

AGED MURDER ON ONE OF GULF ISLANDS

Ger Gives Himself Up to the Police Who Are Now Investigating Affair.

cover, Oct. 19.—News reached over this morning of an alleged murder on Tumbo Island, near St. Isidore, which occurred a week ago.

BATTLESHIPS COLLIDE.

Prince George Badly Damaged by Ram of the Hannibal.

Spain, Oct. 19.—The British ship Prince George was towed yesterday after having been in collision with the British battleship Hannibal.

TURKEYS GRANT

Rebuilding Villages and Assisting Sufferers in Macedonia—Relief-Work Almost Suppressed.

Constantinople, Oct. 19.—The committee has decided to grant \$50,000 (Turkish) to rebuild villages and assist the distress in Macedonia.

WILL OFFER SERVICES.

Irving, Who is Going to England, is Ready to Assist Campaign.

real, Oct. 19.—"I am leaving for England immediately, and shall remain until the spring. It is my intention to offer my services to Mr. Chamberlain in the campaign."

DREDGE KING EDWARD.

Be Ordered to the Fraser For a Time.

Oct. 19.—The council and the trade of New Westminster have decided to dredge King Edward for the Fraser river at once to repair the bar on which they say there is 3 feet of water, so that a ship can get up to New Westminster.

MANAGER PROMOTED.

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MAKING CHOICE OF THE LEADER

LIBERAL MEMBERS ARE ASSEMBLED HERE

All Those Elected With the Exception of the Two Cariboo Members Present.

(From Monday's Daily.) Fifteen out of the seventeen Liberal members elected to the legislature on October 20, are in the Capital today for the purpose of selecting the man who will henceforth occupy the post of leader of the party.

A number of the members, including John Oliver, of Delta, and Stuart Henderson, of Yale, came in on Saturday night. Dr. King, the youthful member for Cranbrook, came in yesterday morning.

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OFFICIALS ABOVE REPROACH.

Prominent Klondiker Says Charge That They Are Incompetent Is Incorrect—Yukon Affairs.

J. J. Rutledge, a prominent Yukon mine owner, who, with Mrs. Rutledge, is staying at the Hotel Vancouver, having arrived from Dawson on the last trip of the steamer Princess May, was interviewed by a Vancouver News-Advertiser reporter the other evening.

In reply to the question, "Are you interested in mining?" he stated: "Yes, I am operating six claims on Gold Run creek, and I intend to keep them."

"Did you stake them all?" was next asked and Mr. Rutledge replied, "No, I never staked my staking right in the country, but I purchased every claim. To-day I own about 12 claims, on the pay rock."

Asked his opinion of the Klondiker at the present time he replied: "I certainly think it is a good country for the right class of men; men who will go in with the idea of staying with the country."

"His attention was then called to the intemperance given by J. D. McGillivray, to a correspondent of the New York Herald, which appeared in some of the Coast papers, alleging corrupt practices on the part of the Yukon officials. Mr. Rutledge stated that he had already seen it, and when asked whether it was correct, replied: "It is not; I regard the officials in the Yukon as above reproach."

Mr. McGillivray stated in his interview that the conditions in the Yukon to-day were little better than in the first days of the rush.

Respecting this, Mr. Rutledge remarked: "Regarding that point I might say that there is as much truth in Mr. McGillivray's statement as there ever was in similar allegations in the early days of the Yukon. Inquiry after inquiry was held, to satisfy copper buyers, regarding alleged corrupt practices and no specific charge was ever made or charged upon any of the officials of the territory is that they are over obliging to the miners and have never, as far as I know, exacted one cent there beyond the regular government dues and charges."

Totally Incorrect. In the courts we have judges and officers who are above reproach. In the gold commissioner's office, from Mr. Senkler down, it would be hard to find a more competent or painstaking staff, and it is the same in all the mine inspectors along the creeks. I fail to see how any sane man could conceive the idea of incompetency among them."

