ilt in Pittsburg, and will arrive short-The work on the Teslin lake and er steamers will be done at the saw at Teslin lake; in fact work has eady begun on one of them.

Teeter, the Quatsino Indian, nted two loaded shot guns-charged th sufficient shot to annihilate several n-at Officers Murray and McKenna. en they were landing on a little isnd in the Keastino river, where they ested Louey, one of those accused of murder of Ne-Cay, was sentenced to ee months' imprisonment this morn-

-A. Shrapnel, who was committed for several days ago on the charge of eaking and entering a warehouse ranch at Oak Bay, was brought bere Mr. Justice Drake this morning to ose trial. He elected to be tried bere a jury at the coming assizes. He out on bail. C. Johnson, who was mmitted for trial on the charge of caking jail, did likewise.

-E. E. Sheppard, special commissioner r the Canadian government in Mexico. entral and South America, is returning om his mission via the Pacific Coast, mpanied by Mr. A. T. Romero, an ent of the Peruvian government. Mr. enpard will arrive in Victoria about 11th inst., and will be glad to meet business men of the city. A conferce will no doubt be arranged at the

The regular quarterly meeting of the chers of the Law Society was called or to-day, but on account of the Janusitting of the full court commencing ext Monday, the meeting was adjourned The only business transactwas the calling to the bar of Mr. W. Deacon, who was afterwards sworn before Mr. Justice Walkem. The ial of Beaven vs. Richards was con ed to-day before Mr. Justice Wal-

-A reception was held at Temperance all on New Year's day which was atnded by 400 visitors. The hall was prettily decorated and those in charge entertained their guests very kindly. During the evening a concert was given inder the direction of Mr. J. G. Brown. Rev. J. C. Speer occupied the chair, and Rev. W. L. Clay and Mr. O. E. Kendall elivered addresses. The reception was eld under the auspices of Cedar Hill and Perseverance lodges of the I.O.G.T.

-The remains of the late E. W. Haynes were interred in Ross Bay cem tery yesterday. A service was held by Rev. J. F. Betts, M.A., at the late resience of the deceased, and afterwards at Centennial Methodist church. At the emetery services were held according to the Masonic rites, Mr. Maxwell Muir, rshipful master of Vancouver-Quadra odge, A.F. & A.M., officiating. Those who acted as pallbearers were: J. A. Grahame, A. J. McLellan, Noah Shakespeare, W. F. Bullen, William Dalby and E. E. Blackwood.

-Mr J. A. Carthew was a passenger from Fort Wrangel on the steamer Corona. He went north to locate wharf ites for a British company, and reports that he was successful. Walter Williseroft is now building a wharf at Wranrel for the Mackinnin Wharf and Trans-He has already built out 530 feet and will extend it another 100 There are many miners at Wranwho expect to start up the Stickeen on the ice in about two weeks. Arrangenents are being made to handle a big crowd at Wrangel.

After a very rough voyage from Ausralasia via Suva and Honolulu, the Candian-Australian liner Miowera arrived ere late on Saturday afternoon. After leaving Wellington, N. Z., the weather was anything but favorable, strong winds and heavy seas being continually met. From Honolulu strong easterly winds and heavy seas were encountered with thick weather. The Miowera sailed from Sydney on December 6; Welington on the 11th, Suva on the 16th. and Honofulu on the 24th. She had 58 saloon passengers and 40 steerage. The greater portion of the latter being miners from Coolgardie and other western gold fields, bound to the Klondike. The majority of these landed here and will outfit in Victoria.

## NOT THE PELICAN.

A report came from Otter Point this afternoon that a strange steamer with a yellow funnel and two masts was on her way to Victoria. This answered somewhat to the missing steamer Pelican, and the report circulated that that much looked for steamer had at last made port. The hopes of marine men were dissapated, however, as soon as the vessel came into sight. The stranger proved to be a

The vessel was the Austrian steamer Burma from Naroran, Japan. She left on December 12th and had a very rough voyage. She will join the coal fleet and carry coal to San Francisco. She saw

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Provincial News.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Capt. Jas. Robinson, of the Dominion government steamer Sampson, is laid up by illness, and Capt. Frank Odin is temporarily filling his place. Mr. C. A. Gardner, of the steamer Transfer, left Vancouver by the City of Seattle last night for Telegraph Creek to make a report to the C.P.R. of the state of the ice in the Stickeen river,

The Dominion Fisheries Department has just seized another ton of sturgeon which was caught with illegal gear near

Sumas. The post oflice will in future be lighted by electric light.

Mr. Benson's big steam dredge was brought up to the city yesterday, and will be put to work alongside the Royal City Mills.

