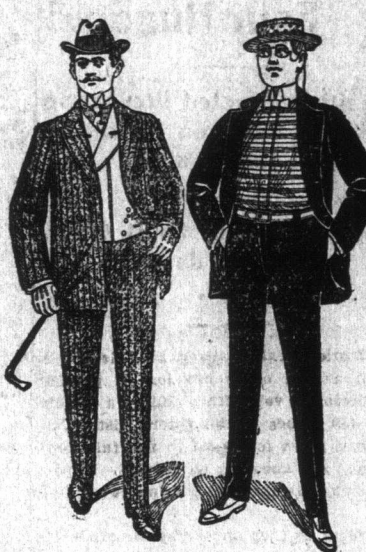


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Tale That Grew in Telling

Yarn From Vancouver of At- tempt to Destroy Forts Is Untrue.

How the Story of an Esquimalt Tragedy Got Twisted in Travel,

When some months ago a man—a

Renian, perhaps, or may be a pro-Boer, but certainly a man who desired to work mischief at the Macaulay Point fortifications—clambered along a board over the chevaux de frise with which the forts are protected and brought about 130 yards

protected and brought about his death. When the bullets from a sentry's carbine, he did not know how often the story of his adventure would be re-told, and with how many dressings the various variators would garb the tale.

The story has bobbed up again. This time it comes from Vancouver. It was being told on the streets of the Terminal City, and the Colonist correspondent there was one of those who heard it. He

"A Vancouver citizen who has just returned from Victoria informed the Colonist correspondent this morning that he had it on the authority of a naval officer that three or four night-eyes are

officer that three or four nights ago an alleged attempt to do damage at Point Macaulay was made by supposed Fenians. The naval officer said that the men, dressed in civilian clothes, crept up towards the forts in the darkness. They were fired at by the sentry on guard, but

escaped in the darkness. The same authority states that some little time ago the authorities at Esquimalt received positive information that Boer sympathizing Fenians had left San Francisco for Victoria with the avowed object of

doing what damage they could by dynamite and other means at Esquimalt, and that three of these Fenians were afterwards recognized on the streets of Victoria."

the truth of the story by a Colonist representative yesterday afternoon, said there was nothing whatever of truth in the story. It was simply another recurrence of the story of the man who tried to crawl over into the forts some months

ago. If any such occurrence had taken place it would surely have been reported to him, and he had not heard of it before being told by the interviewer. Other officers also denied knowledge of any such occurrence.

not have twisted the story of the occurrence that never was, the following excerpt from the columns of a copy of the Kobe Herald received by the steamer Kinshiu Maru yesterday morning shows how badly a story can get twisted in its

material details by a little travel. The Kobe paper, under a New York date line and credited to the Manila Times, prints the following "details" of the shooting of Lieut. Scott at Esquimalt some six weeks ago:

A tragic affair has occurred at Victoria, B. C., which is most deplorable in its results. A hot argument arose between Lieut. Burns, of the Canadian Artillery, and Lieut. Scott, of the British Navy, as to the authority of the latter in the dock at Victoria, B. C. The

Canadian officer disputed the authority of the British naval officer. High words were passed and the argument had carried the Canadian officer into such a state of excitement and frenzy that he suddenly drew his revolver and fired.

Lieut. Scott, with fatal result.

LUMBER CHARTERS.

Defiance to Load Props at Prevost Is

The four-masted schooner Defiance, Capt. Belor, is at the quarantine station. She came over from Port Angeles Sunday. After passing quarantine she

will come into Esquimalt to-day to go the marine ways to be cleaned, painted and overhauled. She is under charter to W. A. Ward to load mining props for the Mexican mines at Prevost Island. Another vessel, which was yesterday ch-

tered by Mr. W. A. Ward, was schooner Corona, a vessel of 374 tons. She will load at one of the British Columbia mills. Her destination has not been chosen. The Corona is now on her way to Honolulu, from which port she will come here. She sailed for the

will come here. She sailed for the U.S. from Honolulu on April 14.