Questioned regarding the general charges against the administration he replied: "I have been in the Yukon since 1897, and I know all the men in the territory, and I will defy any man to show me in the past history of the world's gold fields a more honest and more successful administration than that of the Yukon. I have seen the expenditure of government money in the building of roads, bridges and administrative buildings as has been the bright and fair Klondiker. To-day the four exports to the coast were on the increase, and ships for Australia were sent out full every trip."

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MAY ARRANGE TO BUY THE SEALING FLEET

Conference Will Be Held Next Month—How the Negotiations Stand at Present.

An Associated Press dispatch from St. Petersburg says: "N. A. Komarov, who was Russian representative in the seal arbitration at The Hague, has been appointed a delegate to the November seal conference. It is said that the United States offers to pay two-thirds of the \$500,000 Canada demands for her sealing fleet, provided Russia contributes one-third of the amount."

Victoria sealing men have received no official information of the conference, which, according to the above dispatch, is to be held in November, but they are not surprised to learn that such will take place. In fact they have been looking for a conference for a number of years, and anticipate now that it will take place at Washington.

In order to explain the above it might be stated that in 1896 or '97 a secret treaty was concluded with Japan by which the United States, the conditions of which provided that the United States should purchase Japanese sealers in view of a cessation of business. This, of course, was contingent on Russia assisting in the payment of the indemnity. The treaty so far as known was finally arranged, but was dependent on similar decisions being arrived at between the United States and Great Britain in regard to compensation for Canadian sealers.

This treaty, however, was never effected, and it is supposed that the conference spoken of is the one at which the matter will formally be dealt with. If the negotiations are successful Russia will also be asked to help provide the Canadian for the loss which her sealers would sustain in abolishing the industry, and the amount which Russia will be asked to contribute will, accordingly, be increased. The remaining third of the \$500,000, Russia is an interested party both in respect to the treaty with Japan and also with Great Britain because of the sealing grounds to be found on the Siberian coast.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS.

Queen's South African War Medal and Clasps in Hands of Department.

Lieut.-Colonel Hall, commanding Fifth Regiment, has issued the following orders:

The following extracts from Militia Orders are published for information: "Militia Order No. 217, 21st Sept. 1903. It is hereby ordered that the Queen's South African War Medal and Clasps, to which members of the 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment, Royal Canadian Dragoons, 1st Canadian Mounted Rifles, 'C', 'D' and 'E' Batteries, and the 1st and 2nd Strathcona's Horse, are entitled, are in possession of the War Office, London."

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POLITICAL RUMORS.

John Houston May Be Sworn in Monday—The Government's Bank Accounts.

A rumor gained currency Saturday that John Houston was to be sworn in as minister of finance on Monday afternoon. The report has been found to be incorrect as Mr. Houston entering the cabinet to-day. It is safe to say, however, that the receiving of Mr. Houston into the cabinet will not be delayed beyond the first days of next week, unless something unforeseen should occur.

Hon. R. G. Tattow and Hon. A. E. McPhillips are expected back from the Maland this evening. After their arrival the matter will be finally settled and a decision arrived at. The conclusion reached will undoubtedly be that Mr. Houston shall be sworn in on Monday. It is said that the cabinet agenda opened, it being presumed by the government that the new minister will be able to carry the riding.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

GRAND FOLKS.

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The summer carnival finance committee has decided to receive the report of the honorary treasurer. This was submitted, adopted and handed over to E. Duthie, Bank of Montreal, and J. M. Macdonald, Bank of B. N. A., to be audited. The balance sheet in their hands was \$634. Outstanding subscriptions to the amount of \$50 were reported, and it was stated that about \$30 of this would yet be collected. It was resolved to grant \$25 to Jesse Cagle, of Meyers Falls, who brought two horses to the carnival on the understanding

that a purse would be provided, which was overlooked. The general committee has decided to receive the report of the honorary treasurer. This was submitted, adopted and handed over to E. Duthie, Bank of Montreal, and J. M. Macdonald, Bank of B. N. A., to be audited. The balance sheet in their hands was \$634. Outstanding subscriptions to the amount of \$50 were reported, and it was stated that about \$30 of this would yet be collected. It was resolved to grant \$25 to Jesse Cagle, of Meyers Falls, who brought two horses to the carnival on the understanding

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