652.—Mr. Mills to Gore—When he land claimed by the plaintiff he of those town lots tell me ore it. Have you examined our e answers—I did not say the land the plaintiff covers your town 53.—To Gore—Would you look at ad see whether it does? I under- to say so. Answer by Gore—I een it at all. No, I didn't say Judge in judgment—But it was, s, part of Newcastle townsite. J.—Far less was it ever open to equat on a towsite so as to uire any right whatsoever, even ence in a town lot and dig and tables. Justice Gwynne says—apart for suburban park lots to 5 acres each, and that such not open for settlement as agri- ds. The Privy Council takes nne's decision as correct. Here ons judgments from the trial highest court that we had set- wn and suburban lots, surveyed 5 acres each. Where did these tatements originate? Now, sir, will assert without fear of con- that there was not one syllabis produced in court by any one asses that we were on either burban lots from 3 to 5 acres, r. Pooley and Mr. Davie, coun- E. & N. Railway Company. I ld say so, when Judge Walkem hem that they had better get evidence from their witness, do so, but the contra. Elijah eyor, who surveyed the lands, vore that we were neither on burban lots, but on unsurveyed ore testified to in court. But company wanted to get this wnsite purposes outside the and when the Dominion gov- fused to let them have it for rposes it became necessary to name of that land the settlers call it Newcastle Townsite Re- t the E. & N. Railway Com- vill notice the word reserve has o the town so as to defeat the hall quote the evidence of Gore urt: Page 64, Hoggan's Appeal —To Gore—There is a reserve ernment Reserve" on it. What That is the reserve in question. re—What does it include? A.— he land which is known as the Townsite Reserve. Q. 7.—To plan is marked Newcastle on mentioned it as Newcastle serve. How do you come to A.—That is merely a title n the land office. Q. 8.—To w long? A.—As long as I have Q. 9.—Mr. Richards to Gore n to witness)—I see it is "Reserved for public pur- re is that taken from? A.—I ere that is from. D. 10.—To any of your maps is it called public purposes? A.—I don't marked on any of our maps. re—You don't know when you d it Newcastle Townsite Re- o, I couldn't tell you. Q. 12.— action by any official, Govern- Attorney-General, or Minister Works setting it apart? A.— ound any. Q. 13.—To Gore— any official authority for call- stle Townsite Reserve? A.—I e of any official authority for this is the reserve that Pooley serve for townsite purposes ch Hoggan's application has n the lands department since 82. which says: Bounded on the land occupied by Wm. s, on the south by Newcastle government reserve. Now, is most conclusive evidence ers on these lands have been shamefully by men still in t and in a position to do unto hey have done to the settlers of Nanaimo. The attorney- rtment says these officers made mistakes, but we can't ceedings against them. Which redress for the evicted set- DAVID HOGGAN.

...ing News

Rossland Camp.

...ments from the Rossland week ending last night were same magnitude as those of week. In each instance the 5,750 tons, says Sunday's

...k the Le Roi shipped 4,200 ase over the previous week The Le Roi No. 2 shipped ight decrease, and the Ross- stern's output was 300 tons, 50 tons. The Le Roi may ted to produce not less than gregate in the future, and are now in such shape that es in the output may be e producing mines are run- as much ore as they did last en the War Eagle and Con- commence shipments, as will the expiration of the few y to make the alterations y at the Trail smelter, the will be substantially greater ring the early part of the t is hardly likely now that nage will reach the 300,000 gh it will easily pass the

dition to the usual stoping have been under way with some weeks, work has now the preparatory stages of mapped out for the winter. te at the 1,050-foot station t is well under way, but its till several weeks away. uation of the shaft will be together with the drifts f the shaft.

—The regular mining opera- ahead steadily all week of special interest. Good n made in all departments. —The operations on the Western's property have steadily with some addi- king force. Reports to hand ine is steadily improving, e in the ore shipments may er the first of the year. The contractors at work in ccomplishing excellent re- perations elsewhere in the ding smoothly. Shipments be commenced until about January because of the ing made to the Trail

development of the Spitzee ng the usual lines, and the he 100-foot level has been feet. The face is still in pect is very bright. n.—Unusually rapid pro- made in sinking the shaft t level. The workings are w the 100-foot station, and per day is being sunk. No- interest has developed dur-

of unusual importance the Giant mine during the l crew engaged in prelim- ll employed, and the mine put into shape for the larger scale that will pro- d within the next few

inking in the main shaft y and good progress is be- operations at the mine are ed to the shaft. spect work at the O. K. is n a small scale. The man- nothing of special interest. The expert machinist, Mr. from the Gardner Electric e Works at Denver, Col., mine for several days and rill set up and in position before delivery of the pted by the company. The for some time on Satur- to work well. The off- made within the next day

ing of special interest has St. Elmo. The crosscut e west end tunnel is still aking good progress.

is more of a household other medicine. It meets of every home. Cures ntery and is the best limi- d substitutes, there is but Perry Davis'. 25c. and 50c.

