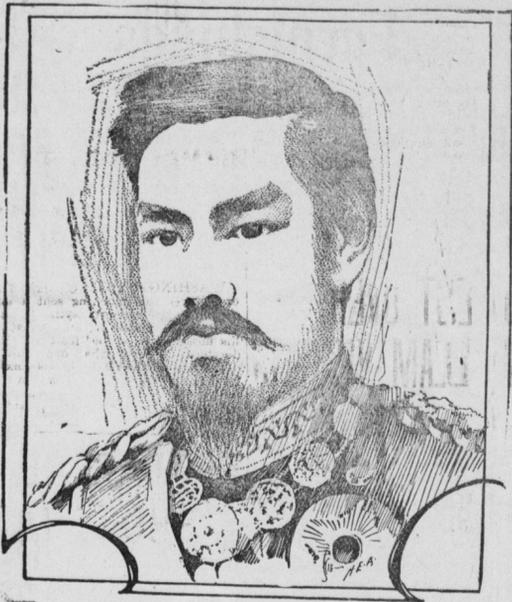


## MIKADO SEIZES SHIPS FOR TRANSPORTS



MUTSUHITO, EMPEROR OF JAPAN.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11.—Advices to the state department this afternoon are more warlike. The mikado's government has seized twenty merchant vessels for transports.

A report from Seoul states that the Russia guard there is being constantly augmented. The Japanese minister called at the state department this morning for a conference with Secretary Hay. After his departure

the latter stated that the chances to avert a war at present seem to be slight.

TOKIO, Jan. 11.—The cabinet and statesmen are meeting this afternoon.

PARIS, Jan. 11.—Advices from the foreign office state that Russia's reply to Japan's note, while recognizing Japan's supremacy in Korea, insists on the establishment of a neutral zone in the north and along the coast of Korea. Russia is willing to recognize Japan's trading rights in Manchuria, but refuses to permit the establishment of a Japanese settlement there.

## FEDERATION OF LABOR MEETS

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 11.—Spokane is entertaining the annual convention of the Washington State Federation of Labor. The gathering was formally opened today with an attendance of delegates representing Tacoma, Seattle, Everett, Olympia and numerous other cities. Reports show a gratifying increase in the membership of the federation during the last twelve months and the outlook is bright for the most successful convention in its history.

## LIVE STOCK MEN MEET

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 11.—The seventh annual convention of the National Live Stock association opens in Portland tomorrow and several hundred delegates are already in the city. The visitors arriving today included many from Washington, Colorado, Nebraska, Arizona, Texas, Montana, the Dakotas, Utah, Wyoming and Oklahoma. From all indications the convention will be the largest and likewise the most important held since the organization of the association nearly ten years ago.

## COMING TO GET A BLACK EYE

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—According to word received here, Ben Jordan, the English featherweight champion, will sail from England for America today, prepared to try conclusions with the best Yankee boxers in his class for international honors. It is understood that Jordan prefers Benny Yanger or Abe Attell if they will agree to come to his weight, which is 122 pounds. Sporting men are somewhat skeptical regarding Jordan's visit, as he contemplated coming here before, but at the last moment canceled the engagement without any plausible reason. Jordan's representative says, however, that the foreigner will surely sail today, as he is anxious to fight and coral some of the American dollars the native pugilists are earning these days.

## TACOMA MOURNS FOR VICTIMS OF CLALLAM

No casualty in recent years has caused such universal mourning in this city as the wreck of the steamship Clallam, when five Tacoma people lost their lives. All of the victims were well known here and have friends by the score. All save one, Miss Ethel Diprose, had families here and were intending to return.

Probably the best known of the victims was Captain Charles W. Thompson, head of a number of mining companies and one of the best known mining men in the state. He had resided in Tacoma 12 years and had been actively identified with the business interests of the city. He was about 50 years of age and leaves an invalid wife and five small children.

At Captain Thompson's office today his business associates said that up to a late hour the body had not been recovered. A careful watch is being kept for it and as soon as it is found arrangements will be made for the funeral in Tacoma.

Professor W. B. Gibbons was best known as the organist of the First Congregational church, and his recitals drew people from all over the city. Although having lived in Tacoma but two years, he had become one of the most popular musicians in the city and his reputation as an organist had spread over the state.

