G.W. Prescott Total Loss

Is Struck by Huge Sea and Turns Turtle Off the Columbia.

Part of the Crew Swept Overboard and One Man Is Drowned.

Captain With the Remainder Are Rescued by Steamer Connemaugh.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Seattle, March 12.—The sealing schooner George W. Prescott, Capt. Emil Ramlose, which sailed from here on January 10—the first of the Coast fleet to get away—has been lost, having been a victim of the terrific Southwest gale which was reported in these columns. One man—on Indian—was drowned. The Victoria schooner had a catch of 81 skins when she was wrecked.

The steamer Conemaugh arrived here today, having on board Capt. Emil Ramlose, Mate Hallagreen, and two other white men and 13 Indians, who were members of the crew of the lost schooner. The schooner was 30 miles off the mouth of the Columbia river on Tuesday when the heavy Southwest gale, with the wind blowing at a velocity of 76 miles an hour, overtook her and brought disaster to the sealer. She capsized and her crew had a close call from finding a sailor's grave.

The schooner left Victoria on January 10, and went to Dodger's Cove, where 14 Indians were secured. Then the schooner started Southward and 81 skins had been taken in the fine weather toward the end of February. March 9 the weather began to breeze up, and on Tuesday last when the tremendous gale began to blow from the Southwest the schooner was laboring in a very heavy sea. The sea was running to a tremendous height on the morning of Tuesday, and the schooner was running under closely reefed storm sails, when two huge waves broke under the schooner's side, and she capsized. Both masts were snapped off by the heavy seas, and Capt. Ramlose and three Indians had been washed overboard before the schooner righted herself, with the stumps of her two masts standing and wreckage littered on the deck. The captain and two Indians managed to regain the schooner when she righted after a desperate struggle, they having clung to some wreckage. The other Indian was drowned.

The schooner's deck was littered with the wreckage of her fallen masts, and the seas pounding on her decks soon waterlogged her. She drifted then helplessly, waterlogged and sinking, with the crew straining their eyes for a sail of any passing vessel that might rescue them. One was sighted some hours after the accident and it seemed that relief was at hand, but the vessel passed by the shipwrecked mariners at a distance. She was a large sailing vessel and did not see the wrecked vessel.

Torches were placed at every point of vantage about the wreck, and the crew firmly expected that the sailing ship would bear towards them and take them from the waterlogged schooner, but she finally turned and went on her way, paying no further heed to their signals of distress.

An hour later the lights of the Conemaugh were seen and she came within hailing distance of the wreck. The shipwrecked men shouted and the vessel lowered a boat and took off the unfortunate sealers. The derelict of the lost schooner was left drifting off the Columbia, and like the wandering derelicts Laura Pike and the Amethyst, which ultimately drifted into Barkley Sound, the currents will probably bring her towards the Vancouver Island coast.

The crew are expected to arrive home by the steamer Majestic today. The loss will amount to about $5,000, partly covered by insurance. There were 81 skins lost with the schooner. The George W. Prescott was built at Irondale in 1893, and was named after the well known Californian who died a short time ago. She was brought to Victoria two years ago by Capt. Douglas, who brought the schooner Arietis to Victoria from Halifax.

The Prescott had been sailing out of Seattle to the Alaskan coast and the Arctic in charge of Capt. Douglas, having been trading two years among the Northern villages and two years was spent whaling in the Arctic. She was brought to Victoria from Cape Nome via Seattle, Capt. Ramlose having come from Nome, where he was engaged in mining, as mate of the vessel. Capt. Douglas was involved in financial difficulties soon after the schooner arrived here, and she was sold at auction to satisfy libel claims made against her. She was bought by Capt. Ramlose and others, and after spending one season, tied up in the upper harbor, she started sealing on January 10 last—the season which terminated in the loss of the schooner off the Columbia during Tuesday's gale.

GERMAN COUNT'S EXPERIENCES

Praises New York and Americans With Money to Throw at the Birds.

Berlin, March 12.—Count von Bernstdorf, president of the Potsdam police, who recently returned to Germany from the United States, has submitted to Emperor William a written narrative of his experiences in America with appreciative notice of the New York police. The party spent two weeks in New York. The thing which most astonished him was that he was not bothered in the streets by dissolute women. The Count told a newspaper correspondent that he especially admired the size of the New York policemen, their smart uniforms and their courtesy, and he referred in his report to the large, well ordered police stations, and contrasted them with the rented rooms occupied by the Berlin police. "But," the Count adds, using a recent addition to his vocabulary, "the Americans have money to throw at the birds." Since his return Count von Bernstdorf has timed the Berlin firemen in responding to calls. He found that it takes three or four minutes to start an engine here, and contrasted this with New York's 30 seconds to do the same thing.

