

CHRIS BENSON'S MURDER.

John Smith, of Valdez Island, Arrested and Committed for Trial at Union.

Most of the Evidence Against Him Secured From His Wife and Daughter.

John Smith of Valdez Island was yesterday committed for trial at Union for the murder of Chris Benson. The crime, it is alleged, was committed in November last.

Benson's body, it will be remembered, was found in an open boat near Valdez Island last November. He was on his way home after a several days' trip. It was the general opinion at the time that he had died of heart disease, and that the wounds on the head and body had been caused by falling in the boat. When the body was taken to Vancouver, however, and an inquest was held, the doctor who had examined it decided that the wounds on the head had been inflicted before death. On the strength of this the provincial police sent a man up to the island to look into the case. Suspicion rested on John Smith for several reasons. In the first place Benson had to pass Smith's house on his way home, and there were those who thought that the two had got into a dispute and that Benson's death had resulted. There was some talk also of jealousy on Smith's part on account of Benson's intimacy with Mrs. Smith. The officer who went up was given instructions to find out what he could regarding the movements of Smith. According to telegrams received at the attorney-general's department the principal evidence against Smith was obtained from Mrs. Smith and her daughter. A few days ago it was reported that Smith was about to leave the country, and as it was thought that no further evidence could be obtained Superintendent Hussey went up and decided to arrest Smith, with the result as above stated, namely, that he was committed for trial.

A special to the Times this afternoon from Nanaimo says: Superintendent Hussey arrived here by the Joan with John Smith in charge for the supposed murder of Chris Benson. Superintendent Hussey has had Smith watched for some time and recently he left for Cortez Island. While he was away the indefatigable superintendent succeeded in gathering evidence against him. Mrs. Smith admitted that Smith told her he had committed the murder, and so the arrest was made. Smith will be taken to Vancouver in the morning, where he will be tried on a charge of murder.

NEW PLACE OF WORSHIP.

Spring Ridge Methodists Have Completed Their Own Church.

Four years ago that part of the Metropolitan Methodist congregation living in Spring Ridge started a branch Sabbath school, which soon outgrew the accommodation afforded by a private house, and the I.O.O.F. hall was rented. Still the school prospered and increased until now in average attendance it ranks third in the five Methodist schools of Victoria. A short time since the Methodists of that part of the city obtained on easy terms from Mr. Piery two lots on the corner of South road and Belmont avenue, and have thereon erected a very comfortable and convenient structure for Sunday school purposes. Its length is sixty feet with a lean-to at the back, and its width twenty-seven feet. The entrance is from South road, and eighteen feet of the west end is divided into two rooms for the Bible and infant classes. These are connected with each other and the audience room by folding doors, while over them is a commodious gallery.

The Spring Ridge Methodists are to be congratulated on the success of their enterprise. The opening services will be held on Sunday, June 23rd, Conductor Snider preaching at 11 a.m., the Rev. S. Cleaver at 2:30 p.m., and the Rev. J. F. Betts, of the Centennial church, at 7 p.m. On Tuesday evening a grand opening tea meeting will be held.

GOLD IN CARIBOO.

The First Clean Up of the Cariboo Claim.

Vancouver, June 22.—J. M. Browning has been notified of the result of the first clean up this season on the Cariboo claim. The run was only 172 hours, during which time only 100 miners' inches were worked. The result of the clean up is 600 lbs 3 oz. gold, or at \$18 per ounce, \$14,310. The product will be sent down in bars and nuggets. The rich character of the gravel is indicated by the discovery of a nugget weighing 2½ ounces at a height of 100 feet above the bed-rocks. The find of gold has averaged about \$2,000 per day of three shifts, the water supply throughout having been irregular and deficient when the supply in Polley's lake is tapped and with a longer season much better results are expected.

Superintendent Hussey and provincial Constable Webster arrived here by the Catch this morning with prisoner Smith. The latter was conveyed to the Westminster gaol.

Port Hammond News.—The regular meeting of Loyal Fraser Valley Lodge, No. 91, C.O.O.F., was held Saturday, June 15th, in the C.O.O.F. hall, Port Hammond. There was a large attendance of brethren. One new member was initiated and several degrees conferred.

