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AHY—At Ymir, on Nov. 5th, the wife of Joseph W. Leahy, of a daughter.
OWN—At Nelson, on Nov. 7th, the wife of R. G. Brown, of a daughter.
PHEE—At Nelson, on Nov. 8th, the wife of James McPhee, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

ISP-MILLER—At Ladner, on Nov. 9th, by Rev. Canon Hilton, A. V. Crisp and Miss A. G. Miller.
IGER-SKINNER — At St. Andrew's Cathedral, on the 10th inst., by the Rev. Father Laterme, Edward F. Geiger, second son of Thos. Geiger, to Elizabeth May, second daughter of James Skinner, both of this city.
YD-GIRVAN—At Vancouver, on Nov. 9th, by Rev. J. K. Wright, Robert Allison Boyd and Miss Jessie Victoria Girvan.
MIEL-MONCK—At Vancouver, on Nov. 10th, by Rev. J. Simpson, Alfred Lees Amiel and Miss Jessie Monck.
RENCH-RITTENHOUSE—At Vernon, on Nov. 4th, by Rev. R. W. Craw, John French and Nellie Rittenhouse.
OUNG-MORIARITY—At Grand Forks, on Nov. 7th, by Father J. A. Bedard, E. E. Young and Miss J. Moriarity.
RECHETTE-GAUTHIER — At Grand Forks, on Nov. 8th, by Father J. A. Bedard, A. A. Frechette and Miss Hemelda Gauthier.

DIED.

IRNIE—At Vancouver, on Nov. 12th, Christina, relict of the late Captain George Birnie, of Montreal, and mother of Mrs. A. Morrison, of Vancouver, aged 87 years and 7 months.
OUTHERDEN—At Vancouver, on Nov. 12th, Mrs. Mary Southerden, aged 82 years.

TANGHE IS GIVEN PLACER RIGHTS

A CELEBRATED CASE DECIDED ON APPEAL

Hopper vs. Dunsmuir Will Not Be Reached for Some Time by Full Court.

(From Monday's Daily.)

The Full court now sitting in Vancouver has a long list of cases to dispose of before the final one is reached. This, according to agreement of counsel, is to be the case of Hopper vs. Dunsmuir, an appeal taken by Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir against the judgment delivered by Mr. Justice Drake in the trial in this city. It is not expected that this appeal will be reached before the week after next.

The appeal in Tanghe vs. Morgan has been dismissed with costs in the Full court proceedings.

In September, 1903, Tanghe located a placer claim over the Lucky Jack at Poplar. The Lucky Jack was a lode claim that sprang into sudden fame as a modern Eldorado, and stories of fabulous richness were told of the claim. Mr. Tanghe came to the conclusion that the ledge must have suffered much wear and tear from the Poplar climate. This would cause many fragments of the rich, gold-bearing rock to break off, and these would be mingled with the soil at levels below that of the ledge and in its vicinity. Under the placer act, Mr. Tanghe figured that this debris constituted placer, and he staked a placer claim.

Mr. Morgan, of the Lucky Jack, complained to the gold commissioner that Tanghe was "jumping" his claim and stealing his gold, and the gold commissioner ordered Tanghe to move his posts. This would have given Tanghe a new claim, but not the one he wanted. Tanghe refused to move his posts, and was charged with the theft of ore from the Lucky Jack, and with refusing to obey the gold commissioner. Two magistrates found him guilty of both charges, and gave him two months in jail. A. H. MacNeill, K. C., of Rossland, acting for Tanghe, by certeorari and habeas corpus proceedings, after he had spent November in jail, had him set free.

A civil action followed.

Mr. Tanghe took the matter to the Supreme court in December, and it was tried by Mr. Justice Martin, Mr. MacNeill appeared for Tanghe and W. A. Macdonald, K. C., of Rossland, defended the Lucky Jack. Mr. Justice Martin held that the title of Mr. Tanghe to his placer claim was perfectly good. Mr. Morgan appealed.

Their Lordships decided that the claim located by Tanghe was a bona fide placer claim, and that Tanghe located it in good faith as a placer claim, and not as a blackmailing scheme.

Chief Justice Hunter added that the placer act should be amended so as to provide that no placer claim can be located over a lode claim except with the permission of the gold commissioner.

