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SPAIN'S SHIPS GO HOME

Not Seeking any Immediate Trouble They Have Returned to Cadiz.

The United States Fleet Must Cross the Atlantic to Have a Battle.

New Turn of Affairs Hastens Preparations for Taking Possession of Cuba.

Washington, May 10.—It is hard to tell whether the naval officers were relieved or disappointed by the news that came late this afternoon to both the the navy and state departments to the effect that the Spanish squadron had arrived at Cadiz, Spain. The safety of the Oregon from attack is therefore completely assured and the way is now clear for military operations in Cuba without running the risk of having the occupying army's line of communication cut off.

On the other hand it is believed that no enduring peace can be secured until the Spanish navy has been destroyed and it now appears that to do this the United States sailors must make up their minds to go after the Spaniards, a task very much more difficult than that of meeting them near the American shore.

It was suggested by some of the members of the war board that there was a possibility that the Spanish squadron might make a quick passage into the Pacific through the Suez canal and attack Manila. It is said that, contrary to the common understanding, the Suez canal is open to warships of belligerents, so that if the Spanish choose to take this course, they would have a large start of any pursuing fleet from this side of the Atlantic. It is scarcely believed, however, that the Spaniards are willing to take the great risk of exposing to attack their own ports by the withdrawal of so considerable a portion of their naval strength as would be required to overmatch Dewey.

Nothing was heard from Admiral Sampson to-day but there is a confident expectation that interesting news will be coming from his squadron within the next twenty-four hours. Whether this means an attack on Porto Rico or not cannot be learned.

One effect of the retreat of the Spanish squadron has been to hasten even more the preparations already under way for dispatching military expeditions to Cuba. It has also caused a complete change in concentration plans. Time is now believed to be the great factor, and there is no longer opportunity to indulge in extensive drilling and practice of manoeuvring. The regular army troops do not need these, and can be transported at once into the fray. Many of the National Guard entering the volunteer service are felt to be sufficiently trained from a military point of view to follow the regulars, and the department indicated its purpose to-day of dispatching these regular troops directly to the gulf coast for shipment instead of sending them to Chicamauga. This disposition was shown by the changes in the new orders issued to the troops, although there may yet be a return to the original programme of concentration if the plans shown signs of weakness as they develop.

The quartermaster-general has already under charter 27 merchant steamers for the transport of troops, and roughly speaking these should carry about 70,000 men. Others are being procured as rapidly as possible. The plan of the war department is to have these vessels assemble at the different Gulf ports, Tampa, Mobile, New Orleans and Galveston, to take on troops which will be sent there. The navy department will be expected to furnish convoys for these which would be absolutely helpless against Spanish attack. At this point there are signs of friction. First the transports will be obliged to wait until Admiral Sampson's return in order to secure proper convoys, and secondly the navy objects very decidedly to undertake the task of convoying a number of transports. It insists that to assure the safety of the convoy of the troops, all of the transports should be gathered in one fleet to start from Tampa, and the navy is likely to prevail in this.

The senate to-day passed a bill providing for carrying on the additional work in the adjutant-general's office, and another authorizing the enlistment of a volunteer signal corps, two-third members of which must be expert electricians or telegraphers.

CUBAN BLOCKADE.

Madrid, May 10.—A despatch received from Havana to-day says the Spanish steamer Montzerrat which, with a valuable cargo of troops and a large sum of money intended for Havana, escaped the United States fleet and entered the port of Cienfuegos, Cuba, has now run the blockade of the American squadron and entered the port of Havana safely. It is claimed here that this proves that the blockade of the Cuban ports is ineffective.

THE GROWING ARMY.

Washington, May 10.—Reports received at the adjutant-general's office this morning show that 39,354 men had been mustered into the volunteer army of the United States. It is probable, however, that by this time the actual number mustered is about 40,000 in round numbers.

HAWAIIAN ANNEXATION.

Washington, May 10.—The house committee on foreign affairs met to-day to consider the Hawaiian annexation resolution, but finally deferred the vote until next Thursday.

SPAIN'S HOME TROUBLES.

Martial Law Creating Wide Dissatisfaction—Press Censors' Methods.

Madrid, May 10.—In the chamber of deputies to-day the Cataline deputies strongly protested against the proclamation of martial law in Barcelona as there have been no disorders there. The minister of the interior replied that the authorites of Barcelona undoubtedly had good reason for their action. Thereupon the Cataline deputies declared they would postpone their intended questions of the minister of war "until a proper government has been formed."

A Valencian deputy declared that the captain-general of Valencia had threatened the newspapers, saying he would break up their formes if they printed matter attacking the government.

THE FOURTH OF MARCH.

Proposal That It Shall Lose Its Importance in the American Political Calendar.

Washington, May 10.—After an extended and interesting debate the resolutions submitting to the legislatures of the various states an amendment to the constitution of the United States changing the date of the beginning of the terms of the president and vice-president and members of congress from the fourth day of March to the fourth day of May, was adopted. The following is the text of the proposed amendments: "The term of office of the president and vice-president and the present congress shall continue until the fourth day of May in the year nineteen hundred and one, at noon, and the fourth day of May at noon shall thereafter be substituted for the fourth of March as the commencement and termination of the official term of the president, vice-president and senators and representatives in congress."

THE RED MAN'S ORIGIN

American Scientists Continuing Their Investigations Among the Coast Natives.

Mr. Fowke and Dr. Laufer in the City on Their Way to the Far East.

The investigations carried on in this province, Oregon, Washington and Alaska, during the last few years by Dr. Franz Boas and his associates in an endeavor to discover the origin of the Indians of the Northwest Coast, are to be continued this year, and will be extended to Siberia.

