

HAVE NO DOUBT IT WAS POISON.

Mrs. Jane L. Stanford, Sister of Treasurer of Stanford University Died from Effects of Strychnine---Analytical Chem- ist Makes a Startling State- ment.

San Francisco, March 1.—The news of the death of Mrs. Jane L. Stanford at Honolulu, last night, was received here today with surprise and sorrow, to which was added horror when it was learned that probably she had been poisoned. Her brother, Charles G. Lathrop, who is treasurer of the Stanford University, refused to believe that her death was due to other than natural causes, and her attorney, Mountford S. Wilson, positively declined to discuss the report that a previous attempt to poison her had been made in the city. Mr. Wilson is awaiting advice from the Honolulu officials, before taking any action regarding the business affairs of Mrs. Stanford, which are intimately connected with those of the great university, which she and her husband founded at Palo Alto. This institution has already been endowed with \$38,000,000, in property and money, to which may be added about \$10,000,000 from Mrs. Stanford's personal estate.

Honolulu, March 1.—9 p. m.—The chemist's report of the analysis of the bicarbonate of soda, of which Mrs. Stanford took a dose shortly before her death, states positively that the soda contained strychnine.

Honolulu, March 1.—10.10 p. m.—[Delayed in Transmission.]—Mrs.

Highton, wife of Henry E. Highton, the well known San Francisco lawyer, says that Mrs. Stanford cried when telling her of the attempt which had been made to poison her in San Francisco, and that she could not conceive why anyone should try to do so. During a discussion of spiritualism, Mrs. Stanford said she believed in spirits and intended to establish a department at Stanford University for the investigation of psychic phenomena. Miss Berner her secretary, says in regard to the alleged attempt at poisoning in San Francisco, that Mrs. Stanford drank a glass of mineral water with the bicarbonate soda, the strychnine in which, made her violently ill, so much strychnine being absorbed that the stomach rebelled, and she finally recovered. Miss Berner says, Miss Stanford's maid, Mary Hunt, agrees with her in their statements to the police that the bottle containing the strychnine, was packed in San Francisco five weeks ago, preparatory to coming here, and that it remained untouched since then until it was opened last night by Mrs. Stanford, before taking the dose.

On arriving here from San Francisco, on the steamer Korea, Mrs. Stanford said that she had left San Francisco unexpectedly and in a great hurry.

AN ENORMOUS EXPENDITURE.

Between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000 for University of Chicago.

Chicago, March, 2.—A movement, which will include the erection of a dozen buildings and the expenditure of between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000 before it is completed, has been announced at the University of Chicago.

The new quadrangle of buildings, which will cover almost as much space as the entire institute does at present and which will be for the use of the students of the junior colleges, is to be built on ground space owned by the university just west of the present campus. When the work is completed, the university, it is said, will have the largest capacity for housing students of any university in the world.

OBITUARY.

Alexander N. Block.

Fredericton, Mar. 2.—(Special)—Alexander N. Block, a well known citizen, died at his home here last night after a lingering illness, aged eighty. He was a native of Ireland but had lived here many years. He was a man of business, and at one time carried on a contracting business here. He represented Kings ward in the city council for several years. One son and six daughters survive. One of the latter is Mrs. Plant, wife of Barry Plant, Barrister, of Edmundston.

WILL RUSSIA HAVE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY?

St. Petersburg, March 2.—The great and overshadowing question for Russians, that of granting the people a voice in the government, remains unanswered at Tsarsko-Selo. Emperor Nicholas has not yet given the final word.

Recent developments in Russia have left the emperor no illusions regarding the strength of the popular demand for constitutional government. In addition to the addresses voted by the zemstvos, dumas, educational bodies, he has received thousands of private memorials. In consultation with his advisers, the emperor has displayed sympathy with the associations of the people and expressed concurrence in the opinion that something must be done to bridge the chasm between himself and them. Since the death of Grand Duke Sergei some of the influences at court which formerly were antagonistic take the same view.

The grand ducal party as a whole still holds out, yielding nothing. The ministers with whom the emperor has been discussing the problem, since the inauguration of the cabinet, con-

cil three weeks ago, entertained divergent opinions.

In substance the proposition which the emperor now is considering is the establishment of a national assembly, based on direct class representation to sit in a consultative capacity and propose laws, in other words, yielding the form while retaining the essence of autocracy. The majority of the ministers have expressed the opinion that such a measure coupled with the reforms enunciated in the manifesto of December 25, 1904 guaranteeing equality before the law, responsibility of officials and practical freedom of the press, will meet the present situation. All, however, recognize that such a solution can be only temporary. An assembly of this kind would be an anomaly in the Russian government and soon must give way to a regular parliamentary body.