In Bremner vs. Nicholls an appeal was taken from a judgment of Judge Forin in favor of the plaintiff for $123.60 for teaming done for the defendant. W. A. McDonald, K. C., appeared for the appellant (defendant), Sir Charles H. Tupper, K. C., for the respondent (plaintiff). The appeal was dismissed. Counsel for the respondent not called on.

Larsen vs. Coryell was an appeal from a judgment of Judge Leamy, on appeal to him from the Small Debts court. In the Small Debts court the plaintiff claimed $40, being the price of a horse sold by him to the defendant. Judgment was given against the defendant in the Small Debts court for 10 cents and costs of the Small Debts court. From this decision the defendant appealed to the County court judge, the appeal being dismissed. From this judgment of Judge Leamy, the appeal was taken to the Full court by leave of the County court judge. Mr. Clement appeared for the appellant (defendant), Mr. Kappele for the respondent (plaintiff). The appeal was dismissed with costs. The court held that there was no appeal to the Full court from the decision of the County court judge or the Supreme court judge sitting in appeal from the Small Debts court. From this judgment Mr. Justice Duff dissented.

The appeal in Camsusa et al vs. Coigdarippe et al is in progress to-day.

In Chambers at Vancouver on Saturday, Mr. Justice Duff heard an application in Centre Star vs. Rossland Miners' Union. A. G. Galt for the plaintiff, moved to commit Woodside, one of the defendants, for unsatisfactory answers given on examination as a judgment debtor. Mr. Woodside appeared in person. The order was made, Mr. Woodside to attend and answer questions as to the disposal of certain moneys. Costs of the motion to be added to the judgment debt.

Another application in this case is to be disposed of to-day. It is to sell lands under the Judgment Act.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Annual Convention of the Vancouver District Association—Election of Officers.

The first annual convention of the Vancouver District Sunday School Association opened in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church schoolroom at the Terminal City on Friday night. This association is a branch of the International Sunday School Association. There was a crowded room at the opening gathering, Dr. Geo. Telford presided. A paper on Sunday school work was read by Principal Burns of the Normal school, and a very inspiring address on the same subject was delivered by Rev. C. W. Merritt, of Tacoma.

At the closing session on Saturday the following among other resolutions and recommendations were adopted:

"We recommend that clause 14 of the constitution be affected to read that there be two conventions instead of four, as at present provided, the same to be held in November and March in each year.

"That it is advisable that we secure the services of a field worker for the district for at least one month in each year. This to be left with the executive committee to arrange.

"That we urge upon every pastor the necessity of having at least two special children's services in the year for the Sunday school children.

"That arrangements be made for a house to house visitation, if possible, during the year 1905."

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, W. J. White; vice-president, F. W. Stone; hon. secretary, E. F. G. Richards; hon. treasurer, A. J. Passage; superintendent primary department, Mrs. Dr. D. M. McKay; superintendent of the home department, N. Churchill; superintendent of the visitation department, Dr. George Telford; superintendent of the Normal department, E. W. Leeson; superintendent of the cradle roll, Miss Bowes.

In the afternoon Mrs. McKay gave an excellent lesson on primary work to a class of young children, and it was much appreciated by all present, and Mr. Mecitt's round table drew out many interesting questions, and created much interest.

ASSURED SUCCESS.

Rivalry Between Liberals of Kootenay and Yale-Cariboo as to Majorities.

Information from the interior is to the effect that on November 22nd Duncan Ross and W. A. Galliher, the Liberal candidates for Yale-Cariboo and Kootenay, will have decided majorities. Considerable rivalry appears to have been developed between the workers in these two ridings as to which will have the greater majority. Hon. Senator Templeman, W. W. B. McInnes, M.P.P., Smith Curtis, and F. J. Deane have been speaking in the interests of Mr. Ross during the past week. The various meetings have been attended with the greatest success for the Liberal cause.

Ralph Smith, M.P., of Nanaimo, who has been ill and hence unable to go to the assistance of Mr. Ross and Mr. Galliher, will likely later join R. G. Macpherson, M.P., of Vancouver, and speak in the Liberal interests in Kootenay this week. The other speakers will also give Mr. Galliher some time this week.

FIRE AT WEILERS'

Factory Had Narrow Escape From Destruction Last Evening.

