FIVE MILLION FOR WINDY ARM MINES

Seattle Syndicate Said to Have Received Final Payment on Big Deal.

TAPPING THE V. V. &. E. ROAD London Omnibus Operator Was Owner of Valuable Nelson Relic.

Two Women Meet Violent Deaths as Result of Men's Jealousy.

TEATTLE, March 23.—(Special).-The Conrad Consolidated mines, consisting of ten claims on Windy Arm, near White Horse, Yukon have been sold to William McKenzie, of McKenzie & Mann, the owner of the Canadian and Northern railway, for \$5,000,000 cash. The deal was closed in Toronto last week, and the final payment was made in Seattle yesterday afternoon. These mines were bought on the option last year was not damaged. The loss is fairly well covered by insurance. have been sold to William McKenzie by a syndicate of local businessmen

Strange Case of Poisoning
Louis Pydee, a shinglebolt cutter, has found a rock bearing what is supposed to be "Ruby sands," while working in the Green lake region last Saturday and the following day, after securing some amalgam, placed it on the kitchen stove. The doors were kept closed on account of the stormy weather, and his five-year-old daughter, Louisa, died today from what appears to be mercurial

The Great Northern today sent out a crew of engineers to make a final location survey of the road from Wenachee to Oroville. The new road will follow the Columbia and Okanagan rivers closely and connect with the Victoria, Vancouver and Eastern building along the international boundary, with main line of the Great Northern. A rich fruit and agricultural district will be tapped. The first surveys of this road were made six years ago and at one time the road into Republic was contemplated. Since then the project has been abandoned.

Another Alaskan Road Preject.

Another Alaskan Road Project against ex-President H. A. McCurdy, his son Robt. H., and the firm of Chas. H. Raymond & Co., the company's former country. The steamers Farallon and Keanie have been chartered to carry construction material and will leave shortly for the north. It is said that Orca is to be the ocean terminus. It is also understood that Mr. Heney, who built the White Pass and Yukon railroad from Skagway to White Horse, will have charge of the construction of the new line. President Graves, of the White Pass line, is also said to be backing the undertaking, and will enter into competition with the Copper River and Northwestern railroad, now building out from Valdez.

Jealous Man's Crime

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George Blodgett, of the Dalles, a business man of the community, murdered Miss Alice Gordon, a singer in Blazier's beer hall, at the Vannoy lodging house this afternoon by firing four shots into her breast. After the deed he placed a red carnation on her bodice, and was found sitting on the edge of the bed in the room where the tragedy occurred. The shots were fired at such close range that they set fire to the bed clothes, and the flames when Sergeant Taylor found him, in response to an alarm sent to the station. "I am the man. I did it," remarked Blodgett, when he saw the officer. It is said the woman and Blodgett had been quarrelling. She came here from the Sound about six weeks ago. Bledgett came to the city two week's ago, and from that time displayed an insane jealousy of the attentions paid the woman by a man named Flinm.

Again the Green Eyed Monster
Oakland, Cal., March 23.—(Special).—Last night at about 9 o'clock Charles Macdonaid, a horse trainer at Pleasanton, shot and killed Joseph Mello, one of the best known and most successful business men of the town. The only witness to the crime besides the perpetrator, was the wife of Macdonaid was the cause.

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Bakersfield, Cal., March 23.—(Special).—A special from Kernville, sixty miles from this city, in Sierras, relates that Wednesday nine Japanese employees of Edison Eletric company were run out of town by a mob of transient laborers under threat of being dynamited.

GREENE AND GAYNOR'S TRIAL

Savannah, Ga., March 23.—P. Sanford Ross, of Newark, N. J.; C. E. P. Bergwyn, of Richmond, Va., and L. W. Schimmerhorn, of Brooklyn, were witnesses today in the Greene and Gaynor trial, their testimony being designed to show that fair and open competition was met by the defendants when they secured their contracts under Capt. Carter's administration. The evidence of Mr. Ross was favorable to the defence, showing that he had every opportunity to get in his bids on the work and was not excluded by Carter's methods. On the cross-examination, however. District Attorney Erwin intimated that there existed an understanding between Ross and Greene and Gaynor, under which Ross was to have the dredging and Greene and Gaynor the jetty work. It was claimed that their respective bids, therefore, were at such figures as to bring about such a division. Ross' bids on jetty work were always just a little higher than those of Greene und Gaynor.

Light Sentence Passed on Prisoner Morden Judge.

