

A DARING ROBBERY

Rock Bay Hotel Robbed of \$440 in Cash and Two Promissory Notes

Frank Warner, a German Sailor, and the Two Klim Brothers Implicated.

Warner Secured Money by Lowering Himself on a Rope into Proprietor's Room.

One of the most daring and successful robberies in the criminal annals of Victoria took place about six o'clock last evening, when the Rock Bay hotel was robbed of \$440 in cash and two promissory notes for the sums of \$100 and \$340 respectively.

The stolen money and the notes belonged to Mrs. Simpson, the proprietress of the hotel. She kept it in a box under her bed. Her room is on the second floor of the building, and its window faces on Work street, where the Esquimaux cars run.

As Fritz Klim had been boarding at the Rock Bay hotel since he returned from a sealing cruise last fall, he was familiar with the method on which the house was worked.

The police are of the opinion that Warner waited until all were in bed, then lowered himself through the window of his room, down to that of Mrs. Simpson's, secured the money and then climbed the rope back to his own room and left immediately.

This theory is borne out by the testimony of Gus Wausfield, a boat builder, who lives opposite the Rock Bay hotel. Shortly before midnight he saw Warner walk across the street from the hotel to Colvin's slip yard.

Mrs. Simpson also reported to the police that her boat was missing, and she had started for the other side. Sergeant Langley, of the provincial police, and Sergeant Walker, of the city police, before daylight started out in the steam launch in pursuit.

Officer Macdonald found Fritz Klim this morning and took him to the police station. No charge in connection with the robbery was laid against him, but he is accused of stealing a watch from an Indian he can be held until the case is thoroughly sifted.

Frank Warner, who is supposed to have actually committed the robbery, came here from Port Townsend about a week ago. He is described as a tall, round-shouldered German, with blonde hair and a slight blonde moustache. He speaks good English with a slight German accent.

LIVED IN VICTORIA. Capt. Weller, Murdered by Butler, Lived Here Three Years Ago.

About three years ago, Capt. Lee Weller, murderer, Butler's last victim, arrived in Victoria from England, and lived here for about six months. He was accompanied by a twelve-year-old boy named Claverton, a son of his wife by a former marriage.

per was on electric waves, and the story told of strange and almost incredible revelations gained by the domain of modern sciences, seems more like the tale of a sensational novel than a prosaic story of fact.

The scientist who has suddenly emerged from comparative obscurity into the bright light of fame is the son of an Indian scholar, Bhagaban Chunder Bose, who was famed in his own land for his knowledge of Indian scientific facts.

Despite the fact that it is artificial in every respect, the eye of the human, yet it really works on principles similar to the eye through which we look.

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B. C. RAILWAY POLICY.

FOURTH LETTER.

To the Editor: The development road which I am now advocating will be, as I said in my last preceding letter, 282 miles long and will cost \$7,281,000, according to the published estimates of H. P. Bell, C.E. It has been publicly stated that the capitalists who are associated with the British Pacific project stand ready to construct the whole line contemplated by the charter of that company on half the cost, this aid to be in the form of guaranteed bonds or otherwise, so as to make it equivalent to cash.

I submit that the road is one that will certainly receive aid from the Dominion parliament and that it ought to be placed upon the same footing as the great Central railway. The Crow's Nest Pass railway, by checking the importation of American goods, which it is expressly designed to do, will to some extent curtail the revenue.

Now, while this strange sort of science is so wonderful in its way, what it reveals to us is far more strange than the eye or the principle upon which it is constructed. Think of a machine that could be set up on the ice-bergs of the North Atlantic, and that by means of a simple movement of which a wave of ether or electrical wave could be started that would penetrate through all sorts of substances and people, and that the receiver in Washington by a simple movement of which a wave of ether or electrical wave could be started that would penetrate through all sorts of substances and people.

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THE GUN.

CLOSE SHOOTING.

New York, Jan. 6.—At the Hyattsville Gun Club's grounds yesterday, Dr. J. C. Lebeck, Brock, and George Work, New York, shot at 100 birds. The final score was: Work, 82; Davies, 78.

FIRE AT NASHVILLE.

Nine Large Stores and Their Contents Destroyed—The Insurance.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 4.—The fire which raged here Saturday night and Sunday morning destroyed nine stores and the south end of the city market house, containing offices of the heads of the city departments. The losses and insurance are not yet fully ascertainable, but the following is a list of the buildings and contents destroyed: Lebeck, Brock, and George Work, New York, shot at 100 birds. The final score was: Work, 82; Davies, 78.

THE NEW YEAR.

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THE KING.

FITZ HAS SIGNED.

New York, Jan. 5.—The only hitch which now seems possible to prevent the meeting of Corbett and Fitzsimmons will be the failure of Dan Stuart of Texas to secure a place where the two heavyweights may settle the longlooked-for contest. On December 7th Corbett affixed his signature to the articles of agreement. Yesterday afternoon Fitzsimmons, accompanied by his manager, Stuart, at Jersey City, and Fitz affixed his signature underneath Corbett's in the articles.

As to the side bet, Fitz said he would put up \$5,000 to \$10,000. There was very little quibbling, and it looks as if all the parties concerned are in earnest about wishing to decide who is to be recognized heavyweight champion of the world.