A large number of propositions were read for the next regular meeting. The election of officers then took place and resulted as follows: P. G. Bro. J. C. McFarlane; P. N. G. Bro. W. G. Newton; N. G. Bro. O. N. Hamerton; V. G. Bro. P. D. McTavish; Sec. A. L. Lazenby; Treas. P. E. Lazenby; Warden, G. Gough; Com. P. Parrott; I. G. F. H. Armstrong; R. S. N. G. F. Van; L. S. N. G. H. Davenport; R. S. V. G. A. Falconer; L. S. V. G. P. McTavish, Sr. The reports of the different committees showed the lodge to be in a most satisfactory state. It is expected that the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. James Bagg, of Victoria, will pay an official visit to Loyal Fraser Valley Lodge in the near future.

A SPLENDID ENTERTAINMENT

David Christie Murray Charms His Hearers With Gems From the Grab Bag.

His Lecture Embraced a Great Variety of Humorous and Pathetic Incidents.

David Christie Murray is a versatile man. He lectured at A. O. U. W. hall last night before an audience which he simply captivated. He is as good a talker as he is a writer, and demonstrated that in fields where oratory counts he would have perhaps achieved as much fame as he has in literature. He possesses a magnetism which, with excellent features and expressive face and actions, leaves nothing lacking in the lecture. His descriptions are most graphic, his expressions most apt, and he is never at a loss for a word or example. Language which is most admirable and sentences that are well rounded come to his tongue quickly and are delivered with an eloquence that is a model. He draws from a broad experience. He is an active newspaper man, seen two generations of statesmen in England, has been at the cradle of all the history that has been made in Europe in thirty years, numbers among his friends scores of men whose reputations in politics, art and science are world wide, he has travelled the world and has seen life in its every phase. His grab bag of memories is a rich one. In it are stored hundreds of tragedies and comedies from the real life, and last night he drew from its depths a few of the most valued prizes. He began by telling how much the world loved gossip, led on to the newspaper which gave gossip so much publicity, and then told of the value of newspaper experience as a teacher. He started crowd by saying that the "rich-borne case made him a newspaper man. But he accomplished the result indirectly. As he expressed it delicately, it was one of these black pools in a running stream. Dr. Kenealey achieved fame by his connection with the celebrated case and came to the provincial constituency where Mr. Murray lived to contest the seat for parliament. At the first meeting Murray, then a young and ardent Radical, interrupted the doctor and was crushed for his pains. In revenge he wrote a scorching leader for the little weekly in the town, and while it did not kill the doctor politically, it made Mr. Murray the amateur editor of the paper for six months. Then in Birmingham he engaged regularly in the profession until he sought London, where he was reduced to poverty and slept out doors, and walked the streets for four days without food or shelter before good fortune smiled upon him. His description of the first execution, the condemnation man being the first he ever saw die, was most graphic, and the pathos of it, depending more upon inference than being actually expressed, appealed deeply to the audience. Another powerful story was of a mine disaster, where a half-dozen heroes ventured down to almost certain death, quenched the fire and saved every soul mentioned below. The rescuers were all badly burned, and the poor fellow gave up his sight to save his fellow men. Mr. Murray called it his story of the British lion. In a patriotic outburst Mr. Murray said as long as England, that little freckle in the sea, bred such men just so long would she be great and led. The audience cheered the sentiment. The speaker next told of his experience in slumming for six weeks in an attempt to point out needed reforms in the Poor Law, against which his struggle was unrewarded. The sketch was filled with delicate touches of pathos and humor. The next dip into that wonderful grab bag brought forth some of the best memories of twenty years in the press gallery of the House of Commons. There were wonderful dialect imitations of the great Beaconsfield, amusing stories of important members from obscure places, the habits of Gladstone, Harcourt, Beaconsfield and Lowe that told when they were preparing to speak. He also repeated verbatim the speech of Beaconsfield in which in strictly parliamentary language he called the Great Gladstone, then leader of the opposition, a liar. He made a most interesting reference to dear old Bohemia, which he said really existed. In this connection he told an amusing story of the confession to him of four men who gathered together once that early in their careers they had for days gone without food. One of them had a record of five days, with which his own of four compared very favorably, and all could boast of at least two or three days starvation. He philosophically called it a lesson. The concluding offering was the recitation of an original poem, "The Story of Mr. King," a Yankee hero of the Russo-Turkish war.

It was 10:20 and Mr. Murray had been speaking two hours. The audience seemed sorry that the lecture was over.

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A GRATEFUL MOTHER

RELATES HOW HER DAUGHTER'S LIFE WAS SAVED.

Anemia and General Debility Had Brought Her to the Verge of the Grave—Physicians Held Out no Hope of Recovery—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Again Prove a Life Saver.

