NEWS OF THE DAY IN BRIEF

New U. S. Industry to Have Canadian Branch.

Ottawa Municipal Lighting Plant Has a Surplus.

Boy of Fifteen Charged at Belleville With Horse-Stealing.

The relations between President Taft and Mr. Roosevelt are said to be very friendly.

Two new fast steamers for the Canadian trade have been ordered by the Allan Line.

Mr. Payne states that a bill for a permanent tariff commission will be acceptable to President Taft and to Congress.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church at Ottawa has extended a call to Rev. J. J. Clemens, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Guelph.

Railway companies will disregard the Quebec dual language bill intended to govern the issue of all tickets, railway forms and literature.

The body of the man who was found dead in his room at 261 Wellington street west, Toronto, has been identified as that of Alexander Empey.

A banquet was tendered to Mayor Hastings at Guelph, by his colleagues, of the Council, and he was presented with a handsome cut-glass lemonade set.

Mrs. Chas. O'Dell and her son Fred, aged 20, engaged in a drunken brawl, at St. John, N. B. She is now in the hospital wth serious knife wounds in her neck, and the son has disappeared.

The Waters Garment Company of New York, will locate a Canadian branch at St. Catharines for the manufacture of Heatherbloom petticoats. The plant is to employ one hundred hands.

James Young, for over 25 years a resident of Toronto, died at his residence, 145 St. Patrick street, after a month's illness, from grippe. He ran as engineer on the Grand Trunk for 38 years.

The congregation of Bloor Street Baptist Church, Toronto, is hopeful of retaining its pastor, Rev. W. A. Cameron, in spite of the tempting invitation from Euclid Avenue Church in Cleveland.

The first section of the Canada & Gulf Terminal Railway, which is to connect Gaspe Basin with the National Transcontinental Railway, the forty-mile section from St. Flavie to Matane, has been opened.

All records for postal package receipts at Winnipeg were shattered on Tuesday, when 5,600 pieces of British parcel mail were received, in addition to the heaviest American parcel receipts ever known there.

Wm. McCaw, a boy of 15, has been sent to Belleville for trial from Elzevir for horse-stealing. In the Police Court Frank Pierce, who stole ten overcoats from a store was sentenced to four months in jail.

A cablegram to the Provincial Department of Agriculture announces the serious illness of Mr. N. B. Colcock, Ontario Government agent at London. Mr. Colcock is stricken with pleurisy, and grave anxiety is felt as to his condition.

J. D. Clanchy, constable in the North-West Mounted Police, at Saskatoon, left St. John, N. B., for the west, having in custody Duncan K. Turner, who is wanted in Saskatoon on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences.

It is announced that the Ottawa municipal electric power plant will have a large surplus at the end of the year and that the rates charged for light and heat and possibly also those charged for power will be reduced from 10 to 15 per cent.

The chief engineer in the Public Works Department has reported favorably upon the application of the Grand Trunk Pacific for the statutory subsidy for a dry-dock at Prince Rupert, to cost not less than two million dollars.

His Lordship Bishop Reeve, as a senior bishop of the Province of Rupert's Land, and one of the oldest in Canada, will represent the Canadian Church at the approaching consecration of the new Bishop of Antigua, West Indies.

ABOUT FORESTRY

Forestry Convention to be Opened in Ottawa by Earl Grey.

Many Prominent Personages to be Present Next Month.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—His Excellency the Governor-General has graciously consented to open the Fosertry Convention, which will meet, at the call of the Premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, at Quebec City on January 18, 19 and 20, under the auspices of the Canadian Forestry Association. Preparations for it are now in an advanced stage.

