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His "Wife," with Young  
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CANANDAIGUA, New York, April 2.—William C. Howard died at his home in this town on Friday leaving a wife and two children. He was 50 years of age. After his death it was discovered that Howard was a perfectly developed woman. He had been married ten years. His wife had been kept in ignorance all these years of the fact that her husband was not a man, at any rate that is what she swore to before the coroner. She held in her arms a nursing baby only a few months' old.

The appearance of the baby deepened the mystery so much that the coroner decided to hold an autopsy in order to determine the cause of Howard's death. According to Mrs. Howard, her husband complained of not feeling well on the night he died. He had been treated by an out-of-town physician for heart and lung trouble, and, as she supposed, he took a dose of the medicine he prescribed. They retired for the night and in a short time the husband died. The autopsy showed that Howard had died a natural death, the verdict of the coroner being that death was due to heart disease.

Two half brothers of Howard from Wellsville were summoned. To the coroner they related the story of their sister's strange career. They said she was born in Germany and came to this country when she was two years old; that the family located in Hornellsville and subsequently removed to Wellsville; that the deceased sister's name was Alice M. Howard; that she did not get along with her mother, and when 12 years of age determined to become a man and carried her determination into effect by donning the name of W. C. Howard and went to work in a neighboring county as a farm hand.

**BROTHERS KEPT SILENCE.**  
 The family finally lost track of her. The next heard of her was in May, 1892, when they learned that she had been married in Hornellsville, N. Y., to a Miss Edith Dyer, whose father was at that time a well known passenger engineer on the Lehigh railroad. The father has since died. The sister was at that time a milk pedler in the city of Hornellsville.

One of the brothers said that after the marriage W. C. Howard and wife visited the former's home in Wellsville, and that the family then thought it their duty to inform Mrs. Howard that her husband was not a man but a woman. They didn't do so, however, because the couple seemed to be infatuated with each other. The brother said Howard and his wife visited the old home several times afterward, but they had never told Mrs. Howard of her delusion, thinking that she must certainly have found out her mistake.

Mrs. Howard when questioned about her married life said it had been a happy one, that she worshipped "Will," as she called her husband. She said that after they had been married about a year they adopted a child, which died. In about four years they adopted another, which is still living with her. When questioned about the nursing baby, of which she is the mother, she made no reply except to say that "Will" thought the world of it.

W. C. Howard was well known in Canandaigua, where she was seen almost daily in the stores buying goods. She had a feminine manner. Her face was perfectly smooth, but no one ever spoke of it. Another means which Howard took to conceal her sex was that of voting. She voted regularly, invariably casting her ballot for the candidate on the Republican ticket.

### HEAVY FIRING.

The Dragon Guards Fought a Sharp Rear Action.

LONDON, April 2.—A dispatch from Pretoria, made public this evening, announced that the Second Dragon Guards fought a sharp rear guard action near Boschamskopp during the evening of March 31. Four officers were known to have been wounded, but no further details of the casualties have been received. The column was commanded by Colonel Lawley, who detached the dragons with the object of surprising the Boer jaager reported to have been located ten miles east of Boschamskopp. The dragons found the Boers strongly posted, and the burghers were subsequently largely reinforced, with the result that the dragons had to fight a hard rear guard action in order to regain the main column. The heavy firing called up Colonel Lawley and his troops, who drove off the Boers. The latter's loss is reported to have been heavy.

### HEAVY LOSS BY FIRE

ATLANTIC SWEEP BY A FIERCE CONFLAGRATION—MANY INJURED.

CITY IS GUARDED BY THE MILITIA TO PREVENT LOOTING.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., April 3.—Twelve hotels and more than a score of small buildings adjoining the board walk which is built along the ocean edge were destroyed by fire today, which swept the beach front for two long blocks. The loss is believed to exceed \$750,000. In this respect the conflagration is the most disastrous that has ever visited this city. The loss will be only partially covered by insurance, as the rate of five per cent charged by insurance companies here is regarded as almost prohibitive. Fortunately no lives were lost, though probably a dozen persons were injured and burned during the progress of the fire. It was reported early today that six men perished in the flames, but the rumor was without foundation. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is said to have been started in either Brady's bath or the Tarleton, which adjoins the bath.