From the Ottawa Free Press.

A personal paragraph in the Free Press some time ago simply stating that Miss Sophie Belanger, 425 Cooper street, Ottawa, had recovered from a serious illness caused by anemia and general debility, has apparently awakened more than usual interest and pleasure among her relatives and acquaintances. So much so, indeed, that a reporter of the paper found it extremely interesting to visit the family and enjoy a chat with Mrs. Belanger on the recovery of her daughter after she had for two years been considered irretrievably a victim of this terribly enervating and dangerous disease. Mrs. Belanger is a very intelligent French-Canadian, wife of Mr. Joseph Belanger, whose wall paper and paint and glass establishment is at 146 Band street. Miss Sophie Belanger, the whiling invalid, vacillating between life and death, is a promising young lady of seventeen years. She is a student under the nuns in St. Jean Baptiste school on



She lay on a couch like one dying.

Primrose Hill. Over two years ago she fell sick and rapidly wasted away. The nature of her disease appeared to be a profound mystery to the physicians as they were called in one after the other. Despair seized the few of us as they looked upon the once beautiful, spirited girl, laying day in and day out, weeks and months on her couch, simply slowly vanishing and they powerless even to raise a smile to her wan lips. Each succeeding medical man gravely told the parents to prepare for the worst. However, Mrs. Belanger is not one of those women who give up in despair while there is still hope, as her own words will denote.

"It was a terrible time," she said. "We had been told again and again that nothing could be done to save Sophie, and had almost been forced by appearances to believe it. I have now to say that but for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills she would have been in her grave instead of attending school every day she lives of the lively. It began like this: the girl was coming to me three or four times a day explaining, 'Oh, ma; I have such a terrible headache. I cannot stand the pain of it.' This went on for a long time, weeks in fact, until we began to look at it in a very serious light. We had almost every French doctor in the city called in, but with no result. Sophie got worse and worse. Her face was small and yellow while her lips were as white as your collar. She was listless and apathetic, and so weak she could not raise her hand to her head. A leading doctor forced her to take a certain kind of powder, which seemed to be taking the flesh from her bones. Her skin became hot and parched, her eyes sank into her head and she lay on that couch as one dead, taking no interest whatever in things going on around her. Then it was we became confirmed in the popular belief that she was going to die. It was agonizing to look at her, but we became partially resigned to the fate that appeared to be overtaking us. She was stretched day and night, but we could detect no change unless her condition grew worse. All hope had gone. I had read of the cures by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and about this time I noticed a description published in the Free Press something similar to Sophie's case. Something seemed to urge me to give them a trial, and now I thank God I did. I sent for some and began giving them to her one at a time. Before long we saw an improvement, and gradually increased the dose from one to two and then to three at regular intervals. It was incredible to note the change. Her complexion came back, a different look in her eyes, her general health and appearance gave us all new interest in her. Before the fourth box was gone Sophie was able to be up and around again, and a further use of them fully restored her health, or rather snatched her from the brink of the grave. To Dr. Williams' Pink Pills is due all the credit for we had stopped doctor's medicine, and simply gave her these, following the directions around the box. My daughter's life was saved by her mother. I wish to tell everyone of the cure, as it is almost impossible to believe that the poor thing that lay there, and the happy rosy-cheeked girl who goes regularly to her classes are one and the same person in such a marvellously short space of time, and you may be sure I am advising ailing neighbors to use this wonderful medicine."

Just as the reporter was leaving Miss Belanger returned from school. She was the picture of grace, health and beauty, her little physique denoting health in every movement, while her face showed the warm, ruddy glow of health. She corroborated all her mother had said besides adding some new testimony. Happiness now abideth in that home where

misery held sway too long, and Mrs. Belanger rests her faith in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which will do for other weak and ailing girls what they did for her daughter.

DISSOLUTION IS EXPECTED

Irish Members Largely Responsible for the Defeat of the Government.

Curious Action of the Ministry Upon the Duke of Cambridge's Resignation.

London, June 22.—The Westminster Gazette says it is expected that the cabinet will decide to resume. Lord Rosebery dines with the Queen at Windsor to-night in accordance with a previous invitation and he will thus be able to tender his resignation.

The St. James Gazette remarks: "The fate of the ministry is bound up with the decision of Mr. Campbell Banerman, secretary of state for war, and strenuous efforts are being brought to induce him to reconsider his decision."