CAPT. SHAW'S MURDERERS.

Montreal, March 12.—The Star's London cable says: In Liverpool police court today, before stipendiary, several seamen of the Veronica were charged with the murder of Capt. Shaw, the chief and second officers and four of the crew. Seamen Flohr turned King's evidence, corroborating allegations of Thomas against other prisoners.

CRUISE WITHOUT SIGNIFICANCE

Austrian Fleet to Visit Mediterranean Ports for Pleasure.

Vienna, March 12.—It is announced that a division of the Austrian navy, consisting of three armored cruisers and a torpedo boat, will proceed at the end of March to the Mediterranean, visiting the ports in the Greek Archipelago and Asia Minor. The authorities are careful to state that the cruise is entirely without political significance.

RETIRED IN CONFUSION.

Sheriff Richards Has to Show Marble Heart and Refuse Marriage License.

Sheriff Frank Richards, in his capacity of purveyor of marriage licenses is called upon occasionally to manifest an obduracy of heart hardly in keeping with his customary urbanity. The other day he was waited upon by a blushing youth of twenty-one, who tremblingly asked for the official flat that would link two loving hearts in lawful connubial union. It transpired upon cross-examining by the worthy sheriff that the one adored by this youth was only beginning her nineteenth summer. It was a dificult task to deny the request of the timorous candidate for honeymoon felicities, but sections 17 and 18 of the Marriage Act are very explicit in respect to a minor contemplating marriage, and the sheriff must eliminate all sentimentality in rigidly enforcing its provisions. He was called upon to explain, therefore, that the girl's father, guardian, or mother must expressly consent to the marriage before he could issue the license. The youth was quite taken aback by these unexpected legal requisites and retired in confusion to the infinite sympathy and compassion of the sheriff.

The sheriff recently had to deal with an interesting application for a license from a California couple who had been married in the Golden State, but who wished to further seal the bonds of matrimony by a ceremony conducted under British laws. The bride happened to be a minor and the sheriff was under the necessity of pointing out that he could not grant a license. The difficulty was overcome by the father of the bride being sent for from California and upon his arrival the license was issued. This Californian couple were so impressed with the attractions of Victoria that they concluded to take up their abode in Victoria, and they are living in the city at the present time.

The sheriff had another opportunity very recently to demonstrate the elasticity of the Marriage Act in meeting all manner of applications for licenses under its provisions. In this particular case the father of the bride, who was a minor, was beyond the seas and it was necessary to invoke the aid of the court to grant an order permitting the issuing of a license, which was accordingly done upon the proof being furnished that the father was beyond the seas.

Not Dead Nor Yet Sleeping

Assurance Given That Island Railway Agitation Will Be Fostered.

Nanaimo Much Opposed to the Idea of Government Ownership.

Within a few days the City Hall will resound once again to the declamations of local orators in advocacy of the extension of the Island railway to the North end of the Island. Spurred to activity by the taunts of correspondents in the press and complaints breathed on the street corners, the Committee on Information has "got a move on" and is now about ready to submit its report on Routes and Ways and Means. An appropriation of $250 was made by the City Council to assist the committee in performing its task, and a secretary, Mr. Welby Solomon, was appointed at a salary of $40 per month. Members of the committee say that much good work has been accomplished, and that the information which has been obtained will prove to be of a highly important character in its general bearing on the success of the whole enterprise. At the meeting which is to be held shortly the suggestion will be put forward that steps should at once be taken to arrange for the holding of a convention to be attended by delegates from every portion of the Island, when a line of action can be determined upon to permit of united action in the direction of the consummation of the enterprise.

The people of Nanaimo are more determined than ever to stick to the task of agitating for the building of the line until success shall crown the effort. The idea that the road can only be built by a scheme of government ownership, put forward by the Socialists, headed by Mr. Hawthornthwaite, M.P.P., is strongly combatted in the Coal City. The Nanaimo Free Press says editorially:

"It may be taken for granted that no matter how much Nanaimo presses government ownership, government ownership will not be brought about as a matter of grace, favor or condescension on his part, but because he is commanded to do so, and dare not disregard the command.