The city tonight is guarded by a company of militia, whose services are requested by the municipal authorities to aid the police in the prevention of looting. Some arrests were made during the day.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., April 3.—Charles Keeler, who conducted a drug store on the board walk at Kentucky avenue, estimates his loss at \$60,000, and Victoria Freisinger, proprietor of an art store at St. James Palace and the board walk, said his loss is \$50,000. Other losses range from \$5,000 to \$10,000. There were numerous other smaller booths and several cottages in the rear of the board walk which were either partially or entirely destroyed.

The fire was discovered shortly after 9 o'clock this morning, and for nearly five hours the flames raged with such violence as to threaten the city with destruction. All of the burned buildings were frame structures, and the flames, fanned by a strong southwest wind, swept along the beach front with amazing rapidity. The Tarleton hotel was soon a pile of ruins, and the flames fed on the small stores between Illinois and Kentucky avenues until they reached the Stratford hotel, which was soon enveloped. Next the fire attacked the Berkeley, adjoining, and in a few minutes the New Holland, the Bryan, the Eward and the Stickney, all located on Kentucky avenue near the beach. The local fire department worked well, but was unable to cope with the flames, and it was found necessary to send to Philadelphia and Camden for aid. The former city sent three engines and two came from Camden. The engines were brought here on two special trains furnished by the Pennsylvania Railway company, a distance of 60 miles. Their presence here was of vast assistance to the local firemen, but it was not until an hour after their arrival the fire could be said to be thoroughly under control.

Nothing is left on the board walk from Illinois avenue to a point within a few feet of Young's pier but the iron supports. All the guests of the burned hotels, who were forced to seek other quarters, have been provided for in other hotels.

### LIUET. WITTON.

Comes Forward to Serve Sentence of Life Imprisonment.

LONDON, April 3.—Lieutenant Witton, one of the Australians sentenced to life imprisonment at penal servitude at the same time that the Australian officers were sentenced to be shot for shooting and robbing Boers who were traveling to Pietersburg with the object of surrendering, has arrived in England to serve his sentence. He gives an account of the affair as follows: One of their (the Australian) officers had been murdered by Boers. Shortly afterwards the Australians captured a number of Boers, including one wearing the uniform of the military band. They immediately held a drum court martial, found the man guilty and ordered him to be shot. For this the Australians were arrested in October and tried by court martial. Their sentences, after revision by the imperial government, were commuted to them in February. Two of the Australians were shot.

### ETRURIA HAS ARRIVED.

LIVERPOOL, April 2.—The disabled Cunard liner Etruria, which left Funchal, Azores, March 17th in tow of two tugs, arrived here today.

### REMAINS OF "FATHER PAT"

Arrangements Completed to Ship Them to British Columbia.

Memorial Hospital to Be Erected at New Westminster.

MONTREAL, April 3.—Arrangements have been completed for the shipment of the remains of "Father Pat" Irwin to British Columbia, and they will leave on the C. P. R. express in the morning. It is stated that the family of the deceased will erect a hospital at some point in British Columbia, probably New Westminster, as a memorial of the deceased.

### NEWS FROM GRAND FORKS.

An Excellent Specimen of Native Copper From the Knob Hill.

(Special to the Miner.)  
 GRAND FORKS, B. C., April 1.—The Seattle claim, north fork of Kettle river, has just made an experimental shipment of 35 tons of ore to the Granby smelter.

Many prominent Liberals have invited P. T. McCallum, deputy sheriff of this city, to run as the Liberal candidate for the Grand Forks division at the next provincial elections. Mr. McCallum, who is regarded as a strong man, has given a conditional acceptance. He is one of the pioneers of the Boundary district. It is a foregone conclusion that William Graham will be the labor standard-bearer. Mr. Graham is a local brewer who is a strong champion of organized labor. A. C. Flumerfelt, of the Granby company, is spoken of as the Conservative candidate, but thus far has not declared his intentions. In the general connection T. W. Holland, general manager of the Kettle River Valley lines on the coast, Spokane and the east are expected to present.

The Granby company has received some excellent specimens of native copper found in the Knob Hill mine at Phoenix.

N. J. Carpenter, of Rossland, is taking a series of views along the Kettle Valley line to the coast. Scores of guests from the coast, Spokane and the east are expected to present.

The line of the Pacific States Telephone company is to be extended from Republic to Grand Forks.  
**GRAND FORKS, B. C., April 2.**—The Grand Forks Driving Park and Athletic Association has decided to offer over \$4000 in prizes for the big race meet to be held here on July 1st and 2nd. The program will be one of the best ever presented in the interior, and already many inquiries have been received from Butte and other racing centres in the west. The new half-mile race track here will be completed this spring at a cost of \$12,000.