The president of the association, Senator W. C. Edwards, will preside, and many prominent Canadian speakers, as well as representatives from the United States, will take part. Among those who are expected besides a number of official representatives are Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. R. L. Borden, M. P., Hon. Clifford Sifton, Chairman of the Commission of Conservation; Hon. Sydney Fisher, Hon. Frank Oliver, Sir Lomer Gouin, Hon. Jules Allard, Hon. Frank Cochrane, Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer, Mgr. Lapointe, Vicar-General of Chicoutimi; R. H. Campbell, Dominion Superintendent of Forestry; H. S. Graves, Chief Forester of the United States; Dr. H. S. Beland, M. P., Dr. B. E. Fernow, Dean of the Faculty of Forestry of the University of Toronto; E. Stewart, formerly Superintendent of Forestry; E. E. Ring, Forest Commissioner of Maine; Achille Bergevin, of the Quebec Fish and Game Protective Association; and Dr. C. Gordon Hewitt, Dominion Entomologist.

Anyone who expects to be present will greatly assist by communicating as soon as possible with the secretary, Mr. James Lawler, Canadian building, Ottawa, from whom programmes and all information may be received. The Legislature of Quebec will be in session, and the Commission of Conservation will hold its annual meeting in Quebec on Jan. 17th. The railway companies have already granted a single-fare rate for the journey to Quebec and return, on the standard certificate plan, from all points in Canada east of Fort William. It is hoped also to secure reduced rates from points west of this.

A NEW BERRY

Like Strawberries and Cream--Many Crosses Before Success Came.

Plant Wizard of California Evolves a New Strawberry.

Santa Ant, Cal., Jan. 2.—Luther Burbank announces the creation of a strawberry of a new type, the "Patagonia." The plant wizard says the berry is the result of years of effort. It ripens first, and continues to bear the longest. The leaves are large and unusually thick and firm, with a thin, silky down, and are never injured by sunburn, where other varieties are either seriously browned or wholly destroyed."

The berries are uniformly large, single berries sometimes weighing an ounce, and of a fine scarlet color, with handsome pale flesh. The seeds are so small as to be almost imperceptible. The new strawberry melts in the mouth, with a sweet pineapple, strawberry and cream-like flavor. Burbank says:

"Some twenty-five years ago the work of improving the strawberry was commenced on my grounds. The best combination in this work resulted in the crosses with the seeds of the wild strawberry, sent by Mr. Burbank's collectors in Chili, obtained from the lofty Cordilleras Mountains and in the coast region of southern South America, and also with Brandywine, Longworth's Prolific, Monarch, Marshall, and some of our native California berries but no striking or very unexpected results were observed until the second generation, when among the very numerous hybrid seedlings under test was found this unique berry, which was at once recognized as the grand prize which has at last been produced after much expense, labor and care during the past twenty-five years."

BLOWN UP.

Ten Houses Wrecked and People Scared by Detroit Explosion.

Detroit, Mich., despatch: A grocer store owned by Jim Mano, at 265 Clinton street, was wrecked by two dynamite explosions early to-day, and ten houses in the neighborhood were damaged. Ten men, a woman and a little baby were sleeping on the second floor of the store, but escaped unharmed. They were thrown from their beds. The explosions, which followed each other in rapid succession, could be heard a great distance, and the residents in the vicinity were thrown into a state of high excitement.

Several sticks of dynamite with half burned fuses were found nearby. Mano says he believes that Italian enemies are responsible. He has had much litigation in the courts of late, coming out victorious.

CAR LOTS.

Railway Company Postpone Enforcement of Order.

Toronto, Ont., despatch: The railway companies have notified the Canadian Manufacturers' Association that, after consideration, they have decided to postpone the order issued by them some time ago regarding the loading of car lot freight on industrial sidings, until July, 1911.

In October last the railways sent out a circular to all agents and manufacturers notifying that after the first of the year nothing less than a car load lot would be permitted at industrial sidings to manufacturers. A protest was made against this through the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

CRUELTY TO SON.

Father and Step-Mother Locked Up For Mistreating Child.

Montreal, Jan. 2.—Locking her stepson in a wood-shed, whipping him when he cried from the cold and only bringing him into the house to be fed, then sending him back into the wood-shed again—these are details of the charge of "cruelty" made to-day against Mrs. Philess St. Jean of Chabot street.

"Horrible, horrible," exclaimed Judge Lanctot. "This is simply barbarous."