"In other words, he needs to be taught respect for law as such. This is one of the all-important lessons which cannot be imparted to him by the ordinary 'girl teacher'—and most of our female teachers are mere 'girl teachers.' Hence, the complaint which one encounters in almost every country paper which one may open of 'hooliganism' at public meetings, 'hooliganism' in the streets of towns and villages, 'hooliganism' which no traveler can fail to observe all over the country!

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Magistrate—"Why did you steal that ham, Uncle Rastus?" Uncle Rastus—"Bekase mah pooh fambly wus starvin', yo' honner." Magistrate—"Family starving, eh? But they tell me you own five dogs." Uncle Rastus—"Dat's er fack, yo' honner; but ah reckon yo'-all wudn't 'spect mah fambly ter eat dem dawgs."—Chicago Daily News.

"I thought," the President angrily said, "that you told me this man whom I appointed postmaster at Squashville had a big family. I've found out that he has only one child." "I know," replied the guilty Congressman. "His wife weighs over 200 pounds, and their daughter takes after her."—Chicago Record-Herald.

LABOR TROUBLES FOR MONTREAL

Prospects of Bitter Fight Between Dock Hands and Stevedores

Montreal, March 11.—It is just possible that by the middle of April Montreal will witness one of the most bitter labor fights that has ever taken place in this city. The difficulty will be between ship laborers and contracting stevedores. The union has about 1,200 members, all in good standing, and according to officials they are determined to maintain prices. The men are demanding that ten hours shall constitute a day's work, and that the pay shall be 20 cents an hour for day, and 30 cents for night work, and double price for Sunday.

STEAMERS COLLIDE AT MANILA.

Local American Steamers Sink and Many Lives Are Lost.

London, March 11.—A despatch to Lloyds from Manila says the local American steamers Navarre and Neustra Senor De L'Ordes have been in collision off Punta Santiago, and that both vessels sank, and will prove total losses. Some of the passengers and crews were saved.

WHITTAKER WRIGHT'S HEALTH

Gone to Egypt But His Wife Sure He Will Return to London.

London, March 11.—According to Whittaker Wright's wife, he went to Egypt five weeks ago for his health. She says she is convinced he will return when she informs him of what has happened.

As the House of Commons was rising tonight, Home Secretary Akers Douglass announced that it was the intention to bring Whittaker Wright to justice.

Male Teachers Are Preferred

Trustees of the Opinion That There Should be Larger Proportion.

Men Are Needed to Enforce Discipline on the School Boys.

"There must be a larger proportion of male teachers in the public schools of Victoria."

Such is the dict which has gone forth from the Board of School Trustees; and it is not improbable that a wordy discussion will agitate the public because of the local guardians of the civic educational system having reached that conclusion.

Trustee Boggs brought the matter up at the regular meeting of the School Board on Wednesday evening last, when the question of an appointment of a teacher at the Victoria West school came up to be dealt with. He strongly urged that a larger proportion of male teachers should be engaged; and what he had to say seemed to meet with the approval of the other trustees.

With the object of ascertaining what were the reasons which actuated the trustees in taking such an attitude, a Colonist reporter yesterday afternoon interviewed Chairman R. L. Drury.

Mr. Drury said he did not wish to be understood as an advocate of a scheme to eliminate in a wholesale fashion the female teachers, but he was firmly convinced that it would be much in the interests of the schools and the scholars if there were a larger proportion of male teachers. Why the trustees had come to the conclusion that more male teachers are needed was shown very well by extracts from two Eastern newspapers, the Toronto Globe and the Halifax Chronicle, intended to show that the discipline of school boys could best be fostered by the engagement of male teachers in the schools. The Globe, commenting on the report of Chief Constable Grassett, of Toronto, on the moral condition of the city, had said:

"Three facts stand out very suggestively in this report, namely, that most of the offenders were young, that the great majority of them were men, and that a fair majority of the men were unmarried. It may not be possible to specify any one cause to account for these three facts, but there is reason to believe that they are to some extent due to defective school education. It is hardly conceivable that such a state of things could exist were the schools of the city doing all they should and might do to prevent crime by moulding the characters of the pupils. It is just possible, so far as the boys are concerned, that the wrong bias of early adolescence is due partly to the education of the older boys being so largely entrusted to women. There comes a time in a boy's life when he holds all women in a kind of amused contempt, as people to be tolerated, not appreciated, and both his mother and his teacher are apt to be so regarded. This is a very formative period in his life, and just at that time the average boy would probably be better for the tactful discipline of a manly teacher in full sympathy with his pupils' intense craving for physical recreation, and their natural and perhaps not very censurable indifference to learning, especially of the kind that tells at written examinations."