### FROM GREENWOOD.

Preparations for a Grand Celebration on May 24th.

(Special to the Miner.)  
 GREENWOOD, B. C., April 2.—Preparations are already in progress for a grand celebration event here on May 24th next. It is hoped that arrangements may be made for special excursion rates over the Canadian Pacific. Last year our people went to Midway, and Phoenix and Grand Forks to celebrate on several occasions, and this year they desire to be in position to reciprocate their attentions by giving them a pleasant holiday.

### WILL SURELY HANG.

MONTREAL, Que., April 3.—Thorold Hanson was tonight found guilty in the Court of Kings Bench of the murder last November of Eric Martite, a nine-year-old boy, and sentenced to be hanged on Friday, June 13th. Hanson had only been in the country a few months, met young Martite in the night while crossing a vacant lot in Westmount, a suburb of the city. The boy was jangling a few cents in his pocket. Hansen grabbed him, stabbed him several times in the neck with a pocket knife and held him until the boy bled to death. The body was found that night by the boy's brother. There was no trace of the murderer and the police were endeavoring to locate a clue, Hansen walked into a Montreal police station and confessed. Had he not done so the probability is that he would never have been discovered.

### THE LUCERNE OF AMERICA

More About the New Placer Diggings at Cooper Creek.

Numerous Properties Are Changing Hands at or Near Kaslo.

KASLO, B. C., April 4.—Kaslo has been considerably excited during the past week by the fact that a strike, and rumor says, a rich strike, of gold has been found on Cooper Creek, some three miles above Lardo, and about 20 miles from this city. The gold pans out on an average at 25 cents to a pan, and prospectors are going in and companies being formed to build a flume and a dam, and make a thorough test of the capabilities of the new find. A syndicate also has been formed to send up W. H. Jeffreys, a mining engineer of considerable experience, to report upon the outlook. Gold in considerable quantities is known to exist in that district, and even should the new placer field be found to be limited the possibilities are that the chances of striking a rich quartz lead will be taken up by the prospectors and the companies now being formed. There is, however, every sign of the creek proving very valuable as a placer diggings, and the people around here are anxiously waiting the result of those now investigating.

Dan Tuomey of this city has bought the interest of Mr. G. A. Guess in the "Rio," a silver-lead claim in the McGuigan basin and almost adjoining the Rambler-Cariboo. Mr. Cosgrove owns the other half interest and, with the assistance of Mr. Tuomey, he intends to go in for immediate development work. The claim was at one time bonded to a party in San Francisco for \$10,000 and the ore assays 100 ounces silver and 74 per cent lead.

J. C. Ryan also of this city has bonded the property and water rights on which he has considerable interest, in the Similkameen district, to a firm in San Francisco, who intend to irrigate some thousand of acres and go in largely for tobacco growing.

There have also been some real estate deals of noteworthy interest during the past week, and as the sun has been shining the sky cloudless and the air warm and balmy the public are, most of them, going round with smiling faces, and looking forward to a return once more of prosperity for the "Lucerne of British Columbia," as Kaslo has been aptly termed.

### TREASURE SHIP BLAKELY.

She Is in the Strait on Return From Cocos Island.

(Special to the Miner.)  
 VICTORIA, B. C., April 3.—The brigantine Blakely, the treasure ship which left here several months ago after treasure buried by pirates on Cocos island, is in the straits bound home to Victoria. It is impossible to learn at present where she was successful or not, as she had passed Carmanah point before signals could be made to her. She is over toward the American shore, beating up the strait. The news has created a regular flutter among the shareholders here, who include high officers in the navy and some of the best known public men of the city, although they have concealed their connection with the matter through fear of ridicule. The report was received here from Honolulu a short time ago that a ship had arrived there, had passed Cocos and sighted the Blakely, and that the latter had then recovered a large amount, and was still proceeding in the search.

Admiral Paizer, who prosecuted the search with a part of marines and bluejackets from H. M. S. Imperieuse a few years ago, and the sailors who accompanied him claim they found treasure, but water coming in on them prevented them from securing it. The brigantine Blakely, which was purchased by the company for a trip from Seattle to the coast, was commissioned for trading purposes or sold on arrival here. The investment of the stock holders is to be the first charge on the profits of the expedition.

