. of A.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 24.—After a long investigation the national officers of the United Mine Workers are reported to have discovered that there are on the rolls ten or twelve thousand more paid up members than have been reported to them. This discovery explained the apparent loss of many members which has disturbed the national officers. It is said to have been found that secretaries of some of the small divisions have failed to report all their members.

BILLIARD ROOM FITTINGS

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If there is the slightest doubt in the minds of any that Dandruff germs do not exist, their belief is compelled by the fact that a rabbit innoculated with the germs became bald in six weeks' time.

It must be apparent to any person therefore that the only prevention of baldness is the destruction of the germ—which act is successfully accomplished in one hundred per cent. of cases by the application of Newbro's Herpicide.

Dandruff is caused by the same germ which causes baldness and can be prevented with the same remedy—Newbro's Herpicide.

Accept no substitute. "Destroy the cause you remove the effect."

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NOTICE

I hereby give notice that at the meeting of the Board of Licence Commissioners of the Ymir District, to be held at the City of Nelson, 15th December, 1904, I shall apply for a transfer of the licence for the Kootenay Falls Hotel at Slocan Junction, to J. H. Smith.

(Sgd.) W. H. LAMBERT.
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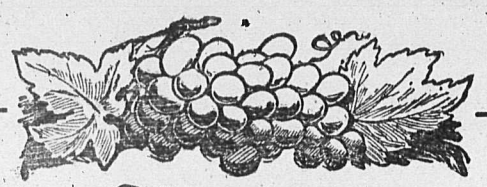

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NEW YORK FASHION LETTER

New York, Dec. 24—There are certain accessories and touches common to evening toilets this winter that give them more than their usual attractiveness. Take the tucker for instance, which is almost universal in decollette gowns and which lends itself to a great variety of treatments. There is the girdle which may be of any width from that of an ordinary belt to peasant waist depth. The draped bodice and its deep point or stomacher is another famil arly characteristic of sumptuous evening costumes. Then there is the combination of brocades and velvets, with chiffon and mousseline lace, which is responsible for some of the richest effects.

The toilet of white lace decorated with chiffon roses shows one development of the girdle which, in reality, has grown to bodice dimensions. It is made of chiffon velvet, in a maize shade, and is finished with jewelled buttons. The bertha is of white lace bordered at the front with chiffon roses. The decolletage is finished with a white chiffon tucker.

The union of velvet and gauze in evening gowns appears in a variety of forms—in girdles narrow and wide, in bodices, in Louis XV coats and in directoire and Watteau trains. Brocades are employed in the same fashion and so, too, are plain and flowered silks with lace and chiffon skirts. Velvet coats of the Louis XV order are used in afternoon visiting and At Home toilets with cloth skirts. In this case the coat and skirt usually match in style.

A surprising number of cloth gowns are being seen at the most fashionable daylight affairs. One of the most brilliant of the recent afternoon weddings brought out a large majority of such toilets. In fact, velvet and cloth carried the day. With many of these cloth costumes, fur coats were worn, grey and green were the most prominent colors in cloths; although mole and brown were there. In all the gowns the skirts were close fitting at the top and flared wide at the the foot, although without stiffening to hold them in place. The scare about crinolines seems to have been nipped in the bud. There is, of course, always a possibility that the vogue may crop out next spring—the season when it would naturally be expected.

Last season's skirt is not far from the present style. With the use of coats of contrasting materials, the refurbishing of passe costumes is made comparatively easy. It is the sleeves that are the most difficult to readjust in last year's gowns. But even these given gumption and new trimmings, may often be brought quite up to date. The beginning of the season saw a tentative effort to bring back the style of sleeves in material contrasting with the bodice, but little has been seen or heard of the results. Now and then one sees velvet leg o' mutton sleeves in a cloth gown, but such appearances are sporadic.

Dull finish black stuffs, trimmed in the most conservative ways, with folds of crape or braid, or dull mourning passementerie, are the only things that should be worn by the woman who is in mourning. Any of the dull finish cloths are good—cheviots and serges particularly good for suits, and light weigth, stuffs for sairt waist suits and dresses.

