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## TELEGRAPHIC.

### BRITISH ELECTIONS OPENED YESTERDAY

#### Campbell-Bannerman Howled Down at Meetings.

#### TIFLIS IS AGAIN IN OPEN REVOLT.

Edna Hopper Lost Case--Mrs. Cassie Chadwick Doing Time--Death in Hotel Fire--Brutal Attack--Determined to Save Russia--Loan Millions--Lipton Will Try Again--Car Jumped Track.

(SPECIAL TO THE CLAIM.)

London, Jan. 11.—The first of the British elections will take place on Friday, January 12th. The fight continues to grow in intensity and the new premier, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, has been repeatedly howled down at different meetings of late.

Constantinople, Jan. 11.—The news has just reached here that the city and district of Tiflis is again in open revolt. The Russian artillery has again bombarded the city and the rebels stubbornly met the attack and repulsed it with bombs and hand grenades.

At Novo Minsk, in Russian Poland, the Russian prefect of police has been assassinated by the revolutionists.

Victoria, Jan. 11.—Edna Wallace Hopper, the actress, has lost in her long contest for a part of the late Alexander Dunsmuir's millions. The Full Court of British Columbia has upheld Judge Drake's judgment on the suit, and which was in favor of the defendant, Mr. James Dunsmuir.

Cincinnati, Jan. 11.—The motion for a new trial for Mrs. Cassie Chadwick, the adventuress, has been dismissed and she has gone to the state penitentiary to serve out her sentence.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 11.—The West hotel of this city was destroyed by fire last night. As a result nine persons are known to have lost their lives and several others were badly injured.

Nagasaki, Japan, Jan. 11.—The Japanese transport Mongolia has just arrived at this port with a large number of Russian refugees aboard, who report that a general uprising is at present in progress throughout Siberia.

Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 11.—In a heavyweight wrestling match which took place before a crowded house in this city last night Frank Gotch won, in two straight falls, from Hackenschmidt, the champion wrestler of Germany.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 11.—The Dufferin block, one of the largest in this city, was destroyed by fire yesterday. At present it is claimed

that no lives were lost. The insurance carried is not known, but the loss will be considerable.

London, Ont., Jan. 11.—Twenty-five union printers of this city have gone on strike for an eight hour working day.

Sault Ste Marie, Ont., Jan. 11.—Three Italians went to the home of Mr. John Calbeck in this town last night and, knocking on the door, were admitted, when they attacked and stabbed Calbeck in three different places, and leaving him in a critical condition they made their escape. No reason whatever was given for the murderous attack and Calbeck states that all three men were total strangers to him.

New York, Jan. 11.—Mr. James Hazen Hyde, who for the past few years had been manager of the Equitable Life Insurance Company, was dropped from that position by the shareholders this week when they met for the annual election of officers.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 12.—Premier Witte yesterday made a statement to an influential delegation, which was headed by the mayor of this city, that he could do nothing towards altering the orders to the police in regard to meetings until after Jan. 22nd. The premier said: "I have always been opposed to the repression of all proper meetings, but I have been compelled to adopt harsh measures and I am determined to save Russia."

Paris, Jan. 12.—The bankers of France have finally agreed to advance the Russian government an additional loan of over fifty million dollars.

Utica, N. Y., Jan. 12.—Two railroad companies have been indicted in the State Court for having given rebates to certain shippers. The penalty for this style of discrimination is \$20,000.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—President Harper, of the Chicago University, died yesterday. Mr. Harper had held this important position for a number of years and was universally respected.

Pekin, Jan. 12.—The Chinese ambassador at Washington has wired his government that any satisfactory explanation of the American Chinese Exclusion law is improbable for some time to come. It is rumored here that the boycott against all American goods will be rigorously continued.

New York, Jan. 12.—It has been made known in this city that Sir Thomas Lipton, of Shamrock fame, is already making plans for another campaign against the New York Yacht club and that he will challenge for another contest for the America cup, the races to take place next year.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 12.—The Pullman sleeper attached to a Wash-bash train jumped the track while

the latter was passing through this city yesterday and fell 45 feet to the street below. Seven passengers were painfully injured.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 12.—Senator Brackett's resolution requesting Senator Chauncey M. Depew to resign from his seat in the United States Senate has been made a special order for next Tuesday.

Irkutsk, Jan. 12.—M. Dragomiroff, the prefect of police of this city, was assassinated late last evening and his slayer, of whom there is no clue, made his escape.

#### GENERAL NEWS.

A Havana despatch says that the Americans on the Isle of Pines have joined in an appeal to the United States to prevent the recognition of Cuba's claim to the island. They also ask for armed protection against Cuba.