Morden, Man., March 23.—A remarkably light sentence, considering the nature of the offence of which Jacob Unrau, was found guilty, was imposed by the judge at the assizes court today. The prisoner, in a drunken brawl, stabbed a companion seriously. The latter recovered, and the incident did not interrupt the personal friendship which had previously existed. His lordship, taking all the facts into consideration, sent the prisoner to jail for eight days. Morden, Man., March 23,-A remark

A WEALTHY DRIVER

London, March 23.-The Daily Tele London, March 23.—The Daily Telegraph today states that the "general memorandum" of Lord Nelson, giving his autographic directions to his captains on the eve of the battle of Trafalgar, and which was sold at auction in London on March 15th for \$18,000, was the property of a London omnibus driver who is still plying his calling.

FIRE AT MONTREAL

Building of Central Power Company Considerably Damaged.

Montreal, March 23 .- Fire tonight did He said:

property they have since sold for \$5,-000,000. Up to date this is the largest single mining deal ever turned over in the history of Windy Arm. **MILLIONS STARTED**

Starts Action Against Former President

first complaint of series of New York and London capitalists re reported to be back of a project build a road from tidewater on rince William sound to the interior his son Robt. H., and the firm of Chas.

Finally the company demanded judgment against ex-President McCurdy for \$3,370,341.66 with interest, as damages for alleged unfaithfulness and neglect.

Mr. Fish discussing Mutual Life matters today, said:

"I have not as yet committed myself to any existing policy holders commit-tee, published reports to the contrary, notwithstanding.

"There will be more reason for an active movement looking to the election of new insurance directors when the legislature shall invalidate the proxies already given and provide a means whereby the policy holders may elect new boards."

CARNEGIE DEFENDS

Laird of Skibo Proposes to Hurry **Evolution of the English** Language.

TTOT SPRINGS, Va., March 24.-Andrew Carnegie made a statement today giving his views ou the proposed reform of English spelling.

now, our language has been constantly changing and improving, not under any rule or system, but simply as occasion has required new words and new spell

under publication, gives the history of each word, and shows that the words crop into our language in the most hap hazard manner. A new world expresses a new want, or an old want better than while the word invented with the strictest regard to rule may apply in value. What is strange one year is correct English a few years later. Thus is our language. It is a slow process, but a steady and sure one. All the struggles of pedants and purists are helpless against it. The organized effort I have agreed to rule may apply in value.

Is Not Revolutionary

Far from it. Its action will be conservative. Word after word it will endeavor to improve the spelling and the language, slowly of course, but hastening the pace if possible, that is all.

"The editors who are disposed to ridicule the effort themselves use words, and especially spellings, which their predecessors of a century ago would have denounced as degrading to its literature. The editors of the next century will in turn marvel at the uncouth spelling of our present scribes.

"Since our language has been

the worst, and we may be the come finally

The Universal Language
the most potent of all instruments for drawing the races together, insuring peace and advancing civilization. The foreigner has the greatest difficulty in acquiring it because of its spelling; this is, at least his chief obstacle, for its grammar is easy.

The Universal Language from Andrew Carriegre—and more if it can be put to good use—the Simplified spelling board will start to reform the spelling of English words. It's object, at least for the present, will be in the line of dropping silent and superfluous letters rather than in a radical general revision of the language.

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"Hundreds of scholarly men have agreed to use improved spelling for twelve words. These words are already well started in actual use. Other simplifications will be suggested, If meritorious they will be adopted, "Teachers have assured me that children would be saved more than a year's instruction if our spelling were simplified.

"Why the perverse 'ought' spellings letters rather than in a ranical general revision of the language.

The Simplified spelling board will have offices in the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's building, New York, and will be managed by an executive committee, of which Professor Brander Matthews, of Columbia university, will be the head. It proposes to issue circulars, setting forth its objects, and will establish clubs to promote spelling reform in all parts of the country.

ers to follow rather closely certain spellings proposed by the National Edu-Seen at the Kootenay hotel last night,
Mr. Hathaway said:
"Yes, I have seen my purchase; at
least I have seen where it is, definitely
enough to make up my mind that I don't
care to try to climb to it.

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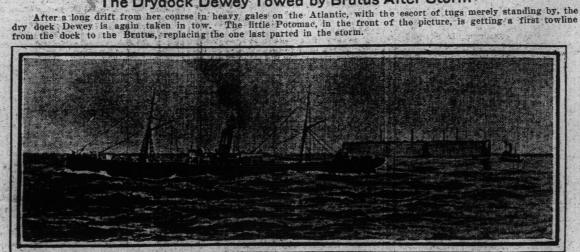
40 FORT STREET

NEXT TO FIVE SISTERS BLOCK, VICTORIA, B. C.

