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A LAWYER'S SUICIDE.

E. A. McGee, of Vancouver, Fires a Revolver Bullet Through His Head.

It Was Done With Deliberate Intent to End His Unhappy Life.

VANCOUVER, April 20, (Special).—A terrible tragedy occurred in Vancouver today. E. A. McGee shot himself. He walked into Tisdall's store on Hastings street at 3:30 in the afternoon and asked to be shown the mechanism of a thirty-eight Smith and Wesson revolver. This Mr. Tisdall did, placing a cartridge in the chamber to more effectively explain. Mr. McGee took the loaded revolver very quietly out of Mr. Tisdall's hand and quickly as a flash stepped back and fired into his head. The ball went through his head and he fell dead. The city solicitor and others were standing near by, but were not quick enough to prevent the excitement was intense. A crowd was passing on the street, and on the sound of the shot swarmed into the store. For a few minutes the excitement was intense. The ambulance was moved away with the lifeless form of one of Vancouver's best known citizens was the large crowd dispersed, and even then many struggled to look through the windows of the ambulance to see the ghastly blood-covered face of the unfortunate suicide. The dead man had not been supplied with his wife. A bitter quarrel was the result of a separation, and Mrs. McGee left to live in Portland with her mother, and resigning her position of post-mistress of Hastings. The deceased grieved very much over the separation, and plunged into an abandoned life, drinking heavily. The awakening came today. As he sobers up from a long spree, and felt the horror of his position, he decided to kill himself, and did so. He was a native of Wolfville, N. S., being educated for the bar at Acadia college.

WILL SOON TELL.

Government to Make an Announcement on the Crow's Nest Negotiations Soon.

Two Men Only From the Fifth for the Jubilee Regiment Trip.

OTTAWA, April 20, (Special).—T. G. Shaughnessy, vice-president of the C.P.R., was in town all day together with F. L. Beique, Q.C., and Joseph Brunet, of Montreal. They had an important conference to-night with several ministers respecting the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway. It is expected a formal announcement will be made in a few days as to the conditions upon which the company will build the road. Dr. H. Walton Jones, of Montreal, has been appointed immigrant agent for Canada in Scandinavia. Dr. Jones lived in Sweden some years and speaks the language perfectly. Toronto men are seeking incorporation to build a line from the Mackenzie river to the Porcupine or Yukon. Six municipalities in Manitoba have protested against the school settlement and two have declared in its favor. The franchise bill was under discussion all day. Owing to the great expense of transport, the Fifth Regiment can only send two men to England; commissioned officers cannot be included. Those chosen must be certified non-commissioned officers or privates. Adj. Genl. Aylmer will command the regiment.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Harrison Lake Mines Will Soon Add Their Quota to Provincial Output.

English Capital Likely to Erect a Smelter at the Slocan Claims Bonded.

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A DEADLY SLIDE.

Overwhelms a Camp on the Red Mountain Railway With Awful Results.

Six Men Are Killed and Another Dying—The Work of Rescue.

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WITH THE BAYONET.

Turks Dashed Over the Ramparts and Swept the Greeks Before Them.

Hellenes Showed Magnificent Courage, But Were Torn by Bursting Shells.

ELASSORA, Summit to the Miloussa Pass, April 19.—The Turkish victory of yesterday in the Miloussa pass was complete. The enemy retired to the plain of Thessaly, leaving only a rear guard on the hill from which it was driven later by four battalions of Turkish infantry. The Turks pulled up to the top of the hill three mountain batteries, singing, laughing and weeping with joy like children. One battery opened fire on the Greeks, who were retreating on the plain of Traves, and did terrible execution. Turkish shells burst in the middle of scattered battalions of Greeks, with the result that whole groups were killed or wounded. Yesterday evening seven new Turkish battalions and several batteries of artillery left for the front, and at dawn the latter were trained on the Greek blockhouses on the plain below. James Edmond, the Turkish commander, and his men had been twenty-six hours without food or drink. When they were preparing to capture the Greek blockhouses, the Turkish commander made a speech to his soldiers, saying: "All those who love God must advance to the assault." This was enough. Every man with loud exultant shouts dashed forward in the direction of the blockhouse. Even the muleteers who were bringing up the reserve ammunition joined in the attack. The blockhouses, which were held by the Greeks with magnificent courage. The Turks with splendid dash charged up the steep and essentially levelled over the ramparts with shouts of triumph. The Greeks waited their approach until the Turks were within thirty yards before firing. In this assault the Turks had only sixteen men killed and seventeen wounded.



the progressive unionists, urges Lord Salisbury to depart from the concert of Europe, and declares that the reclamation of Turkey to settle her quarrels with Greece by the sword should compel the British government to reconsider their position of adherence to concert of powers, which was only justified as preserving European peace, wherein it has failed. The Times, discussing editorially the Greek invitation to the powers to withdraw their forces from Crete, says that if Greece meditates the recall of Col. Vassos, the commander of the Greek army of occupation in Crete, so that they may co-operate in defence of his country, the powers might doubtless strain a point and let him out, but if they object the Greek government should say so. Until they do, the powers are not in the least likely to modify their action in Crete.