A Cape Haytian despatch of Jan. 2nd said that President Morales' cruiser, Independencia, had threatened to bombard the city of Puerto Plata. United States warships were on their way to that place to protect American interests.

A disastrous explosion of dynamite occurred on December 29th at Kananaskis, Alberta, and Charles Loder, of the firm of Loder Bros., merchants of that place, was instantly killed. Robert Roxburg was seriously injured.

Cecilia Wolsey, who was a New York actress under the name of Lillian Western, died lately and left \$15,000 for the care of her dog, parrot and cage of pet birds. Harriet Gales, a friend, is charged with the duty of caring for the dog and birds and of expending the money.

A St. Petersburg despatch says a large party of revolutionists captured a troop of dragoons in the Baltic provinces on Jan. 2nd. The prisoners were accorded horrible maltreatment, their noses and ears being cut off and thrown among a pile of garbage which was afterwards set fire to and burned by the revolutionists.

On Jan. 2nd it was stated on good authority in St. Petersburg that M. Witte would resign the premiership and be succeeded by M. Durnero, the present minister of the interior. Durnero is a very stern man and is much admired by Russian court followers. The workingmen's council had decided to call off the then existing strike.

A New York despatch of Dec. 30th said: Russell Sage visited his office yesterday for the first time in weeks when he heard that money on call was at 100 per cent. For several hours he personally directed the lending of \$6,000,000, which was put out at 85 and 90 per cent. "Don't crowd the boys" was his final order to his office force as he started for home.

Former Governor Steunenberg, of Idaho, and who was murdered on Dec. 31st, is believed to have been

the victim of revenge on the part of some of the Wardner miners who disapproved of his course during a recent strike in northern Idaho. M. J. Hogan, who has been arrested charged with the murder, is said to have been in the famous bull pen, which the miners so strenuously condemned during the strike.

Mose Goldsmith, a Seattle theatrical manager, was one day lately lured to his rooms in the Lincoln hotel in that city and compelled at the point of a gun to sign a check for \$2,750 and telephone to the bank that the check had been issued and the passer was good. The robber, who had registered at the hotel as C. G. Burke, then forced Goldsmith into a bathroom where he was locked in. The check was then cashed and the robber disappeared.

#### Spruce Creek Notes.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Spruce creek is showing much activity, both in mining and from a social standpoint.

Mrs. Bond can certainly give the boys many pointers in step dancing. Tom Fleming should not let the ladies sasha him around, but should dance with the music.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kotod, of Discovery, visited Mrs. J. Wolters on Sunday.

The ladies on Spruce are anticipating another evening of dancing in the near future.

Cassels, McCrimmon and McCaw have already got out a good sized dump for spring sluicing.

Jos. Clay, who is working a lay on Cox's ground, will be ready to commence winter sluicing in a few days.

Callaghan and Hornell, who are working on the McNeal ground, are taking up to a depth of two feet a section of bedrock which had been worked before and are getting good returns.

#### Discovery Curlers Organize.

A largely attended meeting of all Discoveryites interested in curling was held in that town on Monday night for the purpose of organizing a curling club. Mr. H. E. Brown occupied the chair and thoroughly expounded the project to those present. A motion that a club be formed, to be known as "The Discovery Curling Club," was then carried, and the election of officers being proceeded with resulted as follows: President, R. D. Fetherstonhaugh; Vice-President, W. H. Vickers; Secretary-Treasurer, M. R. Jamieson.

Our local curlers have been officially notified of the above facts and rinks of the two towns are arranging home and home matches of the roarin' game.

The steamer Atlinto went across the lake on Tuesday to bring in the camp outfit of Sinclair, Woods and Taylor, but the water was too rough to make a landing. She made another attempt Wednesday but was stopped by the ice.

## The Atlin Claim.

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### THE PAST YEAR'S MINING IN ATLIN DISTRICT.

Although there were not so many men employed in mining operations in the Atlin District during the season of 1905 as had been employed in previous seasons, and the total value of gold produced did not equal that of former years, still, we can truthfully state that the results per capita were quite as good as any previous year and better than most.

The drifting operations of last winter were on the whole quite satisfactory, but the comparatively light snow fall last winter and the warm dry summer—particularly in the early part—rendered the water supply the scantiest perhaps since the opening of the camp, and to this fact is attributed the decrease in the number of men employed.

Drifting operations are being carried on this winter on Spruce, Pine, Gold Run, Boulder, McKee, Birch, Otter, Ruby and O'Donnell creeks and many are sluicing, to which operation the very mild weather which has up to this week predominated has been peculiarly favorable.