At 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning quite a crowd of ladies, as well as a ew gentlemen, gathered in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church to witness the interesting ceremony of uniting in marriage two well known inhabitants of the Royal City. Miss Constance Victoria Clute, third daughter of Mr. J. S. Clute, inspector of customs, and Mr. S. J. Thompson. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Vert, assisted by the Rev. T. Scouler. Mr. Aulay Morrison, M.P., acted as best man, and Miss Annie Clute was bridesmaid. The happy couple left the church amidst a shower of rice, and proceeded to Vancouver, en route for Monterey, Cal., at which place they will spend their honeymoon. Quite a large number of useful and handsome presents were presented to the bride and bridegroom, both of whom are highly

popular in this city. Rather a serious burglary took place in this city on Thursday night. The store belonging to T. J. Trapp was engoods, principally knives and razors, va-The robbers entered the premises at the rear of the store and effected an endently without much noise, as they were able to extract their booty without the constable on the beat hearing them. During the past month 11 births, 11

deaths and 7 marriages were registered at the local office. After the council meeting on Thursday evening Mayor Shiles invited the aldermen to the Colonial Hotel, where the annual banquet was held. An enjoyable time was spent, though owing to his worship's poor health the proceedings were brought to a close at an

NELSON.

early hour.

Nelson, Dec. 31.-The ore shipments of 1897 were as follows, but do not include this week, as the returns are not yet in: Slocan via Kaslo, 35,066 tons; land via Nelson, 52 tons; Ainsworth, via Nelson, 1191 tons. Total 49,7101

This does not include about half a million dollars worth of ore that went via Revelstoke over the C.P.R., the returns of which are not made to Nelson The shipments of matte consisted of 8,333 tons, of a total value of \$4,416,-692.67, making a total of ore and matte shipped of \$8,136,696.

The following is a recapitulation by months: January, 4,543 tons, \$675,506; February, 5,201 tons, \$562,853; March, 5,822 tons, \$667,681; April, 3,764 tons, \$433,234; May, 2,995 tons, \$397,797; June, 3,464 tons, \$483,855; July, 4,139 \$543,832; August, 4,070 tons. \$576,189; September, 4,604 tons, \$714,-225; October, 3,290 tons, \$757,146; November, 5,273 tons, \$824,362; December, 4.015 tons, \$753,752.

Ore shipments this week were as follows: Matte, 1201/4 tons. Total value of ore and matte exported for the week, \$242.051

Probably what is one of the richest strikes yet in the history of Ymir, has been made on the Big Patch group, the property of Duncan Darrow and Chas. French, situated about 10 miles up Porcupine creek. Specimens brought down on Tuesday showed large chunks of free gold and will undoubtedly assay up in the thousands. There is about four feet of this rich pay streak in a ledge of no less than 26 feet wide. Assays taken from the surface, but not from the rich streak, ran as high as \$108 in gold.

VANCOUVER

Vancouver. Dec. 30.-Three Australians, Ross, Wedner and Petrie, left by the City of Seattle last night for Skagway. They took with them the biggest personal outfit that has yet left here, comprising 7,800 pounds. The outfit is to last two years. These Australians are well-to-do, being worth \$100,000 between

Champion & White's coal office was broken into by burglars and the safe completely wrecked in an attempt to get inside of it. The combination, however, defied their efforts. There was no booty secured, but Vancouver has been again made aware that there are desperate criminals in the city, only kept within bounds by the constant vigilance of the police.

METCHOSIN.

The residents of Metchosin celebrated Christmas by a treat to the young people in the form of a Christmas tree and other festivities. Some fifty children mustered to meet Santa Claus in the person of Mr. W. Hayward, and a committee of ladies provided numerous gifts. The adult members of the community had a pleasant evening with dancing, carried on till the small hours of the morning. Altogether, there was a regular social gathering of the oldfashioned style. The district of Metchosin is said to be the oldest settled portion of Vancouver Island, and though hings do not seem to have prospered there so well as in other parts of the Island, the energy of a tey of its lead-ing inhabitants has built a good, sub-

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stantial church, which shows but little wear after 30 years' use. 'The district has also the largest assemply hall of ony locality outside of Victoria. The residents of Sooke, Colwood and Highland districts by their presence on festive occasions, show their appreciation of efforts for the social weal.

CHRISTIANS IN QUEBEC.

Quaint Customs of the French-Canadians Carry the Stranger Back to Cartier's Time.

As the bell of the church began to make its joyful sounds heard far and near, calling the good people to worship at the minature crib of Bethelhem, that had been erected during the day, the roadways began to fill. Some came along on foot in merry parties, but the mirth was subdued, and could the faces have been seen, anticipation would have been painted on them.

The majority journeyed in sleighs. There might have been seen the "carithe open sledge fixed with benches and boxes, in which were seated the family, from the old grandfather down to the youngest tot, all huddled together, the box sleigh and the old-fashioned 'traineau." All styles, all fashions, all colors-all showed wear and tear and simplicity.

Some families were so numerous that the youngsters had to come as they might, or remain at home, a thing they uld not dream of doing. Two or three of them came along on a "traine sauvage," drawn by a couple of large Newfoundland dogs.

The church was open and lighted by candelabra that hung down from the ceiling; oil lamps supplemented these: myriads of candles burned on the altar. The crib of Bethlehem was surrounded by devotees, for all paid their respects to the Child-Christ.

