Famine Relief Works

Thousands of People Employed Building Tanks and at Stone Breaking.

Many Starve Themselves in Order to Purchase Opium or Tobacco.

(Associated Press.)

London, May 16.—Dealing with the famine in the central provinces of India, which have an area equal to that of Austria and a population of nearly eleven millions and which were formerly prosperous, the Daily Chronicle's correspondent at Bilaspur writes:

"The demand for government assistance is unparalleled. In one district forty per cent. are dependent on the Sirdar for their daily bread. In two others the percentage is over thirty in the whole area. There are 1,500,000 people with no other sources of subsistence than government charity.

"Three miles out from Bilaspur, 1,500 persons are busy adding to the long list of tanks constructed by famine labor. Further on stone breaking is in progress and peasants, who have never before handled any implements save those of husbandry, wrestle manfully with crowbar and boring tools. When the rock is broken, women and youngsters busily ply little hammers. An able-bodied man earns three cents and women two cents.

"If the price of grain increases the wage is increased, and vice versa, so that a full day's toil secures to every worker a sufficiency of food. No work, no pay.

"The old and feeble are drafted into the weakly gangs and even these wrecks of humanity, save a few pis (quarter of a cent) of their miserable pittance and starve their shrunken body in order to get a morsel of opium or tobacco.

"The type of relief work described at Bilaspur is done by the hundreds in the central provinces and the aid given to the able-bodied people seems sufficient, and kitchens and hospitals are well managed. But, the penny wage for a weakling is insufficient. I am assured, however, that it will be raised."

PROVINCIAL GAZETTE.

Unimportant Issue of the Official Organ—Incorporated Company.

The Official Gazette to-night contains few announcements.

The following company is incorporated, The Homestake Mines, of Rossland; capital $1,000,000.

A. B. Bucknorth, of Ymir, has been appointed a deputy mining recorder for the Ymir district with sub-recording office at Ymir. The mining recorder at Vernon has also been appointed a deputy mining recorder for Fire Valley river district.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Kenneth Mining & Development Co. is called for Rossland on June 28th, when a resolution will be submitted winding up the company and asking for its re-incorporation as The Tamarac Mines, Ltd.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Chartered Commercial Co., of Vancouver, will be held at Vancouver on June 8th, to elect a board of directors.

Application is made for the incorporation of Slocan Lodge, No. 40, I.O.O.F., at Slocan.

Court of revision for the assessment roll of the Chilliwack Dyking Works will be held at Chilliwack on June 20th at 10 a.m.

Mr. Justice Walkem, on the petition of J. M. McKinnon, a shareholder of the Oro Fino Mines, has ordered that company to be wound up.

The Provincial Secretary of Ontario gives notice of the passage of an act respecting extra provincial companies by which certain classes of corporations created otherwise than under the authority of the Ontario Legislature must procure before November 1st, 1900, extra provincial licenses.

Tenders for the supply of clothing, bread, meat, milk, groceries, coal and wood for the Provincial Home at Kamloops are being called for by the Deputy Provincial Secretary. Tenders will be received up to Thursday, the 7th prox. Similar tenders for the Insane Asylum at New Westminster will be received up to the same date.

THE PREMIER RETURNING.

Expected To-Morrow Night—Will Speak at Colwood and Sooke on Monday.

Premier Martin arrived in Vancouver from his tour of the interior this afternoon, and was welcomed by several hundred of his followers with a brass band. A procession was formed and the Premier escorted to his hotel. He is expected to reach the capital to-morrow evening.

On Saturday afternoon a convention will be held at Duncans, when a candidate will be selected to contest Cowichan in the government interests. On Monday afternoon, at 2 p. m., the Premier will address the electors at Demers's hotel, Colwood, and at Charters's hotel, Sooke, at 8 o'clock the same evening.

Ralph Smith presided last night at a meeting held at Vancouver to bring out straight labor candidates. There were 103 delegates present, and the choice of the convention was Fred. Williams, financial secretary of the Trades and Labor Council, and J. Dixon, president of the Trades and Labor Council.

