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ARBITRATION WILL PREVAIL

Venezuelans Urge Castro to Make Terms

Sir Robert Giffen Advises Britain to Cry Off

London, Dec. 17.—"If the seizure of Venezuelan gunboats does not result as we all hope, it will be necessary to proceed to a blockade."

In a speech in the house of commons during which premier Balfour made the above statement, he conveyed the impression that arbitration on some basis might be accepted. Immediately after having spoken these words the premier said that in the event of a blockade no difference would be made between the ships of neutral powers who would not be consulted. He then ridiculed the idea of a peaceful blockade, and when he said: "I think it likely that the United States would not think there is such a thing as a pacific blockade, and I personally take the same view that evidently a blockade does involve a state of war," the house expressed its approbation. Throughout the discussion the tenor of the questions and answers showed regard for the views of the United States.

Mr. Balfour assured the house that the papers in the Venezuelan matter were in course of being prepared as rapidly as possible, and answering a question by sir William Harcourt, he said they would include the communication with reference to Venezuela that had passed between his majesty's government and the United States. Sir William Vernon-Harcourt asked this question, "so we may know how we stand with reference to the government of the United States." Premier Balfour gave no hint to the house as to the ultimate result of the arbitration proposal, and nothing further in this respect has been given out at the foreign office.

London, Dec. 18.—The developments in the Venezuelan trouble as revealed by premier Balfour's statements yesterday in parliament, have resulted in bringing out in the press this morning stronger expressions than ever of the desire to reach some pacific settlement of the difficulty. It is said on behalf of the government that even in last July when German co-operation was first mooted, the British government fully recognized the possibility of war with Venezuela, and only postponed action until the winter, at the suggestion of the admiralty ,and in order to avoid the unhealthy season. On the other hand those who declare that the government of the United States forced the government of Great Britain into a virtual declaration of war are not lacking. Certainly a considerable portion of the British public was rather disagreeably surprised to find that Great Britain actually was at war, and that this war might for many months to come require the presence of a large naval force in Venezuelan waters, and put a stop to all British trade with Venezuela. Added to this is the apprehension as to whether or not Germany would be willing to accept the status of a belligerent blockade which would entail the stoppage of her trade also.

Henry Norman, M. P., in a newspaper article published this morning, in which he emphasizes the dangers of the position into which Germany is dragging Great Britain, contends that the only safe and dignified course for Great Britain is to seek satisfaction through co-operation with the United States. Mr. Norman asserts that "serious and urgent warnings, private in their origin, but virtually official in their destination have been cabled from the United States during the last few days."

Mr. Norman's opinion reflects a very widespread feeling with regard to the Anglo-German agreement, and concerning the question of how the United States would view the exstence of a state of warfare between the powers and Venezuela.

The newspapers this morning ask what would happen should Germany choose to seize Margarita island as a base for the blockade.

The Daily News, in an editorial article, roundly declares that the new European concert is not to coerce a bankrupt republic but is a revolt against the Monroe doctrine.

The education bill having passed all its stages yesterday, parliament will be prorogued today. Consequently no information concerning Venezuela will be gathered from the ministers except as parliamentary papers are occasionally issued.

A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from The Hague says that all rumors that Holland s acting against Venezuela are at least premature. The Dutch government intends to remain strictly neutral in the matter.

Rome, Dec. 17.—The announcement of the presentation yesterday afternoon of Italy's ultimatum to Venezuela was received here with general satisfaction. Apart from the desire to recover the clams of Italian subjects there has been a long standing ill-feeling between the two countries consequent on the persistent hostility shown by the ruling clerical element in Venezuela against Italy on account of the struggle between the vatican and the quirinal.

Premier Senardelli, and foreign minister Prinetti are discussing the measures to be adopted should the ultimatum not have the desired effect.

Rome, Dec. 17.—The Italian cruiser Agordat has been ordered to proceed at once for Venezuela.

London, Dec. 18.—The Times this morning gives great prominence to a letter from sir Robert Giffen declaring that the foreign office gravely blundered in associating itself with Germany against Venezuela Sir Robert contends that a blockade will be useless against a bankrupt state while the seizure of the customs will be tantamount to annexation, and full of danger considering the peculiar relations of Venezuela to the United States. "Further," continued the writer, "however much we may bring Venezuela to its knees, no solvent government will remain with which to deal." Sir Robert strikes his most alarming note when he refers to the danger of Germany embroiling Great Britain with the United States. He believes Germany would not hesitate to occupy Venezuelan territory, and he thinks the less said about British claims the better. He says he doubts if Great Britain has any good moral claims against Venezuela, and concludes with these words: "The best course is to cry off at all hazards, and at the utmost exact punishment for the injured seamen by getting hold, if possible, of the guilty Venezuelan officials."

The Times without endorsing sir Robert's gloomy views and while it repudiates his suspicions of Germany, says it cannot hide from itself either the actual or the contingent difficulties involved in this most disagreeable undertaking.

Brussels, Dec. 17.—The Belgian claims against Venezuela amount to several million francs. They arise chiefly from the non-payment of interest on Venezuelan government bonds, issued as purchase money for the water works at Caracas, which was promoted by a Belgian company.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The following cable was sent today by the navy department to admiral Dewey, in command of the combined fleets, addressed to San Juan: "Send competent officer with dispatch, in torpedo boat destroyer or other vessel, to Caracas, as assistant to American minister."

The following cablegram was sent to commander Diehl, of the Marietta, now lying at La Guaira: "Send Vandusen (executive officer of the Marietta) as assistant to the American minister temporarily." The officer from Dewey's fleet will retire lieutenant-commander Vandusen, who is only an hour distant from Caracas when he arrives upon the scene. While no explanation is given for the above orders, it is believed that these measures are being taken to guard against an interruption in the cable connecting Mr. Bowen with his home government.

It was stated at the navy department that one reason for sending the officers to Caracas was the fact that Mr. Bowen is almost overwhelmed with the amount of work imposed upon him by his many charges. He has nearly all of the English residents in Caracas domiciled in the Amreican legation, and is feeding them from his own table. As for the torpedo boat destroyer, it is pointed out that it will serve as a dispatch boat, to keep Mr. Bowen in touch with the nearest cable station to La Guaira, which can be relied upon to transmit messages to Washington in case the La Guaira cable is cut as an incident to the blockade.

