

BLOWN UP BY DESIGN.

An Officer of the "Maine" Says That Must Be the Finding of the Court.

Lack of Evidence of Internal Origin Given as the Basis for This Conclusion.

Washington in Meantime Discredits Rumors—Official Report Is Weeks Distant.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—At the close of office hours a telegram came to the navy department from Admiral Sigsbee, at Key West, in the following terms: "Court of inquiry will commence session at Key West to-day. They must resume session at Havana to obtain evidence of divers after further work upon the wreck." The important feature of this telegram is that the court will return to Havana. It sets at rest the rumor that the court was not to return to Havana, for the reason that it had discovered the cause of the sinking of the Maine, which was not accident, and that it had consequently no further business in Havana. One important deduction to be drawn from the message was that the report of inquiry can scarcely be expected for several weeks to come.

The prevalent belief at the navy department is that up to this moment the court has not taken the testimony of the survivors there. Then upon the return to Havana it is said a good deal of time must elapse before the divers can get through the mud which now encumbers the lower part of the Maine and examine the bottom. After this is done the court must deliberate in order to secure an agreement upon their findings.

KEY WEST, Feb. 28.—The Maine court of inquiry re-convened at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Lieut. Henry Holman, who testified at Havana, was again called. Lieut. of Marines Cattin gave his evidence quickly, and was followed by boatswain Larkin, gunner Hill and carpenter Holmes. The stenographers were on shore at the time of the explosion, and could tell little of value.

At 3:10 the court adjourned until tomorrow at 10 o'clock. Judge Advocate Marx said: "The stenographers have all their notes in record form and there is no use of our working longer to-day." In reply to a question as to what would be done with a witness when no longer of service, the court, he said, would not conclude had been reached on that point but one would be shortly, Captain Sampson seemed satisfied with the day's work, but said nothing could be given out. At the court's adjournment cleared for the day, Captain Sampson had a short interview with Rear Admiral Sigsbee and then returned to the Iowa. Captain Chadwick and Lieutenant Commander Cottler were taken on board the Iowa.

Few knew more than was known this morning. An officer of the Maine, however, who had been examined by the court during the day, talked at length with the reporter of the Associated Press. "I can tell you," he said, "what line of questioning was adopted, but the court will find, I believe, that the Maine was blown up by design, and that I don't think it will be able to ascertain exactly how. The court's finding will be based on negative rather than positive evidence. By this I mean that all the testimony heard has been hit by it, frustrated the theories of those who think the explosion was of internal origin.

"This negative evidence is so strong and so general that I see no possibility of the court deciding that the explosion was internal." The only alternative then left for the court is to fall back on evidence which points to the intentional blowing up of the Maine. "This, I think will be done, unless the court happens to be so stupid as to declare that it does not know how the disaster occurred, both of which conjectures I think improbable."

On the value of the opinion of the officer in question it must be borne in mind that he was before the court for about 15 minutes only, and that he at all times expressed himself confident that the Maine's fate was not due to an accident.

Members of the court, when the substance of his views was brought to their attention, declined to have anything to say. All the high naval and military officials here when asked crucial questions invariably relapsed into a state of polite ignorance.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Rothschild Not Backing Hamilton Smith—Death of A. M. Burgess Condemned Man Freed.

OTTAWA, Feb. 26.—A cable from the High Commissioner in London, to Premier Laurier, reads as follows: "Lord Rothschild authorizes me to say that Hamilton Smith is not their agent, and is in no sense authorized to make any proposition on behalf of the Canadian government."

Alexander Mackinnon Burgess, commissioner of Dominion lands, died early this morning, having been unconscious since the stroke of apoplexy already reported. He was 46 years of age and was born in Strathpey, Scotland. He was for long engaged on the Toronto Globe and afterwards editor of the Ottawa Times. In 1877 he was appointed private secretary to Hon. David Mills, minister of the interior, and later on he became deputy minister, from which office he was removed by the present government.