The fire department was called Friday evening to Weiler Bros'. furniture factory on Humboldt street, where a dangerous fire was burning in the second story. It originated, it is believed, from sparks from the furnace on the ground floor, where the machinery is operated, and although the flames did comparatively little damage in this part of the building they worked considerable havoc on the second floor, where there was a lot of inflammable material, a rather extensive section of the roof and walls being also destroyed.

The firemen had a hard fight, but eventually succeeded in extinguishing the blaze. Had there been a high wind at the time a disastrous conflagration would have ensued.

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GARRISON TEAM BEAT VICTORIAS

EXCITING GAME AT OAK BAY SATURDAY

Superior Playing of the Soldiers Was Plainly Evident—Other Sports and Pastimes.

Victoria-United went down to defeat before the Garrison eleven in an Association football league game on Saturday afternoon. The score was 3 to 1, and the game throughout was most exciting. There is no doubt that the best team won, the soldiers outclassing the civilians at every point. In spite of this the latter put up a desperate fight. Without combination, with a weak half-back line and an uncertain defence it is surprising that the locals held their opponents down so well. The Garrison team was strong in every division, and its game was a marked contrast to that of the Victoria team. Aggressiveness and combination among the forwards, steadiness on the part of the half-backs and reliable kicking by the full-backs were features of the soldiers' play. The match, which took place on the Oak Bay grounds was witnessed by a large and enthusiastic crowd.

Immediately the ball was kicked off it became evident that both teams were playing in earnest. The Garrison forwards pressed, but the ball was sent to the other end of the field by the Victoria defence. They came again, however, and once more the local backs relieved. Victoria then made an ineffectual rush. Following this the Garrison forwards obtained the ball, and carried it towards the local team's goal, evading all opponents by good combination. Matthews, the clever outside left wing player, finally secured it when near enough to shoot. He put in a swift low shot, which puzzled Finlaison, the local goalman, and landed in the net. Capt. Goward, of the Victoria team, claimed off-side, but the referee decided that the goal was fair.

With one point against them the Victoria-United boys played slightly better. After ten minutes' play, neither side gaining any material advantage, York got an opportunity. He put in a hot shot, but Worrall, who played a grand game for the Garrison in goal, saved. Shortly after, York tried another, but the goalkeeper was again equal to the occasion. Another attempt resulted in the ball passing Worrall, and finding a resting place in the net. It wasn't allowed, however, the referee deciding that Lawson's charge was a foul. He awarded a goal-kick.

Naturally these repeated failures excited the local players. Play became more determined on both sides and, although the soldiers put up the steadier game, the desperate rushes of several local forwards, and the grand playing of Goward at full-back, made the result uncertain. The game was at this stage when the half-time whistle blew.

For a short time after the recommencement of the match the soldiers had matters entirely their own way. Victoria seemed to be disorganized. The forwards were not capable of concerted action, and practically the whole responsibility fell upon the half-back and full-back players. As was to be expected, the result of this was another goal for the Garrison. Matthews, the left wing player, again put the ball through. He passed Gowen by clever dribbling, and then placed a splendid shot, which slipped from Finlaison's fingers, hit the inside of the goal-post and scored.

Very soon after the kick-off Victoria scored. The story of the one goal made by the locals is not a long one. From the start the forwards took the ball down field and, after it hovered about the Garrison goal for a few minutes, Tye sent it through with a hard shot.

Honors were about evenly divided during the remainder of the game. First one side and then the other would do some shooting, but both goalkeepers put up fine games. The third goal was made by the Garrison team through an unfortunate accident. Gowen took a foul kick, sent the ball low, and struck Thompson on the back immediately in front of the goal. Clinch was on the ball like a shot, and before Finlaison realized it was in play the ball was comfortably reposing in the goal-net. As already mentioned the game ended 3-1.

Taking the game all through the Victoria team played a disappointing game. Among the forwards there were several who did good work, but they had little or no combination. Louis York, C. Berkeley and J. Lawson were much in evidence. S. Lorimer, at centre forward, was slow. He makes a much better centre half-back. At half-back J. Rithet was uncertain in his kicking, and Rutherford, also, was unreliable. Thompson alone put up a good steady game in that division. Of the full-backs Gowen was not to be depended upon. As usual Goward played a grand game on the defence. He was absolutely reliable. In fact without Goward the soldiers would have been able to pile up a large score.

Corporal Renacle acted as referee.

BENEFIT MATCH.