No further orders than that noted above went forward to Dewey today, but secretary Moody expects to have ready by tomorrow his orders for distribution of the vessels of the combined fleet. Up to the present moment he has not reached any settled determination as to any one ship. There will be no effort. on the part of this government to resist a war blockade of the Venezuelan coast as against merchant ships. Custom requires that due notice shall be given of the blockade, and that fact, taken in connection with the declarations that have been made in the British parliament by the authorized representatives of the British government will, it is understood, be sufficient to justify all neutral nations in the understanding that a state of war does actually exist. This might in the end require the issue of a proclamation of neutrality by president Roosevelt, but this, it is stated, would not be timely now.

The state department has received no response thus far to the message sent to the European foreign officials relative to the arbitration proposed. It is not known here whether president Castro will consent to apologize as a condition precedent to arbitration, but it is hoped that minister Bowen can induce him to do so, if this would be sufficient to meet the demands of the allies. If apologies are tendered and accepted, some time will be spent in arrangement of the basis upon which the arbitration should be conducted. This will be a difficult problem, for it is anticipated that the allies will base their acceptance of the arbitration on an agreement by Venezulea to instruct the arbitrators to accept certain principles in advance which would commit Venezuela to a recognition of an indebtedness of about $15,000,000. Still the state department is hopeful that arbitration will prevail, for the alternative is now realized to be actual war between the allies and Venezuela.

Caracas, Dec. 17.—Indications here are that Venezuela will yield to the demands of the allies. The leading citizens of Caracas have addressed a joint note to president Castro asking him to give full powers to United States minister Bowen, to effect a termination of the present difficulty.

This note was transmitted to president Castro at 1 o'clock today. It is signed by all the leading merchants, bankers and agriculturists of Caracas. It reflects truly the concensus of current opinion among the business element of this city. The men who signed the note will meet again tonight to discuss ways and means to obtain money by which Venezuela can meet her obligations as well as the guarantees which it will be possible to offer to her creditors.

The note is as follows:

"Caracas, Dec. 17.—To the president of the United States of Venezuela: Sir—The undersigned have met with the purpose of offering their aid to the government of Venezuela in the present conflicting situation, which has been created by the aggressive attitude of Germany and Great Britain, and upon your request to give our opinions in writing we address you in the following terms:

"In view of the acts of violence already committed, and of the absolute impotence of Venezuela to meet force with force in response to the allied action of Germany and Great Britan; in view also of the fact that Venezuela has exhausted all the means required by civilization and diplomacy to put an end to the present situation, and the government and people of Venezuela having complied honorably and worthily to the demands of the national honor, we consider with all due respect, that the moment to yield to force has arrived. We respectfully recommend that full power be given to the minister of the United States of America, authorizing him to carry out proper measures to terminate the present conflict in the manner least prejudicial to the interests of Venezuela.

"We subscribe ourselves, your obedient servants: (Signed), J. E. Linares, H. L. Boulton, Carlos Santana, Nicomedes Zuloaga, Carlos Zuloaga, F. Desales, Perez Montauban, L. Chapellin, Juan Herrera, Juan A. A. Travieso, Y. DeJ. Paut."

In addition to the names given the note is signed by about 200 other prominent citizens of Caracas.

The blockade of La Guaira, notification of which in the names of Great Britain and Germany was communicated to the Venezuelan government December 13th, went into effect today. The order applies to Venezuelan vesels only.

Caracas, Dec. 17.—It has been decided that the Venezuelan difficulty shall be arbitrated and the discussion of terms of settlement is now going on United states minister Bowen undoubtedly will be one of the arbitrators. The government fears that coercive measures will follow the establishment of the blockade.

The awakening of the Venezuelan people to the present situation of their country is accompaned by a feeling of bitterness and sorrow. Their fleet has been destroyed and their pride has been deeply wounded. They are now resigned to accept the affront which they consider has been offered them by the allies. During the last ten days president Castro has acted with extraordinary energy. He has transformed the entire country into a vast camp, having raised more than 40,000 men, whom he has well armed, equipped, and transported from every direction to La Guaira and Puerto Cabello, hoping that the allies would attempt to land at one or both of these points. But there has been a change of feeling, and the prominent men of Venezuela who were at one time ready to lead the people in the defence of their country now consider that justification to take the men of the republic away from their families and their work does not exist. They have resolved to discover a means to bring about arbitration, or at least treat with the allies.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The Paris correspondent of the Matin says in a dispatch: "It is announced that the allies intend to bombard Fort San Carlos, in the gulf of Maracaibo, today. Sixteen hundred revolutionists, under general Ramos, have occuped Rio Chico, in the state of Miranda.

President Castro and Elmocho Hernandez met today and assured each other that they would forget the past.

London, Dec. 18.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Willemstad, Curacao, dated December 17th says the Venezuelan rebels are approaching Valencia. The population of Caracas is urging president Castro to resign.

It is rumored in Willemstad, says the correspondent, that the president is in hiding. It is reported that British marines have landed at Ciudad Bolivar, on the Orinoco.

RUSSIAN TOWN.

Destroyed by an Earthquake.—Thirty Thousand People Homeless.

Askabad, Russian Turkestan, Dec. 16.—The town of Andijan, Ferghan government, was totally destroyed by an earthquake today. The number of fatalities is not yet ascertained. The population is threatened with starvation. Shocks were felt in the surrounding villages, and the railway was destroyed for a considerable distance. Food and clothing is being sent to the sufferers. Andijan is a town of Russian Asia, 73 miles from Khokand, and has a population of about 30,600.

AN ALL-WINTER JOB.

Five Hundred Flat Cars Ordered by the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Dec. 17.—The Algoma Central car shops have received an order for 500 flat cars for the Canadian Pacific railway. The order will keep the shops going night and day all winter.

MONTREAL SHORT OF COAL.

Montreal Dec. 16.—The city council today passed a resolution calling on Hon. A. G. Blair, minister of railways, to give Montreal a cheap rate on coal shipments over the Intercolonial. The city will purchase large quantities of soft coal to relieve the coal famine.