This fact is equally recognized by the liberals, whom the proposed form would not satisfy, but who would hail it as a practical victory for future constitutionalism.

M. Witte is said to have told the Emperor bluntly that no retreat is possible after a step once has been taken.

RIDICULOUS INSOLENCE.

An American Says United States Would Seize Canada.

Hamilton, Ont., Mar. 2.—(Special)—At the Canadian Club banquet last night V. Minard of Boston said the United States was determined to have the trade of Canada. If Americans could not get the trade otherwise they would seize Canada when Britain's hands were tied elsewhere.

BIG FIRE IN BOSTON.

Boston, March 2.—A fire which started in the extensive lumber plant, of Blacker, and Sheppard, 354 Albany street, just before 11 o'clock today, quickly assumed dangerous proportions. The concern occupies a number of buildings in the centre of what is known as the lumber district.

H. RIDER HAGGARD IS IN NEW YORK.

New York, Mar. 2.—H. Rider Haggard, the author, who comes here as a special commissioner to inquire into the condition and character of the agricultural and industrial land settlements organized in America by the Salvation Army, arrived here today on the steamer Teutonic. The trustees of the estate of Cecil Rhodes are paying the expenses of the inquiry to be made by Mr. Haggard, under the auspices of the British Colonial office, with the view of applying the scheme to South Africa.

GENERAL BOOTH TO JERUSALEM.

London, Mar. 2.—General Booth, of the Salvation Army started today on his first visit to Jerusalem, where he will hold an open meeting on Mount Calvary. Thence he will go to Australia and New Zealand on a farewell visit. Hundreds of Salvationists gathered at Victoria railway station at the time of the general's departure and bade him an enthusiastic good bye.

HE KILLED A BURGLAR.

Unionville, Conn., Mar. 2.—A. A. Burnham, station agent of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad in this village, shot and killed one of a gang of burglars who had broken into the station early today. A complete burglar's kit was found on the body, but there was nothing to reveal the man's identity. His companions escaped after a running fight with the station agent during which several shots were exchanged.

CZAR IS GRATIFIED.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—Emperor Nicholas yesterday replied to the recent address of the Moscow Bourse, expressing attachment to the principle of autocracy by saying: "In this of previous trial, this evidence of loyalty to the old foundations of Russia's political life has afforded me special gratification."

HAS FOUND GOOD MARKET.

Montreal, March 2.—(Special)—At the annual meeting of the Dominion Coal Company today the president, James Ross, said that the output for the present year, which would amount to 100,000 tons more than for last year, had all been sold.

Next Wednesday there will be a meeting of the general committee of ladies, at the Y. M. C. A. to arrange for an entertainment on a large scale, the proceeds to go towards the building fund of the new Y. M. C. A. building. This committee will be composed of representatives from the different churches of the city.

The Westport steamer Westport III, Captain Powell, left Westport this morning at 10.30 o'clock, due to arrive this afternoon, and berth at Walker's wharf. She will leave this port tomorrow.

G. W. Campbell and Mrs. Campbell, of Weymouth, N. S., are at the Royal on their return from a trip to Boston and New York.

The events in the Y. M. C. A. junior team athletic contest, this afternoon will be a 100 yards run, and ball bustle.

The younger portion of the community are making great preparations for a series of wading parties and contests on stilts, to be held as soon as the soft weather comes.

Our esteemed fellow citizen, Mr. James Jones, is of the opinion that he has certain rights to property along the Missee, and states that he has instructed his solicitor to look into the question. Originally, the property in question, cost him thirty cents, but now it looks like ten thousand dollars. "I think I ought to Spruce up a little now," said Mr. Jones this morning.

Mr. Peter Pinks has informed the

A RAILWAY COLLISION.

Kills One Man and Injures Fifty or Sixty Other Per- sons.

Alexandria, Va., Mar. 2.—One man was killed and from 50 to 60 people were more or less hurt in a head-on collision between two trains on the Washington Alexandria and Mount Vernon railway at Spring Park station last night. The man killed was Frederick Schneider, of Marietta, Pa. So far as ascertained, the condition of none of the injured is serious.

OTTAWA SAYS NOTHING NEW.

General Belief is That Autonomy Bill Will Be Amended.

Ottawa, March 2.—(Special)—The political atmosphere was somewhat clearer today, than last night, although all the difficulties in the way of an amicable settlement on the educational clause of the autonomy bill have not yet been removed. It looks now that the only way to do this is to amend the clause so that it will not contain anything beyond what is now in the Northwest Territory Act.

Mr. Bennett of Calgary who intends stamping the West against this educational clause in behalf of the conservatives had an interview today with Mr. Fitzpatrick, who as Minister of Justice has charge of the framing of the educational clause. The Northwest men will not accept anything which would leave themselves open to an attack from Mr. Sifton. Until such time as the West learns from the Minister of Justice, what amendments he proposes very little that is new can arise.