The office of Hon. P. O'Reilly, Indian reserve commissioner at Victoria, has been united with that of the Indian superintendent, Mr. Vowell.

Lyman Dart, in goal at Turro, N.S., for the murder of Dorcas, an Assyrian peddler, and sentenced to be hanged on March 3, has been set free. Dart, who is 17 years of age, was hunting in the woods when his gun went off accidentally and the ball struck the ped-

dler and passed through the body. Dart, seeing that he had shot a man, ran away, and told nobody, being frightened that he would not be believed. The jury gave a verdict against him and the judge had no option but to pass the death sentence. Very recently the prisoner made a confession, giving the details of how the affair occurred, and in every particular this confession agreed with the theory that had been worked out by the department of justice and officers of the crown. The trial judge reported to the department in favor of the acquittal of Dart, who is unquestionably an innocent man, and an order to that effect has been approved by Lord Aberdeen.

A ROSSLAND DELEGATION Will Ask Greater Representation and Liberal Appropriations for Trail Creek—The Corbin Railway.

ROSSLAND, Feb. 26.—The city council met in extraordinary session to-day and voted \$600 to send a special delegation to Victoria to urge the legislature to increase representation in the assembly and liberal appropriations for the Trail Creek division. Mayor Wallace, Dr. Bowes, F. W. Roll and Ross Thompson compose the delegation, which will start for Victoria on Monday.

Rossland citizens are divided in opinion concerning the resolution of the council of the B. C. board of trade respecting the Corbin railway. The general impression is that the board is playing into the hands of the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern company, who want a transportation monopoly.

THE SEALING ARBITRATION. United States Counsel Comment Upon the Modesty of the Aggregate Award.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The President to-day sent to the senate a full record of the proceedings between the United States and Great Britain in the arbitration relating to the compensation for the seizure of British ships in Behring Sea, under the treaty of February 29, 1892.

The collection of documents includes the correspondence of a diplomatic character bearing upon the subject. Most of this bears date prior to the making of the award and a statement of the government's counsel, consisting of Messrs. Don. M. Dickinson, Robert Lansing and Charles B. Warren, is appended, in which they say:

"If there are serious questions as to the validity of the award, in the light of precedent and authority, yet in view of the history of the controversy and of the existing conditions, as well as bearing in mind the comparatively small amount of the aggregate award, we venture to express the hope that the result will be accepted by our government."

THE DEED OF A FRIEND. Atrocious Conduct of a Savona Cowboy Brings Him Into the Law's Hands.

George Newlove is in jail at Kamloops for the murder of an Indian, the details of the affair showing that the unfortunate victim was treated with horrible brutality. Murderer had enough when it is committed in the heat of passion, or when a man with cold blooded deliberation deprives a fellow being of life, but the crime charged against George Newlove is one of exceptional cruelty and even torture.

Newlove and an Indian named Hughie were employed on the Garden Ranch, belonging to John Wilson, the cattle king of Savona. Last Sunday Newlove dispatched the Indian to procure a bottle of whiskey. Hughie got it somewhere and returned to the ranch with it, whereupon he and Newlove commenced drinking. In some way quarrel arose, in the course of which Newlove drew a large knife and stabbed the Indian several times in the abdomen, then throwing him outside the cabin in which the two lived. The wounded man lay outside for a time, and as night came on and the cold became intense he was allowed to take shelter indoors. This Newlove refused and threatened to shoot the Indian should he dare to enter the place.

Hughie lay outside all night in a terrible condition, with several cuts in his body, through one of which his bowels protruded. Next morning when Newlove got up to look after his horse, Hughie again begged to be allowed to go in the house. Newlove brutally refused this permission, and again threatened to shoot the Indian.

However the wounded man was able by a great effort to mount horse and rode to the home ranch, where he told his story. Medical assistance was procured, but the murderer's knife had almost disembowelled the Indian, who died on Tuesday after making a dying deposition in the presence of Newlove, who had in the meantime been arrested.