EXPRESS TRAINS COLLIDE HEAD-ON

SEVERAL PASSENGERS KILLED AND INJURED

Fire Destroyed Part of the Wreckage—Storms in Wyoming Responsible For Several Accidents.

Salinas, Cala., Dec. 19.—The north bound Sunset express, No. 9, of the Southern Pacific, due to arrive at San Ardo at 12.25 a. m., and the Sunset express No. 10, from San Francisco, due to leave San Ardo at the same time, were in collision this morning.

The trains are scheduled to pass at Uplands, a few miles south of San Ardo. The south bound train left Salinas seven minutes late, and through some error met the north bound train head-on one-half mile west of Uplands, between San Ardo and San Lucas. Both trains were completely wrecked, the engines being thrown from the track, and several of the cars telescoped. Train No. 9 was partly destroyed by fire.

It is reported that ten or twelve persons were killed and fifty injured. The south bound train was crowded with passengers, every seat being taken, and some persons being obliged to stand. Among those on the train were eighty discharged soldiers on their way East, and the All-American baseball team from the East on their way to Los Angeles. The track is completely blocked and no trains can pass the wreckage to-day. The Sunset limited and two freight trains are being held at Bradley.

Cause of Accident.

San Louis Obispo, Cala., Dec. 19.—The train dispatcher at this point said the cause of the accident was due to the failure of the north bound train to stop at Uplands to allow the other train to pass. A special train with doctors on board has been sent from here to the scene of the accident. The baggage and chair cars of the north bound train are said to have been burned.

Later Particulars.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—News of the collision between Southern Pacific trains at Uplands, on the coast road, is very meagre and conflicting. At first it was reported that at least ten people were killed and fifty injured. A passenger on one of the trains telephoned the Associated Press from San Luis that only three were filled, a fireman and a baggageman and his helper, and that four Italian laborers were injured, none of them fatally. Later another passenger wired that there were three killed and thirty injured, many of them fatally. This dispatch is probably authentic.

The Killed.

San Jose, Cal., Dec. 19.—A report of the killed and injured in the railroad wreck at Uplands has been received at the railroad office here. The killed are Mr. Garland, fireman; Wells Fargo messenger, name unknown. The injured number twenty-six.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 19.—The Union Pacific, the Colorado & Southern North, and the Burlington Eastward are practically at a standstill as a result of the recent storm in Wyoming and Nebraska. All trains on the Union Pacific are compelled to spend hours in snow drifts waiting for the rotary plow to make openings so they can pass through.

To make matters worse a Union Pacific rotary plow, pushed by two big compound engines, slashed its way to the rear of a train of deadhead tourists' sleepers for Sherman. The wreckage caught fire and a caboose and nine tourist cars were completely destroyed. The work of clearing the track is slow, and the blockade may last for an indefinite period.

On the Colorado & Southern, twenty-one miles north of Cheyenne, a passenger train was derailed. The accident has completely tied up traffic on that branch. No trains have come in over the Burlington branch from Holderidge for two days. A drift derailed an engine about 100 miles east of Cheyenne, and the wreckers have not yet succeeded in getting it back upon the rails. In addition the branch is now snow-bound for a stretch of more than fifty miles.

FIRE AT VANCOUVER.

Damage Estimated at $15,000—Indian Terribly Injured by Accidental Discharge of a Gun.

Vancouver, Dec. 19.—Fire early this morning did $15,000 damage to the premises and stock of J. Sudmin, clothier, Cordova street. The fire caught from a stove. The insurance is $3,000.

An Indian named Joe Peter was brought to the city by the steamer Cassiar this morning in a dying condition. He was loading a gun at Socheit and the firearm accidentally discharged, tearing out the front of the Indian's stomach. He is in St. Paul's hospital and will not recover.

