## **Hard Times** For Travelers

Trying Experience in Snow Blockades on The C. P. R.

The Belated Passengers Reach Victoria With Tales of

SILVER-LEAD BOUNTY.

Nelson, B. C., March 29.—Messrs, Alfred C. Garde, president of the Silverlead Miners' Association, and Messrs, Cronin, Pollin and Retallick met J. J. Campbell and D. W. Moore, representatives of the Hall mines and Trail smelters here this evening for the purpose of signing a memorial passed at a meeting of the Silver-lead Miners' Association held in Sandon on Thursday last. The memorial was addressed to the Dominion government and favored allowing a fixed there was considerable opposition developed to paying the bounty on ore going out of the country. The meeting will resume tomorrow morning, when the matter will again be considered. W. H. Aldridge, manager of the Trail smeker, is expected here to attend tomorrow's meeting.

TOTAL STATE OF THE PROPERTY OF

**Proceedings** in Supreme Court

Judgment Delivered Yesterday In Davies Sayward vs. Buchanan et al.

Plaintiffs Win Case, Damages to Be Fixed By Further Trial.

Vienna, March 31.—Emperor Francis Joseph this morning observed the ancient ceremony of washing the feet of twelve old men in the Crystal hall of the twelve old men in the Crystal hall of the twelve old men in the Crystal hall of the twelve old men in the Crystal hall of the twelve old men in the Crystal hall of the twelve old men bers of the diplomatic corps, the cabinet ministers, military officers and court functionaries. The Emperor, assisted by eight archdukes, personally waited on the old men, placing before them food and drink which, however, they did not consume, the refreshments being immediately removed and later sent to their homes. The ceremony concluded with His Majesty hanging around the neck of each of the old men a silk purse containing the traditions. Talety

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\*\*YV. HICKS.\*\*

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 25, 1904.

\*Thirty days from date I intend to apply the for chemencement.

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Victoria, B. C., Feb. 25, 1904.

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Strange People From the Orient

The Empress Liner Arrives With Orientals For St Louis Exposition.

Heavy Shipment of Silk For

New York Part of the

Cargo.

R. M. S. Empress of Japan arrived at quarantine last night, and came up to the outer wharf sesterday morning at half past six o'clock. Although she met with a good deal of rough weather, especially just after leaving Yokohama, the Empress was on time, not having been due by her schedule until yesterday. The weather off the coast of Japan was wild, and one or two minor accidents were reported as a consequence, Bishop Thoburn, who is returning with his family from China, having been thrown violently against the side of the ship during one of the heavy lurches and sustaining painful injuries to his leg. The chief cook also suffered from a fall due to the rolling of the ship.

The Empress brought besides the saloon passengers, 5d Japanese and 93 Chinese, while there were also several East Indians in the steerage. Amongst the cargo which is exceptionally large, is a big consignment of silk for New York.

Probably the most interesting passengers aboard the Empress of Japan were THE AINUS,

THE AINUS, from the Island of Hokkaido, Northern Japan, who are on their way to the St. Louis Exposition under the care of Professor Fred Starr, lecturer in the anthropological department, Chicago University. He has been entrusted by the United States government and the management of the St. Louis fair to bring those strange people from their mountainous home in Hokkaido, and it was only after great persuasion that he succeeded in inducing those people to accompany him across the ocean.

The party consists of four men, three women, one young man and two children. The party consists of four men, thr women, one young man and two childred. They were accommodated aboard in thatfer steerage, which they had all to there selves, and they seemed to be very confortable when a Colonist reporter introduced himself through the aid of Mr. 'Blangaki, a senior div.nity student of Tok University, who speaks English exceeding the conformation of the conformat University, who speaks English exceed ly well, and also the chinook that is

when introduced to them, is the magnificent moustache with which each fair mouth is surrounded; for, not satisfied with tatooing the counterfeit presentment of the moustache on the upper lip, in brilliant blue tint, they also include the lower lip as far as the middle of the chin. The tatooing is carried far out on each cheek to a fine point, so that it gives them the appearance of being the proud possessors of waxed military moustachioed beauties, but one gets used to it after a little, and find the blue a fine setting for the beautiful white teeth which they possess, and take care to show in expansive smiles whenever possible.