An inquest was held by Coroner Clarke at Savona on Wednesday, and a verdict was brought in placing the responsibility for Hughie's death on Newlove, who is now lodged in Kamloops jail to await his trial for murder.

The suit brought by David Green against Dominion lodge, No. 4, I.O.O.F., has been settled out of court, and Green on Saturday left for California, where he hopes to recover his health. This closes the case of the long-standing suit of much interest to Odd Fellows. Green claimed to have been injured in a railway accident in 1890, and as a member of the lodge, applied for sick benefits. He was subsequently expelled from the lodge, it being alleged that he had simply shammed disability. Subsequently, in June last, he took action against the lodge for reinstatement, and for his benefits, on the grounds of his claim being that he had been expelled without notice. The case has now been compromised by payment to Green of \$250 compensation, and \$100 costs. Mr. S. Perry Mills and J. G. Duff for the plaintiff, and Mr. L. P. Duff for the defendant.

DISEASE ADDS TERROR.

Skagway Reports Seventeen Deaths from Spinal Affection in Twenty-four Hours.

Everybody Disgusted With Skagway and No Pathway of Escape Across Summit.

Yukon Steamer Affre in Seymour Narrows Thought to Hail from Vancouver.

NANAIMO, Feb. 28.—Special.—The steamer Affre arrived at Departure Bay this afternoon, with several passengers. Among these was Dr. C. B. Este, of Astoria, Ore., who reports an epidemic of cerebro-spinal meningitis at Skagway, the disease being similar to that common in Italy on account of cold winds from the mountains coming in contact with the sea breeze. The twenty-four hours previous to sailing seventeen deaths occurred. The doctor says the disease is confined to people between 20 and 35 years of age. Among the deaths are those of B. Austrander, Portland, Ore.; a son of Dr. Jas. Hawbacher, of Astoria, now clerk for Stokes Bros., of Skagway; a boy aged 17, who name is thought to be Anderson, working on the Skagway News, and a child named Atkinson, of Albany, Ore.

The crowd returning here has news from the interior but are disgusted with Skagway, which they say is controlled by about two hundred gamblers. A more home-sick crowd was never seen on the down trip before.

The steamer Mamie reports a Yukon steamer on fire at Seymour Narrows on Saturday afternoon, and a vessel with sky rockets shot for assistance. The Mamie could not reach her nor recognize her name, but says it resembles one leaving Vancouver some days ago. She went into a bay and exploded, and the then proceeded north.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

German Assumption of Railway Monopoly—Britisher Appointed Adviser—Prince Henry's Tact.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—The Pekin correspondent of the Times says China having issued an imperial decree authorizing a Chinese syndicate to construct, with foreign assistance, presumably Anglo-Kiao, a trunk line from Tientsin to Chin Kiao Kings through Shantung province. Baron von Merkin, the German minister, intervened on the ground that Germany has been accorded the refusal of the right to construct any railway in Shantung. The project therefore is blocked. This is a virtual assumption by Germany of railway monopoly in Shantung.

A despatch to the Daily Chronicle from Hongkong says that Mr. Drummond, an Englishman, of Shanghai, has been appointed legal and foreign adviser to the viceroy of Nankin, the southern capital of China, with the assent of the Tzungli Yamen.

The Singapore correspondent of the Times says: "Prince Henry of Prussia has displayed the greatest tact in dealing with the Germans here. They proposed to read him a pointedly patriotic address, but after seeing it he declined to accept."

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Singapore says: "It is reported from Chinese sources at Hongkong that a French force has landed at Kwangchow wan, 240 miles south-west of Hongkong, and informed the Chinese that it intends to erect buildings."

BEIJING, Feb. 26.—The Pekin correspondent of the Berliner Tagblatt says that an Anglo-Italian syndicate has obtained concessions for railways and mines, especially coal mines and petroleum wells, in the province of Shensi. The Emperor has already approved the concessions.