Alluding to the same topic, the Halifax Chronicle said: "The Globe of Toronto, repeats the opinion expressed by the Morning Chronicle some months ago, that the lawlessness and 'hooliganism' with which Canada has been so painfully afflicted of late years is largely the consequence of the passing of our schools into the hands of female teachers.

"We do not revert to this subject with the least intention or desire to belittle the capabilities of the female teacher as a teacher. We merely desire to indicate her physical limitations. Physically, the average woman is quite incapable of managing effectively for his own good the average boy at the very time when that boy most needs such management.

"There is a considerable time in almost every boy's life—we say nothing of girls—when he needs firm control; when he needs to feel that he is in strong hands; that he must obey, not as a matter of grace, favor or condescension on his part, but because he is commanded to do so, and dare not disregard the command.

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Toronto, March 12.—Ontario is greatly shocked by revelations of Gamey. Never has the public conscience been so aroused. The government will seek to minimize the effect of the revelations by proposing a reference to a commission of judges, probably Justices MacLennan, Boyd and Osler. It is stated that several liberal members may bolt, in which case Ross may be defeated. Eventurel, Liberal, declares that he will oppose a reference to a judicial commission. The question now being discussed is how many ministers are involved. One thing in Premier Ross' favor is that he was in England when the alleged deed was done, or at least when the plot was apparently hatched. Stratton maintains that no consideration for support was ever mentioned, directly or indirectly between him and Gamey in any shape or form.

POPE LEO RECEIVES PILGRIMS.

Aged Pontiff Greets the Faithful in Hall of Consistory

Rome, March 12.—The Pope today received in the Hall of the Consistory a number of pilgrims from Nice, headed by the Bishop of Nice. The Pontiff greeted the pilgrims in a few words.

GERMANY'S NAVAL BUDGET.

Reichstag Applies Pruning Knife With Marked Results.

Berlin, March 12.—The Reichstag appropriation committee is continuing its policy of retrenchment. Today it struck out $1,500,000 which the admiralty wanted for the purchase of a site for the new Navy Department building making $3,188,750 stricken out of the naval budget alone.

Grand Lodge A. O. U. W.

New Officers for British Columbia Elected at Yesterday's Session.

Members Guests of Mayor and Entertained at Grand Banquet.

New Westminster, March 12.—The sessions of the Grand Lodge United Workmen concluded this afternoon, and tonight the members are being banquetted.

Today's sessions were prefaced by a trip up the river on the ferry steamer as guests of Mayor Keary. The brief jaunt was greatly enjoyed, the visitors gaining some idea of the magnitude of the work on the Westminster bridge, besides getting a good view of the city. The supreme master Workman, Representative Race, Tacoma, in the course of a speech last night, set forth how the order had disbursed since its formation $125,000,000, and has now a membership of 450,000. The two most important matters debated were the biennial sessions and an official organ. The former was carried by a substantial majority and now only requires the formal sanction of the supreme master Workman. The proposal to establish an official organ was generally approved, but it was decided to postpone action for the present.

The election of officers resulted in the following being chosen: F. W. Wells, P. G. M.; H. C. Edwards, G. M. W.; H. T. Devine, G. F. S.; A. Gilchrist, G. O.; J. T. McIlmoyl, grand recorder; Wm. Scowcroft, grand receiver; W. A. Dewolf Smith, M.D., grand medical examiner; grand trustees, W. H. Keary, H. Hay and A. M. Bullock. Supreme representatives for 1903: F. L. Budlong, J. E. Church, Geo. Adams; for 1904, F. W. Welsh, Dr. Dewolf Smith, H. Hoy. Committee on finance: J. E. Church, T. Stewart, C. W. Wrigleswerth.

Committee on laws, N. W. Welsh, F. L. Budlong and A. E. Woods.

Vancouver was decided upon as the place of next meeting.