And there is a wide field to choose from in all black materials—quaint distinctions of weave and texture, of quality and of weight—that tell in the character of the gown. The wale of a cheviot gives it a certain distinction that lifts it out of the ordinary, while the grace and adaptability of henriettas and the lighter weight stuffs lend themselves to the soft lines that are irresistibly becoming.

Silk and wool stuffs, broadcloth and the shiny silks are to be avoided, but voiles and Panama cloths, soft wool crepes and the dull black silks—especially those with the armure weave and mourning taffetas—are all good.

Mourning styles are not quite so plain as they used to be, but follow conservative styles, allowing plenty of self-trimming, as the trimming of a cloth with tucks and puffing is sometimes called. Velvet and lace are tabooed in every way. But strappings may be piped with silk, or tucked bands of silk ornamented with appliqued figures of the cloth. The best trimming is bands of crepe, preferably narrow.

The old heavy veils are out, and instead have come in all silk grenadines, with plain and deep borders woven in. They are only about half the length of the old time veils.

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ASHDOWN OF HARDWARE FAME

Successful Career of New Member of Transportation Commission

There are few better examples of the wisdom of the advice to "go West young man," than that afforded by the remarkable success achieved by J. H. Ashdown of Winnipeg, who, it is announced, will be appointed a member of the transportation commission in the place of the late John Bertram of Toronto.

Strating out in life without a cent in his pocket, a friendless youth in a new country, he is today one of Manitoba's leading hardware men, and one of Winnipeg's leading municipal figures. With strength of character he has been a factor in civic politics for many years, and now at the age of sixty years, he is adjudged a fitting member of one of the most important of Canada's commissions.

Mr. Ashdown was born in England and came to this country when he was eight years old. His parents settled in Etobicoke, and later moved to Weston, so that the new appointee is in a way an Ontario man. At the age of eleven years young Ashdown served behind the counter in his father's store in Weston. A little latter he took a bush farm in Brant township. This was his first training in pioneer life, and as he cleared the stumps and undergrowth from his farm he developed a constitution which carried him through the rough times of the Riel rebellion.

At the age of eighteen he entered the service of John Zryd of Hespler, as a tinsmith's apprentice. He followed this trade for three years, and then the roving spirit rose within him, and he struck out for Chicago. From there he went to Kansas. Here he learned the love of the free west, but his heart still turned towards Canada, and in June, 1866 he entered the Red river settlement. A hard winter followed in which Mr. Ashdown supported himself cutting timber in the Assiniboine bush. Those were what are still known as "the dark days of '68 and '69" for the country was in financial straits, and the discontent which culminated in the Riel rebellion was growing serious.

In the struggle with the Red men Mr. Ashdown was in the thick of the fight. He was one of the prisoners who were shut up in Fort Garry. In 1871 his services received some recognition when he was appointed a justice of the peace, no sinecure in those troublous times.

In the history of Winipeg Mr. Ashdown's name stands out as one of the pioneers. He was a member of the committee which secured the city's incorporation. He has for many years been an active member of the board of trade. When the debates over the disallowance question were in progress, he was president of the body, and it was partially due to his efforts that the monopoly clause in the of the Canadian Pacific railway was abrogated. He has been a member of the city council, of the school board, a trustee of Grace church since1869, president of the Children's Aid society and a founder of the Y.M.C.A.

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Synopsis of Regulations for Disposal of Mineral on Dominion Lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and the Yukon Territory.

Coal—Coal lands may be purchased at $10 per acre for soft coal and $20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz—Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miner's certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.

A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of $7.50 per annum for an individual, and from $50 to $100 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1500x1500 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end on the line of the lode or vein.

The claim shall be recorded within fifteen days if located within ten miles of a mining recorder's office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles or fraction. The fee for recording a claim is $5.

At least $100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When $500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at $1.00 per acre.

Permission may be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate claims containing iron and mica, also copper in the Yukon territory, of an area not exceeding 160 acres.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of a Royalty of 2 1-2 per cent of the sales of the products of the location.

Placer Mining—Manitoba and the N.W.T. excepting the Yukon Territory—Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee, $5; renewable yearly. On the North Saskatchewan River claims are either bar or bench, the former being 100 feet long and extending between high and low water mark. The latter includes bar diggings, but extends back to the base of the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1000 feet. Where steam power is used claims 200 feet wide may be obtained.