On Thanksgiving Day an Association football match will be played between the city players and the United Service. The match will be as a benefit to J. Dakers, who has for a long time been unable to work owing to rheumatism. Mr. Dakers was one of the best half back players in this city in his younger days, and the members of the organizations of the present day are taking this method of showing their appreciation of his services to the game. The match will be played on the afternoon of Thursday. Preparatory to it a half hour's game will be played between old-timers from the city and the United Service. The city team will be chosen from among the following: Rev. W. W. Bolton, A. T. Goward, W. A. Allan, James Lawson, A. Milligan, F. Goodenough, L. McCann, W. Peden, W. A. Lorimer, A. Hood, J. Hoop, M. McGregor and J. G. Brown.

The United Service will select a team which, it is confidently expected, will be able to hold its own with the city old boys, so that the preliminary game at Oak Bay will prove quite as interesting as the match which follows:

CAPITALS WON.

The Capitals defeated the St. Louis College team in a junior league match at Beacon Hill on Saturday afternoon by five goals to nil. The St. Louis boys played up well, but the others were too fast for them and scored two goals by half time. The conspicuous players were Wayte and Pettigrew for the winners and Brown and Robbins for the losers.

VICTORY FOR NORTH WARD.

North Ward downed Victoria West on Saturday by seven goals to two, after a splendidly contested game. The victors had the advantage in weight, but they were held down pretty well in the first half.

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Following is the standing of the teams in the junior league:

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Pts.
North Ward	3	3	0	6
Capitals	2	2	0	4
St. Louis College	3	1	2	2
High School	2	0	2	0
Victoria West	2	0	2	0

LEAGUE STANDING.

The present standing of the Victoria District Senior League follows:

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	Pts.
Garrison	5	3	1	1	7
Victoria United	4	1	2	1	3
Victoria West	4	0	4	0	0

V. W. A. A. WINS.

A match between the Victoria West and H. M. S. Bonaventure teams on Saturday afternoon at the Canteen grounds was won by the former, the score being 2 goals to 1. Taken all through, the sailors appeared to have the advantage, but for some reason they found it impossible to send the ball between the goal posts more than once. After thirty minutes' play, Victoria West scored. Shortly after the second half opened the score was evened by the Bonaventure eleven. The match then became exciting, both teams striving to secure the deciding point. Finally Victoria West managed to score a second time, winning the game.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S PRACTICE GAME.

The practice game between the senior backs and intermediate forwards and intermediate backs and senior forwards on Saturday afternoon was won by the former by seventeen points to nil. Despite the one-sidedness of the score the practice was a profitable one and demonstrated the good condition of the various players.

WON BY OAK BAY.

The game between the Oak Bay juniors and the team representing the combined schools went to the Oak Bays on Saturday afternoon by fourteen points to nil. The schoolboys were outclassed in weight, but, despite this disadvantage, they played a hard game. Nason scored the first try on a pass from H. Sargison and the latter converted. The schoolboys then bestirred themselves, but were unable to get past their opponents' defence. Patterson scored another try for the Oak Bay team, and A. Raymur kicked the goal. The same player shortly afterwards increased the Oak Bay score by making a splendid drop kick for a goal. J. C. Barnacle acted as referee.

THURSDAY'S GAME.

There will be a game on Thursday at 3 p. m. between the Victoria juniors and intermediates. The juniors will be selected from the following: G. Morley, A. Sargison, H. Sargison, J. Gidley, S. Nason, C. Kinlock, F. Nason, A. Jeffs (captain), W. Patterson, L. Sweeney, A. Raymur, R. McInnes, J. Fawcett, McConnell and Miller.

PORTLAND TRAGEDY.

Portland, Nov. 9.—George Boyer, a miner, resident of Wallace, Idaho, shot Marie Sanchez, a Mexican girl, late this afternoon, and then killed himself at the home of his sister.

It appears that six weeks ago Boyer visited his sister and fell in love with the Sanchez girl, who was in his sister's employ. After his return to Wallace, Boyer corresponded with the girl and they became engaged. He arrived in Portland today, and for some reason the girl refused to become his bride. A quarrel ensued, and Boyer, drawing a revolver, shot the girl twice in the left side, and, putting the weapon to his own head, killed himself instantly. The girl will recover.

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FORMER VICTORIAN DEAD.