The Tzungli Yamen, the same correspondent reports, has given a formal pledge to allow the import duty free of foreign goods in their original packing to be carried inland China on condition that the packages are not to be opened until they reach their destination.

ITCHING CREEPING GRABBLING STINGING

SKIN DISEASES RELIEVED BY ONE APPLICATION OF Dr. Agnew's Ointment, 35 CENTS.

Mr. James Gaston, merchant, Wilkesbarre, Pa., writes: "For nine years I have been afflicted with itching and crawling skin disease. I have tried many remedies, but in vain. I have used Dr. Agnew's Ointment, and my skin is now smooth and soft and free from every blemish. The first application gave relief."

For sale by Dean & Hiscock and Hall & Co.

Strayed on the premises of J. G. McKay, Young's O., South Saanich, about Feb. 26 pair of geese.

Rigby waterproof pea-jackets, pants and smox. Very heavy. B. Williams & Co.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Salmon Catch Notable in Fishery Report—The Insolvency Bill—Contractor Mackenzie on Hand.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 28.—The fishery report is out. The total value of the product last year was \$20,400,000, an increase of \$250,000, due entirely to the salmon catch.

The funeral of the late A. M. Burgess, Dominion lands commissioner, took place to-day, and was very largely attended. Sir Charles Tupper, Sir Louis Davies, and Messrs. Scott, Sifton and Fielding, were present, and there was also a large representation of old newspaper friends.

Mr. Gilbert Parker is to attend the Royal Society meeting this year. The order superannuating Mr. O'Reilly has been passed.

Wm. Mackenzie is here to watch the progress of the Yukon railway bill. The division on the second reading is not likely to take place before the end of next week.

Mr. Fortin, M.P., will introduce an insolvency bill, but the government has decided not to touch the question.

Mr. Dupont, M.P., is dangerously ill as a result of an accident last Thursday.

A SIMPLE CATARRH CURE

I have spent nearly fifty years in the treatment of Catarrh and have discovered a cure that is simple and safe. It is a simple and safe cure for every case of Catarrh of the bladder, urethra, prostate, etc. It is a simple and safe cure for every case of Catarrh of the bladder, urethra, prostate, etc. It is a simple and safe cure for every case of Catarrh of the bladder, urethra, prostate, etc.

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Let us send you a free Trial Package please, and you will receive a copy of our book, "The Family Knitter," which contains all the latest and best patterns for knitting. It is a free gift to all our customers.

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Will do all Knitting required in a family. No sewing machine necessary. It is a simple and safe cure for every case of Catarrh of the bladder, urethra, prostate, etc.

FERRY'S Famous Seeds

The best seeds grow are Ferry's. They are the best and most reliable. They are the best and most reliable. They are the best and most reliable. They are the best and most reliable.

JOHN JAMESON & SON'S (DUBLIN) WHISKEY

What better can you drink than this? It is the best and most reliable. It is the best and most reliable. It is the best and most reliable. It is the best and most reliable.

DR. J. COLLIS BROWNE'S CHLOROXYNE.

Vice-Chancellor Sir W. Page Wood stated publicly in court that Dr. J. Collis Browne was undoubtedly the discoverer of Chloroxyne, and that the whole story of the defendant Freeman was literally untrue. It is a simple and safe cure for every case of Catarrh of the bladder, urethra, prostate, etc.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia. In the Matter of the Official Administrator's Act and in the Matter of the Estate of James Chaplin, Deceased Intestate.

Notice is hereby given that by an order of Mr. Justice Walker bearing date the second day of February, 1898, the undersigned, Official Administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the above named deceased.

For sale by Dean & Hiscock and Hall & Co.

Companies Act, 1897.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that "The Klondike and Columbian Goldfields, Limited," is authorized and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at No. 34 Victoria Street, Westminster, County of London, England.