F. Carter-Cotton this morning met a deputation from the Electoral Union and positively declined to run for the mayoralty chair.

G. I. Wilson, representing several large canneries, is going to England to open a head office there.

COPPER COMING DOWN.

The Price Was To-Day Reduced One Cent.

New York, Dec. 19.—A further reduction in the price of copper of one cent was announced by the United Metals Selling Company, the selling agents of the Amalgamated Copper Company, today. This brings the price for lake copper to 13 cents, for electrolytic to 13¾ cents, and for casting to 13¼ cents. The reduction from the price long held by the Amalgamated Copper Company is thus about four cents on all grades.

RUMORED SUICIDE.

London, Dec. 19.—Lewis P. Kekewich, of the firm of Morrison & Kekewich, a leading member of the metal exchange, died suddenly this morning. It is said that he committed suicide. The belief prevails that the deceased recently suffered heavy losses in copper. The metal exchange has closed as a token of sympathy.

MARCONI'S MARRIAGE.

Reported That He Will Shortly Wed Miss Josephine Holman.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 19.—It is reported among the friends of Miss Josephine Holman, fiancee of Signor Marconi, that she will leave to-day for New York in response to a telegram from him. It is also hinted that the wedding will take place while Miss Holman is East. Miss Holman's mother resides in New York city.

AMERICA CUP RACES.

Preparations For Building Another Challenger Believed to Be Under Way.

London, Dec. 19.—Sir Thos. Lipton, in the long interview which he had with King Edward yesterday, at which the America cup races were discussed, unfolded his plans for the future. His Majesty exhibited the keenest interest in them, and at times offered suggestions. He expressed the opinion that it would be very hard to get a boat to beat the Americans, to which Sir Thomas replied that he was at least confident he could secure a yacht a good deal better than Shamrock II. When Sir Thomas had finished explaining his reasons for this belief, the King appeared satisfied, and heartily wished him success.

Sir Thomas Lipton also conveyed to King Edward a recapitulation of President Roosevelt's friendly comments on the King and on England, which formed the gist of a conversation between Sir Thomas and Mr. Roosevelt while the former was in the United States. The King was evidently much pleased.

In turn he told Sir Thomas how greatly he admired President Roosevelt's personality, which unfortunately he only knew by hearsay. The King takes great interest in the preparations for building another challenger for the cup, which are believed to be already on foot.

ARMSTRONG REINSTATED.

New Westminster, Dec. 19.—George Armstrong was re-instated governor of the provincial jail this morning, having been suspended for several months pending action on the investigation of the royal commission.

EMPEROR WILLIAM FILLS A NEW ROLE

DELIVERS SPEECH AT GATHERING OF ARTISTS

Denies He Interfered in Recent Work—Congratulates Berlin on Its School of Sculptors.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—At a dinner given at the palace last night a number of artists who have collaborated in the embellishment of the Siges Allee were present.

Emperor William denied the prevalent belief that he had intervened in the details of the statuary. He said he had been content to give a directing impulse to the general idea. The plan for the groups of sculpture was elaborated by Prof. Kosser, historian of the Royal house, and in putting it into execution he, the Emperor, had directly commissioned and approved the artists, in accordance with the method adopted in classical times, instead of leaving the matter to a committee's selection or to published competition. With the help of Prof. Reinhold Regas, the sculptor, he had collected a staff of artists, to whom the utmost freedom was given, and the experiment had been notably successful. It was to him a sources of pride and joy that Berlin stood before the world as the possessor of a body of sculptors competent to produce such great things. The Berlin school for sculpture stood on a plane of splendor such as scarcely seen at the time of the Renaissance. The example and conception of Prof. Begas, based on his knowledge of the antique, had served as a guide for many persons in the solution of the great task. It was thus in the middle ages and in Italy where the rulers discovered the masters and attached them to their courts, thus founding definite schools of art.

His Majesty next referred to the opening of the Pergamon Museum in the Lust Garten. It constituted, he said, an important point in Germany's artistic history. Therein were enshrined in glorious harmony classic works teaching that the eternal law set by the Creator of the laws of beauty, harmony and aesthetics, to which the ancients gave such inspiring expression, still prevailed, and that the Germans of the present day could proudly point to many fine productions as almost equalling in excellence those of the classical era.