A. W. Piper Passed Away at Seattle on Friday Morning.

A. W. Piper, formerly of this city, where he is widely known, passed away in Seattle on Friday morning. Of his death the Seattle Post-Intelligencer says:

"Mr. Piper was 76 years of age at the time of his death. He was by birth a Bavarian, but came to the United States before he was 20 years old. In 1853 he removed to California by way of the Isthmus of Panama and resided in San Francisco for twenty years before coming to this city. He was in the bakery business here, but was well known throughout the city for his artistic ability. He spent two years in Nome, Alaska, during the gold rush there. He served a term as councilman of Seattle.

"A large family survive the aged pioneer. Besides the widow, these children are left: Mrs. A. P. Venan, Miss Tillie Piper, Miss Lily Piper, Herman E. Piper, Paul A. Piper, Walter F. Piper and Oscar A. Piper, all of Seattle; Prof. Charles Piper and Stanley E. Piper.

"Thomas W. Prosch said of Mr. Piper: 'My acquaintance with Mr. Piper began while he was still a resident of Victoria, thirty odd years ago. He was a confectioner there, and in his line he led all others. His store became noted for the excellence of its wares, and was a popular resort for Puget Sounders during their visits to that city. Later he moved his Victoria establishment to this city. Here his bakery and candy factory received the recognition their real merits entitled them to. Piper's cream cakes, during the '70's, were particularly noted, the people of those days to this time thinking that nothing of the kind made by others has ever approached them in excellence. In 1883, when the great railroad jubilee was held here, commemorating the completion of the Northern Pacific from the railroads of the East to the railroads of the West, Piper was put in charge of the grand barbecue given here on the old University grounds. Mr. Piper was also an artist. He could draw true to life; could paint, could mould in clay, cut stone, direct decorations and do other things in an attractive manner. To the people of Seattle he was invaluable on many occasions of public character, when a display was required or something unique wanted. He was always able and never failed. His Christmas display was noted for its originality, humor and beauty. These things, added to his genial nature and general worth, made him a popular citizen, everybody regarding him as friend. Too many, for his own pecuniary good, took advantage of his kindness of disposition and his inability to say no. In consequence, his later years were featured by poverty, and when past three score and ten he was compelled to start again, which he did at Nome, in Northern Alaska.'"

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Rear-Admiral Greve, the newly appointed commander of the port, has arrived at Vladivostock.

The Marconi wireless telegraph station at Cape Race was completed last week. The Allan line steamer Tunisian was the first ship to speak with it. The Canadian cruiser Minto on Saturday tested the efficiency of the station from a point 150 miles to seaward. This was one of a series of tests maintained by the Canadian government in the interests of the St. Lawrence route.

Alexander Sutherland, said to have been the last survivor of the famous Balaklava "six hundred," is dead at his home in Denver. Mr. Sutherland was 94 years of age and he died of pneumonia.

"The Flute of Pan," by John Oliver Hobbes (Mrs. R. W. Craigie), with which play Olga Nethersole opened her London season at the Shaftesbury theatre on Saturday night, met a very hostile reception. In the third act the gallery was so unanimous in its disapproval of the performance that Miss Nethersole became hysterical and appeared before the curtain with tears streaming down her face and lifting her arms in mute appeal to her tormentors, but without effect. Miss Nethersole, however, proceeded pluckily with the last act, but, amid loud "booing," the lights were turned out and the audience dispersed.

The report of the steel foundries that are members of the Steel Founders' Society of America, show that the business of that class of steel trade has been most unsatisfactory. The association's report covers the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1904. Compared with the year preceding the report shows a decline in output of from 38 to 45 per cent.

From the modest position of a saleswoman at the Boston store to that of wife of a wealthy man of leisure and great traveller, is the step just taken by a beautiful young lady of Los Angeles. The news of the marriage has just been made public, although it occurred about three weeks ago. The principal characters in the romance are H. W. Herwitt, aged 52 years, a wealthy man, and Mlle. Eugene Ep. Parrient, the daughter of French parents, whose native place is New Orleans, and whose age is 21.

NORTH SEA INCIDENT.

Comments of Russian Papers on Lord Lansdowne's Recent Speech.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 11.—It is considered significant that the Russian newspapers ignore Lord Lansdowne's suggestion regarding Russo-Japanese arbitration. They appear to be more concerned with his utterances on the subject of the punishment of the Russian naval officers concerned in the North Sea incident, which they regard as premature, declaring it will be time enough to talk of punishment when the commission establishes their culpability.

