

News Summary.

The Victorian era ball given by the Governor General and Lady Aberdeen at Toronto on Tuesday night, was the most brilliant affair of the kind in the history of that city.

The California Supreme Court, after having heard the matter argued in chambers, Tuesday denied the application of the attorneys for the condemned murderer Durrant, for a writ of probable cause.

A Biddeford, Maine, girl who met and made a friend of a Colorado man on a recent visit there, was shocked a short time ago to learn of his death and a little later was startled by the information that he had left to her \$30,000.

The steamer Alki arrived at Seattle, Wash., Tuesday bringing advices from Dawson City up to November 25. The passengers say there will be no starvation at Dawson this winter or next spring. The Alki's passengers brought out about \$150,000 gold in dust and nuggets.

Mr. Nansen, the Arctic explorer, is quite exacting and exorbitant in his terms. For a lecture in Washington he demanded a bonus of \$1,000 cash in advance, that all his expenses and the expenses of his lecture should be paid, and that he should have 60 per cent. of the remainder of the proceeds, if there were any.

Governor Desha of Kentucky more than a half century ago had a wild son who was convicted of murder in that state. The governor promptly pardoned his son, and he disappeared. That son is now the most eloquent preacher in the Hawaiian Islands. He knows the language perfectly, and his greatest sermons are preached in it.

The Fall River, Mass., operatives' committee have decided to recommend the various unions that they accept the proposed reduction in wages for the present, but they will notify their employers that as soon as there is a margin of profit sufficient for the restoration of the present wage schedule they will demand it, even if a strike is the result.

As the Greek gunboats on Tuesday were leaving the Gulf of Ambracia they were fired on a second time by all the Preveza forts. The garrison which was out lining the quay, also fired repeated volleys, though no damage was done. This action, after Turkey has apologized, is supposed to be intended to create a precedent for closing the gulf.

The British columns have returned from Kyber Pass after punishing with slight opposition the Zakkha Khels, in the Bazar valley. Military operations on the frontier are now concluded. Many hitherto unknown strategic frontier routes have been surveyed and mapped out. The vaulted prestige of the Afridis has been lowered, and their punishment has paved the way for the permanent settlement of the country.

The G. T. R. and C. P. R. announce some important reductions in freight rates going into effect on Jan. 1. The tariff on cereals and corn products from United States western points to seaboard will be reduced from 22 1/2 to 20 cents per 100 pounds and on corn only for export and domestic use from 20 cents to 17 1/2 per 100 pounds. Previous to Oct. 15 last, the rates were the same as the figures now announced. From Canadian main point lines a reduction is made from 17 1/2 to 15 cents per 100 pounds to the seaboard for export.

It is rumored that the Marquis of Hertford will succeed the Earl of Aberdeen as Governor General of Canada. Hugh De Grey Seymour, Sixth Marquis of Hertford, was born in 1843 and married a daughter of Viscount Bridport. The marquis was formerly a captain in the Grenadier Guards, was a member of parliament in 1869 for County Antrim, and in 1874 was a member of parliament for South Warwickshire. He is Deputy Lieutenant for Warwickshire, was comptroller of Her Majesty's household in 1879 and is a Conservative in politics.

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