THEY HAVE A SNAP.

WATERBURY, April 20.—The whole of northern New York has experienced a remarkably hard freeze for this season of the year. It is feared that some damage has been wrought to the fruit buds. The temperature fell about thirty degrees since Monday.

SILENT WITNESSES.

A Few Odds and Ends Tell to the World of Another Tragedy.

CRUMBLING SKELETON FOUND IN THE FOREST—WHO IS THE VICTIM?

Once on a time in a narrow stretch of the forest, not half a dozen miles from Victoria, a tragedy was enacted that cost a human life. A pistol shot, and there was one less in the world, yet the world went on as if nothing had happened. The body of a man was found in a shallow hole. It is feared that fruit trees have been seriously injured. On Sunday, April 20.—This county experienced a freeze up last night, the temperature falling 42 degrees since Sunday night. Damage to strawberry and peach crops is very severe. SATURDAY, April 20.—A cold wave struck here suddenly during last night, and early this morning the mercury dropped almost to zero.

LIKE MASHONALAND.

Duke of Teck's Company Want to Administer the Canadian Yukon Country.

IMPORTERS AND MANUFACTURERS CROWDING TO THE CAPITAL TO HEAR TARIFF CHANGES.

OTTAWA, April 21, (Special).—An important petition was presented to parliament yesterday for the incorporation of the British Yukon Chartered Company. The chief among the promoters is the Duke of Teck, and the petition also includes fifteen members of the British House of Commons and many leading bankers and merchants in London. The company is asking the government for a guarantee of 3 per cent. interest on a bond issue of a million and a quarter dollars to enable them to build railway from the head of Lynn canal over the mountain pass to the head waters of navigation on the Yukon river. They ask permission to admit the company's charter regulations to be approved by the government. North west matters occupied the attention of the house all the afternoon, but the proceedings were uninteresting. A number of public bills were read a second time to-night. The Boston presented several anti-Chinese petitions to-day. Shoals of petitions in favor of the Casey bill to compel railway companies to carry bicycles as baggage were also presented. The Kingston people are petitioning against the importation of kineoscopic pictures of the prize fight at Carson.

BROKERS EXCITED.

New York, April 19.—Nothing outside of the news of the war between Turkey and Greece had much interest in Wall street to-day, and as a result the movement of prices on the stock exchange was at times very erratic. The scene at the opening was an exciting one, and there was heavy pressure to sell through the whole list. There had been many sell orders placed before the opening in anticipation of a slump, and these were speedily uncovered, running sales of from 1,300 to 4,000 shares being made at the opening in many stocks.

MINE WINS COLCHESTER.

HALIFAX, April 20, (Special).—The Dominion by-election for Colchester, N.S., took place to-day and resulted in the election of Muir, Conservative, by two majorities.

WHAT A NICE LAD.

EXETER, N. H., April 19.—Frank Wentworth, the eighteen year old boy who was arrested Saturday and lodged in Exeter jail on the charge of having attempted to poison his father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. G. Wentworth, of Newton, N. H., has made a confession, stating that he put Paris green in the tea while getting breakfast. He gives as his excuse for the act that he despised his stepmother on account of her continually "giving him fits," but says he had no ill-feeling towards his father.

THE WAVES BEAT HIGH.

WINNIPEG, April 20, (Special).—An Emerson dispatch says the water stands just twenty inches above the '03 mark. A strong southeast wind is blowing and is again lashing the waves terribly high. It is feared if this continues it will finish some of the buildings which are rising now very slowly.

"SHE BLOW LAK HURRICANE."

WINNIPEG, April 21, (Special).—Reports from the country indicate that Sunday night's gale assumed cyclonic proportions in several districts and caused a good deal of damage to farm buildings.

PLENTY MORE LEFT.

QUEBEC, April 18, (Special).—A large mass of rock weighing several tons fell from the cliff down to Champlain street to-day, badly damaging a couple of houses.

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