SIX CHILDREN WERE KILLED.

Innsbruck, Austria, Mar. 2.—Six children were killed today by an avalanche which overwhelmed the house of a peasant near Aussen Villgraten. The other occupants, who were injured, were extricated alive.

COMMERCIAL. WALL STREET.

New York, Mar. 2.—Wall street, the opening of trading in stocks today disclosed a strong demand which lifted prices to a substantially higher level. There were wide openings in N. Y. C., Union Pac., and U. S. Steel. In N. Y. C. 2500 shares sold at 158 1/2 and 158 3/4 compared with 157 1/2 last night. Fifty-five hundred shares of Union Pacific sold at 134 1/2 and 134 3/4 compared with 134 1/2 last night and 5000 shares of U. S. Steel carried it up to an extreme of a half. Consolidated Gas jumped 4 points, Atlantic Coast line rose 1 1/2, Metropolitan securities 1 1/2 and Canadian Pacific Brooklyn Transit, Atchison, Illinois Central, Peoples' Gas, Sugar, Colorado Fuel and Cleveland, C. C. and St. Louis were up a point or more and pressed Steel Car locomotive and Baltimore and Ohio large fractions.

COTTON MARKET.

New York, Mar. 2.—Cotton features opened today. March, 7.32; May, 7.42; July, 7.33; August, 7.41; Sept., 7.42 bid, October, 7.45 bid; Nov., 7.48 bid; December, 7.52 bid; January, 7.53 bid.

BANK OF ENGLAND.

London, March 2.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total Reserve, decreased £464,400 circulation, increased £606,000; bullion, increased £141,766; other securities, increased £2,320,000; other deposits increased, £2,946,000; public deposits decreased, £1,240,000; notes reserve decreased £379,000; government securities, decreased £14,000. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability this week is 52.51 per cent as compared with 54.97 per cent last week.

London, March 2.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England was unchanged today at 3 per cent.

CLEARING HOUSE.

Week ending Thursday, March 2nd, \$740,385. Corresponding week last year, \$762,611.

Manifests for the following United States products were received at the custom house today: 8 cars lumber, 6 cars canned meats, 6 cars pork products, 6 cars corn, 3 cars poultry, 3 cars beef, for shipment to United Kingdom.

Hen Club that in his opinion they should not at present amalgamate with the Citizens' League. He will personally, however, convey to the League an expression of the Club's approval of the rapprochement between Mr. Brennan and Mr. Jarvis, as well as the uncompromising attitude of the mayor of Blue Rock on the unseemly reticence of certain gentlemen who might shed lustre on the forum of the empire.

The statement that the Union Club had been reported for not removing the snow from its sidewalks is not correct. It was some woman down on Pitt street who was reported. The members of the Union Club naturally resent the statement, as the snow on

BRITISH COMMONS.

Closure Applied by Bal- four, and Address Adopted, 235 to 175.

London, March 2.—After defeating by a majority of 49, an amendment proposed by T. R. Buchanan (liberal) to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, declaring that the national expenditure is excessive and burdensome, the house of commons last night debated another Irish amendment proposed by A. J. C. Donelan, regretting that the speech from the throne contained no promise to deal during the present session with the pressing needs for improvement of the condition of laborers in Ireland.

Several speakers bitterly attacked Chief Secretary Wyndham, who was defended by Mr. Atkinson, attorney general for Ireland.

John Redmond declared that it was a disgrace that the government could not provide money at a reasonable rate to carry out a much needed reform.

When the division was called the Ulster unionists left the house amid nationalist jeers. Mr. Donelan's amendment was rejected by a vote of 228 to 184.

Premier Balfour then moved closure, under which the address in reply to the speech from the throne was adopted 235 to 175.

FREDERICTON NEWS.

Factory Commission Will Re- port Against the Passage of An Act.

Fredericton, March 2.—(Special)—The factory commission finished their labors here, last evening, and will submit a report to the government in a few days. While the members of the commission are rather reticent, it is learned on pretty good authority, that their report will be against the proposed factory act.

W. H. Huntley, of Montreal, supreme president of the Sons of England, arrived here this morning, accompanied by district deputy J. H. Walker, of St. John. This evening they pay an official visit to Islington Lodge.

Thirty recruits have arrived here from Nova Scotia for the royal regiment. The company of local capitalists which lately acquired Babitt's mill at Gibson will apply for incorporation.

The Sewell mill at Maudgerville will also be taken over by the company and their intention is to establish a woodworking factory at Gibson.

WANT ADV. ALMOST CAUSED A RIOT.

