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was opened a minute afterwards and the contents found to be safe. Three police officers of Vancouver, Detective Wylie and officers Baynes and Calbeck, were badly injured by the wreck of a busy on the way to the fire. Wylie was badly wounded on the breast and Calbeck sustained several bad cuts and bruises about the head and Calbeck severe internal injuries.

AUSTRIA'S GRIEF

The Assassin Used a Gun Weapon in His Fiendish Work. Her Majesty Went Abroad in Search of Health and Became the Victim of a Madman. Geneva, Switzerland, Sept. 12.—The post-mortem examination of the remains of the Empress of Austria revealed that the weapon completely transfixing the heart, penetrating three and one-third inches, and making a wound one-sixth of an inch wide. The fact that Her Majesty walked fifty yards to the steamer is ascribed to her remarkable will power and natural energy.

Geneva, Switzerland, Sept. 12.—The medical examination shows that the assassin must have used a small triangular steel. After striking the blow he ran along the Rue des Alpes, with the evident intention of entering the Square des Alpes, but before reaching it he was seized by the police. He even sang as he walked along, saying "I did it" and "She must be dead."

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ASHcroft. D. B. Campbell, druggist, of Victoria, who every year takes a shooting trip in the vicinity of the 70, went up on Friday's stage with about \$2000. VANCOUVER. The B. C. Iron Works Company will reorganize, but a new company will be organized. The B. C. Iron Works Company will reorganize, but a new company will be organized.

LILLOOET. Mr. J. McKinnon, says the Prospector, reports from the Humboldt Meadows and the Upper Lillooet river on Sunday afternoon, and reports that it is the finest valley in British Columbia for farming purposes. All kinds of grain, fruit, and vegetables can be grown in abundance. There is plenty of timber, fir, cedar and white pine which can be used for saw-mill purposes, and many of the trees will measure six feet in diameter. A number of prospectors have gone up the Lillooet river, and report that some of the ledges are very rich. There is no doubt but what there will be a large mining camp in the Upper Lillooet river district in the near future.

THE RUN TO NANAIMO. Our reporter who accompanied the relief expedition to Vancouver says of the train north from Victoria: "Everything had been cleared off the track for a locomotive pulling us through the woods and up the mountain sides, down through the quiet valleys and few, shaking by the burning engine. An hour of this pulse-quickenng speed and half the distance done. Away she went for the home stretch to the harbor and then on to the station. The train swung round curves with a jolt and a roar, sped like an arrow in its flight along the straight track to the harbor, where it was met by a throng of people. The train swung round curves with a jolt and a roar, sped like an arrow in its flight along the straight track to the harbor, where it was met by a throng of people.

will hold the exhibition. A meeting of the directors of the provincial exhibition and prominent citizens was held this afternoon and it was agreed to go on with the fair. A meeting of insurance men to arrange the insurance will be held at 3 o'clock. The eight bells presented to the Anglican cathedral by the Empress Barbara Countess of Arundell, destroyed by the fire of the 26th inst., are being repaired.

CONVICT'S REVENGE. The story that the conflagration was started by a convict for revenge gains ground. An Indian has just been brought in by citizens, who say two ex-convicts tried to get into the Victoria Hotel and tried to get into the Victoria Hotel.

STUNNED WITH GRIEF. European Centra Shacked by the News of the Empress's Assassination. Bern, Switzerland, Sept. 10.—The President of Switzerland and other members of the government were stunned with horror and grief when the news reached the palace that the Empress, a victim to an assassin within the borders of her country. They immediately arranged to hold an extraordinary federal council on Sunday morning, in order to consider the matter.

WITH MORE MILLIONS. The Garonne Arrives with a Big Passenger List and a Million of Gold. She Suffered a Wreck Off Cape Sarcher—Capt. Ross Dies Aboard Her. The steamer Garonne arrived this morning from the north loaded with passengers, there being about 600 aboard. She was a slow passenger steamer, St. Michael's account of the dense smoke and fog which enveloped the surface of the water for the greater part of the way.

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SPORTING INTELLIGENCE. THE WHEEL. Visitors at Oak Bay on Saturday were treated to what cannot by any stretch of imagination be considered good sport, and perhaps the most unorthodox in the way of the more expert riders to have competed on the local hills in many years. There were one or two good performances, but principally by the juveniles, who are perhaps too unorthodox in the way of the more expert riders to have competed on the local hills in many years.

THE NEWS IN VICTORIA. About one o'clock yesterday morning the C.P.R. Telegraph office received a dispatch from New Westminster saying a dangerous fire, likely to wipe out the city, was raging. The report was thought at first to be exaggerated, and that nothing of the kind was in prospect. The fire was not extinguished. The city hall took a few minutes, leaving it in ruins. A few minutes later it was a mass of smoking ruins.

VICTORIA'S PRACTICAL SYM-PATHY. At a special meeting of the Council of Victoria, held this morning the following resolution was moved, seconded and carried unanimously: "That this board learns with sorrow of the death of the late Empress of Austria, and that it is a great loss to the world. The members of the government immediately met and conferred with the Mayor and a number of the aldermen and business men of the city at the Victoria Hotel at about 2 o'clock on the circumstances. It was at first proposed to take boat at once and proceed under full steam to New Westminster, but the steamer was not available until once placed at the disposal of the government and the city by Mr. James Dunsmuir. But it was soon recognized that this would detract from the urgency of the case, and Mr. Dunsmuir then announced that he would dispatch special trains from Victoria to assist in leaving at about 2 o'clock on the circumstances. It was at first proposed to take boat at once and proceed under full steam to New Westminster, but the steamer was not available until once placed at the disposal of the government and the city by Mr. James Dunsmuir.

SPANISH MINISTER DENOUNCED. Madrid, Sept. 10.—In the chamber of deputies Senor Canalejas, in the course of a long speech consisting of violent unmeasured abuse, denounced the government collectively and individually for its conduct in the war, and now in the peace negotiations. He declared that whereas the issue with politicians at first was war or peace, now it is peace or no peace. He offered these are equally slow. He presented a sensation by asserting that when Admiral Cervera asked for instructions and for munitions of war the minister for the colonies replied, "May God help you."

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