The articles call for a purse of \$15,000, to be given to the winner, and each of the principals to post \$2,000 in the hands of a stakeholder to guarantee appearance in the ring, the one failing to live up to this agreement to forfeit to the other and Dan Stuart. As a guarantee of good faith Stuart agrees to post \$5,000 with a stakeholder, to be divided equally between Corbett and Fitzsimmons if he (Stuart) fails to carry out the provisions incorporated in the agreement.

Stuart further agrees to post \$5,000 in the hands of a stakeholder thirty days prior to the date of the contest, and that the \$10,000 be forfeited by him to Corbett and Fitzsimmons if Stuart fails to bring off the contest on March 17. Five-glove gloves are to be used. George Siler, of Chicago, is agreed upon as referee, and Fitz has decided that Al Smith of New York, was a satisfactory stakeholder as far as he was concerned.

Fitz objected to Stuart's having the money for the picture fight offered by the kinestoscope people. Stuart agreed that if money was received for the picture it should be equally divided among Fitzsimmons, Corbett and himself.

Stuart refused to say where he expected to bring the mill off, but the articles called for him to notify the principals of the place one month prior to the date of the contest.

Fitzsimmons' right hand was lacerated from the effects of his fight with Sherkey, which he received an injury to one of his knuckles in delivering a blow. In fact, his manager, would not say where or when Fitz would go into training, as he had not yet made arrangements.

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THE TALK OF EUROPE

Boston Freewen Writes on What He Thinks President-Elect McKinley Will Do.

Daily Delivers One of His Characteristic Speeches on British Prison System.

Cell Rhodes' Recent Utterance Cause a Sensation Among His Friends.

London, Jan. 8.—Neither the bi-metallic league nor other silver organizations have any information regarding the visit to Europe of Senator Edward O. Wolcott, of Colorado, who sailed on January 2 from New York on the Cunard Line steamship Campania.

The St. James Gazette says: "Every body wants to know how far Mr. McKinley means to go in the direction of doing something for silver." Mr. McKinley writes to a financial daily paper pointing out that if Russia were to assume specie payment she will have to buy three hundred million ounces of silver and tariff concessions on the part of the United States would induce her to do so. This operation would cause revaluation of silver on a 15-1 to 16-1 is and France and Germany would probably join for similar consideration. So McKinley will apparently end tariff reductions and boom silver, but Frewen is at discount as a prophet.

Miss Edith Lyman Collins, ward of Chauncey M. Depew, was married in Paris yesterday to Count Czaykowski, a member of the Turkish embassy in Rome.

John Daly, who was recently released from prison after a term served on conviction of being a dynamite maker, made a speech on the subject of prison life to a group of members of the Holborn town hall. A number of societies marched in procession previous to the meeting, amid intense enthusiasm and Daly was greeted with shouts of "God bless you, the man who has witnessed the cruelties that drove E. J. Gallagher insane, but the nature of it gets precluded his describing them as a public audience. He accused the British government of manufacturing evidence for the complete conviction of a dynamite conspiracy is pending.

Later reports received here in regard to the banquet recently given by the Cecil Rhodes committee in London, show that it resulted in a scene of notable enthusiasm. The text of a speech in which Col. Rhodes asserted that the paramount ideal is limited, and that therefore the best policy is to toss as much of that surface as you possibly can, has created a sensation in London, where even his best friends regard the course of Col. Rhodes with misgivings and fear that he is infaming passions which will lead to further troubles.

AMBASSADORS PROTEST.

Against the Way in Which Maz Bey is Being Tried. Constantinople, Jan. 8.—Owing to refusal of the Turkish authorities to admit dragomans of the embassies to the trial of Mazhar Bey, the French and Italian ambassadors have read their dragomans and strongly protest to the Porte, demanding a change of venue. Bey is accused of complicity in the murder of Father Salvator, an Italian priest killed in the convent of Lujokle at Marash in 1895, by Turkish troops commanded by Bey. The ambassadors insist that he be tried by a competent and impartial tribunal here, instead of at Marash.

THE PROSPECTS ARE GOOD

Feeling in Favor of Annexation of Honolulu. San Francisco, Jan. 7.—The Collier brings advices from Honolulu to the effect that Minister Henry Corbett presented to the President and Cabinet a full report of his trip to the United States and interviews with prominent men on Hawaiian matters. The minister stated that his conviction was a Hawaiian question within a year and regarded the prospect of annexation excellent. No effort will be made to prevent the Hawaiian people from questioning at the present Congress. Mr. Hatch stands in readiness to act at the special session.

WILL BUY THE ROAD.

Union Pacific Re-Organization Committee Will Bid at the Sale. Chicago, Jan. 7.—The Post's special from Washington says: "There is information from an apparent reliable source that the Union Pacific re-organization committee is preparing to enter an agreement to buy the present Union Pacific bonds for \$100,000,000 and \$100,000,000 for the Union Pacific bonds under foreclosure proceedings, to be instituted by the government in case the funding bills failing to pass Congress. The President has been notified of the purpose of the committee, and it is again reported to-day that he is ready to issue a proclamation directing the foreclosure should the fund-

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