"Our sculpture" proceeded the Emperor, "stands to-day pure from modern tendencies. Do not give up the great principles of the old art which thrusts itself beyond the aesthetic laws. It is the workshop art, the proneness to more technical tasks, which leads to a sinning against the very walls of art. Art furthermore should educate the people and offer ideals to the lower classes after a hard day's toil. The great ideals have been, with the Germans, a lasting good, while they have been more or less lost with other peoples. It only remains for the Germans to preserve, foster and hand down to posterity these great ideals. The working classes must be edified by means of the beautiful. If art represents misery as more hideous than it is, it sins against the German people."

BURNED TO DEATH.

Ten Men Are Dead As Results of Gas Explosion at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 19.—By an explosion of gas in the Soho furnace of Jones & Laughlin, near Brady street, at 6.30 o'clock this morning ten men were burned to death, and probably twenty others more or less injured. The damage to the plant will amount to $20,000.

A RECORD PRICE.

New York Stock Exchange Seat Sold for $73,000.

New York, Dec. 19.—The sale of a stock exchange seat for $73,000 is reported to have been made yesterday. This is the highest price on record, the last two sales having been for $71,000.

ANOTHER DROP.

New York, Dec. 19.—Arbuckle Bros., have reduced the price of refined sugar five points.

C. R. Johnson, of Nanaimo, is a guest at the Victoria hotel.

Mr. Vowell, Indian superintendent, leaves for the Mainland to-night on departmental business.

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LAID OVER UNTIL EARLY NEXT MONTH

V. V. & E. APPLICATION BEFORE COMMITTEE TO-DAY

Case Has Been Adjourned Until Expiration of the Interim Injunction—The By-Elections.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Hon. A. G. Blair was not able to be present at the railway committee of the Privy Council today. There was in attendance Messrs. Mills, Tarte and Bernier.

The application of the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Railway & Navigation Company for permission to construct a branch line from its main line, extending to Columbia and Grand Forks, B. C., was taken up. At the last meeting of the committee, when this application came up, the objection was taken to building a branch from a supposed main line, there being no existing main line.

Wm. Moore, Toronto, who appeared for the company to-day, said that Mr. Lash had since filed information showing that the main line was under construction. There were some 40 or 50 miles under construction, and about 15 miles were completed.

Mr. Boland, Toronto, appeared for the Kettle Valley railway and also for the Kettle River & Grand Forks, while Mr. Creelman, the Canadian Pacific solicitor, appeared for the interests of the Columbia & Western.

Messrs. Boland and Creelman said that they had not seen the information said to be filed by Mr. Lash.

Hon. J. I. Tarte put a number of questions to Mr. Moore as to the number of miles constructed of the main line, and Mr. Moore replied that there were 15 miles constructed. They might not be continuous. There were 15 miles altogether built of a proposed line of 500 miles.

Mr. Creelman said that a larger question would come up for consideration than as to what work was done on the line. He intended advancing the argument that the charter of the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern had lapsed, as work had not been commenced within the two years allowed by the charter. He had just learned that an injunction had been issued by the British Columbia courts against the construction of the road.

Hon. D. Mills—If right-of-way had been acquired within the two years, then the work of construction could be proceeded with.

Mr. Creelman—But the company would not have the right to go on expropriating land, as was being done in this case, nor to cross an existing line. That was why the injunction was granted, and Mr. Boland explained that the injunction was taken out at his instructions. He had received a telegram from Victoria stating that an interim injunction was granted until the 8th of January.

Mr. Mills said that this being so, he would adjourn the case until after the interim injunction had expired.

Arrangement May Be Made.

At the railway committee to-day Wm. Moore, Toronto, representing Mackenzie & Mann, said that an arrangement was being reached between Edmonton, Yukon & Pacific Railway Co. for approval of a place and mode of junction of the road with the Calgary & Edmonton railway near Strathcona, and would be filed in a few days with the committee.

Writs Issued.

Writs for ten by-elections were issued this afternoon. They are for West Durham, West Hastings, Kingston, Addington, West York, Beauce, L'Islet, Laval, St. James division, Montreal and West Queen's, Prince Edward Island.

Census Returns.

The census department has received returns from the northern part of Burrard, Bennett and Atlin and Cassiar districts giving the population at 2,016.

BACK FROM EUROPE.

Messrs. Lenz and Leiser Return From an Extensive Trip to the Old Land.