The retiring Grand Master will be presented with a jewel.

The Grand Lodge attended in a body the funeral of the late J. A. Webster. The services were at Holy Trinity cathedral, and were attended by many citizens.

The Fraser river is frozen from Chilliwack to Mission, but the steel steamer Beaver ploughed her way down safely.

In an interview here today Chief Commissioner Wells said the government were preparing for a short session. The opposition would be to blame if it was prolonged.

The Board of Trade last night, after much discussion, passed a resolution to admit the press to its regular meetings on condition that the reporters omit to mention, at request, any business which the board wishes kept secret.

FORTY UNIONS MAY JOIN S RIKE

Nearly Five Thousand Spokane Workmen Will Be Involved.

Spokane, Wash., March 12.—More than 40 labor unions are voting on the proposition to join in a sympathetic strike on March 23. The carrying out of the proposition will throw out of employment between 4,000 and 5,000 workers. More than half the unions thus far voting have decided in favor of the strike. The trouble began months ago by the strike of the employees of the Spokane Falls Gas Light Company, upon their refusal to pay union wages or to recognize the union. A boycott was declared against the company, which has been running with non-union labor.

VESUVIUS STILL ERUPTIVE.

Activity Wanes With the Night and People Are Reassured

Portici, Italy, March 12.—The eruption of Vesuvius continues. The volcano was very active throughout the night, but this morning the disturbance became more feeble. The population continues quiet.

NO MORE LEVIATIANS.

International Marine Company Will Build no More Big Steamers.

London, March 12.—The shipping Gazette says it understands that the International Mercantile Marine Company has decided not to build any more leviatians like the White Star Cedric and Celtic until improved port facilities enable the company to exercise greater economy in working the vessels and render their construction a less risky financial undertaking.

"I understand that you have shown great courage in the service of your country." "I spec's I has." "Were you in the army?" "Yes, suh, but I doesn't count dat. What I's kin' o' lookin' foh is a medal foh is acceptin' an appointment as postmaster."—Washington Star.

The Husband Is to Blame

Says the Mother of the Young Woman Arrested For Swindling.

Girl-Wife Is Seriously Ill—Shields the Missing Husband.

Mrs. Verona Peltier, the young woman—she is not more than 17 years of age—who was arrested for uttering Confederate bills, was fortunate in falling into the hands of the police, although she does not think so. She would have been near death, according to report, had she not done so. The unfortunate woman is suffering from pneumonia and has symptoms of measles, and is seriously ill in the matron's room at the city lock-up. She was poorly clad when arrested, for although she had a roll of bills—not Confederates—in her possession she had not sufficient clothing, and the fact that she and Peltier have been sleeping on the floor in cheerless rooms and in an empty house for the past two days prior to her arrest, has resulted in her serious illness.

The young woman is said by her mother to be the dupe of Peltier in the swindling operations which have been going on. She, however, shields the man, who is still at large, Lying ill at the city lock-up, she says that she alone is responsible for circulating the bills, that she sent for them and uttered them.

"Would you come and see him if he was lying ill in jail?"—they asked her. In answer she shrugged her shoulders, and went on to proclaim the innocence of the man.

The mother of the young man views Peltier in a different light—a view unblinded by the self-sacrificing passion, and she says he is the real offender, having compelled his girl-wife to carry out his swindling schemes. The mother puts her views before the public in the following letter:

Dear Sir,—Will you permit me to make a short statement in regard to Verona Peltier, the young girl now in jail at the City Hall charged with a serious offence?

A few months ago she was induced to leave home and marry Peltier. As I did not wish to expose my other children to her husband's influence (even then I suspected him to be a criminal from the American side), I held no communication with her, until the accounts I received of her husband's treatment of her impelled me to try to aid her.

As Peltier said that he could not leave his wife alone while he sought the employment he could not obtain in Victoria, I induced Verona to accompany me to Salt Spring Island, but Peltier, instead of working himself, tried to compel his wife to support him.

When I remonstrated with him his reply was: "She is my property now, not yours, and I shall do what I please with her." He has even resorted to violence to compel the gentle, loving girl he duped into marrying him into carrying out his schemes.

Instead of a hardened criminal, this girl of just 17 is at once the shield and tool of a vile wretch, for whom, even now that she is deserted by him, sick and in prison, she would suffer to shield from the consequences of his crime.

HER MOTHER.