At this crib one could see the Virgin mother and the Child, warmed by the breath of the ass and ox. The crib itself tered some time during the night and was a diminutive stable, in which was laid some straw. One side was open in ned at between \$300 and \$400 taken. order to allow the worshippers to see within

Through an opening in the roof the trance without much difficulty, and evi- Star of Bethlehem gleamed. On the threshold stood the Magi with their offering, and in the background the shepherds stood aloof.

This crib, which probably had done services for many years, drew forth adniration and wonder from the spectators. As their fathers before them, the farmers expatiated on the beauties of the simple scene and pitied the Child, thinking of the cold from which they had come, and imagining, in their simplicity, that the winter of Bethlehem was as severe as our Canadian winter of 1897.

Mass, "Lo Messe de Minuit," began at twelve sharp. Almost the entire congregation partook of Communion. The priest was robed in his grandest vestments of gold; the sanctuary had its full quota of surpliced boys.

The harmonium played by the school teacher, gave forth its gladest notes in Slocan via Nakusp, 5,1242 tons; Ross- th' hymn "Adeste Fideles." No organ, 18,000 h.p. and via Northport, 9,3481 tons; Ross- no orchestra, no grand music, save the plain Gregorian chant, with a few specially prepared hymns; but the voices were good, for all Canadians sing, The value of the ore shipped through though they are not trained. Simplicity the Nelson customs house, including all throughout, but it was grand, grander except Nakusp, \$3,149,325.97. The va- than it was at Notre Dame of the Gesu, lue of the Nakusp shipments was \$543,- or the Cathedral. And the church was 484.62. Total value, 3,092,810.96. The not thronged by idle eurosity seekers, average value of ore was \$74.28 per nor by persons who desired to see the twin screw, 13 guns, 1,200 h.p., Captain decorations, the lights, and to hear the

There was no stir; every member used his prayer-book and his "Paroissien" or "Key to Heaven." The old women nodded their heads and moved their lips. So did the old men. They all prayed. At the "Gloria In Excellsis" the congregation seemed glad and the singing sent a thrill through them that would not be awakened on ordinary Sundays. At the "Credo," during the singing of the "Incarnatus est," every one knelt devoutly with bowed head, and it is only at Christ-

mas and Easter that this is done. The "Offertory" brought forth renew ed efforts from the choir, which was assisted by a violin played by a villager. and enraptured the church. The Cure spoke a few words of cheer and wished them happiness, but would not detain

After church all gathered in knots. Many of those who had come together separated. Some went to visit at friends' homes. They all had invitations to the "reveillon," and to the dance of the

All was peace and good will! All was gladness! All was cheer! Merry parties, assembled in the large hall, which, in the country houses, answers in winter as kitchen and dining room combined, and which was made cheerful by the blaze of logs in the large old-fashioned double stoves.

There the "whiskey blanc," rum and | home-brewed Canadian wine was passed around to whet the appetite and to increase the merriment. Eyes danced and 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots. torgues wagged. The large table was spread with a snow-white cover, which was laid the blue china, that is only used on state occasions.

The cheer consisted of "pore frais. pig's head, meat pies, head cheese, blood pudding, geese, turkeys, with lots of potatoes, beets and other vegetables with fruits. The parties were generally made up of thrity of forty.

There was no mistletoe, but there was romiscuous kissing and it was done openly. The decorations consisted of holly, fir trees and red and blue scalloped tissue paper. Then arrangements were for the grand dance to be held on New Year's night. The violinists had to be engaged and invitations were issued. New Year's Day and Epiphany are the two greatest French-Canadian feast days.

Then more drives homeward. And the glad tidings of peace and good-will were again brought home to the village. The Most Prominent Are Fashionable.

Dyspepsia or indigestion has become a fashionable disease. There are very few individuals who have not at various times experienced the miserable feeling caused by defective digestion. No pen can describe the keen suffering of the body and the agony and anguish of mind Yokohama. endured by the dyspeptic. Dr. La Londe, of 236 Pine avenue, Montreal, says: "When I ever run against chronic cases of dyspepsia I always prescribe Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills and my petients generally have quick relief."

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Lion, French gunboat, 473 tons, 8 guns, 576 h.p., Capt. Papaix, at Saigon.

Pascal, French protected cruiser, 3,985

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WARSHIPS IN ORIENTAL WATERS

List Showing the Naval Strength of the Various Powers on the China and Japan Stations.

Great Britain's Immense Fleet-The United States Very Poorly Represented.

The Hongkorg Telegraph, in its issue of July 24th last, published the following list of men of war on the China and Japan Station. Recent events in the ing the relative naval strength of the various powers in those waters that it is thought opportune to reproduce the list in its entirety:

THE RUSSIAN SQUADRON. Admiral Korniloff, Russian armored cruiser, 5,000 tons, twin screw, 36 guns, 9,500 h.p., Captain Eitchaninoff, at Na-

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Admiral Nakhimoff, Russian armored cruiser, twin screw, 7,781 tons. 38 guns, 9,000 h.p., Captain Kasherininoff, at Vladivostock. Acout, Russian gunboat, 810 tons, 8 guns, 760 h.p., Captain Elkisky, at

Vladivostock. Bobre, Russian gun vessel, twin screw, 950 tons, 13 gans, 1,150 h.p., Captain Molas, at Chefoo,

Dimitri Donskoy, Russian armored craiser, 5,893 tons, twin screw, 34 guns, 7,000 h.p., Com. Witthofft, at Korea. Gaidamak, Russian gunboat, 400 tons, twin screw, 18 gurs, 3.500 h.p., Capt. Stemann, at Nagasaki.

