Day's Doings At Ottawa

Formation of Cadet Corps Has Been Authorized at the Collegiate.

An Appointment Made in the Rocky Mountain Rangers.

Scotsman and Party Arrive to Investigate the Curing of Herrings.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, May 23.—The formation of a cadet organization has been authorized in connection with the Victoria Collegiate Institute; also a civilian rifle association with headquarters at Nanaimo. Sergt. E. Fisher has been appointed provisional second lieutenant of the Rocky Mountain Rangers.

John J. Cowie, Scotch herring expert, has reached Canada with a staff of herring curers and Scotch lassies. He will at once begin to test whether Canadian herrings can be cured to equal the world-renowned Scotch herring.

Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore, is here to take part in laying the cornerstone of the new arts building at Ottawa University.

The transportation committee will meet here on Wednesday, and will be W. W. B. McInnes, M. P. P., is in the city on private business.

NEGROES RAMPANT.

New York, May 23.—Three hundred negroes employed in the Haverstraw brick yards struck today because they were receiving ten per cent less than a year ago. They armed themselves with shotguns, shovels, picks, and marching through the brick-making district compelled workmen in all the yards to stop work. There is great excitement at Haverstraw, but there has been no rioting thus far.

COLORED BISHOP ELECTED.

Los Angeles, May 23.—It is unofficially stated today that the ballot taken by the Methodist General Conference Saturday for missionary bishops, the result of which will be announced officially, has resulted in the election of Dr. I. B. Scott, of Louisiana (colored), as missionary bishop to Africa, and Dr. F. W. Oldham and Dr. K. E. J. Robbins as additional missionary bishops in southern Asia. It is believed all the important business of the conference will have been completed before the end of the present week. Among the matters for discussion are amusements and the relations of capital and labor.

Togo Concentrates Off Port Arthur

Entire Japanese Fleet Said to Be In Neighborhood of the Fortress.

Entrance to Harbor Is Clear For Small Boats and New Forts Are Ready.

Chefoo, May 23.—The captain of the Russian merchantman, who left Port Arthur on May 20th, and is among the recent arrivals from Dalny, says in an interview, that the whole of the Japanese fleet had not returned to Port Arthur since the 15th instant, when besides the battleship Hatsuse another big vessel struck a mine and was towed away disabled. Gunboats and torpedo boats returned off the port on the 18th instant, when the Russians succeeded in sinking a small gunboat and two torpedo boats.

The Russians are now confident of holding Port Arthur with the 30,000 men stationed there, exclusive of the navy and the crowd of mechanics on the damaged warships, all of which except the Czarevitch and the Retvizan are ready to joint the fleet. These will also be ready for sea service by June 1st.

The entrance to the harbor has been cleared and small boats now pass in and out freely.

Of the few soldiers left at Dalny the majority have gone to Port Arthur and the only defences left are now the mines in the harbor.

The attempt of the Japanese to land troops in the Kinchau gulf on the 16th instant failed owing to insufficient water to float the boats.

There has been no fighting in the vicinity of Port Arthur up to Saturday since the Kinchau fight, on the 15th, when two squadrons of Japanese cavalry were wiped out, only eight men of which escaped.

On the way over passengers on the junk just arrived heard firing in the direction of Port Arthur last night. The Japanese have reported to the consuls here that a wreck in the Linsting gulf is dangerous to navigation, and it is possible that this is the other ship said to have been damaged at Port Arthur on the 15th inst., as the Japanese fleet is known to have entered the gulf after the disaster to the Hatsuse.

LIAO RIVER MINED.

Winkow, May 23.—(Delayed.)—The Russians have completed the mining of the harbor and the mouth of the Liao river. It is believed that there are supplies at New Chwang and that the place is thoroughly protected against any incursion of the Japanese.

E. & N. trains leave every fifteen minutes for the Regatta at the Gorge.

CHOLERA OUTBREAK.

Japanese Camps Said to be Suffering Severely.

Liaoyang, May 23.—According to the latest reports, the Japanese camps are infected with cholera, and there is an average of one hundred deaths daily. The military situation is comparatively quiet. Russian patrols are successfully harrassing the left of the Japanese advance.