M. Lenz and Max Leiser were among the passengers by the steamer Rosalie from the Sound this morning. They have just returned from a seven weeks' trip to Europe on business and pleasure combined.

Mr. Lenz when seen this afternoon stated that they had a most pleasant trip, being very fortunate in missing storms.

Messrs. Lenz and Leiser parted on reaching the Old Country, the former going North into Scotland, while the latter visited the principal cities of Germany and France. They report the home and export trade of England very dull. That of France is about on a par with that of England, while that of Germany is extremely slow. In the Eastern States and Canada the condition of affairs, they said, is very different. In the Eastern States especially the business being transacted is marvellous. The transportation companies have not enough rolling stock to handle the tremendous amount of freight. Mr. Lenz had a conversation with the general traffic agent of one of the railways, who said that the company was 100,000 cars short. They had never before experienced such a rush. In Eastern Canada the Victorians encountered cold weather, but found the business conditions very favorable.

LEGAL NEWS.

In chambers this morning, before Mr. Justice Walkem, A. L. Belyea, K. C., applied for an order, in Turpel vs. Strong, for the sheriff to produce a prisoner held under capias for examination. For the plaintiff, J. H. Lawson, jr., objected to the order being granted unless certain costs for which the prisoner was liable be paid. The order was granted, subject to the payment of such costs.

His Lordship directed that the other applications on the list should stand over, as follows:

Turner vs. Owl Music Hall Co.—Application under Order XIV., stands till 23rd inst.

Huntington vs. Grand Forks Mercantile Co.—Application to dismiss action for want of prosecution, stands till 20th inst.

Styles vs. Harris, Mrs. J. O. Dunsmuir, garnishee.—Application for garnishee order absolute, stands till 20th inst.

Exchequer Court.

Writs have been issued on behalf of Capt. Crowell, of Seattle, and crew of the schooner Arlie, claiming $1,567.20 and $855.96 as arrears in pay due the captain and crew respectively. Owing to the absence in Nanaimo of Mr. Justice Martin on application to vary the registrar's report, assessing damages in Smith vs. the Empress of Japan, stood over.

THERE HAS BEEN MUCH TALK about Pyny-Balsam, the greatest modern remedy for coughs and colds. It cures quickly and certainly. 25c. Of all dealers. Made by proprietors of Perry Davis' Pain-Killer.

LOOKING FOR AMERICAN.

Young Man Succeeded in Swindling Residents of Berlin.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—The police of this city are seeking for a young American calling himself Harry Marshall, who disappeared from Berlin on Tuesday night. Marshall obtained several thousand marks in cash and jewelry from American residents here. He represented himself as a Cincinnatian, as a former employee of Senator Foraker, and as a friend of "John McLain, clerk of the Republican national committee," and said he was here for his health. Marshall obtained opportunities to swindle by showing letters written on the stationery of the United States officials. Herr Sachs, a jeweller from whom Marshall got some diamonds, knew the fugitive in Chicago under the name of Vernon. It is believed Marshall is an international swindler engaged in "working" various European capitals.

IMPORTANT CHANGE.

Tax on Grain Imposed by Railway Companies at New York May Be Abolished.

New York, Dec. 19.—It has been learned from an official that one of the most important charges of a discriminative character on grain passing through this port is about to be abolished or at any rate materially modfied, says the Journal of Commerce. This charge is the arbitrary tax of one cent per bushel imposed by the railroads on grain loaded direct into vessels from the railroad elevators. It is what may be termed an equalizing charge, originally intended to protect the floating elevator combinations.

DELAREY IS NEARING END OF HIS TETHER

The Boer Commandant Unable to Hold Out Beyond the Middle of January.

London, Dec. 19.—The Associated Press learns that the war office has come into possession of a cipher telegram, purporting to have been sent by the Boer commanant Delarey, stating that he could not hold out longer than January.

According to the correspondent of the Times at Pretoria this morning, Delarey is believed to be forty miles north of Klerksdorp with about 400 men.

The war office is taking a more hopeful view of the war than it has taken at any previous time.

SAANICH SHOW.

The Annual Meeting of Agricultural Society—Officers Elected for Coming Year.