Gremiastchky, Russian armored cruiser, 1,492 tons, twin screw, 12 guns, 2,000 h.p., Captain Boubenoff, at Yokohama. Koreetz, Russian cruiser, 1,213 tons, twin screw, 14 guns, 1,500 h.p., Captain Iltich, at Nagasaki. Korevetz, Russian cruiser, 1,200 tons, 9

guns, 2,150 h.p., Captain Lindstreem, at Nagasaki. Kreysser, Russian cruiser, 1,329 tons, 18 guns, 1,800 h.p., Captain Belkiemi-

sheff, at Yokohama. Mandjour, Russian cruiser, 1,213 tons, twin screw, , 14 guns, 1,500 h.p., Com. Podiapolsky, at Korea. Nayezdnik, Russian cruiser, 1334 tons.

14 guns, 1,800 h.p., Captain Zarine, at Vladivostock. Otvazny, Russian armored cruiser 1,490 tons, twin screw, 12 guns, 2,000 h.p., Captain Barsht, at Chefoo.

Pamial Azova, Russian cruiser, 6,000 tons, 36 guns, 8,000 h.p., Captain Rodionoff, Port Lazareff. Rossia, Russian armored cruiser twin tons, 600 h.p., 6 guns, Lieut.-Comdr. R. screw, 12,200 tons, 1st class, 44 guns, Benavente, at Manila.

Rurth, Russian flagship, 10,940 tons, armored twin screw cruiser, 1st class, F. Barrato, at Manila. on a cruise. Silatch, Russian gunboat, 4 guns, D. Regaldo, at Manila.

1,200 h.p., Captain Barronoff, at Port Lazareff. Sivootch, Russian gunboat, 950 tons, Ozamis, at Manila.

guns, 650 h.p., Com. Molchousky, at Vladivostock. Vladimir Monomach, Russian armor-

guns, 7.000 h.p. Vsadnik, Russian torpedo boat, 400 tons, 18 guns, twin screw, 3,500 h.p., Captain Greve, at Nagasaki. Yakout, Russian gunboat, 16 guns, 890 h.p., at Vladivostock. Zabiaka, Russian cruiser, 1,230 tons. 20 guns, 2,000 h.p., Captain Lebedeff,

at Nagasaki. RUSSIAN TORPEDO FLOTILLA.

( Sea Going.) Borgo, 1st cass, Rusian torpedo boat, 81 tons, 3 guns, 2 torp. tubes, 1,100 h. p., speed, 21 knots. boat, 96 tons, 3 guns, 2 torp, tubes, 780 h.p., speed, 22 knots.

Sweaborg, 1st class, Russian torpedo Shanghai. h p., speed 18.7 knots. (1st and 2nd Class.) Forel, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots, Fantchichi, Russian torpedo boat, tons, 4 guns, 970 h.p., 19 knots. Nargen, Rusian torpedo boat, 85 tons,

4 guns, 1,200 h.p., 22 knots. Novorosisk, Russian torpedo boat. tons, 4 guns, 2,900 h.p., 16 knots. Podorosnik, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots. Sisik. Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, Skorpion, Russian torpedo boat,

tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots. Sootchena, Russian torpedo boat, 87 tons. 4 guns. 970 h.p., 19 knots. Sterlaid, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots. Strauss, Russian torpeco boat, 23 tons 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.

Sungurt, Russian torpedo boat, tons, 4 guns, 1,800 h.p., 22 knots. Ussurf. Russian torpedo boat. tons, 4 guns, 1,800 h.p., 22 knots. Besides other powerful cruisers have also left for the squadron on the China

THE FRENCH SQUADRON. guns, 453 h.p., Captain Journet, at ding, Singapore. Chantaboon. Bayard, French flagship, 5,968 tons, 36 guns, 4,500 h.p., Com. Fortin, at Naga-

Ternet, at Chemulpo. Comete, French gunboat, 473 tons, 6 guns, 631 h.p., Captain Simon, at Kobe. St. John, Hakodate. Decartes, French protected cruiser, 3,-985 tons, 36 guns, 9,000 h.p., Capt. Bar- 1,100 i.h.p., Capt. R. P. Cochran, Tamnard, at Chefoo. Eclaireur, French cruiser, 1,608 tons, 16 guns, 2,408 i.h.p., Capt. Texler, at

Beautemps-Beaupre, French cruiser,

Forfait, French cruiser, 2,321 tons, 23 guns, 2,464 h.p., Capt. Delort, at Naga-

tons, 36 guns, 9,000 i.h.p., en route Pluvier, French dispatch boat, 545 tons, Behring Sea. 4 guns, 500 h.p., Comdr. Videl, at Bang-

Surprise, French gunboat, 627 tons, 10 G. A. Hardinge, Yokohama. guns, 860 i.h.p., en route Singapore. Triomphante, French armored cruiser, 4,700 tons, 24 guns, 2,400 h.p., Capt. B. de Brotizel, at Siagon. Vipere, French gunboat, 463 tons, 6 guns, 461 guns, 441 h.p., Comdr. Constolle, at Bang-Hongkong.