Dredging in the rivers of Manitoba and the N.W.T., excepting the Yukon Territory—A free miner may obtain only two leases of five miles each for a term of twenty years renewable in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged beds or bars of the river below low water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who have, or may receive entries for bar diggings or bench claims except on the Saskatchewan River where the lessee may dredge to high water mark on each alternate leasehold.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles, but where a person or company has obtained more than one lease one dredge for each fifteen miles or fraction is sufficient. Rental $10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of two and a half per cent collected on the output after it exceeds $10,000.

Dredging in the Yukon Territory—Six leases of five miles each may be granted to a free miner for a term of twenty years, also renewable.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars in the river below low water mark, that boundary to be fixed by its position on the first day of August in the year of the date of the lease.

The lessee shall have one dredge in operation within two years from the date of the lease, and one dredge for each five miles within six years from such date. Rental $100 per mile for the first year and $10 per mile for each subsequent year. Royalty same as placer mining.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory—Creek, gulch, river and hill claims shall not exceed 250 feet in length, measured on the base line or general direction of the creek or gulch, the width being from 1000 to 2000 feet. All other placer claims shall be 250 feet square.

Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end, bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten days, if the claim is within ten miles of a Mining Recorder's office. One extra day is allowed for each additional ten miles or fraction.

The person or company staking a claim must hold a free miner's certificate.

The discoverer of a new mine is entitled to a claim 1000 feet in length, and if the party consists of two, 1500 feet altogether, on the output of which no royalty shall be charged, the rest of the party ordinary claims only.

Entry fee $10. Royalty at the rate of two and a half per cent on the value of the gold shipped from the Yukon Territory to be paid to the Comptroller.

No free miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim on each separate river, creek or gulch, but the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and free miners may work their claims in partnership by filing notice and paying fee of $2. A claim may be abandoned and another obtained on the same creek, gulch or river, by giving notice and paying a fee.

Work must be done on a claim each year to the value of at least $200.

A certificate that work has been done must be obtained each year; if not, the claim shall be deemed to be abandoned, and open to occupation and entry by a free miner.

The boundaries of a claim may be defined absolutely by having a survey made and publishing notices in the Yukon Official Gazette.

Petroleum—All unappropriated Dominion Lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and within the Yukon Territory are open to prospecting for petroleum, and the Minister may reserve for an individual or company having machinery on the land to be prospected, an area of 1920 acres for such period as he may decide, the length of which shall not exceed three times the breadth. Should the prospector discover oil in paying quantities, and satisfactorily establish such discovery, an area not exceeding 640 acres, including the oil well, will be sold to the prospector at the rate of $1 an acre, and the remainder of the tract reserved, namely 1280 acres, subject to at the rate of $3 per acre, subject to royalty at such rate as may be specified by Order in Council.

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Specialties in keeping with the Christmas season are introduced between the acts. The engagement of the Watson company will last through the whole holiday season and a fine list of well known plays will be presented. Seats are on sale for the engagement at the opera house box office, where all reserved seats will be sold in future.

RUSSIAN OR JAPANESE

GEORGE KEENAN COMPARES THE NEW CIVILIZATION

SAYS THAT EDUCATIONALLY AND OTHERWISE JAPAN LEADS

"If the whole world had to come under either Russian domination or Japanese domination, which would you choose?" I should cast my vote unhesitatingly in favor of the government and people of Japan rather than in favor of the government and people of Russia, writes George Keenan, in the Outlook, and I should do this for the reason that Japan, as a power, is civilized and modern, while Russia, as a power, is semi-barbarous and mediæval, and that among one of the first things that strikes the newcomer in Japan is the great number of external evidences of widely diffused education. In Tokio, for example, there is a book store on almost every block, not only in the parts of the city inhabited by the higher social classes, but in the quarters and districts tenanted by almost exclusively by poor shop keepers, artisans and day laborers. Since I took up my residence in the capital I have ridden hundreds of miles through its universally clean streets, from Ueno park to Shinagawa, and from the Botanical garden to the river, and I think I am well within the limit when I say that there are ten book stores in Tokio for every one that can be found in St. Petersburg.