About a month ago he was elected organist of one of the Episcopal churches of Victoria and has been offered the position of musical director in a college there. He assumed his duties in Victoria the first of the year, but had intended making weekly visits to Tacoma to continue his work as director of the Ladies' Musical club here. So great was the esteem in which he was held by his musical associates that they had planned a testimonial concert for him to be given February 3.

At the Congregational church yesterday the organist from which Professor Gibbons had so long drawn music that attracted people from far and near was draped in mourning.

The body arrived on the Flyer at 1:30 p. m. today, in charge of Robert Barclay. The funeral will take place Wednesday at 2 p. m. from Trinity church.

A widow and three children survive him. Bruno Lehman, customs inspector on the Clallam, lived at 204 North Tacoma avenue and leaves a wife and a brother. He was one of the last to leave the vessel and worked heroically to help save the lives of those on board. He had been in the customs service about five years and was known all over the Sound for his bravery and daring. At the time the Kingston was sunk by the Glenogle in Tacoma harbor Mr. Lehman was on the Kingston and at that time distinguished himself for bravery. The body will be brought here for burial.

The fourth victim was Miss Ethel Diprose, who was on her way to Victoria hospital. She was on her way to Victoria

to spend her vacation with a sister there. Miss Diprose was loved alike by the hospital staff and patients and there is genuine sorrow over her untimely death. A dispatch received at the hospital this morning said that the body will be taken to Victoria for burial.

W. E. Rookledge was on his way to Victoria to bring home his wife and 4-year-old child, who had been visiting relatives there since the holidays. Mr. Rookledge was an employe of the Standard House Furnishing company and had lived in Tacoma but two years, coming here from Los Angeles. Up to a late hour this afternoon there was no report that his body had been recovered.

A diligent search is being maintained and as soon as the bodies are recovered they will be brought here for burial.

## INQUEST OVER CLALLAM VICTIMS

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 11.—The inquest over eight bodies recovered from the Clallam yesterday is being held today. Rigid inquiries are being made as to the seaworthiness of the steamer.

A fleet of half a hundred war vessels, tugs, steamers and small boats are now patrolling the vicinity of the disaster, searching for more bodies.

PORT TOWNSEND, Jan. 11.—The bodies of Mrs. Mary Reynolds of Seattle and Mrs. H. W. Laplante of Friday Harbor have been recovered near Victoria. Forty-one victims are still missing.

## TACOMA MAKES BIG GAINS

According to an estimate made by Postmaster Cromwell there are between 65,000 and 75,000 people in Tacoma. Postoffice officials are in a position to make a fairly close estimate, and the probabilities are that Postmaster Cromwell is not far out of the way. On the basis of his estimate Tacoma has made a gain during the year of not far from 10,000.

## CANNOT ACCOUNT FOR WRECK OF CLALLAM

The Clallam disaster is the main topic of conversation among local steamboat men today. Many of them, with the vague facts at hand, are unable to account for it.

The deadlight question is laughed at, all agreeing that there was more serious trouble than a broken deadlight.

Mr. Heath, the builder of the Clallam, says from the reports received he is unable to account for the ship filled with water. She was well provided with pumps and the rudder was in perfect condition. The rudder on the dock in Seattle, he said, is an old one taken off about three weeks ago, when the Clallam was on the drydock, and with her new rudder the vessel handled well. The deadlights were three feet above the water and were about six inches in diameter, the glass being five-eighths of an inch thick.

Some suggest that a heavy piece of drift carried by a sea struck the vessel long down and stove her planking in.

"We can't sit on the dock and say anything about it," said a prominent stevedore. "Captain Robert got a man up there is on the coast when it comes to handling a vessel, and I think he did the best he could under the circumstances."

A steamboat officer who was out Friday night and passed inside of Smith Island said there was no sign of the disaster and that the night was no worse than might be expected during the storms that strike the Straits.

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It is said that interested parties will attempt to effect a settlement satisfactory to both sides.