Julius Jacobs has resigned his seat on the Liverpool city council, his father having stipulated in his will that none of his sons should become a candidate for municipal or parliamentary honors, as he had a contempt for English political parties.

Mme. Marie Paille, the autocrat of Parisian hairdressers, has decided that the hideous chignon is to come in again. All of feminine France doubtless will bow in submission to this decree. Englishwomen will fall into line and it is not to be thought that Uncle Sam's daughters will lag behind. The chignon has been described as "about on a par, as a barbaric ornamentation, with the nose ring and the jingling bracelet. It is unsanitary and provocative of scalp diseases."

King Edward VII.

A German's Idea Of Russia's Army

Staff Officers In Prison At Harbin For Looting Powder Store.

Stolen Ammunition Was Sold to Chinese Who Were Also Victimized.

Berlin, May 23.—A correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung writing from Hartein, under date of April 15, gives striking illustrations of the conditions of the Russian army and of the relations existing between the Russians and the Chinese. He says that two officers, Lieut.-Col. Korlinsky and Staff Captain Ignotowich, are in Harbin prison waiting the carrying out of sentences of death, imposed upon them for selling large supplies of gunpowder to the Chinese from the army depots. The officers charged the Chinese $25 per 36 pounds, but, their supplies running low, they filled the boxes partly with sand and placed a layer of gunpowder on top; at the same time they raised the price the $50. The Chinese merchants, incensed at the swindle, caused the matter to be made known in higher quarters and a watch was set, resulting in the detection of the officers in the act of selling gunpowder to Russian intermediaries. By similar means the robber bands are well supplied with the most modern rifles and plenty of ammunition. Although it is proposed to sell arms to the Chinese, it is well known that every native village possesses a regular arsenal, containing the best repeating rifles, including many of the German model of 1900. The robber bands have grown bolder and more active than ever. Within a few weeks of the date of this latter a band numbering as many as two thousand men attacked a well-guarded railway station. The Russians asserted that they positively recognized Japanese officers in command of the assailants. Continuing, the correspondent says that ferocious bitterness prevails throughout the Chinese population against the Russians. He then relates the following incident in explanation thereof. After saying that the Russian settlers regarded the natives as being far lower than dogs, the correspondent says Russian officers assured him that the peasant settlers tested their new rifles by taking a native as a target. One engineer with whom I traveled, he asserts, did not salute a well-known officer because the latter had shot down eight of the engineer's best laborers in mere wantonness. His complaint remained unanswered. "As a consequence of such conditions," the correspondent asserts in conclusion, "the entire laboring population are longing for the moment when they may dare to fall upon their tormentors."

THE CONFERENCE AT WESTMINSTER

Historical Committee Appointed To Preserve Church Records.

ference took a holiday Saturday evening and yesterday filled most of the nonconformist pulpits in this section.

This morning Revs. Dr. Robson and C. Brant were appointed an historical committee to preserve the records of the churches of British Columbia.

Conference put itself on record as favoring organic union in order to economize men and money, and also to be in harmony with our Lord's prayer that they all may be one, and that there may be the larger growth of the kingdom of God at home and in the foreign field.

The layman's association, on motion of C. Spencer, seconded by C. F. Lindmark, passed a resolution to raise $12,000 for the extension of Columbian college.

A fountain blacking brush is the latest addition to the long list of useful appliances that inventive genius has recently contributed to the home. The commendable features of this affair, according to the inventor, include cleanliness and thoroughness.

Approaching the great centres of population the quantity of dust held in suspension by the air increases enormously. According to Sir James Crichton Browne, the air of London contains 150,000 proportional parts of dust to Paris' 210,000; while in Argyleshire, Scotland, there are only 200.

REPORT IS QUESTIONED.

St. Petersburg, May 24.—According to reports which have reached the Russian headquarters at Liaoyang from Chinese sources, the Japanese have made a land attack on Port Arthur, but have been repulsed with heavy loss. The truth of the report is questioned here.

CHECKS RETURNED.

Chicago, May 23.—A thief, who on Saturday robbed St. Elizabeth hospital of $3,500 in cash and checks, has returned by mail three of the stolen checks aggregating $1,000.

