

A Royal Scandal

Strange Suit Brought Against the House of Schleswig-Holstein.

Former Lady in Waiting Says She Lent Princess Amalia Money.

And That Duke Ernst Guenther Helped to Bunko Her in Egypt.

Berlin, June 6.—A sensational case began today in the first district court of Berlin. The plaintiff, Anna Milecki, was formerly lady-in-waiting upon the deceased Princess Amalia of Schleswig-Holstein, and the defendant, Duke Ernest Guenther, is the brother of Emperor Augustus Victoria. The plaintiff claims that Princess Amalia received only 12,000 marks annually from the emperor...

Plaintiff asks that the 20,000 francs be refunded with interest. Defendant's counsel, Count Brodow, challenged the accuracy of a number of plaintiff's statements, and the court decided that before the proceedings were carried further, Prince Joachim, adjutant, who is still in Cairo, must depose.

TARIFF REFORM.

U. S. Manufacturers Pass Resolution Against Abuse of Protection.

Detroit, June 6.—At its closing session today the National Association of Manufacturers adopted a resolution recommending the United States government to consider the possibility of a reciprocity treaty with foreign countries. The following resolutions were adopted with regard to the tariff problem...

THE OLD CHIEFTAIN.

Anniversary of Sir John Macdonald's Death Observed in Kingston.

Kingston, June 6.—(Special)—Wreaths were placed on the graves of the late Sir John A. Macdonald, at Cataraugus cemetery, today, the tenth anniversary of his death. The services were conducted by Kingston Conservatives and the Kingston Macdonald Club.

THE OPHIR'S ESCORT.

Fleet of Warships Will Accompany Her to Quebec.

Quebec, June 6.—(Special)—It is announced that H. M. S. Ophir, with the Duke and Duchess of York on board, will be escorted to Quebec by a fleet of ten British warships, and it is rumored that some foreign warships will be in port at the time.

FATAL BEATING.

New Brunswick Man Succumbs to Injuries of Assaultants.

St. Stephen, N. B., June 6.—Harris McLoughlin, of Baillie settlement, about twelve miles from the town, was recently set upon and received blows on the head which rendered him unconscious. He never rallied, but died from the effects of the rough usage.

MAD BUTCHER.

Kills His Wife and Cuts His Own Throat.

Brampton, June 6.—(Special)—At 5 o'clock Benjamin Parsons, wholesale butcher, became insane, and after cutting his wife's throat with a razor, took his own life with the same instrument. Both bodies were found lying together in a pool of blood.



This Man

Has our harness for all his horses. From the heavy harness to the road harness, we have it all. B. C. SADDLERY CO., LTD., 415 Yates Street, Victoria, B. C.

INDEPENDENCE TRIAL.

Cup Defender Candidate Makes a Good Showing.

Boston, June 6.—The cup defender candidate Independence had her second trial today. Yachting conditions were perfect. As on Monday, she made very little commotion and seemed to be climbing on top of the race rather than through them. For eight minutes Capt. Hoff kept her going to starboard, then easing off the sheets, gave the independence her head, and she easily dropped the steamcraft.

LUMBER YARDS BURNED.

Conger Company's Plant at Parry Sound Destroyed.

Parry Sound, June 6.—(Special)—Fire broke out in the lumber yards of the Conger Lumber Co. here at 12 o'clock last night and raged until 7 o'clock this morning. A large quantity of lumber, the greater part of which was owned by Skidings, Whiting and Barnes of Ogdensburg, N. Y. The tramways and other property was destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$80,000.

Destroyed On Lulu Island

Pacific Coast Lumber Company's Saw Mill and Factories Burned.

From Our Own Correspondent. Westminster, June 6.—The Pacific Coast Lumber Company's sawmill and factories, situated on the upper end of Lulu Island, immediately opposite Westminster, were destroyed by fire today. The loss is about \$50,000, with \$30,000 insurance in the Aetna. Mayor J. G. Scott was the manager and principal owner.

Westminster Firemen Worked Splendidly But Could Not Save Buildings.

The property consisted of an office building, boiler and engine, grained lumber ware room, shingle mill, cedar planing mill and dry kiln, with the usual piles of lumber, rough and unfinished.

ARMY REFORM.

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Beyer Is Badly Beaten

Kitchener's Scouts Surprise Much Superior Boer Force and Rout Them.

Supplies, Cattle and a Hundred Prisoners Result of Plucky Fight.

Pretoria, June 6.—Colonel Wilson with 240 of Kitchener's scouts has surprised and routed 400 Boers belonging to Beyer's commando, 34 miles west of Warmbaths. "The Boers resisted stubbornly, but finally broke and fled, leaving 37 dead, a hundred prisoners and all their weapons and supplies, including 8,000 cattle, in the hands of the British."

The loss of the latter was three men killed and 15 wounded. Beyer's main commando arrived on the scene soon after the engagement but failed in an attempt to recapture the supplies.

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Up-to-Date Styles

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Our first consignment of Fall Goods in the Upholsting, Drapery and Curtain line are now on sale, and we can only say that for color, artistic effect and value we have surpassed ourselves in these last purchases.

Latest Novelties From Paris, Berlin, London

WELER BROS. VICTORIA B. C.

CULLED FROM OFFICIAL GAZETTE

Latest Announcements of Matters of Public and Individual Interest.