## COMMISSIONERS DO NOT APPROVE NEW ROAD LAWS

Speaking today of the situation in regard to county road work and the new law governing the same, Commissioner Kandle said: "There was approximately \$30,000 levied for road work last year, and that the road supervisors of the several districts got, as a rule, a good percentage of it as their pay is not denied, but the new law will not help matters any in that respect. The commissioners of this county, however, fought against the law that was passed by the legislature reducing the number of county road districts from fifty-nine to four, but the legislature could not take our view of the situation, hence we have the work of repairing roads all over the county is done almost at the same time every spring, and the districts are so large that a supervisor can not possibly cover the territory he is called upon to go over in a day in order to keep the men at work. For example, one district takes in Skagit county the smaller, Gig Harbor, Fox island and Balch's cove. District No. 4 commences at the reservation and takes everything eastward to Buckley. Is it possible for one man to cover that territory in every spring, and instead of a day? Of course, it is not, and instead of the supervisor looking after the work there, must necessarily be foremen appointed who will receive the way that heretofore has gone to the supervisors, which was \$2,500 per day.

"The tools which the districts have credited to them are for the most part worn out. Shovels do not last long where they are used among rocks, scrapers are soon worn out, and the other tools go accordingly. Some of the districts, not having sufficient implements for road work, borrow from neighboring districts, which account for the tools of such districts being

## SHELLS FLYING

SAN DOMINGO, Jan. 11.—Revolutionists continue to make demonstrations against this city. Last night a number of shells were thrown, one of which fell near the American legation building, but did little harm when it exploded. Another shell struck the city hall, doing considerable damage.

## REOPENING OF CHICAGO THEATERS

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—The special committee of aldermen and experts to which was confided the preparation of a new building law governing theaters and public

buildings will report to the city council this evening. It is expected that their ordinance will be adopted and that within ten days all of the theaters in the city except three will be permitted to reopen their doors, provided that one cause of his departure at this time is his anxiety regarding the action of the board of elections in Bogota. He fears his absence will endanger his election to the presidency of Colombia.

Three theaters will probably not be allowed to reopen under any circumstances, owing to the dangerous nature of their construction.

## CHURCH BURNS

LOWELL, Mass., Jan. 11.—St. Patrick's church was burned this morning. The loss is \$100,000.

## REYES SEES HIS RISK

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11.—General Reyes this morning sent a letter to the state department saying he is about to leave for Colombia an intimation that his mission has proved fruitless. It is understood, however, that one cause of his departure at this time is his anxiety regarding the action of the board of elections in Bogota. He fears his absence will endanger his election to the presidency of Colombia.

## BIG RASCAL, SHORT TERM

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11.—Ex-City Treasurer A. C. Widder was released from San Quentin this morning after serving five years for the embezzlement of \$118,000 of city funds. He had substituted silver for gold in the coin sack and spent the money in race track gambling.

## NO JURY YET

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Another day has passed without adding any jurors in the 'car barn handle' case. Months may elapse before a jury is secured.

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## MARRIAGE LICENSES

H. A. Durr and Martha Whitaker, C. J. Franklin and Fernanda Costello took out marriage licenses today.

## WASHINGTON PICTURES FOR WORLD'S FAIR

The paintings of Washington scenery that have adorned the Carnegie library the past two weeks will be removed this evening. They were painted by Mrs. F. R. Hill of this city for the Great Northern railroad and will be used in its exhibition at the St. Louis fair.

## MORTALITY RECORD

Alfred Stark, a single man, died yesterday in his rooms at 733 South C street. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and of the Red Men. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

## MINISTERIAL MEETING

The Ministerial Alliance of this city held its usual Monday morning session in the Y. M. C. A. parlors this morning. Rev. Henley of the Yakima Avenue Congregational church read an exceptionally interesting paper on "Necessity of Individual Bible Study." A discussion followed the reading and was participated in by the various members. On next Monday Rev. Tonge of Fuyallup will read a paper before the alliance.

## COLLISION

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—A collision occurred this morning between a trolley car and a Milwaukee & St. Paul train at Irving Park boulevard. Charles Fagin, motorman, and George Walker, a passenger, were fatally hurt and twenty others less seriously injured.

## LAW'S HAND ON THEIR THROATS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11.—The cases of August W. Machen, former general superintendent of the free delivery service; Samuel A. and Diller B. Croff of this city, and Mr. and Mrs. George E. Lorenz of Toledo, all of whom are charged with defrauding the government by conspiracy in connection with the sale of box fasteners to the postoffice department, were called for trial today in the District of Columbia court. Many witnesses are on hand and it is probable that the trial will proceed without further delay.