#### McKEE CREEK.

Owing to the acquisition and control of much of the ground on this creek by companies only twelve or fifteen individual miners operated on it during the past summer, but those who did were rewarded by the usual good returns for which this creek is noted.

Scarcity of water and uncomfortably close quarters caused the McKee Consolidated Hydraulic Limited to suspend operations for the season so as to allow Ginnac & Co. to work past a point of conflict and interference, which object they accomplished. Ginnac & Co. operated the Old England and Winnemucca leases and uncovered about 5,500 square yards of bedrock and moved about 27,500 cubic yards of gravel with very satisfactory results.

The Amalgamated McKee Creek Mining Company operated the Beta and Gamma leases all summer with about a dozen men and expended nearly \$15,000. They uncovered 4,700 square yards of bedrock and the banks being over 100 feet high, moved a considerable yardage of dirt, which returned good profits. The company operated two monitors for a few weeks when the shortage of water compelled them to cut one of these out for the balance of the season.

During the present winter some 25 men are drifting on McKee and good returns are being obtained by some of those who are winter sluicing.

#### PINE CREEK.

About 50 individual miners operated on Pine creek and Gold Run

during the past season and, although quite a little time was lost on account of the water shortage, the results were in most cases very satisfactory.

The Pine Creek Power Co., Ltd., and the North Columbia Gold Mining Co., both of which are under one management, had a very successful season and moved a large quantity of gravel which returned them splendid profits. The earnings of this company last season were larger than those of any other company in the district and they owe their success to the improved methods of operating—the running in and discharging of powder drifts and the installation of a new style of elevator for the disposition of tailings and debris.

The Atlin and Willow Creek Gold Mining Co., Ltd., continued on the "D" lease all season, and recovered about \$14,000 by their sluicing operations at a satisfactory profit.

Notwithstanding the use of a Keystone drill and dynamite, which however helped considerably, the British American Dredging Co., Ltd., did not move as much gravel with their dredge on Gold Run as what the management anticipated, but for all that they realized very fair returns from the amount of gravel which was handled.

About 140 men were employed continuously on Pine creek and Gold Run during the entire season.

We have good reasons to believe that a steam shovel will be installed on Tar Flats early the coming season and that the necessary steps are being taken to divert from Surprise lake a large supply of water for the coming season's operations.

#### SPRUCE CREEK.

Two hundred men were employed on this creek during the season, including those employed by the companies, and, as before, the output of the individual miners on this creek exceeded that on any other, being well over the \$10,000 mark.

The scarcity of water and want of sufficient dumping room on this creek somewhat delayed the operations at the beginning of last season but not to the same extent as in previous years, as these and other disputes were settled by the Committee of Miners, which was elected by the miners from among themselves.

Over 100 men are drifting on this creek during the present winter. Some of these are carrying on winter sluicing while others are getting out dumps for spring washing.

The Spruce Creek Power Co., Ltd., kept a force of about 15 men employed last season and ground sluiced and prospected the Duchess lease and Woodbine group of placer claims, besides which they changed part of their pipe line and enlarged and repaired their ditch, etc. This company is at present prospecting on the Plumas lease by means of tunnels.

Over \$10,000 has been expended on the Tobacco Box lease in drifting work during the last two seasons and the operators have been rewarded with good profits.

Owing to shortage of water and lack of dumping room the owners of the Gladstone lease confined themselves last season to individual methods and spent \$5,500 in running drifts, sluicing, etc. Their ground proved rich and gave good returns.

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THOS. E. FLEMING,

Dated this 13th day of November, 1905. J. J. J.

### NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY Given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to revise, ratify and confirm to the British Columbia Northern and Mackenzie Valley Railway Company all the rights, powers, privileges and franchises conferred by the British Columbia and Yukon Railway Act, 1903, upon said Company, and to declare that notwithstanding that surveys have not been made in accordance with Section 21 of said Act the said Company is and has been since the passage of the said Act a body corporate and politic under the name of the "British Columbia Northern and Mackenzie Valley Railway Company," with the rights, powers, privileges and franchises thereby conferred in all respects as if the surveys had been made in accordance with said Section 21, and to extend the time for making the said surveys required by said Section 21, and to give to the said Company the following additional powers, viz:—

To acquire and work coal mines; to build branches not exceeding 20 miles from the main line; to build and operate telegraph and telephone lines; and to charge tolls; to build and operate steam and other vessels on the inland waters of British Columbia; to acquire and operate wharves; to enable the line of railway to be constructed in sections; and to amend by omitting the alternative line of railway via the Skeena river.