Peltier and the girl were married by Rev. Dr. Campbell about 18 months ago—the young girl, a pretty blonde, being blindly in love with the man, whose antecedents were unknown. They lived in Spring Ridge for a time, and then moved across the line. Some months ago they returned and have been living in a hovel-like room on Yates street, sleeping on the floor, with but a blanket to protect them from the cold. The room was devoid of furniture other than a broken chair and a stove, the wood for which was chopped and littered about the floor of the room. This was the room from which they fled when the police called. They spent the stormy weather—two nights—in an empty house and were endeavoring to leave for Vancouver when arrested.

The girl fought hard to bluff the detective who arrested her. Who was she—oh that was easy, she told him. She was Mrs. Frank Smith, and her husband was dead—he died in Tacoma. Her husband was outside, the detective said. Oh no—he was dead, she said. Well you'll have to come to the station with me for enquiries, said the officer. I guess not, she said, I'm going to Vancouver. But she went with the detective. Then she weakened and admitted that her husband was on the wharf. She said she would call him. She whistled—and he fled as fast as he could travel. The detective was in a dilemma. He could not chase the one without loosing the other—so he took the woman in charge and then set out after the man, but he had quite a start. On the way to the station the woman dropped her roll of Confederate bills—she had a stock in hand—in the snow, together with a letter addressed to Mrs. Peltier of Spring Ridge, and these were picked up next morning and handed to the police.

THE PATRIOT DEVLIN.

Canada's emigration agents are almost wholly pensioners on the pay roll of a grateful party.

The prosperity of the people who are here would attract settlers if no favored partisans were doomed to profitable exile in the alleged emigration service.

The truth that an emigration agent is the pensioner of the party and not the servant of the country is boldly emphasized in Mr. Charles Ramsay Devlin's request that he shall be allowed to represent Galway in the parliament at Westminster without ceasing to figure on the pay rolls of the Canadian government.

The parliamentary duties of Mr. Devlin will take up more than half of every year. He desires to gain the glory that goes with the parliamentary representation of Galway and retain the salary attached to the emigration sinecure. It may be argued that Mr. Devlin's style of oratory is calculated to depopulate every community which he addresses and that his speeches at Westminster will do more to promote emigration and drive settlers towards Canada than his silence in Ireland.—Toronto Telegram.

FLAW IN CREDENTIALS.

Chinese Commissioners Lack Authority to Negotiate Treaty at Shanghai.

Washington, D. C., March 12.—Plenipotentiaries of the powers who are engaged at Shanghai in negotiating trade treaties with the Chinese commissioners have discovered what they regard as a flaw in the credentials of the Chinese agents which make it impossible for them to bind their government in treaty form. It appears the Chinese commissioners must memorialize the Throne before the treaties will have force, and the powers object to this lack of authority on the part of the commissioners, but because Mr. Conger, the United States minister will have to refer any treaty he may draw up to his own government for approval, the American government is not in a position to protest.

Miffkins—My wife has been the making of me. Biffkins—Well, I don't think much of her ability as a manufacturer.—Chicago Daily News.

TO MARRY SEATTLE MAN.

Annie Rooney has decided to marry a wealthy bachelor merchant having an establishment on First avenue in this city, says yesterday's Seattle Post-Intelligencer. She made the announcement to the press last night from New Westminster, B. C., while leaving that place at the solicitation of the police there. Miss Rooney as well gave out the welcome news—welcome to the local police department—that she was on her way back to this city.

A telegram to the Post-Intelligencer from the place mentioned last night conveyed the information given. The message mentions no name in connection with her fiance, so the public must for a time wait or make surmises who this person may be. The announcement of her engagement Annie made very vague. She said merely that she was going to marry a well known and wealthy merchant, at present single. The representatives of the press used almost every means possible to induce her to give forth her secret to the expectant public. But she maintained a discreet silence. Further than the announcement she had nothing to say.

Perhaps today the Seattle will be cheered by the presence of Roney, as it is certain she will be at headquarters within a few hours most after her arrival. It may be the officers will send forth a call to transport her in state through the streets of the city. It is certain she will not attempt to shanghai her on Sound steamers. If it can be said she will be a passenger on the vessel leaving Puget Sound for.

THE CHESS PLAY

Monte Carlo, March 1[illegible] beat Pillsbury today in a game which had been adjourned from the tenth round of the international chess tournament here. The ninth round was played tomorrow.