BUYING UP PLANTS.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, announced today the purchase of the Union, and Sharon plants, of the Union Steel company, near Pittsburg, the transaction involving a bond issue of $45,000,000.

NO JAPANESE CAN REGISTER

Privy Council's Decision in Tommey Homma Case

Provincial Voters' Lists are Safeguarded

Victoria, Dec. 17.—(Special to The Daily News.)—The privy council have decided that Japanese, whether naturalized or not, cannot register as voters in the province of British Columbia. This decision was given in the Tommey Homma case, in which the province appealed from the late chief justice's decision that the provincial legislature could not enact a provision which excludes Japanese and Chinese, whether naturalized or not, from the voters' lists. The case has been carried through all the courts, and is now finally disposed of.

CLAIM IT WAS NOT FAIR

OPERATORS WAGES STATEMENT NOT CORRECT.

ANOTHER DAY WITH THE COAL STRIKE COMMISSION.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 17.—The anthracite coal operators opened their side of the controversy with the mine workers today, before the strike commission, and the attorneys for the non-union men began calling witnesses. The session today was possibly the liveliest that had been attended.

Simon P. Wolverton, counsel for the Reading company, made the point that the recognition of the union is not an issue before the commission, which brought out a protest from Mr. Darrow, the latter claiming that if it were not, then the operators should be forbidden from presenting testimony tending to show that the union was responsible for all the alleged violence attempted during the strike.

Several little girls had testified on Monday that they worked all night in a silk mill in order to help their fathers get along, who were employed in the mines and received poor pay.

Yesterday Everett Warren, who represents the Pennsylvania Coal company, handed to the commission a memorandum showing that one father, last year received about $1,400 for himself and laborer, and that another father received $1,600 for himself and laborer. At the opening of the session toady the miners placed the two parents on the stand and they swore that the earnings mentioned was divided among from four to six men.

General manager May said: "The Pennsylvania Coal company has two systems, one where four men work in a place and known as a four-handed place, and another where there are only two men, and known as a two-handed place." Mr. Darrows crossexamined him, and the latter said he did not know whether two, four or six men were worked to earn the money indicated on the memorandum handed to the commission, adding that he got the figures from the auditor of the company. Mr. Darrow challenged the good faith of Mr. May, who handed the figures to the company's attorney for presentation to the commission, and said it was unfair to have given them to him, or to the commission, without indicating how many worked to earn this sum. The miners here rested their case.

The attorneys representing the non-union men first called five witnesses, who testified that the strikers had killed one man and had more or less seriously injured two other men who worked during the suspension. Mr. Darrow asked who was paying for the lawyers who were representing the non-union men; and then ensued the liveliest time that has occurred in the sessions of the commission. The chairman said it made no difference if the operators were paying for the lawyers. The commissioners thought it immaterial who was back of the non-union men. At 5 o'clock the commission adjourned until tomorrow.

SHERMAN ANTI-TRUST LAW

TO BE ENFORCED AND ALL THE VIOLATERS PROSECUTED.

UNANIMOUS ACTION OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Mr. Bartlett, a Georgia democrat, during the consideration of the legislative appropriation today in the house, unexpectely and without warning, sprang an amendment to appropriate $250,000 to enforce the Sherman anti-trust law, and to direct the attorney-general to proceed with the prosecution of all violaters of the law. Although such a provision was plainly amenable to a point of order, not a member on the other side of the house raised objections. Both sides wheeled into line, and all agreed that some such action was advisable. Some of the republicans, however, raised objection to the looseness of the language of the amendment, and Mr. Hepburn (Iowa) offered as a substitute the language of the bill he introduced on the opening day of the session to appropriate $500,000 for the enforcement of the law. This was further strengthened, and to make the appropriation immediately available the substitute was acceded to without division. The legislative bill was passed practically as it came from the committee, except for the amendment.

HILL'S RETIREMENT.

James J. Talks About Terrific Rush of Modern Methods.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—In an interview at the Chicago club, James J. Hill talked of his prospective retirement from active business. He gave as his reason the change in business methods and the terrific rush at which the growth of this generation enacts large ventures.

"He has new ideas, he is daring, he is quick to see, quick to grasp the situation. He is tricky, not dishonest, maybe, but tricky, nevertheless. He surrounds us on all sides. I am going out of his way before he pushes me.

"It's always a good thing not to be pushed or so to arouse anyone that he will resort to force. Now, if James J. Hill, old timer, gets his back up and defies the young man of today, that young man if going to fight.

"He knows more, has more tricks, calls upon the new fangled ideas of the day and he forces the old man to a back seat.

"For years—I can hardly count them—I have had my shoulder to the wheel. I like it—hardly think I can ever make up my mind to take it away, but I must. I know that.

"Don't think I am worn out. I am not. I'm in good health and still hope to live many days.

"Still the progressive age—it always looms up in front of me, and I know that J. J. Hill cannot combat with the spirit of time."

"Then, Mr. Hill, you are going to take the rest of your life in ease, going to give up your railroad connection?"

"Yes; in time. I am rather deep into many things. Some of them I want to keep my hand on the rest of my days. But I think I've earned a rest. I've worked hard and long and enjoyed it. I have sons who have grown to manhood. They should take an active part, and they do. Jim Hill's boys have worked hard. They started at the first round and have been pulling themselves up step by step. I'm just a bit proud of them. They have had to work, and now they have climbed not by my efforts."

"Can a young man of today gain the top as readily as in your younger days?"

"Well, that depends. I hardly think he has as hard work. He has more chances. There are more opportunities, but he must be honest, must be quick. If the young man is willing to do that he can put himself in any position he wants. There is a growing demand for the young man of ability."

INCREASE OF PLAGUE.

San Francisco the Danger Point—Precautions Taken in B. C.

Victoria, Dec. 17.—Dr. Fagan, secretary of the British Columbia board of health, has sent the following letter to all officials of the provincial boards of health: "I enclose regulations re plague. I do so because of the increase of plague in San Francisco. From March, 1900, to November 15th, 1902, there have been 89 deaths from plague in San Francisco. Sixteen of these have occurred since 9th of September of this year."