A Nanaimo special to the Times says: "John Radcliffe, independent Liberal candidate for South Nanaimo, returned from Texada Island last evening and reports himself as well pleased with the outlook there.

"John Bryden and other speakers will address a meeting at Wellington on Saturday evening. W. W. B. McInnes has accepted an invitation to be present.

"C. L. Sehl, an Alberni business man, says that it is all rot to state that the Martin candidate will carry Alberni. 'There are 225 votes in Alberni, and there were only thirty out of that number present when Mr. Redford was nominated. There will be a third man in the field, and a strong one, too,' said Mr. Sehl."

CANADIAN NEWS.

Suspicious Characters Near Welland Canal—Aged Farmer's Death—Dominion Exhibition.

(Associated Press.)

Montreal, May 15.—A Port Colborne, Ont., dispatch says two suspicious characters were fired upon by the soldiers guarding the Welland canal at Port Robinson at midnight on Saturday night. The men escaped in boats.

The local passenger rates on the Great Northwest Central railway in Manitoba, now operated by the Canadian Pacific railway, have been reduced from 4 to 3 cents per mile.

Lindsay, May 15.—Wm. Saunders, an aged farmer living near the village of Glenarm, was found dead in a swamp forty rods from his home on Sunday. He had wandered away from his home some days previous and it is thought had become exhausted from want of food and exposure, and fallen and perished within calling distance of aid.

Ottawa, May 15.—The Canadian patriotic fund to date amounts to $280,202.

Bush fires are raging between Chapleau and Lacpoulin. According to a report the fires are being driven by a tremendous wind and are sweeping the forest. Another fire is reported as raging at Missanabie.

Toronto, May 15.—The big Palace Hotel, which has been projected for some time, is likely to be an accomplished fact soon. A Boston syndicate offered to take $850,000 of interest in the venture provided $400,000 is raised by same stock here. The capital will thus be $1,250,000.

The Bell Telephone Company has increased its rates here in some cases from $25 to $65 a year. This increase, it is alleged, is a direct violation of the act of 1892.

The directors of the Toronto Exhibition Co. have decided to spend $200,000 in improvements to the buildings this year with a view to being prepared for the Dominion exhibition next year, should the government favor the project.

Quebec, May 15.—Beauport asylum has received a clean bill of health, no more cases of smallpox having appeared.

Belleville, May 17.—One hundred and fifty thousand white fish fry were placed in the Bay of Quinte yesterday.

Brockville, May 17.—In connection with the charges of corruption in the recent Brockville bye-election, which were brought up in the House of Commons on Tuesday night, the Recorder, the Liberal organ here, has secured the affidavits of two deputies and received a declaration from eleven others, that the polls were conducted in a fair and impartial manner.

Windsor, May 17.—A scheme is on foot here to induce several lumber mills in Michigan to locate at Sandwich, near here, in view of the fact that the Ontario regulations regarding the export of lumber has resulted in the closing down of a large number of Michigan mills. By locating at Sandwich operations can be conducted on a large scale.

Quebec, May 17.—The city council this morning presented Mayor Parent with a purse containing $5,000 as a mark of appreciation of his services.

Toronto, May 17.—Mayor Macdonald this morning wrote Fire Chief Thompson dismissing him from city service on account of Thompson's activity in civic politics up to 1896. Thompson, however, it is said, will ignore the mayor's authority and continue as chief until the city council votes him in or out of service.

Rev. Wm. Patterson, the well known pastor of Cooke's church (Presbyterian), of this city, has received a call to Bethany Collegiate church, Philadelphia. He will accept.

The Ontario government fruit inspectors report that the spraying of trees affected with San Jose scale with whale oil soap is having an excellent effect in eradicating the pest, the use of the soap checking its headway.

Ottawa, May 17.—The Supreme court resumed this morning and disposed of all the Quebec cases, except one.