Visitors of The Early [illegible]

Pandora Street Resident Wakened by Unknown Men Trying His Door.

Happenings in the City Police Court Yesterday Morning.

"Open that door—open it, or I'll break it in."

This at 2.30 a. m. at a man's bedroom door is not pleasant—and a resident of Pandora street knows it is not. He was asleep until he heard the turning of the door-knob, and the polite command of his early morning visitors. The rattling of the door-knob, and a repetition of the command awoke him, and he jumped out of bed.

"You will—will you?" he said. "Oh I don't know." Then he telephoned to the police station.

The visitors did not wait until the police constable arrived—they gave the door-knob a parting shake and then disappeared. He saw them from the window leaving the front gate. There were two men, but in the darkness it was impossible to describe them.

If they were burglars, their methods would proclaim them as novices. The incident seemed more like a case of a pair of drunks and a mistaken house.

But the resident says the experience was not a pleasant one.

A crowd gathered in the police court yesterday morning. It was expected that some family "dirty linen" would be up for washing—but the crowd was disappointed. A father had charged his son with assault—and it was expected that other things which the police court loungers relish would come out in evidence.

It seems that the son is married, and lives at home. The father is persona non-grata, and he does not live at home. In other words his home is not his home. The mother and son say the father does not contribute to the support of his family, and is therefore undesirable. When he went there the son kicked him out, hence the charge of assault.

However, when he thought of the notoriety, etc., as a result of the ventilation of the charge, he asked to be allowed to withdraw the charge. And so it was.

Sims and Corker have two or three delivery carts, and the tax collector wants a per cart as per the bylaw made and provided. Sims and Corker object and have retained Mr. E. Robertson to do their objecting. For two months the case has gone on in the police court, and yesterday morning it was called again. The arguments of Mr. Robertson for the defendants, and Mr. Bradburn for the city have been heard, and the magistrate will give his decision after looking up the authorities quoted, on Thursday next.

HIGH SCHOOL CADET CORPS

Much Progress Towards Organization—Uniform Which Is Suggested.

It is anticipated that within a few weeks a sufficient number of the pupils of the High school will have signed the roll of membership in the new High School Cadet Corps to permit of it being forwarded to Col. Holmes, preparatory to formal organization, and equipment of the Junior military body.

The matter of a uniform for the cadets has been given some consideration, though nothing has yet been finally decided. Col. Holmes recommends a gray uniform—Norfolk jacket and knee breeches, with removable brass buttons, and scarlet facings, the latter being also removable, so as to permit of the owner wearing the same as an ordinary every-day school suit when free from military duty. It is expected that the cost of the uniform will be about $5.50—such being the figure at which they are obtained at points in the East, where there are branches of the cadet corps. The cap will be similar to the regular service forage cap. The cost of the uniforms, it is explained, is to be borne by the members themselves.

It is provided that there must be at least 40 members enrolled, all being pupils of the High school, not less than 14 years of age. They sign for at least one year's service, though they may get discharge on leaving school finally. Suitable accommodation must be provided at the school premises for the storing of rifles and accoutrements. The former will probably be the Snider-Enfield carbine, as it is comparatively light in weight and easily handled. Regular drills will be provided for on the parade grounds, also rifle practice at the Clover Point range. A fife and drum band will be organized and the members of the same need not necessarily be High school pupils. Instruction will be imparted by an officer from the regular service. The school boys are taking a lively interest in the scheme, and it promises to be quite the important success anticipated.

Deadlock Is Broken

Master Teamsters Haul Freight to and From the C. P. R. Vancouver.

Plenty of Non-Union Men For All the Teams That Are Available.

Retail Clerks May Refuse to Sell Goods Handled by the Men.

Our Own Correspondent

Vancouver, March 12.—The master teamsters hauled freight to and from the C. P. R. today, and thus broke the deadlock caused by the journeymen teamsters striking in sympathy with the [illegible] E. The master teamsters [illegible] at by many of the strikers [illegible] re the drays to the station, [illegible] ere indifferent to the jeers [illegible] the business community be[illegible] in the form of a signed resolution holding them in their action, [illegible] he fact, as alleged, that the [illegible] struck contrary to agreement [illegible] aster teamsters. The master [illegible] ay they are hiring non-union [illegible] and will soon have enough [illegible] men to handle all the teams [illegible] all the freight. There [illegible] of the retail clerks refusing [illegible] reight hauled by non-union [illegible] is not believed the clerks [illegible] ch action.