His Honor promptly ordered both father and step-mother to be locked up, without the option of bail, pending preliminary investigation into the case.

HAMILTON-TO-GODERICH CANAL

Tacoma Man Has a Scheme on a Gigantic Scale.

Make Toronto and Hamilton the Hub of the Continent.

Mr. Gillies Will Seek the Federal Government's Aid.

Toronto despatch.—A. P. Gillies, of Tacoma, Washington, who appeared before the board of control here with an army of New York financiers last summer and presented a scheme for the building of a subway terminal in Toronto, is here again with another scheme which he proposes to work in conjunction with his subway terminal idea and one, according to Mr. Gillies, will, if operated successfully, make Toronto the hub of the continent, double Hamilton's population, and make Ontario one of the greatest manufacturing provinces in the world. In looking for a source of power to operate the proposed subway terminal, the idea of digging a canal from Goderich to Hamilton, which would effect a fall of 200 feet between the two lakes, occurred to Mr. Gillies, and he claims he has now the backing of sufficient capital to see the scheme completed.

Early in January he will present his project to the Federal and Provincial Governments, asking their co-operation in the undertaking, which he believes is truly a national one, and also to ask them to guarantee bonds for construction of the canal.

The proposed canal will be 35 feet deep and 300 feet wide and by deepening the canals on the St. Lawrence River, ocean liners will be able to sail from Chicago and Fort William direct to Liverpool, making a saving of 1,700 miles of marine transportation. The benefit of the New England States have been reaping in consequence of the prosperity of the west will now be diverted to the Provinces of Eastern Canada.

Even though the Government refuse to give assistance, the Canadian National Canal Co., he says, are determined to carry out the scheme on their own responsibility. They will offer the government the option of a part ownership and complete control of the project, and on this account Mr. Gillies thinks the government will realize the feasibility of the enterprise and its possibilities as a revenue maker and adopt it as a plank in their reform platform during the next campaign. Tolls on the tonnage passing through the canal, with the earnings of the power generated therefrom, will in 20 years pay for the cost of it, he says.

The power will be used for the operation of a trolley system to tow barges and larger vessels through the canal, and there will be power to operate electric car lines for a radius of 200 miles, and at a lower cost than by Niagara power, he says. Toronto and Hamilton will have the cheapest power in the world, with the result that the manufactories from all over the continent will be attracted to these two cities. There will be a better and cheaper lighting system, and, after five years of operation, each of these two cities will have doubled their population. Toronto will, indeed, be a Greater Toronto, and some day the two cities will join hands and Montreal will no longer be the commercial centre of Canada.

The scheme has been assured the backing of the financial world, including banks in Belgium and Holland. F. M. Andrews & Co., of New York, of which Charles B. Taft, brother of President Taft, is a director, will be the engineers and architects in charge.

A. P. Gillies, the promoter, is a Canadian, and was born at Finch, Ont. He is also connected with several gigantic schemes on the continent, including a $50,000,000 terminal subway in Tacoma, Wash., which is nearing completion, and the Oylmpic Canal, connecting the southern end of Puget Sound with the Pacific Ocean, and placing Seattle and Tacoma 100 miles nearer South American ports. He has recently received the endorsation of the commercial bodies of the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan, concerning his Canadian enterprise, and he says the eyes of these States are on Ontario and Toronto in particular, wondering if she is big enough to appreciate the idea and give it the asistance it warrants.

ATTACK ON KING

Seller of Paper Called The Liberator Arrested in London.

Bitter Attacks on the Royal Family, Especially the King.

London, Jan. 2.—Edward F. Mylius was arrested here to-day for selling a paper called the Liberator, which advocates republican principles. The paper printed an article containing virulent abuse of England and the Royal family. The story rehashed the old report that King George contracted a marriage in Malta in 1890.

Mylius was arraigned before Sir Samuel Evans, sitting as a vacation judge, to-day, charged with sedition.

Prior to the arrest of Mylius the police raided his lodgings in Courtnell street, where he has lived for two years, and took away a number of copies of the paper. They also confiscated about 300 more, which were found locked in one of the Rowton houses.