The German Squadron. Arcona, German cruiser, 2.370 tons, 20 guns, 2,400 h.p., Captain Becker, at Che-Cormoran, German cruiser, 1.640 tons,

14 guns, 2,700 h.p., Com. Brussatis,

guns, 8,000 h.p., Capt. du Bois, at Nage-

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Kaiser, German flagship, 7.676 tons. 28 Orient have aroused such interest regard- guns, 8,000 h. p., Captain Zeye, at Naga-Prencess Wilhelm, German cruiser, 4,400 tons, 22 guns, 8,000 h. p., Captain Theile, at Chefoo.

> Wolf, German gunboat, 489 tons, 6 guns, Selected for Service. Flagship of Vice-Admiral Tirpitz.

The American Squadron. Boston, U. S. cruiser, 3,189 tons, 18 cuns, 4,630 h. p., Captain F. Wildes, at Machais, II. S. cruiser, 1,770 tons, 16 guns, 1,000 h. p., Capt. MacKenzie, at Shanghal.

Monocacy, U. S. gun vessel, 1,307 tons, 10 guns, 850 h. p., Capt.Farenholt, at Yangtsze Ports. Olympia, U. S. flagship, 5,800 tons, 34 guns, 13,500 h. p., Capt. J. J. Read, at Yokohama. Petrel, U. S. gunboat, 800 tons. 11 guns, 900 h. p., Capt. Emory, at Yokohama.

Yorkto vn, U.S. cruiser, 1,700 tons, 16 guns, 3.405 h. p., Comdr. Stockton, at Nagasaki. Flagship of Rear-Admiral McNair. The Spanish Squadron.

Argos, Spanish gunboat, 508 tons, 600 h.p., 2 guns, Comdr. R. Cabezas, at Ma-Castilla Spanish cruiser, 3,260 tons, 2,690 h.p. 22 guns, Comdr. A. Martin de Oliva., at Manila. Cebu, Spenish troopship, 532 tons, 600 h.p., 2 gurs, Lieut. A. Barreras, at Ma-

Don Antonio de Ulloa, Spanish cruiser, 1,160 tons, 1,523 h.p., 13 guns, Comdr. E. Robiou, at Manila. Don Fuan de Austria, Spanish cruiser, 1,156 tons, 1,500 h.p., 13 guns, Comdr. J. de la Concha, at Manila, Elcano, Spanish gunboat, 560 tons,

600 h.p., 7 guns, Lieut.-Comdr. F. Escudero, at Manila. General Alava, Spanish troopship, 1, 300 tons, 1.000 h.p., 2 guns, Lieut.-Comdr. R. Rodriguez Trujillo, at Mahila. General Lezo; Spanish troopship, 520

Isla de Luzon, Spanish protected cruis er. 1,048 tons, 2,200 h.p., 10 guns, Com. 44 guns, 13,500 h.p., Captain Kreegar, a Isla de Cuba, Spanish protected cruiser, 1,048 tons, 2,000 h.p., 10 guns, Com.

Manila, Spanish troopship, 1 00 tons, 750 h.p., 2 guns, Lieut.-Comdr. J. J. Uchida. Marquis del Duero, Spanish gunboat,

500 tons, 550 h.p., 5 gun Vostock, Russian torpedo gunboat, 4 os. Moreno de Guerra, at Manila. Reina Cristina, Spanish cruiser, 3,520 tons, 3,972 h.p., 21 guns, Captain L. Cadarso, en route Manila. Capt. Otc. Ture. ed cruiser, 5,754 tons, twin screw, 32 Velasco, Spanish cruiser, 1,252 tons, ed cruiser, 5,754 tons, twin screw, 32 1,600 h.p., 7 guns, Comdr. F. Reboul, at Manila. There are also twenty-four small river

Miscellaneous Bengo, Portuguese gunboat, 462 tons,

3 guns, 400 h.p., Lieut.-Com. Jose des Reis, at Macao. Panther, Austrian torpedo cruiser, 1, 530 tons, 12 guns, 5,940 h.p., Comdr. Koppel, at Nagasaki, BRITISH FLEET ON THE CHINA

STATION. Alacrity, dispatch vessel, 1,700 tons, Revel, 1st class, Russian torpedo 10 6pd. q.f. guns, 3,000 i.h.p., Commander Smith Dorrien, Hakodate.