DR. A. W. CHASE'S CATARRH CURE ... 25c.

is sent direct to the diseased parts by the Improved Blower. Heals the ulcers, clears the air passages, stops droppings in the throat and permanently cures Catarrh and Hay Fever. Blower free. All dealers, or Dr. A. W. Chase Medicine Co., Toronto and Buffalo.

Sir Charles Objects

To Hon. A. G. Blair's Proposed Amendments to the Railway Act.

Minister Says the Time Has Arrived for Action by the Government.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, May 17.—There was a lively discussion at the railway committee this morning over Hon. A. G. Blair's bill to amend the Railway Act. It provides three important clauses. One provides for certain tramways and electric roads to remain under the control of the provinces, another to prevent railway companies from exploiting townsites by giving power to the railway committee of the Privy Council to say where a station should be located, and the third to provide running regulations for railways. The minister explained these clauses.

Sir Charles Tupper said that Mr. Blair was taking power to the Governor-General-in-Council to control all railways. He therefore objected to the provisions of the bill and wanted to hear what the representatives of railways had to say about it.

Hon. Mr. Blair, in reply, said that there was no intention of doing anything that would unduly operate against railways. He referred to Sir Charles as the mouthpiece of the railway companies, and said, with emphasis, that the time had arrived when the government would require to control railways, or the railways would control it.

Judge Clark approved of the first clause regarding tramways and electric roads, and after some discussion it was carried.

The committee then adjourned. The bill will be strenuously fought by railway companies.

YORK'S SON CHRISTENED.

(Associated Press.)

London, May 17.—The son of the Duke and Duchess of York, who was born March 31st last, and who it was announced was to be christened Patrick, was christened in the private chapel of Windsor Castle to-day in the presence of Queen Victoria, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Duke and Duchess of Fife, the Duke of Cambridge and members of the Royal family. Prince Albert of Prussia, regent of the Duchy of Brunswick, represented Emperor William of Germany, who was one of the infant's godfathers.

Old Materials Profitably Used.

DIAMOND DYES

Are the Favorites of All Mat and Rug Makers.

Mrs. P. L. Stanhope, of Victoria, B.C., writes thus:

"I recently discovered that I had sufficient old materials such as flannel, cloth, yarns and dicarded underwear stored away from which I could make a couple of fair sized rugs for the floor. I sent to Wells & Richardson Co., Montreal, for two of their handsome rug designs. After they were received, I washed my old materials and colored them with Diamond Dyes to match the shades on the rug patterns. I hooked the two rugs, and they are so handsome that all my friends admire them. The Diamond Dyes are, I think, the best and most reliable for home dyeing. I certainly recommend them to all who make mats and rugs."

He Shot Twelve Men

Wholesale Murders Reported to Have Been Committed on a Norwegian Steamer.

Six of the Men Were Dead When Found—The Murderer Escaped.

(Associated Press.)

Copenhagen, May 17.—A telegram from Koping, Sweden, reports that as the steamer Koping was passing the Prinz Carl a man sprang upon the deck of the latter vessel and shouted: "If anyone comes near I will shoot." At the same moment a woman was seen hanging over the ship's side shrieking for help. The man escaped in the boat.

When the Prinz Carl was boarded it was found that 12 men on board had been shot, six of whom, including the captain, were dead. The rest were found locked in their quarters. One of the wounded has since died. The murderer is being pursued.

Details of Murders.

Copenhagen, May 17.—Details received here to-day from Koping, Sweden, of the terrible tragedy on board the steamer Prinz Carl, plying between Koping and Stockholm, show that shortly after passing Quickaund, at midnight, a man suddenly started shutting all the doors of the cabins and saloons. Then with a revolver in either hand and with a dagger and a knife in his belt, he began firing at everyone he encountered. He stabbed the captain in the back and a lady passenger in the breast with the dagger, and hacked at her with the knife. He also shot the mate through the shoulder, and of the four gentlemen who were playing cards in the smoking saloon one was shot in the temple because he moved when the murderer warned him not to stir.