The Liberator is published in Paris by the Ponroy Company, and its publisher is Edward Holton James, a wealthy American lawyer, now travelling in Portugal. He is a nephew of Henry James, the novelist. It is described as an international journal, but for some time its contents are mainly virulent abuse of England, its Government, its ruler and the Royal family. The police have been watching it closely for some time, but no action was taken until the November issue appeared.

A colored leaflet was issued with the June number, setting forth in large type:

"France and America salute thee, England. Long live Keir Hardie. Hail to the revolution. Down with the classes. Up with the proletariat. Long live Egypt, India and Ireland. Hail to the people, and long may they reign."

The attack on the consort of the late Queen Victoria, and statements concerning alleged morganatic marriage of the King George, caused the raid.

HIGH COURT.

Spring Sittings of High Court of Justice—Winter Assizes.

The Hon. the Chancellor.

1. Toronto Winter Assizes, first week, Monday, January 9; 2. Toronto, Non-jury, eleventh week, Monday., March 20; 3. Toronto Non-jury, twelfth week, Monday, March 27; 4. Toronto, Civil Jury, fifth week, Monday, April 3; 5. St. Thomas Jury, Tuesday, April 18; 6. Cornwall Jury, Tuesday, April 25; 7. Welland Non-jury, Tuesday, May 2; 8. Bracebridge Jury and Non-jury, Tuesday, May 16; 9. Sandwich Non-jury, Tuesday, May 22; 10. Port Arthur, Jury, Monday, June 26.

The Hon. the Chief Justice of the Common Pleas.

1. London, Winter Assizes, Monday, January 9; 2. Toronto, Winter Assizes, fourth week, Monday, January 30; 3. Toronto, Civil Jury, first week, Monday, March 6; 4. Toronto, Non-jury, thirteenth week., Monday, April 3; 5. Toronto, Non-jury, fourteenth week, Monday, April 10; 6. Toronto, Criminal, first week, Monday, May 1; 7. Toronto, Non-jury., twenty-first week, Monday, May 29; 8. Toronto, Non-jury, twenty-second week, Monday, June 5; 9. Toronto Non-jury, twenty-third week, Monday, June 12.

The Hon. the Chief Justice of the King's Bench.

1. Cornwall, Winter Assizes, Tuesday, January 10; 2. Stratford, Jury, Monday, February 27; 3. Brantford, Jury, Monday, March 6; 4. Toronto, Civil Jury, fourth week, Monday, March 27; 5. North Bay, Jury, Monday, April 3; 6. Goderich, Jury, Tuesday, April 11; 7. Sudbury, Jury, Monday, April 24; 8. Stratford, Non-jury, Monday, June 5; 9. Toronto, Non-jury, twenty-fourth week, Monday, June 19; 10. Toronto, Non-jury, twenty-fifth week, Monday, June 26.

The Hon. the Chief Justice of the Exchequer Division.

1. Toronto, Winter Assizes, third week, Monday, January 23; 2. Toronto, Non-jury, seventh week, Monday, February 20; 3. Toronto, Non-jury, eighth week, Monday, February 27; 4. Toronto, Civil Jury, second week, Monday, March 13; 5. Hamilton, Jury, Monday, March 20; 6. Milton Jury and Non-jury, Tuesday, April 11; 7. Belleville, Jury, Tuesday, April 11; 8. Sault Ste Marie, Jury and Non-jury, Monday, May 8; 9. Hamilton, Non-jury, Monday, May 15; 10. Perth, Jury and Non-jury, Monday, May 22.

The Hon. Mr. Justice MacMahon.

1. Orangeville, Jury and Non-jury, Tuesday, April 18; 2. L'Orignal, Jury and Non-jury, Monday, May 15; 3. Goderich, Non-jury Tuesday, May 23; 4. Brantford, Non-jury, Tuesday, May 30; 5. Belleville, Non-jury, Tuesday, June 6; 6. St Thomas, Non-jury, Tuesday, June 20.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Britton.