Algerine, sloop, 1,050 tons, 6 guns, 1, boat, 96 tons, 3 guns, 2 torp. tubes, 780 100 i.h.p., Com. Ewen F. Domville. Archer, third class cruiser, 1,770 tons, guns, 3,500 i.h.p., Commander C. E. Kingsmill, Hakodate. Centurion, first class battleship. 10. 500 tons, 14 guns, 13,000 i.h.p., Captain

S. H. M. Login, Hakodate. Daphne, sloop, 1,140 tons, 8 guns, 2, 000 i.h.p., Commander A. A. C. Galloway, Nagasaki. Commander A. A. C. Galloway, Naga-

Esk, coast defence gunboat, 363 tons, 3 guns, 200 i.h.p., Lt.-Com. H. P. Barton, shanghai. Firebrand, 3rd class gunboat, 455 tons, guns, 360 i.h.p., in reserve, Hongkong. Grafton, \* 1st class cruiser, 7,350 tons, 12 guns, 13,483 i.h.p., Captain Edward P. Jones, Hakodate. Handy, twin screw, torpedo boat destroyer, 200 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. Alex. Gillespie, Hakodate. Hart, twin screw, torpedo boat destroyec, 260 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 i.h.p., Lieut. Comdr. Hastings F. Shakespear, Hako-

Humber, store ship, 1,640 tons, 800 htp., Hongkong. Immortalite, 1st first class cruiser 5,600 tons, 12 guns, 8,500 i.h.p., Captain Ed. Chichester, Hakodate. Iphigenia, 2nd class cruiser, 3,600 tons, Aspic. French gunboat, 463 tons, 6 8 guns, 7,000 i.h.p., Capt. H. N. Dud-

Linnet, gun vessel, 756 tons, 2 heavy guns, 4 6-pounders, 870 i.h.p., Command er R. C. Sparkes, Behring Sea. Narcissus, 1st class erniser 5,600 tons, 12 guns, 8,500 i.h.p., Capt. W. C. C. 1,246 tons, 14 guns, 895 h.p., Captain Forsyth, Hakodate. Peacock, 1st class gunboat, 755 tons

6 guns, 1.200 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. P. S. Phoenix, sloop, 1,050 tons, 6 guns,

Pigmy, 1st class gunboat, 755 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 i.h.p., Lient.-Comdr. C. J. J. Dormer, Bangkok. Pique, 2nd class cruiser, 3,600 tons, 8 guns, 9,000 i.h.p., Acting Comdr. J. J. Graham, Hongkong. Plover, 1st class gunboat, 755 tens, 6

guns, 1,200 i.h.p., Lieut.-OCom. S. V. Y. De Horsey, Singapore.

Rainbow, 2nd class cruiser, 3,600 tons, guns, 9,000 i.h.p., Capt. V. A. Tisdall,

Rattler, 1st class gunboat, 715 tons, guns, 1,200 i.h.p., Lieut.-Com. The Hon. Redpole, 1st class gunboat, 805 tons. guns, 1,200 i.h.p., Lieut,-Comdr. E. H.

Grafton, Hakodate. Swift, gun vessel, 756 tons, 2 heavy runs, 4 6 pounders, 870 i.h.p., in reserve Tamar, troopship, 4,650 tons, in re-

Tweed, coast defence gunboat, 363 cons, 3 guns, 200 i.h.p., Hongkong. Undaunted, 1st class cruiser, ns, 12 guns, 8,500 i.h.p., Captain A. C. Clarke, Hongkong. Victor Emanuel, receiving ship, 5,157 ns, 14 guns, Commodore S. C. Holland,

Irene, German cruiser, 4,400 tons, 22 A.D.C., Hongkong. Wivern, coast defence ship, 2,750 tons, guns, 1,000 i.h.p., Hongkong. Torpedo boats in reserve. Nos. 8 and 20, 35, 36, 37 and 38, first class; and 3 ond class boats. \* Flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir A. Bu

> ler, K.C.B \*\* Flagship of Rear-Admiral Oxley. JAPANESE MEN-OF-WAR. Matsushima, 4,278 tons, 28 guns, 5,400 h.p., built in France, 1890, Capt. Omoto,

> Itsukushima, 4,278 tons, 30 guns, 5,400 built in England, 1877, Capt. Arima, Capt. Hitaka, Shinagawa. h.p., built in France, 1889, Capt. Yokoo,

Naniwa, 3,709 tons, 10 guns, 7,604 h.p., built in England, 1885, Capt. Togo, Kure Takackiho, 3,709 tons, 10 guns, 7,604 n.p., built in England, Capt. Nomura,

Chiyoda, 2,439 tons, 24 guns, 5,678 h.p., built in England, 1890, Capt. Uchida, Formosa. Takao, 1,778 tons, 5 guns, 2,332 h.p., built in Yokosuka, Japan, 1868, Capt.