Advices from Kiel state that the fatigue which the emperor underwent while attending a portion of the festivities yesterday resulted in increasing the delicate condition of her health. The French ironclads left at three o'clock this morning. The German ships which were taking part in the maneuvers put to sea at 7 o'clock this morning. Visitors are returning by thousands.

The Emperor William has expressed a desire to visit the United States cruiser New York. The cruiser will therefore remain in order to afford the Emperor an opportunity of making a visit.

A dispatch from Toulon says the French battleship Redoubtable, 8,800 tons displacement, is ashore off Cape Soud and has signalled for assistance. A dispatch to the Times from Havana says that the Madrid government is urging upon Campos the necessity of increasing the army of occupation before December.

The Duke of Westminster has addressed a reply to the memorial of the Armenian in America thanking them for their support. He adds that the adhesion of the great republic to the cause of suffering Armenia cannot surely be without great effect upon the Porte, all the more so as they are comparatively disinterested in questions affecting the balance of power in the east.

When the cabinet adjourned for lunch to-day no decision had been reached regarding dissolution. The impression prevails that nothing definite will be known until Monday next, when a statement is expected in the house of commons. It is asserted that the Irish members are largely responsible for the present situation. The basis for this assertion is their action compelling the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir William Harcourt, to vote for the erection of a statue to Oliver Cromwell, which seriously undermined the government.

Liberal organ, the Speaker, to-day describes the action of the Irish members as a "display of childish bitterness," and says the erection of a statue to Cromwell was no honor to his Irish policy. In many other ways, it is claimed, the Irish members helped to bring about the coming general election which they are so unprepared for and which, according to general opinion, will surely result in the ruin of the Unionists to power, and end the possibility of passing a home rule measure for a long time to come.

The true story of the determination of the Duke of Cambridge to resign the post of commander-in-chief of the British army, as announced in the commons yesterday by the secretary of state for war, is that Mr. Campbell Banerman, then no light upon the subject. There has long been a strong agitation against the Duke, and the government, acting on the principle of expediency, caused it to be known that it would materially assist the government if the Duke of Cambridge would tender his resignation. Consequently the Duke, not suspecting his offer would be accepted, sent in the papers to the Queen and the latter handed them to the government under the impression they would be returned. The government, however, accepted the paper as a definite resignation and Mr. Campbell Banerman made the announcement to the house, which was the last thing expected or desired by the Queen or the Duke of Cambridge.

The Fall Mail Gazette, referring to the efforts made to borrow money for the Russo-Chinese loan, says: "The hitch in the Chinese loan is due to the fact that before the Russo-Chinese arrangements had been effected a contract for a loan had been signed with leading London bankers, which placed £1,000,000 at the immediate disposal of China, and a bank was given the option of arranging the great loan which was to follow. Russia learned of the negotiations and brought her influence to bear to undo them. It is doubtful whether she will succeed, as the contract cannot be set aside with impunity."

The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance to-day was £500.

The past week has been unusually dull at the theatres. Mr. George Alexander yesterday revived "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray" at St. James' theatre with Miss Miller as Mrs. Tanqueray. She was very successful at the Lyceum theatre. Sir Henry Irving, as Shylock, has been playing to a moderate business. Beerholm Tree has consented to lay the foundation stone of the new Grand theatre and Opera House which is being erected.

Cargoes off coast, wheat quiet but steady, corn quiet; on passage, wheat and corn quiet but steady.

Frankie Wilson—We've got a new baby.

Johnny Chicago—That's nothin'.

We've got a new papa.

SPLIT APPEARS INEVITABLE

Disorganized Remnants of Canadian Toryism Approaching Their Doom.

The Receipt of Manitoba's Answer May Precipitate an Election.

Ottawa, June 22.—Haggart is sulking over the school question, being opposed to remedial legislation. He has not been in his seat for two days and did not attend the railway committee meeting yesterday. Montague is along with him, and both of them are said to be openly canvassing against the remedial bill.

Hon. Michael Adams told me to-day that the remedial bill would certainly be introduced and the government is face to face with a crisis.

The political situation here is greatly strained by the publication of private communications between the hierarchy of Quebec and the papacy. Bishop Gravel's letter has created a sensation and there is only one opinion here, that it raises a grave issue and seriously complicates a situation that was already critical enough for the government. As only one French Conservative voted against the government yesterday morning it is surmised that Haggart had to pledge himself to withdraw his opposition to remedial legislation before the Quebec Conservatives consented to remain all night and vote for him. At all events Haggart was in a bad temper all day yesterday and made it noticeable even in the chamber. A French Canadian member of parliament stated that Bowell told him that a remedial school law would be introduced in parliament as soon as the official answer of Manitoba was received. This document came not arrive in Ottawa until next week. The statement attributed to the premier must, under the circumstances, be taken with a grain of salt.