### VOTE IN MANITOBA.

The Majority Is About 6000 Against Prohibition.  
 WINNIPEG, Man., April 3.—It is estimated that the total vote cast yesterday for and against prohibition will reach over 46,000. Additional returns give increased majorities for the anti-liquor. Tache and Deslaurier give large majorities against the act. The official majority for Winnipeg is 2406 against. In round numbers the totals now stand 12,200 for and 15,800 against. Unreported places are expected to split about even, leaving a straight majority of about 6000 against the enforcement of the act.

### ROYAL COMMISSION.

HELMKEIN, McPhillips and Tatlow Were on the Stand Yesterday.  
 (Special to the Miner.)  
 VICTORIA, B. C., April 3.—Helmckein, McPhillips and Tatlow were on the stand this morning before the royal commission, and corroborated the evidence of the newspaper reporters that the government never hinted that Greenhields was not acting for them, but referred to him as their accredited agent in railway negotiations until after Curtis brought his charges.

### SALMON SHIPMENTS.

Provincial Teachers' Institute Will Meet Next in Kootenay.

(Special to the Miner.)  
 VICTORIA, B. C., April 2.—Prominent salmon canners announced today that arrangements have practically been completed whereby salmon shipments will hereafter be made, not by sailing ship to England, but by steamer. Delegations of publishers, supported by boards of trade of the Dominion, waited on the minister of justice and agriculture today in reference to copyright. Mr. Fitzpatrick intimated that he would adhere to the satisfactory policy of Thompson & Mills on the copyright question.

The Provincial Teachers' Institute will meet next year at some point in the Kootenay. Reporters of the Times, Colonist and News-Advertiser corroborate the reports of proceedings in the house when the ministers stated that Greenhields was acting as the accredited agent of the government in the negotiations with MacKenzie and Mann.

### FUNERAL OBSEQUES

CONTINUOUS STREAM OF PEOPLE PASSED BY THE BODY OF CECIL RHODES.

PROCESSION WAS MOST IMPOSING—COFFIN DRAPED WITH UNION JACK.

CAPE TOWN, April 3.—Throughout the morning continuous streams of people passed by the coffin containing the body of Cecil Rhodes as it rested in Parliament House. The funeral procession this afternoon was most imposing. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack which belonged to Mr. Rhodes, and which he regarded with peculiar veneration, and with the tattered flag of the British Chartered South African company, which went through the fight at Massikessl, and was carried on the "Long Cecil" gun carriage, used at the siege of Kimberley, through the crowded streets to the Cathedral. The streets were lined with troops who saluted the passing cortege. The pall bearers were Sir John Gordon Spriggs, the premier of Cape Colony, and six others. The chief mourner was Col. Frank Rhodes, who walked alone and bereaved, and followed by the brothers of the deceased and representatives of Lord Milner, the British high commissioner, and Sir Walter Healy Hutchinson, the governor and commander in chief of the Cape of Good Hope.

All business was suspended during the funeral and all public buildings were draped in mourning. In front of the cathedral stood a huge crowd and the building itself was filled to its capacity. The archbishop and other clergy received the body at the porch, and there the opening sentences of the burial service were pronounced. The procession passed down the main transept.

The archbishop made an address, during which he declared that Mr. Rhodes had faults, of which he probably was as conscious as anyone, but nevertheless he was a great man. Though not a great church-goer, continued the archbishop, Mr. Rhodes was essentially religious.

At the conclusion of the service the procession reformed, a dead march was played and the mourners proceeded to the station. There the coffin was borne into the De Beers company's saloon car, which had been converted into an chapel. The family and the executors of the will and others accompanied the remains to Rhodesia.

### A NARROW ESCAPE.

Sir John Bourne Took a Dose of Iodine by Mistake.

(Special to the Miner.)  
 VICTORIA, B. C., April 3.—An Ottawa special says that Sir John Bourne took a dose of iodine last evening instead of Cassia. Medical aid was speedily summoned and his life saved. He had a narrow escape. The medicine bottles got mixed.

The total number of Canadians who have died in South Africa since the commencement of the war is 206. It would appear from the details that the first contingent suffered a heavier loss from death than any of the other contingents. The first Canadian contingent of infantry lost 68 men from wounds and disease; the second contingent, consisting of the mounted rifles, dragoons and artillery, 47; Strathcona Horse, 30; Canadian scouts, 10; South African Constabulary, 45; second regiment Canadian Mounted Rifles and Canadians in various other corps in South Africa, 6. Total, 206. It is understood that the militia department will offer the services of about half a dozen dental surgeons to the Imperial war office.