JAPANESE SCHOOLS

School children of both sexes are quite as much in evidence as bookstores and at certain hours of the day one cannot ride or walk three blocks without meeting boys in the visored caps and girls in the maroon colored occidental skirts of the Japanese student world; while on holidays, long processions of younger children from the primary schools march through the streets, singing as they go, on their way If one had no other material for the formation of a judgment than that afforded by the book stores and school children of Tokio and St. Petersburg, one would naturally and inevitably conclude that, in educational facilities, at least, Japan is far in advance of Russia.

MONEY AND EDUCATION

But there is other and more conclusive material for a comparison of the two countries in the matter of culture. Official statistics show that Russia has at school only 4,484,594 pupils, or about 25 per cent of her children of school age, while Japan has under instruction 5,251,502 pupils, or 76 per cent of her children of school age. Russia with a yearly national revenue of about $2,000,000,000 spends for primary education something less than $12,000,000, or 8 cents per capita of her whole population; while Japan with only one-eighth of Russia's revenue, spends for the same purpose nearly $10,000,000, or 34 cents per capita of her whole population. Russia's military expenditure bears to her primary school expenditure the ratio of nearly 18 to 1, while Japan's disbursements for military purposes bear to her primary school expenditure the ratio of less than 4 to 1.

STUDIES COMPARED

So far as the practical utility of the instruction given is concerned, Japan is far in advance of Russia. In Japan the course of study for the primary schools of the first and second grade, comprises reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, Japanese history, elementary science, drawing, singing, gymnastics, and for the girls, sewing. In the higher primary schools, having a four year course, manual labor and the English language, may be substituted for elementary science and singing. In Russia the best of the primary schools have a curriculum far inferior to this in practical utility, while more than half of them—those controlled by the Holy Synod—are devoted chiefly to religion, catechism and choral church singing, with reading and writing as mere incidentals.

Intolerance and bigotry, persecution and exile, meet reformers, civil or religious in Russia. Even now, in time of war, the Orthodox Russian church, established in Tokio by the czar's holy synod, is tolerated and protected and father Nikolai, the Russian priest, is ministering to Japanese converts and carrying on his services as usual.

RUSSIAN AUTOCRACY

The most intolerable features, perhaps, of the czar's bureaucratic system of government is what the Russians themselves call "proizol,"—that is, the substitution of individual violation for legal prescription. In civilized countries laws duly enacted by the legislative branch of the government, and approved by the head of the state, must be obeyed by officials as well as by private citizens; but in Russia such is not the case. A minister, in a private interview with the czar, may obtain the latter's permission, not only to ignore a trouble-some legal provision, but in case of alleged emergency, to disregard the law altogether. The minister may then delegate a part of this illegally acquired authority to the provincial governors; the latter, in turn, may turn over a part of it to the deputies.

The contrast between all this and the state of things which prevails in Japan is so great that one can hardly pass from one to the other without a mental shock. The power of the emperor in Japan is limited by a constitution, and the will of a parliament. Officials, as well as citizens are bound by law, and the laws bear equally upon them all. There are no political crimes, and consequently house searches arbitrary arrests and sentences of exile are unknown.

Every war in which Russia has been engaged since her struggle with the allies in the Crimea, has shown the dishonesty of her officials and the general corruption of her civil service.

HUMANE RUSSIA

As to the humanity of the two nations, the following extract gives the Russian standpoint:

"The Moscow Gazette, the able but unscrupulous journal, edited for some years by M. Katkoff, boldly advocates the indiscriminate slaughtering of the Japanese wounded. "Our great general Suvaroff," it says, "when he fought against the civilized French, very often gave the order 'no quarter' to his troops. This was not cruelty or barbarism; it was necessity. And now necessity forces us in this war with a half savage and barbarous nation, to adhere to Suvaroff's rule of 'no quarter.' In our war with Japan, we are like a man attacked by a viper. It is not enough to frighten it and leave it to hide in a bush, it must be destroyed, and we must do this without considering whether England and the cosmopolitan plutocracy object or not. To burden Russia with thousands of Japanese prisoners, spreading dysentery, typhus and cholera among the Russian people, would, perhaps, be in accordance with humanitarian principles, but it would be very unwise. No quarter and no prisoners should be our motto."

NEW TEST OF SEA POWER

INTEREST IN FAR EASTERN WAR NOW CENTERS IN NAVIES.