"I find that I own forty acres of bar

"Everybody," sain he, who knows the ingrained conservatism of the English speaking race knows it is quite hopeless ever to arrive for a radical and violent change. The most that can be done is to simplify spelling by the omission of many unnecessary letters. This simplification will be in accordance with who cannot afford it any better than I can, to make similar investments. Of

The Drydock Dewey Towed by Brutus After Storm



The Potomac Getting tow Line to the Dry Dock From the Bruttur After Maving Deen Adrift for Three Days

some of these

Are British Authorities

Indeed, 'thuo,' with the superfluous apostrophe, abounds in British authors from Addison down. We just drop the apostrophe. That 'thro' will get in general use is certain. Our successors will smile at the 'ought' spellings as we do today at what we call the 'queer' spellings of Chaucer's time.

In trying to hasten the use of simplified spelling and to improve our own language for the struggle for first place, which is even today upon us, we are engaged in a most useful work.

"If he be a benefactor who makes two blades of grass to grow where one grew before, he is no less a benefactor who places a shorter and simply-spelt word where a list of fifty was submitted the Mr. Carnegie and the money was promptly fortheoming. Thirty of these intended the money was promptly fortheoming. Thirty of these fifty form the new board. Among them are Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, prestident of Columbia university; Dr. David Starr Jordan, of Leland Stanford. Jr., university, and Dr. Woodward, Dr. University, and Dr. Woodward, Dr. University, and Dr. Woodward, Dr. Stanford. Jr., university, and Dr. Woodward, Dr. Washington. Among lexicographets are Dr. Isaae K. Funk, editor and publisher of the Standard distionary; Dr. William T. Harris, United States commissioner of education and editor of Wednesday says:

Some of the victims of the Pillsbury Land company's financial schemes will sofon learn by oral witness that they have a longer and irregularle.

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two blades of grass to grow where one grew before, he is no less a benefactor who places a shorter and simply-spelt word where a longer and irregularly-spelt word cumbered the ground before. I hope that thoughtful people will give this important and conservative reform due consideration and resolve to use at the tract offered for the consideration and resolve to use at the tract offered for the consideration and resolve to use at the tract offered for the sale was part of the famous fruit lands of Keotenay.

W. H. Hathaway, a blacksmith of Keotenay.

W. H. Hathaway, a blacksmith of Minneapolis, who is new the owner of forty acres of Bald mountain, arrived in the city by way of Spokane Saturday inght. On Monday he learned enough the Dime Savings institution.

With the premise of \$15,200 a year.

It is the purpose of the reform spell-

has also the support of such authorities on English as Professor Thomas R. Lounsbury, of Yale, and Professor Francis A. March, of Lafayette college. Practical business men also are identified with the movement, like College. Practical business men also are identified with the movement, like College. Sprague, president of the Dime Savings institution.

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has only to look at the rocks—it can't be called land at all—to see that it will not know fruit or wheat or anything else.

"It is somewhat humiliating to a man to confess publicly that he had been de-luded into buying a worthless property Some of the victims of the Pillsbury Land company's financial schemes will soon learn by oral witness that they have been duped into buying rock slides at an average elevation of over 5,000 feet on the representations of the company's agents that the tract offered for sale was part of the famous fruit lands of Kootenay.

THE NATIONAL RAILWAY.

on the advice of the American consular agent, W. S. Riblet, he decided to tell his story to the Daily News, to assist in preventing others being victimized in the same manner. OPENED FOR BUSINESS

> Inter-Ocean Line Across Mexico Completed at Cost of \$35,000,000.

TXTASHINGTON, March 24 .should be continued cannot be understood.

"When we write 'thro' it expresses the sound better. This change is so obviously advantageous that I find many already using it in writing, and country was continued cannot be understood.

"Mr. Carnegie asked that twenty prominent persons should pledge them selves to adopt the reform spelling in their correspondence and writings because the sound better. This change is so obviously advantageous that I find many already using it in writing, and country.

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"If the land were one-quarter as good as the company's advertisements describe it, we would have a bargain. It was represented that only a small part was being offered for sale at bargain prices as a means of advertisement.

"I am a blacksmith in Minneapolis. I don't know anything about fruit growing, and not much about land. I bought purely as a speculation, and I imagine most of the others in Minneapolis had the same idea. We knew in a general way that the price we were paying was a very low one for fruit lands, and the terms were very easy. I had been thinking for some time of moving to the West, and this offer struck me as a good opportunity to acquire an interest in the country, and possibly make good money out of it.