Three Hundred Men in New York Fight for the Privilege of Working.

New York, March 2.—A newspaper advertisement offering a day's work to fifty snow shovellers, brought such a crowd of applicants to a point in Fifth street early today that the police reserves were called out to quell an incipient riot which attended the scramble for work checks. More than three hundred men who had come in response to the advertisement, were standing about the place soon after daylight, when the man with fifty checks, each of which would entitle the holder to a day's work, appeared on the scene. The sight of the checks was the signal for a rush in which every one of the three hundred joined. Men were tossed right and left in the scramble to reach the holder of the checks and within a minute the last one of the bits of pasteboard had been given out. This did not stop the trouble, however, and when the police reserves, who had been summoned at the first rush, appeared, more than a score of individual couples were fighting hand to hand for the right to shovel snow all day for \$2.

Geo. W. Cooke, of Dunlop Cooke and Co., Amherst, is at the Royal. Mr. Cooke will leave for New York in a day or so and sail thence to Europe on an extended business trip. Mr. Cooke's many friends in this city will wish him bon voyage.

Frederick V. Wilson was married last evening to Miss Mary E. Kyle, at the residence of Rev. Dr. Gates, who officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson left on the Calvin Advent for Boston this morning.

MAY RECALL KUROPATKIN.

London Times Hears Russian War Council May Take This Action---Japs Repulsed at Ku- daza After Great Loss---Strike Situation is Serious and Threatening.

London, Mar. 2.—The Times Russian correspondent telegraphs that he hears a war council will be held at St. Petersburg about March 5, to decide whether General Kuropatkin shall be recalled. He adds that Grand Duke Nicholas or General Dragomiroff, the hero of the Russo-Turkish war are mentioned as possible successors.

A Stubborn Fight.

Sakhetun, Manchuria, Wednesday, Mar. 1.—(delayed in transmission.) A stubborn fight is waging on the left wing. Vigorous attacks of the Japanese on the village of Kudaza have been repulsed and the Russians maintain their position by reason of the intervention of a relief column which attacked the Japanese from the west after two passes had been occupied. This column was hard pressed by the Japanese and suffered great losses. It advanced in detachments to the neighborhood of Ubenupusa and was attacked thrice during the night, but repulsed all the Japanese onslaughts. To the westward the Japanese made a night attack on Kutal Pass. Some of the assaults were repulsed but at 9 a. m. the Russian advance guard vacated two outward forts which had been destroyed by Japanese artillery, and retired to better fortified positions. The Japanese attacked Nanshanpu in the Khandan district at 6 a. m., but were repulsed.

Is Seriously Ill.

St. Petersburg, Mar. 2.—Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky, former minister of the interior is seriously ill at Kharkoff.

Situation Critical.

St. Petersburg, Mar. 2.—The strike situation throughout Russia has been rendered distinctly more critical by the bold demands of the St. Petersburg workmen, yesterday, confronting the government again with the necessity of yielding everything in the face of a threat or of seeing all hope of a permanent settlement of the strike here and elsewhere, through like agencies, dashed to the ground.

But the worst feature of the situation is that the authorities are not convinced that the leaders of the workmen, in pursuance of a deep political plan, are managed by a shrewd hidden agency, which is deliberately trying to prevent a settlement. The authorities seem to be at their wit's end, and, in the meantime, rumors are again afloat that the action of yesterday was preliminary to a big

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WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN A THAW COMES?

"What will happen if a thaw comes?"

This question is agitating the minds of a large number of people, both in the city and country districts.

The streets, which are piled with snow to a depth of from 2 to 8 feet, will be almost impassable. On many of the streets, where the car tracks do not run, the snow is so deep that should a soft spell set in, it would be impossible for teams to navigate them. The horses would simply sink into the mass, so that they could not move. The melted snow would flood the sidewalks, and they would be like running brooks.

Citizens who have basement flats, anticipate all kinds of trouble, as with the huge banks of snow in front of the houses, and the immense quantities that have accumulated in the yards, they would be in danger of a flood from both front and rear.

The milkmen and farmers will find it almost impossible to get to the city, and a milk famine is among the possibilities. The roads are bad enough at present, with their huge drifts, which in many cases are 10 or 15 feet high, but when old snow or a rain storm gets to work, the farmers will have to stay in their own homes, and the hens may lay, and the chickens walk about, without fear of molestation.

The Street Railway Company will come in for their share of the trouble. A prominent official told the Times recently that they expect to have considerable trouble in the event of a thaw. The melted snow would run in on the tracks, (which are away below the level of the streets, at present), and if it freezes, up at night, they would have to go over the line with pick and shovel, and this would mean loss of time and much expense.

In event of a fire, the apparatus would be at a great disadvantage, on