NEXT DECISIVE ACTION BETWEEN TOGO AND ROJESTVENSKY.

Once more the center of gravity in the eastern war swings out to sea. The armies of Kouropatkin and Oyama face each other in winter quarters. If the weather permitted an attack, neither seems strong enough to make it. The Russians wait for reinforcements from Europe and the Japanese wait for the release of the Port Arthur army. Meantime the fleets prepare for another test of strength in the China sea.

The Baltic fleet is making steady progress. The cruiser squadron is entering the Indian ocean. The battleships are approaching the Cape of Good Hope. Probably they mean to join somewhere west of Singapore. Neither squadron would trust itself alone in the China sea with the Japanese fleet lurking in its path. The Japanese fleet has been released from the blockade of Port Arthur. That harbor has been closed to Russian ships by the commanding fire of Japanese artillery. The crippled cruisers are frozen up in Vladivostock.

There is no more work for Togo in Japanese waters. He has been improving the time to put his ships in perfect repair. The crews have been prepared and trained to the highest efficiency. A new naval base has been established at the northern outlet of the China sea. His fleet is ready to enter those waters, if it has not done so.

It will pay any one who wishes to follow the naval operations of the next month or so to study a map of the China sea. It is embraced by China, Tonkin, Malay peninsula, the Dutch East Indies and the Philippines. It is entered by Singapore or Batavia from the south and Formosa straits from the north. In those straits are the Pescadores islands, where the Japanese have their new naval base. Here they may await the Baltic fleet, with scout ships spread out in every direction equally prepared to meet it in the China sea or in the Pacific, if the Russians should undertake a wide circuit outside of all the islands.

The chief reason for supposing that the Baltic fleet will enter the China sea is that it will need to coal and refit for the last time in the friendly French port of Saigon. This is in the southern part of the sea only 1000 miles from Singapore. It is highly probable that Japan's swiftest and strongest ships will be found waiting between these two stations. The Russians will be in no condition to meet them before refitting. It is a fair guess whether they will try to slip by in the larkness and winter fogs, or wil ltake their chance of refitting in less friendly ports and try to make the circuit through the open Pacific.

CHURCH SERVICES

St. Saviour's Church—Corner Silica and Ward streets. Holy communion at 6:30 and 8 a.m.; morning prayer and holy communion at 10:30 a.m.; children's service at 3 p.m.; evening service at 7:30; special Christmas music at morning and evening service. Rev. F. H. Graham, rector.

Church of Mary Immaculate—Roman Catholic, corner Ward and Mill streets. Mass at 6:30 a.m., 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; children's as usual; evening service at 7:30 a.m. Special services and music. Rev. Father J. Althoff, priest.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church—Corner Victoria and Kootenay streets. Services at the usual hours. Special music: Morning service, Introit, Glory be to the Father. Hymns, O, Come, all Ye Faithful; O, Little Town of Bethlehem; The Rock that Long in Darkness Pined. Mrs. Parry will sing as a solo, Wilkinson's The Dawn has Come. The anthem will be There Were Shepherds, (Dudley Buck). Evening service: Introit, Hark, What Mean Those Holy Voices? (Dudley Buck); hymns, Hark, the Herald Angels Sing; It Came upon the Midnight Clear; As With Gladness Men of Old. Anthem as at morning service. Rev. J. T. Ferguson, pastor.

Methodist Church — Corner Silica and Josephine streets. Services at usual hours. Solo at evening service by Mrs. Milton Smith. Morning topic "Our possessions in Christ Jesus," evening topic, "Yuletide." Rev. W. W. Baer, pastor.

Emmanuel Congregational Church—Corner Stanley and Silica street. Rev. E. H. Holman, pastor. Services at usual hours.

Baptist Church—Stanley street, near Mill. Morning service as usual. At evening service, Christmas carols will be sung by a choir of 60 children, conducted by R. Robertson. Rev. G. Morton Walker, pastor.

CHRISTMAS EVE TRADE

Merchants of Nelson Had a Very Busy Day

The Christmas eve trade caused a strenuous day to retail dealers of this city, in spite of the fact that buying has been fairly brisk all the preceding week, enough purchases were left until the last to keep every body busy yesterday afternoon and evening. This was especially noticeable in the jewelry, dry goods, millinery, drug and toy stores, but was felt generally in all departments. Some lines have found the season dull, owing to overstocking, but in the vast majority of cases, retail store employees have been kept as busy as they could stand.