The Prinz Carl was stopped off Koping, and the murderer seized the opportunity to jump into a lifeboat and row away as fast as possible. Search of the steamer discovered seven dead and five wounded.

The Prinz Carl proceeded to Stockholm. A tradesman of Arboga, Sweden, reports that a man giving the name of Cronkirst, of Stockholm, came to him yesterday and secured two revolvers, which he fired several times to test their qualities.

GUARDING THE CANAL.

Dragoons to Take the Places of Local Militia—Bombs Found at Niagara Falls.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, May 17.—Twenty men of the R. C. Dragoons have been ordered to proceed to patrol the Welland canal, replacing the local militia, members of which object to being kept on duty on inadequate wages.

Niagara Falls, Ont., May 17.—Great excitement prevailed here yesterday afternoon on Erie avenue owing to three bombs being found on the street. Had any person kicked one of the bombs aside a terrible explosion would have occurred.

FIRE AT THE EXPOSITION.

Paris, May 15.—A fire occurred at the exposition this afternoon. The flames were discovered in the basement of the Chateau D'Eau, which was intended to be one of the leading features of the exposition. Intense alarm was created by the blaze, but the firemen succeeded in keeping the outburst from spreading, and after an hour's hard work the fire was extinguished. Comparatively slight damage was done to a portion of the wood work beneath the chateau and a few tapestries.

STEAMER IN DISTRESS.

(Associated Press.)

Ocean City, N. J., May 17.—An unknown steamer is in distress off this place. She is blowing her whistle and the crews of the life-saving stations at this place, Corsons Inlet and Great Egg harbor have gone in search of her. The weather is very foggy and it is impossible to determine the steamer's location.

COLLIDED WITH A WHALE.

Steamer New England Strikes an Ocean Monster on the Way From the North.

(Special to the Times.)

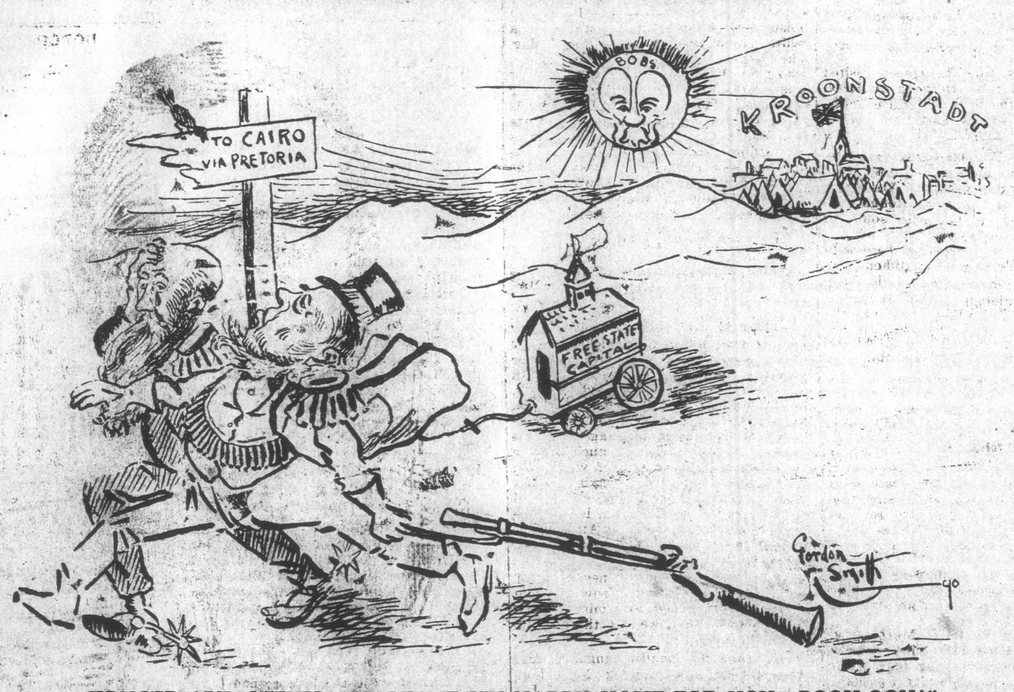
Vancouver, May 15.—F. W. McCrady, superintendent for the Marble Bay Mining Co., of Texada Island, has resigned his position, and will be succeeded in the management by Major Vaughan.