1. Toronto, Non-jury, ninth week, Monday, March 6; 2. Toronto, Non-jury, tenth week, Monday March 13; 3. Woodstock, Jury, Monday, March 27; 4. Chatham, Jury, Monday, April 3; 5. Toronto, Civil Jury, sixth week, Monday, April 10; 6. North Bay, Non-jury, Monday, May 22; 7. Woodstock, Non-jury, Monday, May 29; 8. Cornwall, Non-jury, Monday, June 5; 9. Chatham, Non-jury, Monday, June 19; 10. Parry Sound, Jury and Non-jury, Monday, June 26.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Teetzel.

1. Hamilton,, Winter Assizes, Monday, January 9; 2. Toronto, Non-jury, third week, Monday, January 23; Barrie, Jury, Tuesday, April 18; 4. Peterboro', Jury, Tuesday, April 18; 5. Toronto, Non-jury, seventeenth week, Monday, May 1; 6. Toronto, Non-jury, eighteenth week, Monday, May 8; 7. Lindsay, Non-jury, Monday, May 15; 8. Walkerton, Non-jury, Thursday, May 18; 9. Barrie, Non-jury, Monday, June 5; 10, Peterboro', Non-jury, Thursday, June 8; 11. Sudbury, Non-jury, Monday, June 26.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Clute.

1. Ottawa, Winter Assizes, Monday, January 9; 2. Toronto, Non-jury, fifth week, Monday, February 6; 3. Toronto, Non-jury, sixth week, Monday, February 13; 4. Lindsay, Jury, Monday, March 13; 5. Kingston, Jury, Tuesday, April 4; 6. Cobourg, Jury, Monday, April 10; 7. Sarnia, Jury, Tuesday, April 18; 8. Toronto, Criminal, second week, Monday 3; 9. Kingston, Non-jury, Monday, June 5; 10. Sarnia, Non-jury, Thursday, June 8; 11. Cobourg, Non-jury, Monday, June 19.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Latchford.

1. Toronto Winter Assizes, sixth week, Monday, February, 13; 2. Berlin Jury, Monday, March 6; 3. Toronto, Civil Jury, third week, Monday, March 20; 4. Cayuga, Jury and Non-jury, Tuesday, April 4; 5. Port Arthur Non-jury, Tuesday, April 18; 6. Ottawa Jury, Monday, April 24; 7. Toronto, Non-jury, nineteenth week, Monday, May 15; 8. Toronto, Non-jury, twentieth week, Monday, May 22; 9. Berlin, Non-jury, Monday, May 29; 10. Ottawa, Non-jury, Monday, June 26.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Riddell.

1. Toronto, Non-jury, first week, Monday, January 9; 2. Toronto, Non-jury, second week, Monday, January 16; 3. Toronto, Winter Assizes, fifth week, Monday, February 6; 4. Welland, Jury, Monday, February 20; 5. Owen Sound, Jury, Monday, February 27; 6. London, Jury, Monday, March 27; 7. Pembroke, Jury, and Non-jury, Tuesday, April 25; 8. Kenora Jury and Non-jury, Monday, May 8; 9. London, Non-jury, Monday, May 22; 10. Owen Sound, Non-jury, Monday, May 29; 11. Picton, Jury and Non-jury, Monday, June 12.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Sutherland.

1. Toronto, Winter Assizes, second week, Monday, January, 16; 2. Napanee, Jury, Monday, February 27; 3. Brockville, Jury, Tuesday, March 14; 4. Whitby, Jury, and Non-jury, Monday, April 15; 5. Toronto, Non-jury, fifteenth week, Tuesday, April 18; 6. Toronto, Non-jury, sixteenth week, Monday, April 24; 7. Brampton, Jury and Non-Jury, Tuesday, May 9; 8. Brockville, Non-jury, Monday, May 15; 9. Fort Frances, Jury and Non-Jury, Tuesday, June 6; 10. Napanee, Non-jury, Monday, June 19.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Middleton.