FATAL FIGHT OVER FLOWERS.

Three Italians Killed in Quarrel Over Gathering Dandelions.

Myersdale, Pa., May 23.—In a dispute over dandelions at the Lick mine three Italian miners met death, while a fourth escaped. An Italian named Louis was gathering dandelions at dusk in the rear of a boarding house run by Dominick Billo. Billo ordered Louis away jestingly. Louis cursed Bilio, at which Billo pulled a gun and shot him. An unknown Italian interfered, taking Louis' part, shooting Billo and his cousin, Sam Billo, who was coming along on a bicycle. The unknown Italian then escaped, but is thought to be hidden in a field. A sheriff and coroner have been notified.

First Day A Good One

Glorious Weather, Great Crowds of Visitors and Splendid Entertainment.

Opening of Victoria Day Celebration One of Which City May Be Proud.

Capital City En Fete on Occasion of Great Annual Jollification.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Glorious weather, mighty crowds of visitors, ample entertainment and the absence of any unpleasant incidents contributed to make the first day of the celebration a great success. The various events on the programme were arranged with a view to furnishing amusement of an attractive kind for each hour of the day, and there were few, who would not agree that the object had been most successfully attained.

The city never presented a handsomer appearance. The display of bunting was most creditable and the charm of the day was enhanced by the magnificent weather conditions. The small quantity of dust on the streets was most effectually laid by an opportune shower of brief duration just at noon, and the trees and shrubbery presented a delightfully refreshing appearance in all their springtime beauty.

The chief attractions of the day to the out-of-town visitors were the reception on the warships at Esquimalt and the baseball match during the afternoon at Oak Bay Park, where thousands were present and enjoyed an exciting game. A band concert at the Parliament buildings, which were beautifully illuminated, and a bicycle parade furnished adequate entertainment for the evening.

An immense crowd of visitors are present from nearby points and more are coming this morning from the Sound on the Princess Victoria, which is making a special trip from Seattle. It is estimated that at least 5,000 visitors are present from out-of-town points and all the hotels and lodging houses were crowded yesterday evening.

A notable event of the day was the opening of the great "Made-in-Canada" Fair in the Assembly hall on Fort street. It was visited by admiring hundreds and the opening ceremonies were of the most interesting and instructive character. The fair will be a chief feature each day during the week and deserves the largest measure of patronage which can be accorded it.

The celebration programme for today is one full of interest. The great event is, of course, the regatta at the Gorge, and it is sure to attract thousands of spectators. Exciting baseball and lacrosse matches are other chief features, and the celebration will be brought to a fitting close by a fine display of fireworks and band concert at Beacon Hill.

THE EXCURSIONISTS

Number Here Believed to Be in Excess of Former Years.

It is believed that the record of recent years has been broken in the number of excursionists now in the city. This is probably due to the spendid advertising which the celebration got in the Sound cities, and the excellent transportation arrangements. Sunday saw the commencement of the invasion, many coming in from points on the island by the E. & N. and Victoria & Sidney trains. The Princess Victoria and Whatcom brought a goodly throng on Sunday, and it is estimated another thousand reached the city by the three steamers arriving from the Sound yesterday—the Roseile in the morning and the Princess Beatrice and the Whatcom in the afternoon. The banner excursion of the season is expected to reach the city from the Sound about noon today on the Princess Victoria. She has accommodation for 1,000, and may be expected to have nearly that number, as the trip will prove a delightful one.

The Princess Victoria, which reached the city from Vancouver yesterday evening at about 9 o'clock, brought over 600 excursionists, the Terminal City contributing a goodly quota to the holiday seekers. The Victoria left again last evening for Seattle and will get in about noon today.

THE MUSIC.

Fifth Regiment Band Had Busy Day—Concert in Evening.

Commencing at 9.30 a. m. the band of the Fifth Regiment gave a series of selections on the principal thoroughfares and the music was much enjoyed by the strolling crowds of visitors and holiday seekers who were awaiting the approach of events of a spectacular character. Bandmaster Finn was not at all stingy with his musical fare, and the crowds were kept in a good mood by the inspiring strains of the band. The delightful weather which prevailed contributed in no small measure to a day of real enjoyment.