### STRIKE ON THE MONITOR.

Shows Three Feet of Solid Ore of a High Grade.

(Special to the Miner.)  
 NELSON, B. C., April 3.—A special from New Denver states that an important strike has been made on the Monitor. It was made in the lower No. 4 level, where the main shoot has been developed horizontally for 275 feet. The paystreak in the drift shows three feet of solid ore of a high grade, and gives every indication of opening into a larger body. A false No. 4 tunnel to No. 3 tunnel, a distance of 122 feet, and the ore was found to be continuous and from eight inches to three feet wide. The find is regarded as very important.

### THE BOERS DEFEATED

Delarey, Kemp and Other Leaders Endeavor to Renew Action.

The Canadian Rifles Especially Distinguished Themselves.

LONDON, April 4.—There was severe fighting all day long on March 31st in the neighborhood of Hart's river, in the south-western extremity of the Transvaal, between a part of General Kitchener's force and the forces of Generals Delarey and Kemp, resulting in the repulse of the Boers after heavy losses on both sides. The Canadian Rifles especially distinguished themselves.

Lord Kitchener's official report dated from Pretoria yesterday evening says: "General Kitchener (Lord Kitchener's brother) sent Colonel Keir and Cookson from Vrlekull, Western Transvaal, March 31st to reconnoiter towards Hart's river. They soon struck the track of guns, and carried on a running fight for eight miles, following the track through the bush. "Emerging on the plain large Boer reinforcements advanced against their flanks, forcing the British troops to take up a defensive position," which they hastily entrenched. Fighting ensued at close quarters until the Boers were repulsed on all sides.

Delarey, Kemp and other leaders vainly attempted to persuade their men to renew the action. Fifteen hundred Boers participated in the engagement, but they had suffered too heavily, and cleared away to the north-west and south. The British losses were also severe.

"The Canadian Rifles especially distinguished themselves, one party commanded by Lieut. Bruce Carruthers holding its post until every man was killed or wounded. The forces showed great steadiness, allowing the Boers to advance within 200 yards of them and then repelling them with steady rifle fire."

### THE "HOT AIR" LINE.

Grand Forks and Republic Will Celebrate Next Saturday.

GRAND FORKS, B. C., April 4.—Saturday, April 12th, promises to be a red letter day in Grand Forks and Republic. The occasion will be the formal opening of the Kettle Valley lines, when a special train will leave here for the American camp, returning for the same day. The invited guests, about 400 in number, will include citizens of Grand Forks as well as visitors from the coast, Spokane, all points in the Kootenays and prominent capitalists from eastern Canada. There is no doubt that the rails will be laid into Republic a day or two before the date fixed for the opening. The tracklaying gang has already passed Ferguson, a point eight miles from Republic, and all the intervening bridges are finished. F. W. Holland, general manager of the road, is receiving congratulations upon the speed with which the work is being rushed. The special committees of the local board of trade have arranged the program that will be carried out in this city. It is anticipated that over 600 guests will participate in the banquet to be given at the Yale hotel Saturday night. There will be speechmaking by prominent visitors. The city will be in gala attire in honor of the "Hot Air City," in colored electric lights, will be displayed on Observation mountain, 500 feet above the city. The train for Republic will leave here at 9 a. m. The feature of the proceedings on the trip will be the driving of the last spike. The ceremony will be a memorable one. The promises to be used for that purpose will be a golden spike of regulation size. There will be a banquet on reaching Republic. Late in the afternoon the exultant citizens, accompanied by several hundred citizens of Republic, will return to Grand Forks. The favors for the prominent visitors will be miniature golden spikes designed as stick pins. A party of forty Spokane business men will be in attendance.

### KILLED AND WOUNDED.

Canadian Mounted Rifles Lost Nine Officers and Men.

(Special to the Miner.)  
 OTTAWA, April 4.—An official dispatch to the militia department, received late this afternoon, states that of the Canadian mounted rifles nine non-commissioned officers and men were killed, four officers severely wounded, also 40 non-commissioned officers and men. The only names reported were those of the wounded officers, namely, Lieutenants R. H. Ryan, W. P. Louden of the mounted police; Lieutenant R. F. Markham of St. John and Lieutenant G. B. McKay of the Fifth Royal Scots.

### TO BE CARDINAL.

QUEBEC, Que., April 2.—It is stated here on the authority of a well informed correspondent in Rome that Archbishop Begin is to be appointed cardinal during the Papal jubilee.

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