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**Atlin Curling Club Held Meeting.**

The Atlin Curling club held a meeting on Friday evening of last week and elected skips for the season as follows: D. Ross, J. A. Fraser, C. R. Bourne and James Stables. Rink matches were then arranged for three nights of both this and next week.

**A REPLY.**

Mr. J. P. Robertson, Sec. R.C.C.C.,  
Winnipeg, Man.,

DEAR SIR,—At a meeting of the Atlin Curling club it was resolved that the president acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Robertson's letter, with accompanying copies of the Caledonia Curling Club Annual, and tender to him the sincere thanks of this club for his kindness in forwarding same.

I therefore tender you my thanks, and that of our club, in the enclosed lines, trusting you as a brither Scot may find them acceptable. I am,  
Yours truly,

President, Atlin Curling Club.

I thank ye for the books ye sent,  
They'll tide us safely o'er the brink

O' a disputes, when on the rink  
We hae a game o' curlin.

We're hemmed in here, wi' frost and snaw,  
Wi' ice as thick as the stane wa'

That hap'd us frae the blasts that blaw  
Across our ain dear Scotland.

Far frae the pleasant haunts o' men,  
We'll revel in the gran auld game

And never fash, if left alane  
Wi' beason, stanes and curlin.

Should fortune smile anither year,  
An we are blessed wi' routh o' gear,

To Winnipeg a team we'll steer,  
To hae a game o' curlin.

I ken there's mony an Atlin chiel,  
Wad like to visit your bonspiel,  
An' faith, they might jist show their heel

Ta some o' your crack curlers.  
The Scot ye ken, ne'er blaws his horn—

But we hae they that's foreign born,  
Frae ilka clime, o' wind and storms  
We gather, Atlin's curlers.

"Mc" Rosselli, bred on English soil,  
"Mc" Sullivan, frae Erin's Isle,  
"Mc" Kershaw, tho' he's Dutch,  
meanwhile

They a' are famous curlers.  
An there are ethers I could name,  
Can handle a beason or a stane

Wi' ony son o' Scotland's ain,  
At the gran game o' curlin.

And a' are glad ye sent the Ann'al  
To teach us how ta turn our hann'el,

To wick, to draw, or soop'er up,  
When playin the game o' curlin.

Sae, accept the thanks o' Atlin's club,  
Wha'ld dearly loe their stanes to rub—

'Gainst some o' those down in the hub  
O' Canada's brow curlers.

—James Stables,

Atlin, B. C., Jan., 6, 1906.

**Do it Now.**

If you would a kindness show,  
Do it now.  
Don't wait until the grasses grow—  
Do it now.  
For when the blades are waving  
Who knows but you and maybe I,  
Will be transported to the sky.  
Do it now.

**Mints.**

Formerly there were mints for the coinage of money in almost every county in Great Britain. Besides the sovereign, barons, bishops and the main monasteries exercised the right of coining. From William the Conqueror's time the greatest part of the coining in Great Britain was done in London, but it was not till the reign of William III that all the provincial mints were abolished. The present mint on Tower Hill in London was erected in 1812. The London mint supplies the whole of the coinage of the British empire, except Australia and the East Indies, which are supplied from branch mints in Sydney, Perth, Calcutta and Bombay.

The mints of the United States are at Philadelphia, which was established in 1772, and therefore the oldest of the mints; at San Francisco, established in 1853; at Denver, established 1862, and at New Orleans, established in 1835. The mint at Carson City, Nev., was established in 1869, but was closed in 1893, doubtless never to re-open. The fate of the Carson City mint will likely ere long overtake the one at New Orleans.

At a recent political meeting in New York a candidate yelled "What is the one thing that we of this community are suffering most from at this time?" There was a silence and then a man with a big, deep voice, said "bed bugs."—"Fear of frost bits" would be an appropriate answer to a like question in this camp at present.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY** Given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to incorporate a Company to build a line of Railway from the City of Vancouver, or a point on Burrard Inlet, to the Northern boundary of the said Province by way of Lillooet, the Fraser Valley, Tache Lake, Stikine River and Teslin Lake, or in the alternative by the most feasible route through the Chilcotin Valley and Stikine River, with power to equip, construct and maintain branch lines and all necessary bridges, roads, ways and ferries; and to build, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith; and to build, own, equip and maintain steam and other vessels and boats, and operate the same on any navigable waters within the Province; and to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat and power; and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges or other aids from any Government, Municipal Corporations or other persons or bodies, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using telegraph or telephone lines, and on all freight passing over any of such roads, railways, tramways, ferries, wharves and vessels built or owned by the Company; and with power to make traffic and other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies, and for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers and privileges in that behalf.

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