1. Toronto, Non-jury, fourth week, Monday, January 30; 2. Simcoe, Jury, Monday, February 20; 3. Guelph, Jury, Monday, 4. St. Catharines, Jury, Monday, March 6; 5. Sandwich, Jury, Monday, March 20; 6. Walkerton, Jury, Monday, March 27; 7. Simcoe, Non-jury, Monday, April 24; 8. Guelph, Non-jury, Monday, May 29; 9. St. Catharines, Non-jury, Thursday, June 1; 10. Georgian Bay, Jury and Non-jury, Monday, June 26.

THE UNITED BANKS

Merger Plan For United Empire Bank Shareholders.

Dividend Will be Over 5 Per Cent., Which is Better Than Now.

Union Bank Will Secure Good Business Connection by Move.

Toronto despatch: The shareholders of the United Empire Bank, whose absorption by the Union Bank of Canada has bee nannounced, will be given Union Bank shares in return for their United Empire stock at the rate of approximately two for three. Union Bank stock is now selling around 150 and shares of the United Empuire Bank, although not listed on the Stock Exchange, have been selling close to par. Holders were asking 102 yesterday on the strength of the proposed amalgamation. The stock has risen about $15 during the last two weeks.

The basis of agreement which has been arranged by the directors of the two institutions will have to be ratified by the shareholders of the United Empire Bank when they meet in Toronto six weeks hence. That they will readily approve of the amalgamation is almost certain since the eight per cent. dividend paid on Union Bank stock will realize five and a third per cent. for them on their invested capital, a rate which exceeds their return from United Empire stock by about one per cent.

Speaking yesterday, Mr. George P. Reid, manager of the United Empire Bank, said that the bargain would be a good one for the shareholders of United Empire, while the Union Bank would secure good business connection through the amalgamation in a number of desirable sections of the Province. Regarding his reason for consenting to the amalgamation, Mr. Reid said:

"We found it very hard to put out stock. The several bank failures of the last few years have made the investing public less confident in the purchase of bank stock, and we have not been able to secure adequate capital."

An increase of the capital stock of the Union Bank was authorized at the last annual meeting from four million to eight million. Yesterday Mr. John B. Waddell, Toronto Manager of the Union Bank, said that the greater portion of the increase would not be put out at once, but that about half a million of it would be used in the taking over of the United Empire Bank. The Union Bank is one of the oldest banking institutions in the Dominion, and has 202 branches in Canada, thirty-six of which were opened last year. It has a large connection in western Canada.

ONE LANGUAGE

Railway Companies Will Refuse to Comply With Dual Language Bill.

Ready to Fight Quebec Legislation Requiring French and English.

Montreal, Jan. 2.—Mind your own business and we'll mind ours, is the reply practically given by the transportation interests to the Quebec Legislature with regard to the Levergne dual language bill, which is supposed to go into effect on January 1.

The bill provides that in the Province of Quebec all railroads and other transportation companies shall have their tickets, way bills, telegraph blanks and other documents printed in both French and English.

The railroads are objecting to this very strongly, on the ground that they use French where business interests show that it should be used, but they object to having to use it otherwise in order to advance the interests of politicians. As a result it has been decided by the Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunk, Canadian Northern and other transportation interests that they will simply "stand pat" on the thing.

Although the measure goes into effect on January 1, no change will be made by the transportation people in their business literature. It will then be up to the Provincial Government to enforce the measure.

If this is done the railroad and other companies will defend the case, and it is stated that if necessary they will carry the thing to the privy council rather than submit to the dictation of the Nationalist feeling of the Provincial Legislature as to introducing two languages where only one is required.

ANARCHIST PLOT.

London Police Make Discovery—Tell Tale Letters.

London, Jan. 2.—Startling developments are expected in connection with the discovery by the police last night of a store of weapons, ammunition and explosives and also ingredients and appliances for making bombs in a house on Gold street, which has been occupied for nine months by a Russian named Moroutzeff, who was accidentally shot and killed by fellow burglars in the fight with the police in Houndsditch on Dec. 16. The police were on a back for close to the man who killed three constables in the fight referred to when they made the discoveries in the Gold street house. In addition to the ammunition and explosives they also found a number of scientific books dealing with explosives and some Anarchist leaflets.