Sawa, Gensan. Hashidate, 4,278 tons, 30 guns, 5,400 h.p., built in Yokosuka, Japan, 1891, Fuso, 3,777 tons, 10 guns, built in Eng-Tsukuba, 1,978 tons, 8 guns, 526 h.p., uilt in the East Indies, Kure, Yageyama, 1,609 tons, 11 guns, 5,400 n.p., built in Yokosuka, Japan, 1889, Capt. Hirayama, Shinagawa. Musashi, 1,502 tons, 7 guns, 1,622 h.p., built in Yokosuka, Japan, 1888, Capt.

Ito. Amagi, 926 tons, 10 guns, 720 h.p., built in Yokhosuka, Japan, 1877, Capt. Hayazaki, Yokosuka. Atago, 622 tons, 2 guns, 963 h.p., built Ninsen.

n Yokosuka, Japan, 1877, Capt. Inouye, Kongo, 2,284 tons, 9 guns, 2,555 h.p., Hiyei, 2,284 tons, 11 guns, 2,535 h.p., built in England, 1877, Capt. Saikurai, Kure.

Tenryu, 1,547 tons, 6 guns, 1,267 h.p. built in Yokosuka, Japan, 1883, Capt. Serada, Formosa. Yamato, 1,502 tons, 7 guns, 1,622 h.p. built in Onobama, Japan, 1885, Capt. Funaki, Nagasaki.

Tsukushi, 1372 tons, 8 guns, 2,433 h.p., built in England, 1867, Capt. Miyoshi. Kure: Akagt, 622 tons, 10 guns, 963 h.p., built in Onobama, Japan, 1888, Capt. Nashibas, Nagasaki. Hosho, 321 tons, 5 guns, 217 h.p., Capt.

Tateyama, 543 tons, 2 guns, Kure. Akitsush no. 3.150 tons, 18 guns, 8,516 converted into the .303 by a steel tube. h.p., built in Yokosuka, Japan, 1892, From this it would seem that the heavy Capt. Uyemura, Kure. h.p., built in Yokosuka, Japan, 1885,

Kalmon, 1,367 tons, 7 guns, 1,267 h.p., built in Yokosuka, Japan, 1832, Capt. that the Canadians revolted at the Iwaki, 667 tons, 4 guns, 659 h.p., built in Yokosuka, Japan, 1878, Capt. Kashi- Prizes had ben offered to the Canadian wabara, Sascho. Yoshi c, 4 216 tens. 31 guns, 15,968 h.p., Capt. Kawara, Manila,

Oshima, 640 tens, 9 guns, 1,117 h.p., uilt in Onebama, Japan, Capt. Geki. Chokai, 622 tons, 2 guns, 963 h.p., built in Ishikawajima, Tokyo, 1887, Capt. Togo. Kasuga, 1,289 tons, 5 guns, 1,217 h.p., built in England, Chemulpo.

Saikio Maru, Japanese cruiser, Kure.

Rynjo. 3,571 tons, 28 guns. Fingei, 1,464 tons, 1 gun. The Chinese warship Tsokiang, which was captured by the Japanese at Fwongtao, is entered amongst the Japanese ficet and named Soko. Torpedo boats aggregate fully 241,251

tons and 10,270 h.p.

THE GREAT QUEEN. An Empire wide, in every zone Called on a Maiden of Eighteen For She was heir to Britain's throne, The Crown and sceptre of a Queen.

A graceful girl, a youthful Queen, She could but dimly understand That She, a Maiden of Elghteen, Was Sovereign Lady of the Land. With pomp and pride they crowned her Queen, And like a Queen she stood alone; With beating heart, yet brow serene, And took her place upon the throne.

They claimed the maiden at her birth; They loved her in her girlish pride; They crowned her Queen of half the Earth And hailed her as a happy bride. And time revealed a Mother proud, A model life without a stain; And sixty years without a cloud To dim the lustre of her reign.

With nature's sweetest gift endowed, With pure and ever-rising fame, She made her people more than proud, And stamped an Era with her name. A widowed Queen and sorely tried; But who can say she stood alone. Her Husband's spirit by her side, And Guardian Angels round her throne

Her widowed heart though filled with pain She bravely bore her sorrows keen: Time will illume her life and reign And deify our peerless Queen. And now her hair is white with age;
This woman with the deathless name,
The brightest name on History's page,
The highest on the Scroll of Fame.

Once more her people round her crowd; Once more she listens to their cheers, Who hall with acclamation proud The Queen that reigned for Sixty years. Cariboo, November, 1897.

A peculiar accident happened recently the engine on passenger train No. 1 at A peculiar accident happened recently to the engine on passenger train No. 1 at McArthur Junction. As the train was speeding along through the darkness the engineer and fireman were startled by a crash in front, and then the headlight went out. They thought at first that a stone had been thrown into it, but an investigation showed that a big erow had flown straight into the light, shattering the glass The light threatened to explode and finally burned out. The crow, which had broken its neck, was fished out in a badly singed condition and was hanging up in the roundhouse the next morning.—Ohio News.

THE CHILDREN OF THE POOR

O winter wind, indulgent blow, O sun be warm and bright,
Thou kindly stars, keep watch below
Through all the lonely night;
Let not thy charge too much endure
of suffering, O fate;
These little children of the poor
Within the city gate These little children of Within the city gate.