The band concert in the evening at the entrance to the Parliament buildings attracted an immense assemblage, and the splendid programme was much enjoyed. Those who were present from out of town points were loud in praise of Victoria's fine regimental band, which had to respond to several loudly demanded encores. The Parliament buildings were brilliant illuminated for the occasion, and that section of the city never presented a more lively and beautiful appearance. The decorated and illuminated bicycles fitting around the driveways contributed much to the spectacular brightness of the event.

THE BUGGY PARADE.

Proved of Great Interest—Judges' Task Was a Hard One.

The parade of private driving rigs yesterday morning proved one of the most attractive features of the first day of the celebration. About fifty entries of excellent turnouts made the judges' task an exceptionally trying one. Victorians had little idea that the town could muster so many really handsome equipages, and great credit is due the various parties who entered for the pains which they took to see that both horses and vehicles were in the very best of condition.

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BATTLESHIP OREL INJURED.

London, May 23.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Central News agency says that there was an explosion on board the battleship Orel at Cronstadt today and that ten stokers were killed. The vessel, the correspondent says, was damaged, and it will take weeks to effect repairs. The explosion, according to the despatch, was the result of an accumulation of gas in the bunkers.

CLAIMS FIFTEEN THOUSAND JAPS KILLED OR WOUNDED

News Received in St. Petersburg of Assault on Port Arthur With Fearful Results to Besiegers But Ultimate Outcome of Attack Not Known.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 23rd, 11:30 p.m. It is reported that Foreign Minister Lamsdorff has received a message from the Russian consul at Chefoo saying that the Japanese had made a land attack on Port Arthur, and that in doing so they lost fifteen thousand men killed or wounded. The Russian loss is placed at 3,000 men. The ultimate outcome of the fighting is not stated.

JAPANESE KEEP RUSSIANS GUESSING

Kuroki's Plans Puzzles Enemies and Prevents Estimates of Strength.

Liaoyang, May 21.—The Japanese plan of campaign is puzzling the Russian authorities. The Japanese appear and then vanish. It is impossible to gauge the strength of the troops they have landed, as they are scattered and are occupying elevated positions in the mountains.

General Kuropatkin yesterday inspected the newly arrived troops, all of whom are in excellent condition, and especially the Siberian regiments.

Typhus is very prevalent in Korea, and is increasing daily. Typhoons are causing immense damage along the coast.

The Russian wounded will not wait for complete recovery before taking to the field. The cry of everyone of the wounded soldiers is, "We want to get back to the front to get even with those Japanese."

The Japanese and Russian wounded in the hospitals are on excellent terms.

The Chinese are responsible for all the acts of atrocity committed. They boast that after the Japanese victory of the Yalu, they sent a basket of Russian ears to Peking.

The Japanese claim that they have many excellent horses all of Australian breed, which are capable of traveling a great distance without fatigue. So far the Japanese have avoided meeting the Cossacks in the open.

Information brought to headquarters indicates that the Japanese troops are suffering from a terrible epidemic of beri-beri due to the quality of the rice they are eating. The Japanese have abandoned the attempt to float the Russian cruiser Variag, sunk off Chemulpo at the outbreak of the war.

It is announced that numerous changes are impending among the commanders of vessels at Port Arthur.

The Chinese report that many bodies of Japanese sailors are coming ashore at Takiewan bay, in which the Japanese torpedo boat No. 48 was sunk May 12th, and the Japanese cruiser Myasko sunk May 15th.

THE MOROCCO CAPTIVES.

Tangier, May 23.—The Sherif Wazan left today to meet Raisuli, the bandit chief, who is said to be at Beniaros. Mohammed El Torres, representative of the Sultan of Morocco, at Tangier, has empowered the Sherif to say that the government will grant all of the demands of Raisuli if Ion Perdicaris, the American, and Cromwell Varley, the British captives are handed over immediately. The soldiers have already been withdrawn from the district where the bandits are located.

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder dusted in the bath softens the water at the same time that it disinfects.

PRESBYTERIANS DEBATE UNION

General Assembly at Buffalo to Take Up the Question Monday.