A noteworthy feature of this year's Xmas trade has been that purchasers have paid particular attention to the quality of articles. While it is true that very little has been spent upon perishable toys, it is also to be noted that purchases have not been limited to the class of useful household articles. Luxuries and ornaments have received their share of attention but care has been taken by purchasers to secure quality, rather than bulk or quantity.

As compared with other Christmas seasons in Nelson this year has been remarkably good. No depression has been felt generally in any department. A ready sale has been found for really good articles in all departments, and the merchants of the city have reaped a reasonably good harvest.

R. B. KERR RESIGNS.

Has Been Phoenix's City Solicitor Since Incorporation

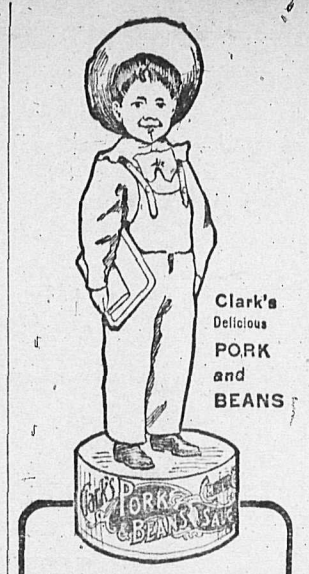
[Special to The Daily News]

Phoenix, Dec. 24.—City solicitor R. B. Kerr has resigned, to take effect December 31st. On account of his wife's ill-health Mr. Kerr will shortly take her to California. Mr. Kerr has been the city's legal advisor since the city was incorporated, four years ago.

John C. Clark, who for a year and a half has been the agent of the C. P. R. here, has been appointed to a similar position at Rossland, and will leave to take up his new duties as soon as his successor here has been appointed and arrives. Mr. Clark's many friends here regret his departure.

Next Tuesday King Edward lodge, No 36, A. F. A. M., will have installation of officers, the date being the anniversary of St. John's day. At the same time the lodge will give an at home.

Darcy Graham, aged 28, died yesterday at the Phoenix general hospital, after a short illness of a combination of diseases. His relatives at Lindsay, Ontario, have been communicated with.



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REUBEN'S FAREWELL

Reuben, the wandering goose, the hero of many a story of adventure, of feather-breadth escape and dirring-do, spent yesterday in the retail department of P. Burns & Company. He was rescued from prison in North Nelson during the darkling hours of Friday evening. It is stated that a fabulous price was paid for his recovery. Be that as it may, his body was recovered. The present possessors declare their intention of restoring him to the lawful owner, J. Fred Hume.

This probably marks the retirement of Reuben from public life. He has had a chequered career, not without honor. He now retires from the common gaze.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S EXCURSION RATES

The Canadian Pacific railway announce they will make rate of a fare and a third between all stations Port Arthur and Vancouver, including branches, for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Tickets will be on sale December 23, 24, 25, 26 also December 30 and 31, January 1 and 2. Tickets sold on above date will be good to return till January 4th, 1905.

Use Lever's Dry Soap (a powder) to wash woolens and flannels,—you'll like it. 32

SITUATION IN MOROCCO

France May Be Compelled to Seize Several Coast Ports.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The crisis in Morocco is assuming a remarkable aspect, leading the government to consider all eventualities, including the possibility and the probability of the occupation of a chain of six or seven of the most important ports, giving France control of the Moroccan coast customs and communication with the outer world. This will not be definitely determined until the sultan responds to the French demands for redress. The occupation of the ports is considered to be more effective than a naval demonstration.

Even the closing of the ports may not bring the sultan to terms unless France is able to send a military expedition from Algeria. However, foreign minister Delcasse is moving cautiously and is still hopeful that a resort to force will be unnecessary. Care also is being taken to avoid the sultan's proclaiming a holy war which would arouse the Mohammedan fanatics.

SUCCESSFUL ARBITRATION.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Arbitration has been employed successfully to settle wage scale differences between office building managers and 200 stationary firemen employed in 150 down town office blocks. The arbitration tribunal has been in session for two weeks.

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Under the entire management of C. F. Bell.