He has also warned all quarantine officers to be on active guard and close inspection will be maintained on steamers arriving from San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Advices just received from Honolulu, state that investigation proves that foor stuffs shipped to Honolulu from Japan and China, via San Francisco, are responsible for the cases of plague, recently appearing there. A number of Japanese on nearby plantations were taken with the plague, and died in a hospital in Honolulu. An examination of their effects was made, but no trace of the germ was discovered until thorough tests were made of some of the Japanese food found in the house, these foods under the microscope, showed a trace of the plague germs, and further examinations made of the Oriental stuffs showed that the diagnosis was correct. It was learned also that the food stuffs had been imported at San Francisco and re-shipped to Honolulu.

WANTED TOO MUCH.

Greenwood Council Turn Down Foundry Bonus Application.

Greenwood, Dec. 17.—(Special to The Daily News.)—An application for a bonus in aid of a foundry and ironworks that the applicant was willing to start at Greenwood under conditions exceptionally favorable to himself was "turned down" at the last meeting of the Greenwood city council, the aldermen not being disposed to pay so dearly for the establishment of any such industry.

Will Haynes, well known along the boundary line from Midway to the Similkameen, has been appointed a provincial constable. He will be stationed at Hedley City, where the owners of the Nickel Plate group of mines on Twenty-Mile creek, are putting in a stamp mill and other works, and will do patrol duty up and down the Similkameen river from that point.

THE LIBERAL CANDIDATE.

R. G. Macpherson Choice of Convention to Contest Burrard.

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—(Special to The Daily News.)—At the liberal convention held here tonight to elect a candidate to contest the vacancy in Burrard, caused by the death of G. R. Maxwell, R. S. Macpherson, druggist, of this city, obtained 65 votes, W. G. Grant 11, and Jim Webster 7. Macpherson's nomination was made unanimous. As "Bob" is very popular among the business men, as well as with all other classes of the community, his election is practically assured.

The candidature of ex-governor McInnes is no regarded seriously by any one.

So far the conservatives have not made any move in the direction of putting a candidate in the field.

A "BUG" PIN STORY.

How a Drummer Lost a Breast Pin and Where it Was Found.

A peculiar charge of theft involving some unusual features was partially tried at the office of the provincial police last evening before stipendiary magistrate Crease, and was adjourned till this afternoon at 2 o'clock. On Friday, December 12th, Robert Hamilton, of the firm of John Choldítch & Co., was a passenger on the steamer Moyie from Nelson, on his way over the Crow's Nest. In his grip he had a rare Brazilian bug mounted in gold, forming a necktie pin. On reaching Cranbrook he missed the pin, and as it had been in his grip on the Moyie when last opened, he was about to wire back, but decided to wait till he returned to Nelson to enquire on the boat about it. On Sunday evening he met a commercial traveller from Nelson to whom he spoke about the loss of the pin, and the latter said that he had seen a similar pin in the tie of a waiter on the Moyie the previous day. So struck had he been with the resemblance of this pin to the one worn by Hamilton that he had asked the wearer regarding it. The case was reported to the port steward and resulted in the charge of theft being laid against John H. Dennitts, the waiter on whom a "bug" pin had been seen.

The prosecution was conducted by W. H. Bullock-Webster, chief of provincial police, and a number of employees of the boat were brought up as witnesses. A fellow waiter of the accused testified that a few days after the pin had been missed he had noticed it in Dennitts' possession, and after some conversation regarding it they had decided to "match" cards for it, Dennitts putting up the pin, and the witness a dollar. On the first round he lost his dollar, but on a subsequent try he was successful. Later, when the pin was enquired about, he handed it over to the port steward, and informed him where he had obtained it. Dennitts had told the witness that he had bought it on the coast of South America, where the bugs could be bought very cheaply. The other witnesses were men who had seen the matching of cards referred to, and to whom Dennitts had told that he had got the pin on the South American coast, and had it mounted in England.

The prisoner stated that he had seen a solicitor, Mr. S. S. Taylor, who was unable to be present that evening but could appear the following day. He asked several questions of the witnesses regarding his alleged statements to them, but wished to have the case remanded to prepare his defence. This was acceded to by the magistrate, who remanded the case till today, to allow the accused the opportunity of obtaining counsel.

TROUBLE OVER HATCHERY.

Provincial Authorities Said to Be Meddling Where They Have No Business

Victoria, Dec. 17.—(Special to The Daily News.)—There is some likelihood of a clash between the government of British Columbia and the dominion government over the action of the local government in building a hatchery at Lillooet. Officials of the fisheries' department of the dominion say that the province is going beyond its jurisdiction in the matter, and that as soon as Prefontaine returns to Ottawa the matter will be taken up with British Columbia.

A ROYAL GODMOTHER.

London, Dec. 17.—Queen Alexandra acted as godmother at the christening today of Lord Mandeville, the heir of the duke and duchess of Manchester. Her majesty signed the register with the duke and duchess of Manchester, marquis de Soverall, the Portugese minister; count Von Mendsdorff, secretary of the Austria-Hungary embassy, earl de Grey, lady Lister-Kaye and others.

The queen's present to her godchild was a silver bowl and spoon inscribed: "To Alexander George, viscount Mandeville, from Alexandra Regina, December 17th, 1902."

STORMS AT SEA.

St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 17.—The Allan liner Siberian arrived here today from Liverpool. She encountered furious gales which swept her decks and smashed her life boats.

Three schooners with crews aggregating 23 men are missing and the government has dispatched a tug in search of them. Fears are entertained, however, that the schooners have been lost in the gales of the past fortnight.

INTERCOLONIAL EARNINGS

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The Intercolonial railway is making a wonderful record in the matter of earnings this year. From the 1st of July to the 1st of December the traffic receipts exceeded those for the same period of last year by $320,000.

NEW AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY.

Adelaide, Dec. 17.—The South Australian government will specifically advertise for bids in America, England, Germany and France, for construction of a transcontinental railway from Adelaide to Port Darwin, on land grant principle.

C. P. R. ORDER FOR LOCOMOTIVES.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—The Canadian Pacific has given another order for 70 locomotives making a total of 110 within a month. Twenty will be got from Scotland, and the balance from Schenectady.

GERMAN BANK ROBBED.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—The Barmstadter bank has been defrauded of $175,000, owing to false entries on the part of a bookkeeper Nessler, who had charge of the deposits. Nessler has been missing since Sunday.