Buffalo, May 21.—The business session of the Presbyterian general assembly was very brief today, and no matter of importance was acted upon. Adjournment was taken until Monday morning.

While many important questions will come before the general assembly the first of next week, the absorbing topic among the commissioners is the proposed union with the Cumberland church which has been isolated from the parent body since 1810.

Debate on the question will begin next Thursday. It is noticeable that the union plan is assailed by some of the most learned divines and college presidents in the north as well as in the south.

It is the opinion of many that the battle to be fought here is going to be between leaders and college professors on one hand and the rank and file on the other.

The question involved has no relation to the position of the Presbyterian church of the south, which became isolated in 1861 at the outbreak of the war and with which overtures for peace are just taking form. The present controversy is between the Cumberland Presbyterians and the main body of the Presbyterian church of the United States. It is claimed by some that the confession of faith as revised a year ago now admits of union with the Cumberland branch.

Others believed differently and these differences will precipitate the contests on the assembly floor.

UNCLE SAM'S FARM SURPLUS.

Total Estimate for Last Year Was Forty-five Thousand Millions.

Washington, May 23.—The United States department of agriculture has issued a report on the nation's farm surplus, prepared by George K. Holmes, chief of the division of foreign markets. It gives $4,500,000,000 as a conservative estimate of the value of the farm products of the United States not fed to live stock in 1903. The value of exported farm products was in 1903 $878,479,451, and the highest value reached during the last eleven years was $901,628,331 in 1901. Within recent years ending with 1903, the cotton exports have between three and four billion pounds. The fraction of the wheat crop exported in the last dozen years has been about 31 to 41 per cent., and the exported wheat and wheat flour have yearly averaged somewhat more than 200,000,000 bushels since 1897, before which period for many years the quantity was usually 50,000,000 to 100,000,000 bushels. Only a small portion of the corn and maize crop is exported, as corn, the highest percentage 11 per cent., being for 1898. Notwithstanding the small percentage, the exported bushels reach 10,000,000 to 20,000,000. The beef exports weighed 385,000,000 lbs., pork exports, 551,000,000 lbs.; lard exports, 490,000,000 lbs.

Queen Alexandra.

Explosion In a Fireworks Factory

Seven Killed Five More Likely to Die and Fifteen Others Injured in Ohio.

Human Forms Scattered For Considerable Distances From Works.

Findlay, O., May 23.—As a result of an explosion in the two drying rooms of the Lake Shore Novelty Company's plant here today, seven people are known to be dead, five are so seriously hurt that recovery is probably impossible, and twelve or fifteen are injured badly. From reports of the physicians ten of the less seriously injured may die as a result of blood poisoning from the potash that was driven into their bodies.

The dead are: Joseph Sherwood, aged 21; Jay Sherwood, 24; Edith Dillon, 17; Dean Shaw, 18; Mary Snider, 22. They were killed instantly.

Estella Decker, 15, and Frank Grant, 21, died later at home.

The probably fatally injured are: Maggie Logan, Thomas Berk, Claude Shaw, Effie Peterman, Roy Peterman. Two employees are missing and are supposed to have been blown to atoms.

The Lake Shore Novelty Works plant covered nearly ten acres in the southwest part of the city and employed about 200 men, women and children. Railroad torpedoes and Fourth of July explosives were manufactured.

Owing to a rush of orders the officials of the plant requested the employees to report for duty today. About thirty complied.

This morning two magazines in separate rooms let go simultaneously with terrible reports. The exact cause of the explosion is not definitely known.

It is surmised that one of the Sherwood brothers, who were the only persons in the drying rooms dropped a large box of torpedoes, but this story cannot be confirmed. The explosion occurred shortly before the employes assembled for duty.

Human forms were strewn considerable distances apart on the factory site. The remains of the Sherwood brothers were found in drying room No. 1 mangled and almost unrecognizable. Their clothing was blown from their bodies, save a stocking on the right foot of Jay Sherwood.

The body of Edith Dillon was picked up 200 yards from where the explosion occurred. The news of the catastrophe spread rapidly throughout the country, and every train and interurban car that has arrived in the city for the past ten hours was crowded. The large plant was shattered, not one single wall remaining. Windows throughout the city were shattered and the concussion was felt for miles.