"I got an inkling of the true state of affairs when I reached Spokane Saturday night, and I heard that your paper and the people of Nelson generally were doing your best to protect people from their own imprudence; but having got so far I thought I would come all the way and see for myself. I have seen all I want and I am going back tomorrow.

"Yes, I know you have good fruit land"

can railroad across the Isthmus of Tehauntepec and its relation to the Panama canal. This inter-ocean line, with its terminal and harbor work at Coatzacoalees on the Atlantic side and at Salina Cruz on the Pacific, has been opened to international tradic at Salina Cruz on the Pacific, has been opened to international trade at Salina Cruz on the Pacific, has been opened to international trade at Salina Cruz on the Pacific on the Atlantic side and at Salina Cruz on the Pacific, has been opened to international trade at Salina Cruz on the Pacific, has been opened to international trade at Salina Cruz on the Pacific, has been opened to international trade at Salina Cruz on the Pacific, has been opened to international trade at Salina Cruz on the Pacific on the Atlantic side and at Salina Cruz on the Atlantic side and at Salina Cruz on the Pacific on the Atlantic

Samar Constabulary and Fanatical here; but I am not a fruit grower, and

I don't care to invest any more.

"I don't know exactly what I shall do, or try to do, when I get back. There ought to be some punishment for fraud like this. The circulars were bad enough, but the verbal descriptions given by agents were worse. I was told that Manila, March 24.—A telegram received by the government today from the island of Samar says that an engagement has occurred between the constabulary and a force of fanatical Pula-janes. Governor Curry is reported missenough, but the verbal descriptions given by agents were worse. I was told that my purchase consisted of rolling land on which anything could be grown. I asked if it would grow wheat, and was told that it would, but that it would bring far better returns under fruit. One Governor Curry, whose former hor was in New Mexico, was a member the Rough Riders, reaching the rank captain. He also was an officer of the volunteer corps sent to the Philippines, and became Manila's first chief of po-

> WILLIAM FIFE DEAD. Introducer of Celebrated Wheat Dies at Peterboro.

Petersboro, Ont., March 24.—V Fife, one of the pioneers of Peterb was found dead in bed yesterday Keene. He was seventy-five years age. His father, the late W. Fife troduced into Canada the famous Bruce Brealy, fourteen years old

Monkey Brand Scap makes copper like



After the death of Don Luis event of great import oc a long period in the sierra captures were indeed made persons of small consec a chief of sequestradores, br hold to ransom, Don. Q. had ings with many sorts and co men. Persons of divers ca passed through his hands politicians, merchants, a doc ple of English M.P.'s, a Hi parson of the same natio German Count von Squeel American newspaper propimany adventurers. But when patrolling the lower passes Garth Lalor, they added to Do a gentleman of a profession when the cared to own full of the cared to own full of the

things seriously.

Without much delay Don
him. Lalor was distinctly the romance of the situat brigand was a man with a record, and the captive lo a good deal of curiosity at figure muffled in a cloak, the beside the great fire, spread less hands to the blaze. We son the flerce-hearted an character they spoke of in character they spoke of in As usual, a wide soft brim his features, and he seemed the anterest of the enterest of the entrance of the party, stepped suddenly up beside fireside.

cold," he said:
His two guards sprang the word and thrust him bad.
Don Q. raised his head and at this unusual prisoner.
"Excuse my taking off mor," the chief spoke at last derisive tones, "but, as you cold. I regret that your a derisive tones, "but, as you cold. I regret that your should be made in such weather. Still we welcome; have been in danger of suf duliness lately, and I foresee sure and profit from your s Garth Lalor was a very young man. "That's right

Garth Lalor was a very young man. "That's right good-humoredly.

At a sign from Don Q. t retired to the door of the cav "Pray be seated, senor," h I perceive that you are Enforgives much to the Englis "Sorry," said Lalor, "if I've thing wrong." Don Q.'s face "I feel quite sure we shall other's society while you re me," he remarked urbanely at once get over the disagt at once get over the disap business, and then, when

business, and then, when stand the position, we can sordid considerations from of for the present. But first J you to reply to a few questio Lalor nodded.

"Quite at your service, ser I'll turn out satisfactory."

The chief looked him ov Lalor was a strong-built, of young fellow, rather over young fellow, rather over height with marked fee sleepy gray eyes.
"I trust so," replied Don Q emphasis. "Senor, you puz what profession do you be have the fingers of a man

per, I should write myself anyhow author."

To his surprise Don Q, sho toms of pleased excitement.

"How interesting! I have force in the course of my car good fortune to meet one of ing. But of thit later. We force, deal first with the li of your ransom."

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"Ransom?" exclaimed