Messrs. Schreider and Porte arrived on Sunday from Paris, France, on their way to Cape Nome. They expect to make their fortunes by the sale of champagne in the new goldfields.

The halibut fishing steamer New England, which has arrived from the North, had a peculiar adventure on Friday evening. She was running full speed when she struck a large whale, broadside on. Her forefoot cut for several feet into the body of the marine monster, and the vessel was brought completely to a standstill, although her engines were going at full speed. As the vessel pushed forward again the whale went under her, and when the great body came up at the stern the sea for rods around was red with blood. The whale lashed the water into foam in what were apparently his dying agonies, and then turned over and sank.

W. R. Robertson, Indian agent at Duncans, is a guest at the Victoria.

ANOTHER POLAR EXPEDITION.



KRUGER AND STEYN—"I'D LEAVE MY HAPPY HOME FOR YOU. BOOH-OOH!"

KILLED BY HER LOVER.

(Associated Press.)

New York, May 17.—Mary Brannigan, 24 years old, of 63 East 103rd street, a clerk in a departmental store at 66th street and Third avenue, was shot today in the store by Edward Hall, 25 years of age. It was said by the police, who took Hall into charge, that he killed the girl because she refused to marry him.

DRAWING ROOM.

London, May 14.—The Princess of Wales to-day held a drawing room at Buckingham Palace in behalf of the Queen. Among the Americans presented were the wife and daughters of General Frank Wheaton.

OLD PEOPLE

Find Spring a Very Trying Season of the Year.

They Can Preserve Their Health and Strength by Using Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills.

The breaking up of the winter and the advent of spring usually comes hard on the old. Their health seems to suffer severely at this time and many are hurried into their graves. But people advanced in years can prevent sickness and keep themselves hale and strong and in the enjoyment of good health by using Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills.

This remedy makes the blood rich, the nerves vigorous, and the heart strong, and should be used promptly on the first sign of declining health or strength.

Mr. Samuel Lane, 31 St. Patrick street, St. John, N. B., writes:

"I am now a man of nearly eighty years of age and enjoyed the best of health until a few years ago, when I began to feel distress after eating, and suffered greatly with indigestion, bad breath, etc.

"My friends recommended numerous remedies, but none of those I tried seemed to be me much good.

"Finally I started using Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, and before I had finished the box they brought relief, so that I now can eat anything set before me without the least inconvenience. I was run down and nervous before taking these wonderful pills, but they have regulated my entire system, tone up my nerves, and restored healthy action of the heart, so that I am now feeling vigorous and strong."

The Boer Peace Envoys

Mr. Fischer Says Fighting Will Not Stop Until Burghers Gain Independence.

Delegates Will Go to Russia if Mission Fails in the States.

New York, May 15.—Messrs. Abraham Fischer, J. M. A. Wolmarans and C. H. Wessels, peace envoys from South Africa, arrived here on the steamship Maasdam to-day. When the reception committee boarded the Maasdam down the bay, former Judge Van Hossen delivered an address of welcome to the envoys.

Mr. Fischer responded as follows: "I thank you most heartily for this welcome which you have just extended to us. The warmth of a welcome does not lie in the length of words you say, but in deeds. We believe the American people will also extend to us a hearty welcome. For ours is a cause that is dear to their hearts. We are fighting for our country. As soon as they come to understand our case they will, I believe, echo the welcome you have just given us."

When the envoys were told of the reverse to their arms and the advance made by Roberts they shrugged their shoulders. "Such news," said Mr. Fischer, "does not disconcert us in the least. We read these dispatches between the line, but what difference does one or a dozen reverses make to us? We never intend to cease fighting until we have gained what we are fighting for—our independence."