Paris dispatches published here say that the French government expressly excluded the intention of intervening when it proposed its good offices for the settlement of the North Sea dispute.

SEALING RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDED

APPROXIMATION OF THE CATCHES SECURED

Most Valuable Fur Was the Most Plentiful—Two of the Fleet Lost.

Although there are still five more of the fleet out, it is now possible to give fairly close approximation of the total catch of the Victoria sealing schooners during the past year. From reports received giving the catches of the vessels out, and allowing 1,000 skins as representing about the aggregate of the catches of Indians along the coast, the Times places the total returns for the year at 13,905 skins. This is the smallest catch taken in many years, the reason being due in a great measure to a smaller fleet operating. Twenty-six schooners sent out in 1903 secured with "shore" and Cape Horn catches added, 20,470 skins. In 1902 the number of skins taken was 16,301, in 1901, 24,160 skins; in 1900, 35,548 skins, and in 1899, 35,471 skins.

The year just past on the British Columbia coast, in Behring Sea and off the Copper Islands has been, generally speaking, stormy. Two of the largest of the fleet were lost—the Triumph, Capt. Burns, with a full crew having disappeared entirely early in the season, presumably in one of the heavy gales which swept the coast in March last, and the Penelope, having driven ashore on the rocks in Clallam Bay when just starting out on her spring cruise.

Apart from these regrettable incidents and the loss of a man from the Casco, the fleet escaped serious injury, although a few, including the Dora Sieward, which is now returning from the coast minus a rudder, met with mishaps.

The greatest luck of the year was that encountered in Behring Sea. Here navigators report seals were more plentiful than they have seen them for many years previously. But while seals were numerous the weather was none too favorable. Through the success of a number of the northern expeditions the year, which began so forebodingly on the coast, has been turned to good account.

There will be fewer skins on the market this fall, in view of the partial abandonment of the Cape Horn and Falkland Island grounds by sealers, and of the interference which the war has given the Japanese industry, but prices should be higher than other years, so that if expectations are realized those in the business will have little cause for complaint. Copper Island catches, it will be noticed, have been small, and the most valuable fur anywhere found is that which has been the most plentiful.

Among the catches a smaller number of branded skins are seen this year than for many seasons, showing that those animals which had been tortured a number of years ago simply for identification are dying out.

So far as the Times is able to complete the returns for the year just ended they are as follows:

Victoria, Capt. Wm. D. Byers, 6 whites and 20 Indians, 749 skins in Behring Sea, and 317 skins on the British Columbia coast.

Fawn, Capt. A. H. Oleson, 6 whites whites and 17 Indians, 453 skins, and 100 in British Columbia coast.

Carmencita, Capt. Alexander McLean, 17 whites, 66 skins.

Libbie, Capt. Wm. Heater, 8 whites and 24 Indians, 458 skins in Behring Sea, and 100 on British Columbia coast.

Carrie C. W., Capt. Victor Gullin, 7 whites and 24 Indians, 620 skins, and 36 on the British Columbia coast.

Allie I. Alger, Capt. Geo. Heater, 7 whites and 22 Indians, 551 skins in Behring Sea, and 256 on the coast.

Eva Marie, Capt. V. Jacobson, 12 whites and 14 Indians, 417 skins in Behring Sea, and 263 on the British Columbia coast.

Jessie, Capt. John Haan, 8 whites and 25 Indians, 678 skins in Behring Sea, and 93 skins on British Columbia coast.

Ida Etta, Capt. Wm. O'Leary, 6 whites and 16 Indians, 324 skins in Behring Sea, and 37 on the British Columbia coast.

Casco, Capt. Wm. Munro, 21 whites, 946 skins, made up of 367 taken on the British Columbia coast, 101 taken in the vicinity of Copper Island, and 478 in Behring Sea.

Otto, Capt. H. John G. Searle, 8 whites and 18 Indians, 390 skins, of which 162 were taken on the British Columbia coast, 81 off Copper Island, and 147 in Behring Sea.

Carlotta G. Cox, Capt. A. Nelson, 21 whites, 884 skins, of which 311 were taken on the British Columbia coast, and 573 were taken off Copper Island.