They are thy helpless ones who feel The wickedness of man,
Who dwell beneath the Iron heel
of thy industrial plan;
Be merciful and move the heart
of love and charity,
Till tears in eyes long dry shall start
Their wretchednes to see.

Give them each day their daily bread,
A fireside for their play,
Round which a soft good-night is said
At close of darkest day;
And if, perchance, the home be bare
Of all save want and sin,
Grant, grant the faithless scornful prayer—
That joy may enter in.

O wealth, O fame, ye are not vain, While innocence still lies
Upon a bed of burning pain
With hunger in its eyes:
Bleed, selfish heart! O pity, lure
Proud wisdom to be kind!
These little children of the poor
Hath not the Christ defined?

For peace are courts and camps main-tained, fained,
For pride asylums rise,
Humanity's great heart is gained
When human freedom dies.
Alas, not here the poor are found,
Wards of a noble state;
Rather in rags they wander round
Unconscious, by love's gate.
CHARLES W. STEVENSON.

WHAT CANADA MISSED. Forty Thousand Old-Fashioned Rifles

Were to Be Sent Here. Not every member of the Canadian militia is aware of the fact that at one time, not so long past, Canada was on the point of receiving, as its rearmament, 40,000 single-loading weapons, with Martini action and .030 barrel, instead of the new service magazine rifle

it now has. This armament of 40,000 .303 singleloaders the Imperial authorities have still on their hands, somewhat to their disgust, and they are extremely anxious to get rid of them. The Australian infantry are about to receive a new weapon, and it is said that an attempt has been made to foist this rejected weapon

on the Australians. The matter has raised quite a discussion in miltary circles in England, and in Canada it plays an interesting part. We have had a very narrow escape from receiving these single-loaders, for they were actually made and the excuse given for the sending of them was to "that it was feared the men would

allow their magazine rifles to rust." The Army and Navy Gazette in an admirable article, handles the matter without gloves. "Putting aside," it says, "this undeserved slur on the 40,-000 active Canadian militia, the supposition is sheer nonsense, the barrels are the same, the rifling the same, the ammunition the same; if anything the magazine rifle is easier to clean than the Martini rifle of similar bore, since when the bolt is removed a straight 'push through can be obtained when necessary from the breech as well as the muzzle end.

"The late head of the Canadian mili-

tia pay department, Herbert O'Meara,

says: 'The rifle the Canadian militia now have is the Lee-Enfield' service magazine rifle. The Martini-Metford. after exhaustive trial, was discarded as too heavy, the barrel being the old .45 From this it would seem that the heavy single-loaders rejected by the Canad-Katsuragi, 1,502 tons, 7 guns, 1,622 ians, and now being pressed on the Australians, seemingly to get rid of them. are converted guns too heavy for use. "It is due to the Grenadier Guards single-loaders, and thus, we believe, these 40,000 rifles are now on hand. team under Col. Massey at Bisley to be shot for with the magazine service rifle. but they had none of these. Their camp neighbors, the Grenadiers, hearing of their difficulty, lent Col. Massey twenty magazines rifles for the occasion and gave them ammunition. In the hands of the crack team the rifles surpassed themselves, though not a member had

> Canada purchased 40,000 service magazine rifles, which are at this moment in the hands of her troops. "It is quite natural there should be a desire to dispose of the 40,000 singleloaders so awkwardly on hand from the action of the Grenadier Guards, but this is no reason why they should be dumped in Australia as a 'cheap line.' It is a signal instance of the advantage of sending every year, as Canada does, portions of her troops to mix at home rifle ranges with such troops as our Guards and their officers. We also hope every year to welcome the arrival of small but picked teams from Australia and New Zealand, to Bisley, where they can closely observe all that is upto-date, and carry back their informa-

ever fired one before. The team took

some magazine rifles back to Canada to

show to their comrades, hence the

single-loaders remained in England and

tion to their comrades." A number of the new English 15 prs. has lately been delivered to the Australian artillery. It is true that the number is small, but it is eminently a start in the right direction. "What about the infantry?" the Australian forces will naturally ask themselves, "as the magazine rifle has been deliberately chosen as the best weapon for the imperial forces (and the Canadian militia) why should it not be the best weapon for us?"

"But putting the natural feelings of the Australian infantry aside, is this proposed issue of single-loaders good policy on the part fo the home government? The necessities for imperial service may call for assistance from Australia and New Zealand. As a matter of fact an Australian contingent has already fought side by side with the imperial forces in Egypt, and it is surely not the best way to ensure success when the empire's hour of need comes to give part of our forces a weapon which, as every man carries it, will feel as he goes into action, handicaps the soldier as compared with some of his comrades, and certainly puts him at a great disadvantage in meeting his opponent."-Montreal

Gazette. 'Have you no mercy?' she wailed. "Just out of mercy," smiled the hardened villain. "Besides, if I showed it to you now these people in front would denounce me for not giving them their mon-ey's worth."—Philadelphia North Amer-

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