Camden, N. J., May 23.—One man and two boys were killed and six maiseriously injured by an explosion which occurred today in the fireworks factory of Jose Solone on the outskirts of this city.

NEWS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY

Recent Promotion at the Barracks—Shearwater For Behring Sea.

From Our Own Correspondent.

London, May 4.—Lieutenant J. E. H. Cockburn, of No. 58 Company, R. G. A., at Esquimalt, B. C., has been promoted captain. He joined the Royal Artillery in September, 1898, and became lieutenant in February, 1901.

Lt. M. S. Shearwater, Commander A. T. Hunt, will do duty during the summer months in Behring sea waters in connection with the seal fisheries.

The third-class cruiser Pelorous will be commissioned on the 19th inst. for service on the North America station.

Rear Admiral Berkley-Milne, just promoted to flag rank, is well known on the Pacific station, where he served some years ago.

During this week the Channel fleet cruiser squadron and the Mediterranean fleet, in all seventy battleships and cruisers, and manned by over 25,000 men under the supreme command of Sir Compton E. Domvile, commanding in the Mediterranean, will meet off Gibraltar for the summer manoeuvres, which will occupy the present month and the beginning of June. Incidentally the seventy ships will form an imposing and practical demonstration of England's naval supremacy.

F. Marion Crawford, the novelist, has gone to Italy, and in his Italian home will revise his biography of Pope Leo XIII.

ANOTHER CATASTROPHE.

Paris, May 24.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Matin says: "It is persistently rumored that the Vladivostock squadron has captured three cruisers bought by the Japanese from Chili."

Dominion News Notes

St. Johns Shocked by Supposed Drowning of Three Leading Citizens.

Lady Mountain Climber To Visit B.C. In Search Of New Conquests.

Toronto Woollen Mills Are Put Out of Business by the Tariff.

St. John, N. B., May 23.—J. H. Thompson, of Wm. Thompson & Co., a well known shipping firm; R. P. Foster, manager of the local branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, and E. P. Stavert, inspector of the Bank of New Brunswick, were fishing Saturday afternoon on Lake Oromocto. This morning their boat was found floating bottom side upon the lake and no trace has since been found of the occupants. It is supposed that all three were drowned. The affair was caused a sensation in this city owing to the prominence of all three victims.

HIGH ASPIRATIONS.

Montreal, May 23.—Among the visitors to town today was Miss Benham, of London, England. Miss Benham is an experienced mountaineer and has climbed all the most difficult ascents of the Alpines. She is now in search of harder game and is on her way to the Rockies, where she will make Banff her headquarters and attempt the ascent, during the coming summer, of some of the most famous peaks. She will remain in the Rockies until October, and then intends going to New Zealand to try the mountains there.

THE LABOR SITUATION.

The labor situation here continues unchanged. The striking bookbinders have refused to go back to work in spite of the warning given by the employers that unless they do so at once their places will be filled by men from elsewhere whom, it is said are not difficult to obtain at the present time. Some of the plumbers have opened co-operative shops but a great many of the men who went out on strike are still without work. Master plumbers are making good progress with the jobs on hand. The stonecutters strike is very quiet.

MILLS TO BE SOLD.

Toronto, May 23.—The master in chancery today decided that the four mills of the Canadian Woollen Mills should be sold the first week in July. The liquidator applied for leave to run the mills until December 1st, but in the present condition of the tariff this would mean that they would have to be operated at a loss, and as all the capital stock of the company is paid in, this loss would fall upon the creditors. The master refused permission.

Japanese Succeed In Floating Loan

Fifty Millions More to Be Advanced Through Another Popular Appeal.

Supplemental Report Received at Tokio of the Action on Thursday.

Tokio, May 23.—After repeated conferences between the banks and the ministers and elder statesmen of Japan, the bankers have accepted the terms of the new popular loan of $50,000,000. It will be issued at 92, bear 5 per cent. interest and run for seven years. The former loan was issued at 95 and is to run for five years.