MANY PEOPLE FROZEN.

Vienna, Dec. 17.—According to dispatches from Hungary, 63 persons were frozen to death there during the last three days. Wolves are devastating sheep folds and have devoured three shepherds.

DAMAGES AWARDED

Five Thousand Dollars for Widow and Children

Verdict for Plaintiff in Le Roi No. 2 Suit

At the sittings of the supreme court yesterday, the action of Hoskins against the Le Roi No. 2 company continued from the previous day, occupied the court's time for the better part of the day.

At the conclusion of the evidence during the afternoon session, and after counsel and the court had addressed the jury, five questions were submitted for the consideration of the eight men "good and true," who retired, and after an hour's deliberation, brought in their finding, about 5 o'clock, answering the questions, and awarding the plaintiff $5,000 damages for the death of her husband.

The questions submitted by the court and the answers thereto by the jury, through their foreman, A. L. McKillop, were as follows:

1. Have the defendants, or their servants, done anything which persons of ordinary care and skill under the circumstances would not have done, or have they or their servants omitted to do anything which persons of ordinary care and skill under the circumstances would have done?

Answer—Yes.

2. If yes; what was it?

Answer—Failure of the defendant company to provide proper and accurate working plans of the Annie shaft, showing the distance between the roof of the 300-foot level and the bottom of the Annie shaft.

3. Have the defendants or their servants by such act of commission or omission caused injury to the plaintiff?

Answer—Yes.

4. If you find in answering the first question that the company or its servants was or were guilty of any act or omission, who was or were the person or persons, if any, who did such act or made such omission?

Answer—The defendant company.

5. Damages, if any.

Answer—Total, $5,000, divided as follows: Elizabeth Jane Hoskins (widow) $3,000; William John Hoskins, (son) $1,150; Stanley Hoskins (son), $850.

After the jury had been discharged, E. P. Davis, K.C., addressed the court briefly, contending that the finding of the jury as recorded was in favor of the defendant company, and asking that judgment should be entered up for them. Counsel urged that the case did not come under the provisions of the employers' liability act, and that at common law the defendants were clearly not liable. The real party at fault was Turnbull, the surveyor, who had failed to supply a proper plan of the workings, and by their answer to the second question the jury had so found, although by their answer to the fourth question they sought to lay the responsibility upon the company generally. "A way," added counsel, "that juries have when dealing with corporations in such cases." Turnbull was not one "having superintendence," but was a fellow workman, and under the authorities the company was not liable for the result of the accident which followed Turnbull's faulty work.

At the conclusion of Mr. Davis' argument the court was adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning, when S. S. Taylor, K.C., will address the court on behalf of the plaintiff.

During the day two other cases were disposed of. In Robinson vs. Fishburne an action on a promissory note, in which the defence set up the plea that the note was given in payment of a gambling debt, judgment was given for the plaintiff for $300 and county court costs. S. S. Taylor, K.C., and James O'Shea appeared for the plaintiff, and W. A. Macdonald, K. C., for the defendants.

McLeod vs. Waterman was an action arising out of a tax sale held in Nelson as far back as 1898, in which the legality of the sale was questioned. An order was made in the action some time ago by chief justice Hunter, directing that the action be set down for hearing at the next sittings at Nelson, or in default of so doing that it be dismissed with costs. For some unexplained reason the action was not set down as directed, and after hearing what counsel had to say, Mr. justice Martin held that he was bound by the terms of the order referred to, and that there was no case really before him. The learned judge declined to make any order, and directed the registrar to enter a note in his book in accordance with the facts.

S. S. Taylor, K.C., and James O'Shea appeared for the defendants, and W. A. Macdonald, K.C., and R. S. Lennie for the plaintiffs. The plaintiff's solicitors are Messrs. Wilson & Senkler, of Vancouver.

A P. E. I. DISASTER.

Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Dec. 17.—The market house here was burned to the ground this morning. Loss, $10,000; insurance, $5,000.

DEATH OF EASTERN PARSON.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—Rev. D. J. Caswell, for 25 years identified with the Anglican church in Huron county, is dead, aged 57 years.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY.

INCORPORATED 1670.

Plum Pudding Time

IS HERE, AND WE HAVE JUST PUT INTO STOCK A CONSIGNMENT OF

English Plum Pudding — 1 lb 40c; 2 lbs 65c; 3 lbs 90c

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A CLEAR PRONOUNCEMENT.

The property owners of Nelson testified in no uncertain manner yesterday to their belief in the municipal ownership of public utilities, and they also went on record as being unmistakeably in favor of the extension of the city's power plant. It is always satisfactory in an election of any kind for the vote to be so pronounced one way or the other as to leave no room for doubt as to the real wishes of the electorate. A vote of three to one settles beyond peradventure the wishes of the property owners of Nelson in the matter of the loan bylaw. Almost without exception the small property owners, the men who have put their savings into the purchase of homes, voted in favor of the bylaw. This is significant. There is a confidence in the future of Nelson, and in the capacity of its citizens to operate necessary public utilities that cannot fail to favorably impress the outside world.

The passage of the bylaw entails a very grave responsibility upon the new council, yet to be elected. Up to the present no very great interest has been evinced in the forthcoming municipal elections. It is now of the utmost importance that wise discretion should be exercised in the choice of men to manage the city's affairs. A first essential will be the choice of a mayor of proved business ability, who will be able to devote a very considerable portion of his time to the duties of his office. He should have as colleagues men who will place the interests of the city above any personal likes or dislikes.

Nelson has, in a measure, committed itself to a big undertaking, one which may be made of lasting benefit and profit to the community, and which it assuredly will be if properly handled from the outset. It must be patent to everyone, though, that if care be not taken to select competent men for the new council, what promises to be a great boon to Nelson may prove very much the reverse.

Private corporations in selecting heads of departments, allow no claims of friendship, good fellowship, or of any other nature, save that of fitness, to weigh with them. The same spirit should be displayed by the electors of Nelson in deciding with their ballots next month who shall have charge of the city's affairs for the ensuing twelve months.

THE GOVERNMENT MUST ACT.

The property owners of Nelson having declared unmistakeably for the extension of the city's power plant, the securing of a site becomes of pressing importance. The Daily News has no hesitation in saying that attorney-general Eberts alone is responsible for blocking a settlement of this matter.