It is said to-day that letters which were found in the house reveal a sensational Anarchist plot. It is also stated that Moroutzeff had been visited in the Gold street house by a well dressed American.

GOT 9 MONTHS.

Winnipeg Magistrate Sends First Rioter Before Him to Prison.

Winnipeg, Jan. 2.— Wasyl H. Baran was to-day sentenced to nine months' hard labor for throwing a bottle at a street car on Main street on Monday afternoon.

In imposing the sentence the Magistrate pointed out that the maximum penalty for such an offence was five years in the penitentiary, but he did not intend to inflict this punishment, adding that it would be coming to some of these men very soon.

Baran was charged with throwing a bottle and breaking the window of a north-bound car on Main street somewhere about 5.30 on Monday afternoon. The car was crowded at the time, but its occupants escaped without injury. Several witnesses gave evidence, including the conductor and motorman of the car. The accused in defence said that he had been persuaded to throw the bottle by one of the strikers.

BRITISH LAW.

U. S. Sailor Must Face London Court For Trial For His Crime.

London, Jan. 2.—Milton Grayson, a negro sailor belonging to the American battleship New Hampshire, now in English waters, who was arraigned in Bow Street Police Court on December 16, on a charge of having stabbed another sailor named Robert Washington, was again brought before the Magistrate to-day and was again remanded. The injured sailor is still in a hospital.

Several officers of the New Hampshire attended the court proceedings. They wanted the Magistrate to hand Grayson over to them for punishment. They assured that Grayson would be properly dealt with by them if placed in their charge.

The Magistrate replied that this was impossible. Grayson, he said, must be dealt with in accordance with English laws.

NOT A GHOST

But a Half Starved Baby Found Under Fallen Wall.

Rome, Jan. 2.—This was the second anniversary of the earthquake in Calabria and Sicily. The graves of numerous victims and the ruins of buildings in which many dead remain had wreaths and candles placed on them.

In Messina the bishop blessed the dead. There were many pathetic scenes. An incident occurred in the Via Angeli, Messina, which caused a panic among the superstitious. Faint cries were heard coming from beneath a pile of ruins. Ignorant people thought the cries were produced by a ghost. The officials ordered a search and there were found the decomposing body of a man and an 18 months-old child. The latter was unhurt, but was half starved. The body was identified as that of a laborer who was killed five days ago by the collapse of a tottering wall. The child was his son, whose marvellous escape recalls many similar escapes at the time of the earthquake.

CONNAUGHT.

He May Come to Canada as Governor-General After All.

London, Jan. 2.—The Canadian Associated Press has reason to believe the whole question of the Duke of Connaught and the Governor-Generalship of Canada is still under consideration, and no definite decision has yet been taken. When the Duke arrived in London he had received no intimation of any such change of plan as has been intimated from Ottawa. He returned to England in the expectation of proceeding to Canada as soon as he can be spared after the coronation.

NEW CHIEF ENGINEER.

J. C. Sullivan, Assistant Engineer of Eastern Line, Goes West.

Montreal, Jan. 2.— Sir Thomas Shaughnessy to-day confirmed an announcement from Winnipeg stating that Mr. J. E. Schwitzer, the assistant chief engineer of C. P. R. western lines, will join the engineering staff at the headquarters in Montreal.

Mr. Schwitzer will take up the position of chief engineer for the company. Mr. J. C. Sullivan the assistant engineer of eastern lines, will succeed Mr. Schwitzer in the west. The changes will be effective on January 1.

SCOTCH WHISKEY TRADE.

London, Jan. 2.—Statistics of the Scotch whiskey trade, published to-day, show that dealings for the past twelve months have been the worst for many years. The shrinkage in all departments is severe. The total production is the lowest for sixteen years, having declined over 2,000,000 gallons in the twelve months.