[illegible] melvin received sentence of [illegible] ee months in jail, and W. H. Blescoe, nine months in jail, for breaking into the bonded warehouse on the C. P. R. and stealing liquor. Both men were from Montreal and had been engaged as freight handlers to replace the strikers. The trial of the two men acting as substitutes on the C. P. R. wharf, who were charged with stealing Chinese whiskey, developed the interesting fact that the Canadian Customs Department were the real prosecutors, and the men were charged with breaking into the bonded warehouse. Two charges being proved against them, one of the men, W. H. Blescoe, got nine months in jail and the other, H. E. Melvin, three months. Both were from Montreal.

The Vancouver Liberal Association met tonight and decided to request the executive of the provincial association to call a convention at an early date to consider questions of great importance to the party.

The Rat Portage Lumber Company has purchased Tait's sawmill for $100,000, with limits in different parts of the Coast, including about 6,000 acres. The sawmill of W. L. Tait is one of the largest sawmilling plants in Vancouver and does a very large export trade.

Vancouver Happenings

Damages Awarded Lumber Men For Boom Lost in a Storm.

Strikers Threaten to Start Co-Operative Store to Injure Merchants.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, March 12.—A boom of logs sold to the Pacific Coast Lumber Company was caught in a storm when being towed by the tug Muriel, and a large portion of the boom lost. Three Indians, who sold the boom, Chief George Harry, Tow Wilson and Sam Tinwoody claimed in the Supreme Court before Justice Irving that the boom had been taken in tow by the Packers Steamship Association tug Muriel without authority. They asked for $2,000 damages, and were awarded that amount by the court.

The City Council are considering a proposal from Mr. J. C. Keith to purchase 5,500 acres of land along the Capilano river, a stream from which Vancouver gets its water supply. Mr. Keith asks $3 per acre without the timber, or $5 with the timber. It is likely a bylaw will be submitted to the people covering the purchase proposition.

The annual meeting of the Vancouver Bicycle Club was held at the Leland hotel last night, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, H. C. Clarke; first vice-president, Wm. Ralph; second vice-president, Wm. Blackmore; secretary, J. H. Kincaid; assistant secretary, P. T. Hogg; captain, C. J. Marshall; first lieutenant, Robert Haddon; second lieutenant, Jesse Edwards; timekeeper, G. S. Mason; handicapper, E. S. Wilband; buglers, A. McQuarrie and Robt. Knight; executive, W. Hodson, I. V. Williams, D. J. Koontz; D. McLean and J. A. Murray.

The brigantine Blakeley, of the Western Canadian Fish Company of this city, was towed down from Barnet yesterday and is now berthed at the C. P. R. wharf where she will load supplies for a fishing cruise on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, principally in the neighborhood of Barkley Sound.

Socialist labor men here say that if this strike is prolonged, and the business men uphold the master teamsters in hauling freight with non-union men, that a large co-operative store will be started in retaliation to supply the necessaries of life to the laboring classes.

Mah Qua, executor for the estate of Mah Youen, is suing the city for $3,000 on the ground that while Mah Youen was in the city jail it was in such an unsanitary condition that it caused his death.

When washing greasy dishes or pots and pans, Lever's Dry Soap (a powder) will remove the grease with the greatest ease.

WAR MINISTER RESIGNS.

Refused a Credit for Material and Leaves His Post.

Sofia, March 12.—A despatch dated March 8 announces that War Minister Paprikoff has sent in his resignation because his colleagues rejected his demand for a credit of $1,600,000 for the purchase of war material. The whole cabinet threatened to resign unless Prince Ferdinand accepted Minister Paprikoff's resignation.

It is stated that the Premier, Dr. Danneff, will take the war portfolio ad interim in consequence of the resignation of the War Minister Paprikoff. No other changes in the cabinet are anticipated.

AN ACHING BACK.

Is the first indication of kidney disease, and should be taken as a signal of danger—a warning to use Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills while yet there is time to avoid the dreadful pains and certain fatality of this terrible disease. There is no guesswork, no experimenting when you use this prescription. It brings relief in a remarkably short time, and because of its combined action of liver and kidneys, cures complicated cases which cannot be reached by ordinary treatment.