Will be supplied with all the delicacies of the season. None but white help employed. Bar in connection.

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Two blocks from City Wharf. The best dollar a day house in Nelson.

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Nice airy rooms, newly furnished; bath for guests.

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RATES $1 PER DAY

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THE B.C. ASSAY & CHEMICAL SUPPLY Co., Ltd., Vancouver, B. C.—Importers and Dealers in Assayers' Supplies. Sole agents in British Columbia for the celebrated Battersea Crucibles, Scorifiers and Muffles and Wm. Ainsworth & Co.'s fine Balances, Chemical and Physical Apparatus, C. P. Acids and Chemicals, Platinum, Sodium and Potassium Cyanide, Quicksilver, Carbonate and Bicarbonate of Soda, Borax, Borax Glass, Silver Free Lead and Litharge.

SOCIETY CARDS

ABERDEEN HIVE, No. 12, L. O. T. M.—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. of each month in K. of P. Hall, Vernon Street, next to post office. Visiting members cordially invited.
MARY MATTHEW, L.C.
MINNIE RITCHIE, Record Keeper

FOR SALE

OLD CURIOSITY SHOP—If you want to buy or sell anything go to the Old Curiosity Shop. Always in stock a full line Crockery, Furniture and Glassware.

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TENTS and Awnings—We have a full line of tent and awning goods and can make any design of tents and awnings on the shortest notice. F. J. Squire, Baker street.

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NOTICE

I hereby give notice that at the meeting of the Board of Licence Commissioners of the Ainsworth Licence District, to be held at the Mining Recorder's Office at Trout Lake on 15th December, 1904, I shall apply for permission to transfer my licence for the King Hotel at Ainsworth, to George P. Fournier.

A. W. GOODENOUGH.
14th November, 1904.

NOTICE

Take notice that it is my intention to apply to the Board of License Commissioners of Ymir District at their next regular meeting on December 15th, 1904, for a transfer from myself to John M. Richardson of Sirdar, B. C. of the hotel license for the Sirdar Hotel, situate at Sirdar, B. C.

Dated at Nelson, B. C., this 14th day of November, 1904.

GEORGE W. BARTLETT
Witness, HARRY WRIGHT

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We wish our many friends and customers
A Merry Christmas
J. J. WALKER, Jeweler and Optician

NELSON'S NEWS OF THE DAY

Born, yesterday morning, to the wife of Joseph Duhamel, Hume Addition, a son.

A son was born to the wife of Dr. Morrison, Silica street, Friday, Dec. 24.

The Ladies of the Maccabees will hold their regular meeting on Friday, Dec. 30.

George Stillwell, from the Hewitt mine, near Silverton, is in the city to spend Christmas with T. Gallon.

It has been decided to close Everybody's club hereafter until further notice, to boys under 16 years of age.

There will be no tramway service today. The employees of the company will be given a Christmas holiday as usual.

Tomorrow being the festival of St. Stephen, there will be a celebration of the holy communion in St. Saviour's church at 10:30 a.m.

The gun club's shoot begins Monday morning at 10 o'clock sharp. Everything has been arranged to ensure a successful and satisfactory contest.

John A Turner received a cable last evening announcing the safe arrival in England of Mrs. Turner, where she has gone to spend Christmas with her daughter.

A Christmas service will be held in the provincial gaol Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at which the city ministers will be present. At the close of the service Christmas cheer will be distributed.

The London Bioscope company closed a very successful three nights' run by exhibiting to another crowded house last evening. All who have seen the bio-tableaux are enthusiastic in their praise.

The lost diamond ring that caused a sensation in the Hume hotel Friday evening was found yesterday morning in one of the pockets of the capacious waistcoat of Col. W. N. Brayton. It was the colonel himself that lost it.

The windows of P. Burns & Co.'s retail department were suitably dressed yesterday. O encontained three solemn owls, whose heads wagged soberly. The other contained the carcasses of deer arranged as if hiding in grass.

Owing to the coincidence of Sunday and Monday both being holidays, and the great number of Christmas parcels arriving, postmaster J. A. Gibson has decided that the wickets shall be open on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and on Monday from 10 to 12 a.m.

The city band serenaded a number of business houses last night and will be out again on Monday. The band is deserving of consideration at this season and it is to be hoped that its rounds on Monday will be the means of securing substantial additions to the treasury.