The annual meeting of Saanich Agricultural Society was held on Tuesday afternoon, and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: President, Wm. Thomson, re-elected; vice-president, W. Le Poer Trench, re-elected; secretary, Fred. Turgoose, re-elected; treasurer, Geo. Sangster, re-elected. Directors, G. Bradley-Dyne, J. T. Harrison, W. Dean, J. W. Martindale, W. Young, Geo. Simpson, J. G. McKay, Hy. Tanner and E. Marcotte, all re-elected.

This society is now in a flourishing condition. By careful management and hard work the last committee have made vast improvements. They have built 400 feet of cattle sheds, containing 50 double stalls, and done considerable fencing and levelling. Quite a number of thoroughbred animals have found their way into this district during the past year and should help to make a fine showing next fall. The winning of first prize at the Victoria exhibition on district exhibits has made quite a change in the district. There has been a brisk demand for farming land and several farms have been sold to men with capital who will make vast improvements on them. It is just being found out that this is the best all round farming district on the Coast, not barring Agassiz.

THE SPAIN CASE

Being Heard To-Day Before Mr. Justice Walkem in Speedy Trials Court.

Thos. Spain, charged with the theft of $81 from Mrs. Lindsay, of the International hotel, came before Mr. Justice Walkem for speedy trial this morning. The prisoner was represented by W. C. Moresby and A. C. Anderson, and the prosecution was in the hands of Deputy Attorney-General McLean.

The evidence of Mrs. Lindsay was to the effect that on the evening preceding the robbery she had placed $81 in a roll on a shelf in the safe. She locked the bar up and the following day after Spain, one of the bar tenders, had come on duty, and when she went to the unlocked safe, the money was gone. She searched Spain, who was intoxicated. She failed to find the money on him. He insisted that he knew nothing of the money. When the detectives came the roll of money was found still wrapped in a paper in a corner of the clothes' room, to which the Chinaman was in the habit of carrying towels and aprons from the bar. The detectives had previously searched the prisoner and found nothing upon him.

The witness was cross-examined at some length by Mr. Moresby, and admitted that Spain had repeatedly warned her to be more careful in money matters, and that he had once handed her money she had dropped.

The case was resumed at 2:15 this afternoon.

—On Monday evening next in the Victoria athletic rooms an interesting basket-ball contest is scheduled to take place between two aggregations chosen from Turner-Beeton & Company and Lenz & Leiser. Both teams have been practising assiduously, and a very even match is anticipated. On account of the expense which will be incurred by the lighting of the building it has been decided to charge an admittance of 10 cents. A large attendance is expected. The following are the respective teams: Lenz & Leiser: W. York, L. York, C. Wriglesworth, H. Gartley, G. Simpson. Turner-Beeton Co.: F. Smith, W. Lorimer, W. A. Lorimer, G. Temple, R. A. Wollaston. As firemen it is understood have organized a team, and will challenge the winners of Monday's game. The Hudson's Bay Co. also have a team about ready, and will probably challenge the winner also; so that quite a series of matches may be looked forward to by enthusiasts.

Arel Jorgenson, Peter Thomson and W. Jorgenson, of Franklin, Wash., Waterville, and Seattle respectively, are in the city. They will leave for the Scandinavian colony at the northern end of the island by the Queen City to-morrow evening. A large flow of settlers is expected in the near future, for the purpose of taking up their abode in the country in the vicinity of San Joseph Bay. While in the city Messrs. Jorgenson and Thomson are making their headquarters at the Dominion hotel.

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Henry Rifle, of the Nanaimo Brewing Company, has returned after an extensive trip through the States and Europe. Mr. Rifle while in the city is staying at the Victoria hotel. He states that his trip was a most enjoyable one from every point of view. He visited the principal cities of France, England and Germany, spending some time in his old home in the latter country.

TWO NEW BOOKS TO-DAY

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THE TIMES.

TATTOOED UPPER TEN.

Some Fashionable Men Are Walking Picture Galleries.

Among the curiosities contained at New Scotland Yard is a big book which records the various marks found on prisoners. This is intended as a help to identification in the future. Incidentally it throws light on tattooing as practised among the criminal classes. It seems to show that the very people who should be most anxious not to afford the police any assistance in this matter usually provide a great deal of evidence on this subject.

It is probable, however, that the man who had the Lord's Prayer inscribed on his back in blue and red had not taken to crime when this was done.

Another man carried a private register on his person. There were the words "I love" on his chest, and after them, in regular order, came fifteen sets of initials. This man had been a sailor, and evidently had a sweetheart at every port.