The West Kootenay Power & Light company have retained the firm of Eberts & Taylor to combat the application of the city of Nelson for the particular site wanted. The attorney-general of the province is consequently not free to act in this matter as public interests demand. Premier Prior will be wise if he at once insist upon the claim of Nelson being dealt with. The policy of the provincial government should be to protect muncipalities in cases of this kind from the rapacity of private corporations. The people of Nelson now have an opportunity of gauging how far premier Prior is prepared to exercise his authority as head of the government to put an end to a policy of delay for which his attorney-general is directly responsible.

The chief commissioner of lands and works has allowed attorney-general Eberts to frustrate the wishes of the people of Nelson in the matter of this site against his own better judgment. Mr. Wells has displayed a grave lack of backbone throughout the negotiations in connection with this business. He should appeal to his chief to call off the attorney-general without further delay. Eberts will do anything rather than lose his job. Premier Prior has but to say the word and his attorney-general will acquiesce.

The Rossland Miner displays very poor taste in striving to stir up ill-will between the citizens of its own town and the citizens of Nelson. So far from the papers of Nelson seeking to decry anything that makes for the betterment of conditions in Rossland, we can say for The Daily News that it has been the policy of this paper since its inception, to promote in every way possible harmony between the two towns. Everything at all calculated to advertise favorably to the world the mining interests of Rossland has been given full publicity in these columns. The Daily News publishes more reliable news of Rossland's great mining industry than any other outside paper in the province. It is true that we failed to entirely concur in certain recent statements made by E. B. Kirby, of that city, but Mr. Kirby himself would be the first to admit the unfailing courtesy that has been shown to him, and all other Rossland mine managers, by this paper. The Miner is equally at fault in seeking to persuade its readers that there is lack of harmony among the silver-lead mine owners of Kootenay in the matter of the lead duties. The action of the silver-lead mine owners at Sandon last week should have satisfied all fair-minded men on that score. What is needed in Kootenay is a common effort for the attainment of pressing needs both at Victoria and Ottawa. These needs may not appeal to all of us with the same force, and it may even be that we may disagree as to the merits of some, but at least we can avoid saying and doing things that will lead outsiders to believe that we are'rent by internal dissensions.

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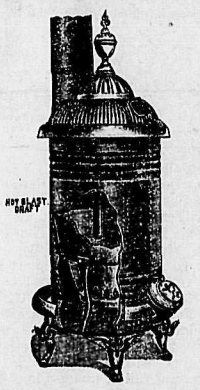

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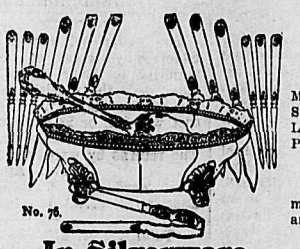

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London, Dec. 17.—In the course of a long statement in the house of commons today, premier Balfour said there was no such thing as a "peaceful blockade." A state of war actually existed with Venezuela, and an intimation of the blockade would be shortly given to the powers. Mr. Balfour added that the blockade would be carried out with as little inconvenience to neutrals as possible. Nothing definite had occurred with reference to the arbitration proposals. The premier also said that the operations were reluctantly undertaken not to recover debts, but after a long and patient delay, to recover compensation for assaults on British subjects, and the seizure of British vessels. He believed the Germans also had claims besides the financial ones.

Mr. Healey, Irish Nationalist, asked if the United States assented to a blockade which would exclude the United States vessels.

The premier replied, "Neutrals are not consulted when you the in state of war with the third party."

"Is war declared?" asked Mr. Healey.

The premier replied: "Does the honorable member suppose that without a state of war you can take vessels and have a blockade."

Replying to further questions, Mr. Balfour said he had nothing to add regarding arbitration beyond what was contained in his previous statement on the subject. Papers were being prepared and would be presented to the the house as soon as possible. He assumed they would include the communications which had passed on the subject of the blockade between the United States and Great Britain.

Mr. Balfour's statement was made in reply to the desire of the liberal leader sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, for information from the Venezuelans.

After reiterating lord Lansdowne's brief statement in the house of lords yesterday, the premier continued: "The blockade will be carried out by Great Britain and Germany along different portions of the coast, and although the two fleets will have the same objects they will not act as one force. We never had any intention of landing troops in Venezuela, or of occupying territory even temporarily. We do not think it desirable on either military of other grounds. All the conditions governing such a blockade have been carefully oensidered and will be published in due time for the information of the neutrals. The governments are most anxious that the operations, the necessity for which we deeply regret, should be as little inconvenient to neutrals as they can be made. No difference will be made between the vessels of the various neutral powers. I think it is quite likely that the United States will think that there cannot be such a thing as a peaceful blockade, and I, personally, take the same view. Evidently a blockade involves a state of war."

Mr. Balfour concluded his statement by saying he could make no announcement as to whether the offer of arbitration from Venezuela will be accepted by Great Britain.

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

To the west of Lots 230 and 4598; to the north of the northern boundary of Townships 8A and 9A, and to the south of the southern limit of the right of way of the Columbia & Western Railway.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works.
Lands and Works Department.
Victoria, B. C., 30th October, 1902.

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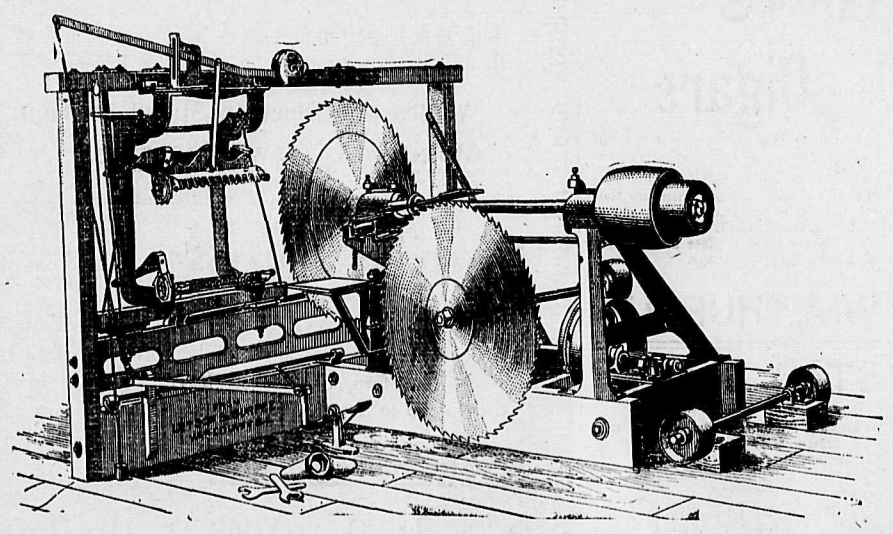

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PRICE OF METALS.