A supplementary report was received here today covering the opposition encountered by the Japanese troops which landed at Takushan on May 20 (May 19). The Russians consisted of a detachment of the indept Trans-Baikal Coossacks. They vigorously resisted the Japanese advance and only retreated after one officer and nine men were killed and a number of men were wounded. One Russian officer and four men were captured. The Japanese lost one man killed. The Russians retired in the direction of Hsiuyen and Schalicai.

ROOSEVELT AND SONS.

Washington, May 23—President Roosevelt and party left here today for Groton, Mass., to attend the prize day exercises at the school where Theodore and Kermit Roosevelt attend. The diately. The soldiers have already been nesday morning.

NEW YORK POOLROOMS.

Twenty-seven More Places Visited and Many Arrests Made.

New York, May 23.—Twenty-seven places suspected of being poolrooms were visited, fourteen people were taken into custody and ninety-four telephones and two telegraph instruments were confiscated today in police raids. Fifteen of the raids were made in the tenderloin precinct. Police Inspector Brooks, of Manhattan, was in charge of the raids. Captain Cottrell and 25 plain clothes men carried out the orders in the tenderloin, when ten of the telephones and several alleged racing books were taken. One of the places visited in the lower section of Manhattan, it is said, was a racing news exchange, and here nine telephones and a lot of racing sheets were confiscated by the police. In another place twenty telephones were found, and in a third eleven were taken up. The tenderloin police visited the place suspected to be kept by "Honest John Kelly," and found Kelly on the steps. "You can't get in here unless you have a warrant," Kelly is said to have asserted. "I've had too many visitors and I'm tired of showing people the house." The officers made no effort to enter. All the places reputed to have dealt in bets on races were visited. It is claimed the hour selected was 4 o'clock, when it was supposed they would be in full swing, but most of them were vacant when the police arrived.

BABY'S HOLD ON LIFE.

The little ones are frail—their hold upon life is slight. The slightest symptom of trouble should be met by a reliable corrective medicine. Baby's Own Tablets have proved by their record of success to be an ideal medicine for the ills of infants and young children. The Tablets cure all stomach and bowel troubles, allay the irritation of teething, break up colds, prevent croup and destroy worms. The mother has a guarantee that this medicine contains no opiate or harmful drug. Mrs. T. E. Greaves, Maritaua, Que., says: —"I have used Baby's Own Tablets with great success. They never fail, in my experience, to cure the little ills of children." You can get these Tablets from any medicine dealer, or they will be sent by mail at 25 cents a box by writing The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Alsek District And Its Futu

Engineering and Mining Jou Gives Comprehensive Re- view of Region.

Much Unexplored Territory Lying Adjacent to the Promising Camp

"The Alsek Mining District" is title of a comprehensive review o new district contained in the cu number of the Engineering and M Journal. The author is W. M. B whose text is accompanied by a s map showing the situation of the A and three photographs. The articl lows:

Last summer a new placer gold was discovered by Dawson Charley three other Indians. This is know the Alsek district, and is situated i Northwest Territory of Canada, nea Alaska border. Yakutat bay, Alask the nearest salt water harbor, i about eighty miles from the central tion of the camp. The first gold found last June on Ruby creek. I pects were found running from 40 cents to the pan. This discovery is miles west of White Horse on the W Pass & Yukon railroad. The news came circulated early in July along upper Yukon, and a stampede of 50 600 miners followed. As a result of exploration, numerous creeks drainin area of over thirty miles square, found to contain gold in paying q tities.

Smith and party, of Haines Miss Alaska, discovered in October the r est prospects on streams they n Bullion and Sheep creeks. They about thirty-five miles southwest Ruby creek. Small sluice boxes used on Ruby and Bullion creeks a days before the season closed. On latter stream the pay streak, where posed, averaged about ten feet in th ness; the width has not yet been d mined. Locations have been reco on ten creeks, with their tributa entering into Klusne (Kloo-Annie) and on eight creeks running into lake.

Generally speaking, from the m prospects found, the gold is coarse rough. It is very dark in color, show presence of impurities. The largest n get found was worth $8. This is h grade bullion, assaying $18 to $18.50 ounce. Copper nuggets have been fo on a number of these creeks. More f quartz has been found in this new trict than in any other placer camp the north. There is an abundance water and lots of grade on most of th streams. A sufficient quantity of spr timber of a fair quality can be secu conveniently for lumber and fuel.