Yesterday's issue of the British Columbia Gazette contained calls for tenders for supplies for Provincial Hospitals, and the Hospital for the Insane, at Westport, B.C. The tenders received till noon of July 17. The following notice to pre-emptors of crown lands is published, being an amendment to the Land act passed at last session: "Pre-emptors of Crown lands, whether in arrears in payment of instalments of purchase money or not, who at the time of coming into force of this act have obtained certificates of improvement, or who shall have obtained certificates of improvement within twelve months thereafter, shall on conforming with the provisions of the Land act, except as hereby altered, be entitled to obtain Crown grants of their pre-emption claims upon completing payments of the purchase money."

UGANDA RAILWAY.

A Wonderful Work and a Triumph of Engineering Skill.

At the end of 1895 the work of building the Uganda railway was commenced at Mombasa. In the early part of last year the line was opened as far as Nairobi. The cost of the work up to that time has amounted to £120,000 per annum. This huge sum has been earned by a railway which runs through a part of the most fertile and fertile soil of the world. The railway is a triumph of engineering skill.

Winnipeg.

Result of the Census Discussed in a Prairie Province Paper.

From Winnipeg Telegram. Those sanguine individuals who have estimated the population of Winnipeg at some 50,000, will doubtless be disappointed at the result of the census which has just been taken, which shows the population of Winnipeg to be 42,697. But the official figures show a much more satisfactory result to all those who desire the continued prosperity and growth of the city, and who did not look for an almost impossible increase of population within the past ten years. Since 1891 the population of Winnipeg has grown from 25,842 to 42,697, an increase of 66 per cent. This increase is almost precisely similar to that which took place in the cities of 1881 and 1891, when Winnipeg was young and growing with amazing rapidity. Winnipeg is now no longer a place of mushroom growth, but a substantial city of steadily increasing size and importance. Its future is assured. Winnipeg is the center of one of the richest agricultural districts in the world, and its prosperity can but increase. In the past the city has developed as only Western cities have, and there is every indication that the development will continue.

LIKED GERMANS.

Cannibals in South Sea Islands Ate a Few.

Berlin, June 6.—The Tagelblatt prints special correspondence from New Guinea containing a full account of the massacre by mobs of the French-German South Sea expedition on the island of St. Matthias. They were all killed and eaten, save Dr. Heinrich. The Colonial Zeitung, the official organ of the German Colonial Society, furnishes details of the massacre. It reports that the vessel which carried the expedition to the island of St. Matthias left after a few days for Herberhosh, New Britain, to get supplies. During its absence the savages, who had hidden themselves in the mountains, were to be rabid cannibals, planned to kill and rush the party. The plot was carried out one morning while the members of the expedition, who had a body guard of forty drilled Papuans, were cleaning their rifles, which they had taken apart. Suddenly eighty of the islanders broke from the bushes, raising fierce war cries and brandishing spears, with which they stabbed to death the leader of the party, Dr. Manekes, his secretary, Herr Caro, and a white man, who was raising up a tent. Dr. Heinrich, equipped his revolver into them, while the body guard fired to the boats with the wounded, and Dr. Heinrich, leaving 12 dead, the boats put off to the island not far distant, where the expeditionary vessel rescued them. Subsequently the bodies of the savages were found and the camp looted.

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REV. MR. SHAVER.

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Cobourg, June 6.—(Special)—Rev. M. A. Shaver, pastor of the Congregational church here, and editor of the Canadian Boys' Paper, published in the interests of the Boys' Brigade, has tendered his resignation as pastor to accept a call to Bethlehem church, Westmount, Montreal. Mr. Shaver will go to Montreal on July 1.

CHEFOO CABLE.

Sir Charles Dilke Asks Regarding Extension to Wei-hai-wei.

London, June 6.—On a motion to approve the agreement of the government with the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., for laying a cable from Chefoo to Wei-hai-wei, Sir Charles Dilke, in the Commons today asked whether the agreement would not pledge the government to resist any attempt by the United States to establish direct communication with China. Arthur Chamberlain explained that it was imperative that the cable should be laid and finding China had already pledged herself to give no landing rights to any company except the Russian, Danish, and the Eastern Extension, the government had been compelled to make the best terms it could.

HE LOCATES RICH GROUND

Frenchman Has a Machine Which Will Find the Gold.

A mysterious Frenchman, fresh from his native land, is a resident in Yukon, and for the past month has been visiting some of his countrymen on Last Chance creek, says the Yukon Sun. It is reported that he is a famed Paris chemist, scientist and authority on electricity. He has in his possession an apparatus with which he claims to be able to locate gold far down in the bowels of the earth. He makes no pretense to occult powers, but bases his confidence on the merits of his invention, which is a mechanical one. In his researches he has found by the transmutation of certain metals and chemical ingredients a mineral substance with a magnetic affinity for gold.

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Chief Architect Ewart, of the public works department, sails on June 22 for England. There he will meet Mr. Fielding and inspect the plans of buildings suitable to a branch of the Royal mint to be established in Ottawa.

Colonel Steele sails on Saturday next from Montreal for South Africa, to take over a district command in the constabulary. Saturday is his 62nd birthday. Colonel Steele has been promised special legislation will be passed next session to grant him superannuation immediately on his departure. It is not known what money that Colonel Steele again to war, as he recently sold a mining property in Kootenay, which netted him \$800,000.

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