London, Dec. 17.—Lead: £10 16s. 3d. New York, Dec. 17.—Amalgamated copper, 56⅛. (No bar silver quotation was received here last night).

NELSON'S NEWS OF THE DAY

George Steele is making arrangements to hold a turkey shoot on the flats near the C. P. R. wharf, on December 24th and 25th.

At the record office yesterday Samuel Barclay recorded the location of the Jay Gould placer claim on the north fork of Salmon river.

George Johnstone, James Lawrence, and Fred Irvine returned yesterday from Kaslo, where they had attended, the night before, the installation of the officers of Kaslo lodge of the Royal Arch Masons.

At a meeting of the Sons of England lodge last evening brother J. Bullock, tyler of the lodge, was presented by the members of the order with a handsome pair of pipes as a token of appreciation.

The Salvation army is arranging for special services next Saturday and Sunday in connection with a visit of staff-captain Taylor, who will conduct the meetings, assisted by ensign and Mrs. Wilkins and the local corps.

The Liberal association at their meeting tonight will hold a debate, open to all members, regarding the advisabilitiy of extending the Intercolonial railway to the coast. This debate promises to elicit good speeches, and there should be a big attendance.

The Hall Mines smelter has entered into a contract with the California mine at Republic to treat 500 tons of its second class ore. At the present time there is about 3,000 tons of second class ore on the dump at the mine, and this tonnage is being added to daily.

A large timber wolf was killed yesterday morning by a train between Robson and Smelter Junction. The animal was running along the track in a long cut, when overtaken. It first tried to climb the bank, but slipped down and then tried to race the train but went under the wheels and was cut to pieces.

Two of the members of the curling club having become uneasy about the amount of snow on the roof of the rink, have protested the matter to the club. The roof surface of the building is very large and they state that in case of a thaw, accompanied by rain, the weight on the roof would be tremendous.

The city council placed the collection of the road tax in the hands of the police. The tax must be paid by the end of the month, and the police have to collect it. This will explain the circular letters issued by chief Jarvis, and his action in calling upon the citizens for the amounts they owe. The chief is simply performing a duty imposed upon him by his employers and there is no occasion for anyone to resent his visits.

A meeting of the director of the Cherry Creek Mining Company was held yesterday afternoon, at the office of Galliher & Wilson, for the election of officers and the transaction of other business. The officers elected were: President, Dr. D. LaBau; vice-president, G. R. Kibbey, St. Paul, Minn.); secretary, P. E. Wilson; treasurer and managing director, F. Williamson. Reports were read concerning the preparations made for the opening up of the property on the first of the year, and final arrangements made. Work will be started first on the McPhail claim, under the direction of Mr. Williamson. As mentioned in a previous issue of The Daily News, an expenditure of $10,000 was authorized by the directors for preliminary work, and from the character of the ore taken out last fall, and the results of the work done on the property so far, it should prove a rich proposition.

A Chinaman, Cheung by name, will appear before police magistrate Crease this morning to answer to a charge of stealing a watch. Cheung will have a hard job to prove his innocence as the timepiece was found on his person, and the owner asserts that he did not make him a present of it. Joseph Routhier is the owner of the watch, which was removed from his trunk early in the month. Routhier rooms over Brown's clothing store, and the Chinaman Cheung looked after his room. The police have been spotting Cheung for some time past but it was only yesterday that they secured sufficient evidence to justify extreme measures. Marked coins left in Brown's room disappeared, Cheung admitted having taken them, and handed to chief Jarvis coins that were not marked. Upon the chief's suggestion that perhaps he had the marked coins on his person Cheung took offense but the chief intimating his intention of searching his clothes Cheung produced not only the coins but the missing watch.

The trades and labor council's smoker at the Grand Central hotel tomorrow evening promises to be a very enjoyable affair. Members of local unions and their friends are invited to attend.

The city will have to purchase a new fire bell, but before any money is paid out very special pains will be taken to ascertain that a serviceable article has been secured. Meanwhile the Methodist church bell will have to serve a double purpose.

A tea will be given to the Sunday school children of St. Paul's church on Friday evening at 5.30 o'clock in Fraternity hall. This will be followed at 8 o'clock by an entertainment consisting of recitations and music by the scholars, and magic lantern views.

The Success club premises are now open for the use of members. It is requested that any member having boxing gloves, Indian clubs, or other equipment for a gymnasium, which he can loan temporarily, bring the same to the club rooms this evening.

The business of getting out a daily paper by candlelight is certainly calculated to create unholy thoughts in the minds of everyone engaged in the task. If something be not done soon to lighten the darkness that overtakes this office every night just when light is most needed, in order that the future welfare of the staff may not be imperilled, publication of this paper will have to be suspended until light can be procured.

At the regular meeting of the Royal Arch Masons Lodge, No. 123, last evening, the following officers were elected: Robert Weir, excellent companion Z.; Chas. Crandon, excellent companion H.; George Ritchie, excellent companionJ.; W. F. Teetzel, treasurer; F. Irvine, scribe E.; J. Lawrence, scribe N.; T. S. McPherson, principal sojourner. On Saturday evening next the members of the lodge will assemble at Fraternity hall for the purpose of receiving the grand superintendent of the order, G. R. Mitchell, and for the installation of the newly elected officers.

PERSONALS

E. P. Davis, K.C., left for the coast last evening.

J. G. Irving, of Rossland, is visiting Mrs. Mackay, of Silica street.

Robert Irvling and wife, of Kaslo, were among the visitors in the city yesterday.

John Toye, contractor, left yesterday morning for Portalge La Prairie, to spend the holidays with his family. He expects to be away about a month.