"I love" followed by a name is so common a form of tattooing that the record of it fills several pages. Sometimes it is surmounted by a heart, or two hearts connected by a true-lover's-knot. One man had had the original name lined through in token that it was crossed out, and another substituted.

One man had transformed himself into a walking tombstone with the inscription, "Sacred to the memory of my dear Consuelo. She died game." There appeared to be some Southern tragedy behind this.

Ships, anchors, flags, fish, mermaids, heads of men and women, are common emblems.

So Are Crucifixes,

rude portraits of the Virgin Mary and Child, and portraits of other saints. One man bears a spirited representation of a fight at sea, another a lively picture of a race course.

If one man had read the Twelve Commandments which were inscribed on his back his name might never have come to the book; but it must be admitted that their position prevented any close study.

Fashion has borrowed this mode of decoration, and there is now a craze in "smart society" for tattooing. The work is of a far finer and more artistic style. It is no longer done with a common sewing-needle and some gunpowder. A machine, containing a considerable number of fine needles, is used to shorten the process and refine this work, and a variety of colors are employed. Quite a number of professors are engaged in inventing designs, and some of the latter are very artistic and quaint.

A very magnificent specimen of the latter is the great dragon of China. This is a very large piece of work, involving a considerable amount of labor to execute, and no little pain to the victim while it is in process of execution. Every one of the scales, horns, teeth, spines, claws, tentacles, is carefully delineated with the needle, and the tail winds several times round the body. The great head is depicted on the chest, and the feet and claws find their way round the back.

Another emblem of a more peaceful kind is borrowed from the rival kingdom of Japan, in the shape of the chrysanthemum. This is of two kinds—the close incurvated and the ragged. These flowers may be depicted in a variety of colors which almost recall the hues of the original. A third emblem is

A Huge Fish

of somewhat truculent appearance, which is covered entirely with scales worked out in an infinity of small strokes, and is provided with a tail which extends a wide range of spines, which take a considerable time to work out. There are several kinds of fish; and there is a Chinese crab which is a very horrific sea monster, who would do well as a companion to the dragon.

Like the poorer classes, fashionable men are tattooed with emblems and expressions of affection. Two hearts twined with a true-lovers'-knot; a female name; a female name and a male one joined by a true-lovers'-knot; a name, and under it, "My heart's idol," or "The object of my fondest affections," are among the commoner forms. Less common was the inscription: "In life, in death, I love but thee, Marie." The individual who had a representation of a bracelet tatooed round his arm, and the inscription: "When this bracelet quits the skin, then shall I forget Evelyn," had an original taste in decoration and versification.

One well-known peer has his entire coat-of-arms, with its various quarterings, mantle, scroll work, crest, badges and motto, all tattooed on his chest. In this he is unconsciously returning to the original use of tattooing as invented by uncivilized man, which was quite as much to provide emblems which would point out his name, rank and tribe, as for purposes of pure decoration or terror.

On the other hand, a certain M. P. and his entire family have their names and address tattooed on their arms, so that in case of accident there should be no difficulty in identifying them, even if they were speechless or disfigured. On the other hand, if they changed their address, this precaution would become useless and awkward.

I am told that

A Royal Prince,

who may have picked up the idea with other sea-faring tastes, is tattooed with sundry initials and devices.

It is becoming the fashion to tattoo babies almost as soon as they are born with some distinctive devices, which is intended not only to prevent the possibility of substitution, but also to furnish an aid to identification later if it should become necessary.

One young soldier is tatooed from neck to foot, so that he presents the appearance of being clothed in a skin suit very elaborately embroidered. The great dragon winds round his body, and at the back, between the shoulders, sprawls an enormous crab. His arms are covered with verses, hearts, chrysanthemums and female heads entwined in scroll-work and wreaths.

Over one shoulder hang the regimental colors. On the other shoulder are the regimental arms, crest and motto. The legs are trimmed off in similar fashion, but the devices end in circular rings round the ankles, just as the tattooed bracelet round the wrist. As the decorating also ceases at the neck, no one who saw this young man in his ordinary attire would imagine that he was tattooed at all. In the water, however, he would look like a mere savage—one of the followers of Boadicea.

This practice is not without its dangers. Not long ago a young man was most beautifully tattooed all over, the whole of the devices forming the groundwork to a central space on the breast, which was surrounded by a border of hearts. In the centre of the space was inscribed a female name.