Vera, Capt. A. St. Clair, 21 whites, 848 skins, of which 325 were taken off the British Columbia coast, 476 off the Copper islands, and 47 in Behring Sea.

City of San Diego, Capt. John Christian, 18 whites, 799 skins, of which 364 were taken off the British Columbia coast, 435 off Copper Island.

Diana, Capt. A. B. Whidden, 18 whites, 162 skins, of which 38 were taken off the coast and 124 off the Copper Island coast.

Umbrina, Capt. Harris Blakstad, 8 whites and 20 Indians, 81 skins off the coast and 994 in Behring Sea.

Oscar and Hattie, Capt. Deluchrey, 8 whites and 27 Indians, 430 skins in Behring Sea.

Director, Capt. D. G. Macaulay, 8 whites and 24 Indians, 24 skins taken off the British Columbia coast.

Zillah May, Capt. Harry F. Brown, 6 whites and 21 Indians, 164 skins taken off the British Columbia coast, and between 400 and 500 in Behring Sea.

Dora Sieward, Capt. Robt. E. McKiel, 7 whites and 21 Indians, 55 skins off the coast and 690 in Behring Sea.

PRINCE MIRSKY'S POLICY.

People of Russia Allowed Greater Freedom in Public Affairs.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 11.—1.34 p. m.—The meeting of representatives of the provincial Zemstvos next week is attracting intense interest. Nothing could better illustrate the change in the conditions in Russia than the freedom with which the newspapers are discussing the international conditions. The Liberals believe that their flag has now been planted and that the present movement cannot be stopped. The Russ declares it is essential that means be afforded the nation to freely express its needs. The past efforts in this direction, it contends, were still-born because the elective principle of choosing representatives to voice the wishes of the people had been neglected.

The Russian Jews are greatly pleased with the reception accorded by Interior Minister Sviatopolk Mirsky to a deputation of their co-religionists, on which occasion it was announced that the ideal at which he was aiming was equality for all the elements of the population of the Empire. Evidences also exist tending to show that it is the purpose of the minister to reverse the Von Plehwe policy regarding the Armenian church property and the management of the Armenian schools, which have again become independent, and it is believed that this will be followed by the restoration of the church funds.

AT MERCY OF GALE.

Small Schooner Assisted by Steamer—Ultimate Fate of Vessel and Crew Not Known.

New York, Nov. 11.—A small schooner bearing the name G. H. S., with a crew of 12 men, far out of her course with neither provisions nor water and running helplessly before a gale, was sighted and given assistance by the steamer Valencia on her last outward voyage from this port.

The ultimate fate of the little craft and her crew was not known to the officers of the steamer when they arrived here from Hayti to-day and reported the occurrence.

The Valencia sighted the schooner while among the Bahama Islands, to one of which the schooner was bound from Honduras. She was drifting practically at the mercy of the gale. The small supply of provisions had been completely exhausted, and the crew were in desperate straits. When the conditions were learned, a supply of food and water, sufficient to last several days, was sent to the schooner, and the Valencia steamed away.

None of the marine registers available in this city have any record of a schooner named the G. H. S.

THREE PERISHED.

Mother, Daughter and Son Burned to Death—Father May Also Be Dead.

Auburn, Cal., Nov. 11.—The handsome residence of Julius Weber has been burned to the ground, and Mrs. Weber, Miss Bertha Weber and Master Paul Weber perished. It is thought also that the remains of Mr. Weber will be found in the debris. Coroner Shepard and a jury have viewed the remains and await the testimony of the autopsy. Wounds were found in the mother's breast. There was blood on her clothing. Miss Weber's body was very badly burned, but no wounds were visible. If the husband and father was burned, no one is left to tell the tale, as the only survivor of the family, Adolph Weber, aged 20, was not at home.

GOING TO FLORIDA.

Advance Guard of Japanese Colonists Have Arrived at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Nov. 11.—The advance guard of forty or fifty Japanese colonists' families have arrived by the steamer Manchuria on the way to Dade, Fla., where they intend to cultivate 67,000 acres of land. The colony will raise silk, cotton, tobacco and pineapples and experiment with them.

SIX DAYS' BICYCLE RACE.

New York, Nov. 11.—Nearly all countries will be represented this year in the annual six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Gardens. The race will begin on December 5th and end on the night of December 10th.

A veritable curiosity exists in Switzerland in the shape of a telegraph line with stone poles.

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