John Kirkup, gold commissioner of Rossland, who has been busy in the registry office over land titles in connection with the territory under his charge, returned to Rossland last evening.

W. H. Holmes, formerly superintendent at the Yellowstone, passed through Nelson yesterday. He is going off on a holiday trip, and after spending a couple of months in the south will visit his people in the old country, returning to B. C. in the spring. He will then inspect the placer ground in the Big Bend country to the north.

WITH THE CURLERS.

At the rink yesterday the following games of curling were played:

Pres. Rink	V.-Pres. Rink
Fraser	McNichol
Booth	Perrier
Robertson	Blackwood
Taylor, skip, 6.	McLaughlin, skip, 17.

Deacon	J. Hedley
Rutherford	Gamble
Dr. Arthur	R. M. Bird
Beer, skip, 10.	R. Hedley, skip, 8.

The vice-president's side is now six points ahead.

The scratch games played resulted as follows:

C. McLachlan	Mallette
Deacon	Thurman
H. Bird	McIntyre
Stocks, skip, 7.	Smyth, skip, 9.

Seatle	Rutherford
Kydd	Hodge
Tamblyn	Stocks
Pinkham, skip, 13.	Forin, skip, 10.

The games scheduled for today in the president vs. vice-president series are Bunyan vs. Macdonald and Choldltch vs. Kydd.

Some complaints are made that members who do not possess curling stones, borrow sets and are not careful to return them to the boxes they are taken from, with the result that confusion and delay has occurred several times lately.

BRIDE OF A DAY.

Windsor, Ontario, Dec. 17.—Monday a bride, Tuesday a widow, is the fate of Ida Reaume, a pretty Canadian girl, aged 18 years of Jeaniotte creek, Ontario, whose husband, Hugh McKenzie, was killed in an elevator shaft in the Stevens building, Detroit. While he was painting, the immense balancing irons descended and decapitated him.

MONEY IN SEAL SKINS.

Victoria, Dec. 17.—The prices obtained for the 16,058 skins sent by the Victoria sealers to London, and sold today, were the highest ever secured for pelagic skins, the Behring skins bringing an average of 91 shillings, 6d., or $22.26, an advance of 40 per cent on last year, which saw a similar advance on the year previous.

GENERAL STORE BURNED.

Starbuck, Manitoba, Dec. 17.—The general store of Herman & Adleman, along with the contents, was completely destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. The proprietors and Goiner, a clerk, who slept on the premises, had a narrow escape for their lives. The loss will be heavy, but is partly covered by insurance.

IRISHMEN WIN AGAIN.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—The Evening Telegram's London cable says: In the football match today, All-Canadians vs. Province of Leinster, the Irishmen won by 13 to 6.

CARRIED BY THREE TO ONE

OVERWHELMING VOTE IN FAVOR OF LOAN BYLAW.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP IDEA HAS GAINED ADHERENTS.

The power bylaw was emphatically endorsed yesterday at the polls, the majority in favor being 182, just 50 votes over the requisite number for a three-fifths majority. The total vote cast was 360, or 23 more votes than in the last election on the same question. The returns by wards were:

	For.	Against.	Total.
West ward	96	42	138
East ward	175	47	222
Total	271	89	360

In 1901 the vote stood 177 for, and 160 against, or a vote of 63 below a three-fifths majority. The voting yesterday showed a considerable change in public sentiment in the matter and greatly surprised many of the opponents of the measure.

Little of note occurred during the polling, except the challenging of a number of voters who had voted on other property bylaws, but who through a clause in the amendment to the Municipal Clauses act, passed at the last session of the legislature regarding the voting of aliens, were ineligible on this occasion. There were no spoiled ballots.

The result when announced was taken very quietly, although the supporters of the bylaw got up a little celebration in the evening to express their feelings.

At the east ward John Houston acted as scrutinere for the bylaw supporters during the vote, and Charles A. Waterman and Harold Selous performed a similar service for the antis. The west ward polling place was without any scrutineers. At the latter ward over 30 women voted.

A NEW COAL ON THE MARKET—The West Transfer Company are now getting regular supplies of a very high grade stove coal and furnace coal, clean and free from clinkers. It has no superior for domestic use.

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Bartlett—H. W. Shaw, Gold Hill; J. Stowell, Kootenay Landing; J. T. Russell, London, Ont., R. E. Johnstone, St. John, N. B., J. Scott, Hall Siding; C. Jones, Venus mine; R. J. McKinney, Winnipeg; A. Brown, W. Staples, F. Wilbur, Slocan City; S. Thomas Silver King; G. Prentice, Molly Gibson; P. DeSell, Ottawa; C. Sturgeon, Greenwood; F. L. Lyons, New Zealand; F. Wilson, Sandon; R. Watson, Montreal.

Grand Central—A. J. Alywin, Pilot Bay; F. Fritz, C. N. Harrison, Fire Valley; W. Morton, B. Sculley, G. Gunderson, Slocan City; O. H. Burden, Kaslo; E. Brefit, Bonnington; H. McDonald, Ymir; G. Swan, Greenwood.

Tremont—J. Werner, J. Price, Arlington mine; H. A. Fessans, Qu'Appelle; A. Olson, Forty-Nine creek; J. Nealy, St. Paul; A. McCallum, Slocan City; H. J. Gladwin, Toronto.

Madden—J. Melley, Slocan; H. Todd, J. Brennan, W. C. Flaherty, Sandon; F. Wilson, Castle Garden; P. M. Shanby, Slocan.

Phair—J. R. Ferguson, Vancouver; A. Owens, New Denver; R. Irving and wife, Kaslo; A. Sherman, Cookston, Ont.; H. L. Johnston, Greenwood.

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NOTICE.

The Fern Gold Mining & Milling Company, Limited, Liability.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the shareholders of the Fern Mining & Milling Company, Limited Liability, will be held at the company's offices, Baker street, Nelson, B. C., on Monday the 29th December, 1902, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon.

The objects of the meeting are:

To ratify and confirm the action of the directors of the company in granting Ernst Rammelmeyer a lease and option on the assets of the company, on the terms and conditions mentioned in said lease and option.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1902.

By order of the Board,
W. C. BAYLY, Secretary.

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