One of the men, an old fellow who seemed to be tyee of the illahie, wore earrings of silver almost as big as quoits; the weight of them pulled his lookes till it looked as if there would be a separation in order pretty soon. This gentleman's hair was thick and matted as wool, and grey as a badger's back. His whiskers and beard seemed to be impenetrable, but that was

AN OPTICAL ILLUSION. tase was much like that of the ancient Britons, and the Angles, Jutes and Saxons. The Britons retired after each defeat farther into the wilds of Wales and Cornwall, while the newcomers possessed the land, gave it a new name, and finally blossomed into quite respectable citizens, while the ancient Britons, latterly the Cymri and later the Welsh, heid to their mountain fastnesses, their hanguage and

So it has been with the dispossessed Alaus of Hokkaido. They had to give up the pleasant plains and vales of Southern Japan and content themselves with the sub-arctic plateaux and MOUNTAIN GLENS OF HOKKAIDO, with its Siberian winter and prolonged rains. They retain the ancient speech of their fathers, and it is quite different from the language of the Japanese. The Alnutongue is full of liquid notes, and has a strange singing infection very pleasant to listen to, not unlike the Siamese.

The Japanese communicate with the Alnus in a queer jargon made up of scraps of Orlental languages, much after the fashion of the Hudson Bay Company's chinook Jargon for trading with the Indians. Like the conies, the Alnus are but a feeble folk, not more than seventy-five thousand of them remaining of the multitudes who once peopled the south islands.

Mr. Elnagakl, who seems to have made a study of those strange people, for the purpose, no doubt, of missionary effort amongst them at some future time, said that the members of the little party fair ly represented the Ainu race. It was not always the case that they were to be found unusually hairy, though that was a four common characteristic of the people, some of them were as smooth, physically and morally, as Jacob.

While the Colonist man and the divinity student were thus discussing the mer'ts and demerits of the Ainus the MOUNTAIN GLENS OF HOKKAIDO,

set up a musical little Ainu howi for breakfast, and their mothers flew around to passuage the indignation of those princes of walls with boiled rice, which the little ones supped avidly with horn spoons, made out of the antiers of a native deer which roams the Hokkaldo mountains. The small people were gally attired, not unlike the children of the Chinese on gala days, and regarded the white man with great, solemn, black eyes as they banquetted up on the frugal fare, and judging by their plump little hands and arms and chubby faces, is pretty good feed for Asiatic babies. The head of the party, the elderly gentleman with the Brobdingnagian earness aforementioned, assured the Colon's that they were all glad to be near the end of their ocean trip, and would be still more happy when they were on terra firms once again. The young man Ainu is a hand-some fellow after the East Asiatic fashion, and his pleasant face frequently beamed with smiles as the divinity student explained things, while his grins were brilliant, owing to his TWO BABY AINUS

white as new ivory, regular and small, and set closely together. In answer to an impertinent question from the reporter as to whose brand of tooth paste he used, the young man laughed and shook his head, and held up a little spill of hard wood. With this simple tool those people can cleanse their mastleating machinery in a manner that is marvelous in its thoroughness, Probably their somewhat Sparoughness, Probably their somewhat Spartan diet has a good deal to do with the robust health of their toeth. There are no work the second deal to do with the robust health of their toeth. There are no work to the second deal to do with the professional dentists in Hakkaido, Mr. Kinagaki assured the reporter, and there seems to be no need of an affidavit in the case.

Captain Kaburaki, of the Imperial Japanese navy, is the officer, one of the passengers of the Empress told the Colonist reporter, who was wounded at the first naval engagement at Port Arthur, and who is now traveling

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