Owing to the difficulty in getting provisions last fall, very little act mining was done. Three townsites h been taken up, namely, Ruby Ci Bullion City and Sheep Camp. Ru City will be the distributing centre t year for the district. The winter t from White Horse to this new set ment was opened early in the seas and a large amount of freighting h been done. Twenty cents per pound now the freight rate on the trail. Do are depreciating in value and hors are taking their places as the seas advances. Road houses have been esta lished at convenient distances alo the route for the accommodation of t traveling public. This is a very pro able business in all new mining camp

Gov. Congdon, before making h winter visit to Ottawa, stopped White Horse while on his way to Eas ern Canada, and after his investigatio of new diggings made the statement th $30,000 would be available for the co struction of a summer wagon road fro White Horse.

The Northwest Territory Mining A allows a placer claim location 250 fe on the stream and 1,000 feet on eith side from the base line; 1,000 feet is allowe for discovery placer claim or 1,500 fe for two locators. A miner's license cos $7.50 per annum. The fee for recordin claims is $10 per annum. Instead "representing" in open season, $200 co prises annual assessment work. Th royalty has been cut down to 2 per cen on gross output. Discoverers on each creek are exempt from royalty.

The Alsek district is situated in ou of the favorite Indian hunting ground The wild game, the mountain trout and grayling, and many miles of hay me dows offer the incoming miners mor special inducements than can be had i almost any other mining camp in th north. Adjacent to this camp consider able unexplored territory yet remains The extent and richness of the distric will be determined more definitely by th close of the mining season this year The best summer route this season wil be by way of the Dalton trail from Haines Mission, Alaska, which is twenty miles south of Skagway. The distance is about 200 miles.

SITUATION IMPROVING.

Rome, May 23.—Information received from France by the Vatican authorities today indicates that the situation growing out of the Papal protest against Premier Loubet's visit to Rome and the recall of Ambassador Nisard has assumed a more satisfactory phase.

REPLY TO MACKINTOSH.

Shareholders in Giant Mining Company Refuse to Accept Statement.

A despatch to the Spokesman-Review from Rossland says: W. M. Evans, on behalf of Spokane shareholders in the Giant Mining Company, has returned to the attack on Governor Mackintosh's administration of the company's affairs in a trenchant statement. Mr. Evans avers that Mr. Mackintosh's reply to the initial arraignment as produced originally in the Spokesman-Review is not explicit, and that on one occasion Mackintosh, and the Spokane shareholders need only leave matters to him to have their interests safeguarded, yet the sequel was anything but satisfactory.

Mr. Evans remarks that the company's present position, owing $25,000, despite the fact that the company received $65,000 over and above mine and smelter expenses, does not bear out Mr. Mackintosh's claim to showing consideration for shareholders' interests.

Commenting on Mr. Mackintosh's statement that he would shortly return to Rossland, Mr. Evans offers to pay all traveling expenses and give Mr. Mackintosh $500 worth of Giant shares upon demonstration that Spokane and Rossland shareholders are not in danger of losing their interest in the mine, and that there was not mismanagement of the company's affairs. Finally, Mr. Evans concludes by again offering the financial assistance of Spokane shareholders in the efforts Mr. Mackintosh claims to be making for the liquidation of the Giant indebtedness.

A Miraculous Escape.—En route from England to Nanaimo, Mrs. James Perring and child had a marvelous experience on a C. P. R. train. The story is told in the following despatch from Winnipeg, dated Saturday last: "This morning, as the first section of the C. P. R. transcontinental express from the East was running between Keewatin and Ostersund, a small baby fell from the window of one of the tourist cars. Mr. W. N. Dietrich, electrical engineer for the company, noticed the accident, and, jumping off the moving train, went back for the child. He carried it to a farm house nearby and sent a handcar crew to Keewatin for assistance. A special engine was at once put into service and two doctors rushed to the scene of the accident. On examination it was found that the youngster was practically uninjured. The child's mother is Mrs. James Perring, and she is traveling from England to Nanaimo, B. C."