C. N. Armstrong's latest railway scheme, except Atlantic and Lake Superior line, was thoroughly exposed and the government warned against countenancing it, but the finance minister was obdurate.

On the penitentiary estimates Sir Charles Tupper said he had heard the Patrons of Industry complain because the price of Kingston made twine was too low and was injuring the business of the Patron factory at Brantford.

It was announced in the house yesterday that the government is suing R. Rogers, of Clearwater, Man., for an amount owing by him for binder twine.

An order in council will probably be passed next week which recognizes as the Dominion flag the British red ensign with a maple leaf on the flag.

Hon. Mr. Dickey announced that city corps and artillery would be drilled this year. He gave an account of the progress of the work on the Esquimaux fortifications.

A bill amending the insurance act was considered and a resolution authorizing the payment of the Northwest government expenses in prosecutions for infractions of the liquor laws was passed. It was agreed that the government measures take precedence on Monday.

Sir Charles Tupper gives notice of a bill to amend the penitentiaries act and provide a uniform scale for officers, guards, etc., whereby, saving of \$4,000 a year will be effected. Present appointees are not affected.

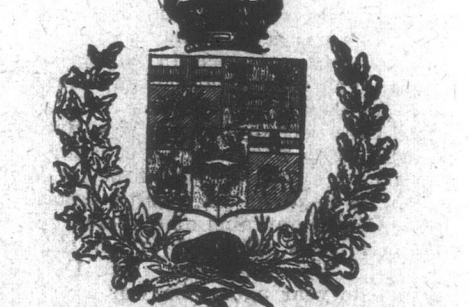
Messrs. Wakeham and Rathbone, international fishery commissioners, will commence their inquiry on the Pacific coast at the beginning of July.

George T. Baird, of Perth Centre, N. B., has been called to the senate in place of Hon. Mr. Odell, deceased.

The Dominion rifle matches have been fixed to commence August 20, instead of September 2.

F. B. Pemberton, of Victoria, and R. G. Tatlow, of Vancouver, give notice in last evening's Gazette that they intend to form a company, to be called the Columbia and Rossland Tramway Company, for the purpose of building, equipping and operating a tramway, and constructing, equipping and operating a telephone and telegraph line in connection therewith, between some point on the Columbia river, at or near the mouth of Trail Creek, by a practicable route along or in the vicinity of the valley of said creek to some convenient point at or near the Rossland Mining Camp, with power to construct branches to connect with any mines in the vicinity of the proposed tramway.

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EPWORTH LEAGUE

Opening Proceedings of Epworth League British Columbia

Glowing Report of the Secretary

At the Metropolitan last evening the opening convention of Epworth League British Columbia was held. The delegates are in Vancouver, president, occupied the chair in the form of a welcome. Solomon Cleaver, pastor of the Methodist church, addressed on behalf of the delegates and followed by Mrs. Cleaver on behalf of the W. L. G. Mrs. Cleaver responded to the delegates and read by the president.

The regular session opened this morning with the opening exercises, presided over by George Carter, the appointing of the executive committee, and the reading by the president.

The president reported the conference had given a right of electing the league board.

The secretary reported 24 Leagues, junior, 1,300 members.

A most interesting tension of the League confines of the church was read by Mr. W. Great interest was addressed by Rev. J. L. minister, "How the League college."

Mr. White read propositions on education in its broader Christian auspice national schools and the possibility of a college. Now the intelligence of the church is to take a more college and will do to make it a success. Epworth League believes intelligent and progressive workers, will take and give individual cases in the past reason why the League take a special interest in the college? He thought they had chosen quarters of an hour paper "How the League college," indicated a parable the program had a strong hope to see this consideration of the League's special attention. Leagues, and perhaps few years at least, the college an objection. In the first place at present has no work as a whole. Ideal object of the college. The college \$7,000 was required the fund required was ample and gathered up expense. Members of city of church members. Mr. White's address with much attention to appoint a committee vassing for funds for the college and the student students to go.

The morning session at 12 o'clock, when taken until 1:45 p.m.

The afternoon session a service of song, a clock some time in the League's idea. The president, F. W. Leagues, 2nd. Its Rev. R. R. Maitland took up the "Quest of the League's future."

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