At the end of six months the owner came in a great state of excitement, to say that the name

Must Be Removed at Any Price.

As it happens, the process now used admits of removal. This is effected by a decidedly painful operation with fine needles and the use of tannin. The name was therefore removed, and the ex-lover—whether jilt or jilted did not transpire—went away quite happy.

A few months later he returned once more, this time to have a fresh female name inscribed in the place of the first one. He has not been seen since.

It may be as well to add that though the marks can be removed until the skin looks uniformly white, if the part is suddenly slapped it often happens that the scars of the old device stand out dead and white on the red skin around them. —Glasgow Weekly Record.

PILL-OSOPHY.—There are pills and pills, but Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills at 10 cents a vial lead in demand. The sale borders on the phenomenal. Sluggish liver, constipation, or irregular bowels are the precursors of many physical disorders. These little wonders remove the cause. 40 in a vial for 10 cents. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—45.

THE ROOKIE AT HOME.

"Half the 'rookies' seem to think that joining the army makes soldiers of 'em," a veteran sergeant-major once remarked to a writer, who records the chat in Chums, adding cheerfully, "I always tell 'em that it only makes 'em barrack lumber, and that it's for the drill-sergeant and me to lick 'em into soldiers—even if we have to damage 'em in doing it!" The last expression merely indicated the speaker's fondness for over-awing the recruits in his charge; but unquestionably the most important, as well as the most trying, phase of a soldier's career is that of which we shall know something to-day—the time when he is being shaped and fashioned into a serviceable fighting machine.

"Sent off to the depot of his regiment within a day of two of enlisting, the raw recruit, after a brief interview with his colonel, is posted to a company, given a regimental number, and ushered into the barrack-room, which is to be his home for the next few months.

"Imagine a square, bare, whitewashed room, uncarpeted and uncurtained, with some fifteen or sixteen bed-cots ranged against the walls, and a shelf running round at their heads. On this shelf, and on pegs beneath it, are the arms, accoutrements, and uniforms of the occupants of the room. A couple of tables on trestles, two or three forms, a rifle-rack, and a partitioned corner for the non-com. in charge of the room, complete the picture. Here the newcomer is handed over to the charge of the oldest soldier in the room, who is expected to show him his duties, and will probably grumble a good deal at the immediate cause of his task, but will, nevertheless, help him with the utmost kindness and goodwill.

"'What's the army coming to when long-legged half-timers like you are 'listed?' I heard one of them say to his new pupil.

"'It's a pity the sergeant as brought you didn't lose you on the road!'

"But all this meant nothing save the soldier's love of grumbling, or 'grousing,' as he himself calls it. In ten minutes' time the novice, cosily seated near the fire in the old soldier's own corner, was enjoying a hearty welcome from the rest of the room."

"DEVELOPMENT AND DEFENCE."

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To the Editor:—In connection with the former short articles on this subject, the leading features of the colonization project brought forward, if carried into effect, would greatly benefit the province: (1) By establishing a large and permanent industrial population along the frontier; (2) by creating trade in developing the deep-sea trade and other branches of the fishing industry; (3) by furnishing the new settlers with sufficient capital to enable them and their families to commence work in their special branches, and place them on a firm and prosperous footing in the province, and by a loan and sinking fund, without incurring any additional expense to the government beyond such as is incidental to other settlers; (4) the fishing industry in all its branches would be increased, developed and continued by skilled fishermen; (5) the large and important salmon canning trade would be benefited by those fishermen, who could be depended on year after year, as they can return to their homes at the end of the salmon fishing seasons; (6) a large and effective naval reserve could be formed out of the ranks of able bodied fishermen for the defence of the country, if required.

ALEXANDER BEGG.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 18th, 1901.

Capt. D. Gilmore and F. M. Studley, the pilot and agent of the Japanese mail steamers, spent yesterday in the city, guests at the Victoria hotel. After meeting the Tosa Maru at this port they left for Seattle on that vessel.

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Mrs. Garden, of Vancouver, mother of Mr. Garden, who is at present confined to the Jubilee hospital as the result of an accident, is in the city, accompanied by Miss N. Smith. She is here for the purpose of visiting her son.

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Tom Proctor, of New Westminster, has been appointed electrician on the R. M. S. Empress of India, on which steamer he came out from England. In the meantime he has been city electrician of Westminster.