The delegates were reticent concerning their plans. "We cannot say anything which may hinder our cause," said Mr. Fischer. "We should like to have the government arbitrate with England and undoubtedly we shall go to Washington and try to have an audience with President McKinley. If we cannot induce the government to do what we like, we shall try to arouse the people so that they will compel the government to recognize us in that way."

Asked as to the truth of the report that some of the Red Cross men were fighting in the Boer army, Mr. Fischer said: "Of this I know nothing, though some may have joined our forces when they knew the truth. Some attaches who have gone down there to see us fight have, when they saw us fight, and knew the reasons for the war, said to us: 'Give us guns, for we want to fight with you.'"

According to the Evening World, Mr. Fischer late this afternoon made the following statement: "Our intention now is to apply to the government for aid. Failing in that, we shall appeal to the people, that they may give us practical aid. I bear an official message to President McKinley, but I cannot speak of it before it is delivered. We will visit Washington and transact our business. We are entrusted with the greatest authority, and anything we may do will be upheld by the South African countries. I cannot speak of an American protectorate. If we are unsuccessful in securing mediation or other intervention, there are several other contingent steps that we shall try. The subject of a protectorate has been much discussed in Pretoria. If we fail in the United States, I may say that we will seek Russian aid. If America should take action, she would be upheld by the powers of Europe. But we look to America because it is a republic. We would rather have American aid than help from any other country. As a friend we think she would be more influential. We hate bloodshed, but we will have independence. Surely there is some way to secure peace with no loss of prestige to England or independence to us."

At the Hotel Manhattan to-night the envoys were received by the general reception committee. Killian Evans Rensselar and Edward Lauterbach delivered the principal addresses of welcome. During the course of his speech Mr. Lauterbach attacked the Irish race. He accused them of doing nothing in their home country for the assistance of the Boers, and caused several protests to come up from the rear of the room.

BIRTHS.

CORNISH—On May 4th, at 1019 Melville street, Vancouver, the wife of B. J. Cornish, of a son.

STAINER—On the 4th inst., the wife of W. S. Stainer, of a son.

PHIPPS—At 1043 Eveleigh street, Vancouver, on May 6th, the wife of A. E. Phipps, of a son.

RUTLEDGE—On the 13th inst., at 289 Johnson street, the wife of James Rutledge, of a son.

MACAULAY—On the 13th inst., the wife of H. C. Macaulay, of a daughter.

WILSON—At Kamloops, on the 9th inst., the wife of Thomas Wilson, of Bear Creek, of a son.

MARRIED.

ROSS-MOODIE—At Hotel Victoria, Revelstoke, May 4th, 1900, by Rev. S. J. Thompson, James Ross and Miss Ethel Louise Bertha Moodie.

M'LEAN-WIGHTMAN—At Glen Bulb Cottage, Victoria street, Nelson, on May 9th, by Rev. G. J. C. White, Donald H. McLean and Miss Ina Wightman.

JOHNSTON-THOMS — At St. Peter's church, Revelstoke, on May 5th, by Rev. Dr. Paget, W. W. Johnston, of Rossland, B. C., and Miss Isabella Thoms, of Dundee, Scotland.

HALL-MATHENY—At Rossland, on May 9th, by Rev. D. McG. Gandier, S. W. Hall and Nana J. Matheny.

DIED.

BRETT—At Kaslo, John Brett, aged 22 years.

WILSON—At Steveston, on May 1st, Thomas Wilson, aged 57.

COCHRANE—At Kamloops, on May 1st, John Cochrane, aged 35 years.

ORR—At Victoria West, on the 6th inst., the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Orr.

DAINARD—At Golden, on May 3rd, Lillian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Dainard, aged 2 years and 18 days.

STANDISH—At the Angel hotel, Langley street, Victoria, on the 8th instant, William Gardiner Standish, a native of Mass., U. S. A., aged 78 years.

RIDLEY—At the Jubilee Hospital, on the 9th inst., Mrs. R. Ridley, relict of the late Robert Ridley, aged 70 years.