The amount of the capital of the Company is £100,000, divided into 100,000 shares of £1 each.

The objects for which the Company has been incorporated are:— a. To purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire lands, estates, mines, mineral grates, gravel deposits, mining rights and privileges, ores, minerals, and other properties, real or personal, together with any right of water outlets, and surface rights appertaining thereto, in any part of the Province of British Columbia or elsewhere in any part of the world.

b. To search for, prospect, examine and explore mines and ground supposed to contain minerals or precious stones, and to search for and obtain information in regard to any such mines and ground.

c. To work, explore, develop and maintain the lands, estates, mines, minerals, and other properties that may at any time be acquired by the Company, and to purchase and erect all necessary buildings, stores, more machinery, for the purpose of exploring, developing, and working the same, and to dress and prepare for market, produce, ores, metals, minerals or precious stones, and to sell the same.

d. To cultivate, improve, and develop the resources of any lands, estates, and properties that may be acquired by the Company, and for such purposes to erect dwellings, houses, barns, stables, and other buildings, horses, mules, cattle, stock, and implements, as may seem necessary for cultivating, farming, and preparing the same, and the live or dead stock, and the produce of the said lands.

e. To enter into the business of smelting, and reducers of ores and minerals, whether obtained from the Company's or from any other property, and to purchase, smelt, and amalgamate any ores, minerals, and metals and other substances, and for the purpose thereof to purchase or erect buildings, works, furnaces, machinery, and other appliances, so as to render the minerals and ores more commercially valuable, and to sell the same.

f. To acquire, construct, or aid in and subscribe towards the construction, maintenance, and improvement of such ways, roads, tramways, railways, bridges, reservoirs, wells, water-courses, aqueducts, wharves, furnaces, saw-mills, hydraulic works, electrical works, factories, warehouses, ships, and other works as may be required or indirectly required for the purpose of the Company, and to purchase, take on lease, exchange, hire, or otherwise acquire any such lands, buildings, ways, water-rights, easements, privileges, rolling stock, and other property, as may be necessary.

g. To enter into any arrangements with any governments, or authorities, supreme, municipal, local, or otherwise, which may seem expedient to the Company's objects, or any of them, and to obtain from any such government or authority any rights, privileges, and concessions, which the Company may think it desirable to obtain, and to carry out, exercise, and comply with any such arrangements, acts, privileges, and concessions.

h. To purchase, hire or acquire any patents or inventions, and to sell or grant the same, or to license the same, or to make, or to develop or manufacture such patents or inventions.

i. To invest and deal with the moneys of the Company not immediately required, upon such securities and in such manner as the directors may think fit, and to hold shares in any other company, also to promote and establish any company for the purpose of carrying out or effecting any of the objects of this Company, or any of the objects of any other company, partnership, or person, in any trade, property and assets, or to cooperate, unite or amalgamate with any company, partnership, or person.

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l. To promote, or reconstruct, or assist in the promotion or reconstruction of any company or companies having for its object the acquisition and working of any land, or the carrying out or effecting of any of the objects of this Company, or any of the objects of any other company, partnership, or person, or for other objects or purposes in any part of the world, and to assist any company, partnership, or person, by finding or contributing towards the preliminary or other expenses, providing or guaranteeing the whole or part of the capital of any such company, partnership, or person, or by taking shares or debentures therein, and by paying or contributing towards the payment of any brokerage, commission, or other expenses, or to assist any person or company for guaranteeing, or placing, or procuring, or assisting in procuring, capital, either in cash, shares, debentures, or otherwise.

m. To make, accept, endorse, execute, negotiate, purchase, or discount bills of exchange, promissory notes, and all other negotiable instruments.

n. To receive money on deposit at interest, or otherwise, and to carry on any business, patent, or undertaking acquired by the Company, or in which it is interested, or calculated directly or indirectly to be a source of profit to the Company.

Licence Authorising an Extra-Provincial Company to Carry on Business.

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