Owing to the absence of the pastor, Rev. E. H. H. Holman, services at Emmanuel Congregational church will be conducted today by G. M. Marshall and H. Lawrence. Monday evening all members of the congregation are invited to an entertainment to be given by the children.

There will be the best of Christmas cheer at all the city hotels today and tomorrow. Many of the hotel dining rooms have been elaborately decorated for the occasion. The Nelson Cafe has also made special preparations to entertain its patrons today and tomorrow. Those who for one cause or another have to eat their Christmas dinners at any one of the city hotels or restaurants will find that there will be nothing lacking in the way of good things to eat and drink.

There will be a Christmas tree and entertainment at the Salvation Army barracks tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. A special program has been arranged including bar drills, scarf drills, action song and solos by the juniors. Santa Claus will appear with gifts for all. All are invited.

There was no lack of refreshments at this office last night. Well wishers of The Daily News staff sent in a bounteous supply of cigars and bottled beer, as well as other delicacies of a milder nature. Thanks are due to J. Y. Griffin & Co., McDermid & McHardy, Nelson Brewing Co., Wm. Cranston and others for their thoughtfulness.

Eugene Archambault, aged 24, died at his home in this city at 10 o'clock yesterday morning after a very brief illness. He was taken sick a week ago with pneumonia and rheumatic fever. Notwithstanding the best of medical attention and nursing he grew rapidly worse and expired yesterday morning. His father, who is in Fernie at present, has been notified and the arrangements for the funeral will be deferred pending word from him.

ANNUAL MINING REVIEW

As previously announced The Daily News annual review of the mining industry in Southern British Columbia, will be issued on Sunday, January 1st. Orders for this issue should be sent to this office at once accompanied by cash at the rate of 5 cents per copy. Intending advertisers should apply for space immediately. This issue will be widely circulated and will afford an unexcelled medium of publicity.

MOBOLIZATION PROCEEDS QUIETLY

St. Petersburg, Dec. 24—The mobilization which began December 22, is proceeding quietly. No disturbances are reported from any quarter.

Christmas dinner today at the Nelson Cafe from 2 to 8 p.m. Nothing forgotten.

All those who have no homes will be royally entertained at the Nelson Cafe from 2 to 8 p.m. today.

The Nelson Cafe is the orphans' home today. A Christmas dinner as you used to have it at home from 2 to 8 p.m.

For first class dry cord wood ring up Yale-Kootenay Ice Co., Telephone 148.

E. O. Windsor, piano tuner, will be in town in a few days. Leave orders with the Canada Drug & Book company.

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Wholesale and Retail Dealers in
Go Carts, Window Shades, Curtain Poles, Squares and Rugs, Linoleums, Mattings, Fancy Baskets, Iron Beds, Office Desks, Book Cases, China Closets, Buffetts and Picture Framing to order.
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A Merry Xmas
We wish our numerous friends and customers in Nelson and West Kootenay A Merry Christmas and all the joys of this festive season.

"There is so much bad in the best of us—
And so much good in the worst of us—
That it hardly behooves any of us—
To talk about the rest of us."

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BELL TRADING CO.
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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

We wish you all
A Very Merry Christmas
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Gentlemen's and Boys' Goods
When looking for a natty suit, overcoat, smoking jacket, bath robe, hat, or a handsome tie, gloves, braces, suit case, umbrella, or any nice toggery, for your Xmas purchases, you will find all these articles to your taste at our store under the sign of the
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Boys' suits are still sold at a discount of 25 per cent.
J. H. WALLACE
The Men's Outfitter

Christmas Presents
For the Children
Why buy expensive ones? They are very soon broken. We have a nice range of inexpensive novelties filled with Chocolates, from 10c to 50c These will give a child just as much pleasure as an expensive article.
SEE OUR DISPLAY TABLE.
Tom Smith Crackers .....25c and 40c
Christmas Stockings....10c, 25c and 40c
J. G. SIMPSON & CO.
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EWERT BROS.
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Peace on earth
Good will to men
McDermid & McHardy

Xmas 1904
We wish you one and all a very Merry Christmas.
Corner Baker And Ward Streets
Kerr & Co.
P.S.—Our store will be closed Monday