## IROQUOIS INQUEST

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—The testimony in the Iroquois inquest today was that given before. One witness testified that she appealed to an usher to assist her to escape and he threw her off.

## BRICKLAYERS CONVENTION

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 11.—The annual convention of the Bricklayers and Plasterers' International Union of America began here today. Bishop McPaul offered the opening prayer and Mayor Katzenbach welcomed the delegates. The annual address of the president and reports of other officers and committees followed. These reports showed the affairs of the union to be in splendid condition. A number of matters of importance to the two crafts are scheduled for discussion during the several days the convention will be in session.

## CARRIED UGLY WEAPON

John Whittaker was arrested this morning at 2:30 o'clock by Officer Westover. An ugly-looking attleto was found on him and he was booked on the charge of carrying concealed weapons. This afternoon

Judge Griffin fined him \$25.

Nels Julius Edward Olson, a native of Denmark, declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States today and was given his first naturalization papers.

## NEW CITY ENGINEER

L. A. Nickleson of Nickleson & Bullard has been appointed city engineer and will assume office tomorrow morning.

## LIQUOR BROKE UP HER HOME

Mrs. Gunder, a well-known character about town, is again confined in the city jail for being drunk. She can not, apparently, resist the temptation to get tipsy when occasion presents itself. Some months ago she was declared an habitual drunkard and saloons were warned not to sell her any liquor, but she gets it from some source.

## DEMOCRATS GATHERING

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11.—Large delegations are arriving here today to attend the meeting of the National Democratic committee, which begins tomorrow. Harmony is the watchword. Guzman and Parker are mentioned the most for president. Williams is also given an occasional mention. Hearst is seldom heard of.

Chicago, St. Louis and New York have all opened headquarters and are after the convention.

Colonel James Hamilton Lewis, formerly of Seattle, will do the oratorical stunt before the convention in behalf of Chicago.

## WEATHER FORECAST

For Tacoma and vicinity: Tonight and Tuesday, occasional rain; fresh westerly winds.

## WHERE DID IT GO?

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11.—The house today, without debate, unanimously adopted a resolution calling on the attorney general for a full report on the dis-

## NAKED MANIAC IS AT LARGE

A WARRANT has been sworn out by I. J. Leach charging that Mel Deneen of Electron is insane. Deneen was until a few days ago a teamster employed by the Columbia Improvement company on its work in Electron. He is said to be running about in the woods minus all clothing. Whisky is supposed to be the agent of his undoing mentally.

Mel Deneen is well known about Orting, having lived in and about that place for 14 years. The officers went out to get Deneen today and will bring him to Tacoma.

## MARINE GLIMPSSES

The steamship Oanfa was shifted from the Electric Bunkers to the Balfour dock by the tugs Falcon and Fearless this morning and will complete her Tacoma cargo there.

The T. C. Reed had a carload of telephone wire and 40 boxes of fish for Tacoma today.

The collier Mackinaw, loading coal at the Gravity bunkers, will get to sea tonight for San Francisco.

The steamship Ching Wo, Captain Parkinson, will finish loading at the Puget Sound flouring mills today and will get to sea tomorrow morning for Hongkong.

Percy Cole, engineer of the tug Elf, in attempting to board the steamer this morning lost his footing and, falling, struck heavily on his shoulders and was seriously injured. Members of the crew took him to his home.

## TACOMA MINISTERS WANT CONFERENCE

The Methodist Ministerial association met today at the University of Puget Sound. The most important matter brought before the meeting was the question of holding a missionary conference in Tacoma just before the annual conference, which meets in Los Angeles in May. A great many people in the Puget Sound district will be unable to go to California and the proposition to hold the missionary conference here for their benefit has been suggested.

There is very little opposition to the plan and it is more than likely that Tacoma will be called upon to entertain the missionary conference early in May.

## COMES TOO LATE

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Dr. Emma Nickerson's bill for \$100,000 for medical services during six years against the estate of Millionaire Francis Wheeler were settled today by the payment of \$12,500. Both doctor and patient are dead.