The work has been undertaken under the auspices of the American Museum of Natural History of New York. For several years Dr. Boaz had been carrying on the work very quietly in the vicinity of Victoria and on the West Coast of the Island. Last year American philanthropists having come to his aid, the scheme was taken up in a more systematic manner, and a district extending from the Columbia river on the Coast to the mouth of the Amoor river in Siberia was mapped out for the operations of the scientists. Several small parties spent the summer in the interior of the province working their way from Kamloops to the Northwest coast, and gathered much valuable information.

Dr. Boaz, who personally conducted the expeditions last summer, has found it impossible to come to the Coast this year but he has already some able assistants in the field. Mr. Harlen Smith is continuing his work on the mainland, working north from Vancouver. He has been joined by Mr. O. C. Hastings, of this city, an enthusiastic student of natural history. After continuing as long as the weather will allow on the coast of the mainland, they will come to Victoria and pursue their studies among the Indians of the Island, collecting old Indian legends and gathering relics.

The members of the party who are to commence the investigations on the Asiatic side, are at present in Victoria, awaiting the sailing of the Empress of China. They are Dr. Laufer and Mr. G. Fowke. From Victoria they will go to Yokohama, thence to the mouth of the Amoor river, the southern boundary of the scientists' chosen district in the Far East. They will spend three years there, turning up old grave yards and learning what they can from the natives.

During their stay in Victoria Messrs. Laufer and Fowke have been doing a little studying of the once powerful tribe that inhabited Cadboro Bay, one of the few survivors of which is the notorious Jimmy Chickens, who now resides in a shack on Trial Island, commanding a view of the pretty bay, over which his forefathers held sway. The old rancherie is now deserted. The few members of the Cadboro Bay tribe, who remained in the homes of their ancestors after Governor Douglas had induced the large majority to move their wigwams to the Songhees reserve, so that they would be nearer the company's trading post, and who escaped the red man's dread enemy, firewater, are now scattered around the country, eking out a living the best way they can. Therefore the two scientists were unable to gather much from the natives, while the graves were likewise barren of information.

Unlike the Indians of other sections, who bury some relic with their dead, it seems to be the habit, from what has been found in the burying grounds, for the Indians, who inhabited the shores of the Gulf of Georgia and Straits of Fuca to bury their dead in the rudest fashion. A small hole was dug in the ground, the body doubled up placed in this cramped grave, and then covered with earth, huge boulders being placed over the grave to prevent the wild animals from exhuming the bodies. There is not a sign on any of the graves or in them that would show who was buried there.

The graves, however, afforded an interesting study to Mr. Fowke, whose work in the past has been confined to the Mississippi valley, where very different conditions prevail.

Dr. Laufer and Mr. Fowke leave by the Empress of China to-morrow for Yokohama.

Although Dr. Boaz will not come west this season he will continue to direct the operations of the different parties. There is probably not a man living who is better able to do this than the Doctor. He has spent years studying the Coast Indians and to do this he has lived among them and mastered their language, not the Chinook used by the ordinary white man who has dealings with the Indians but their language, for there is some little difference in the speech of the different tribes. He is a great favorite among the Cowichans and Nitinats, with whom he took up his abode at different times,

NEWS OF VANCOUVER.

Foreign Crooks Run Out by Police—Damage Suit for Poor Fare on Shipboard.

District Nursing Scheme in Some Disfavor—A Great Field of Candidates.

Amateur Detective Gets into Trouble in Attempting to Locate a Seattle Defaulter.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Vancouver, May 10—Last night Frank Smith, a former employee of the B. C. Iron Works, was drowned in the inlet while attempting to get a heavy piece of drift wood from the water. The body was recovered to-day.

The steamer Pakshan leaves to-night for the North. Besides 112 horses and mules loaded at Victoria, she takes 37 mules from here.

Mr. R. Jaffray, of the Toronto Globe, who is now in Vancouver, and who is a director and large stockholder in the Crow's Nest Coal company, states that the pit shaft is now run 1,000 feet and that active coal getting will begin almost at once.

A man named Parker wanted in Seattle for alleged embezzlement was thought by a Mr. Curran, also from Seattle, to be a guest of the Hotel Vancouver. He called the police and asked them to arrest the supposed Parker. Curran thought Parker was going to draw a gun and pulled one himself, whereupon Parker asked that Curran be arrested for carrying concealed weapons. The police complied with the request but were not able to arrest Parker on the flimsy evidence of Curran, who, when released, posted off to Seattle to secure proof and power to act in running down the supposed embezzler.

A dozen members of Soapy Smith's gang have been bunco-steering in Vancouver for the past week, having rented offices as a blind. They were to-day run out of town by the police with the exception of two, thought to be those who secured $425 in a successful bunco game yesterday. These two have been lost track of.

Prince Albert of Belgium passed through here to-day.

President Hill, of the Great Northern railway, is in the city.

Several young wealthy Englishmen, who came here on the steamer Manauense, say that they will sue the owners of the vessel for damages. They claim that when they each paid £160 for passage money they were assured of good meals and accommodation on board, but state that the accommodation was of the poorest and that they were fed almost like dogs.

Mr. R. A. Humphrey, late of the Life Guards, has challenged Ivan De Machlin to a sword contest for the championship of the world. De Machlin, who is in Vancouver at present, says that he will accept the challenge and as he has been given choice of grounds, he will choose the drill shed at Vancouver for the contest.

Mrs. Bond, an elderly lady, died suddenly as it would seem from heart disease in her apartments in the Delbruck block, Hastings street, last evening. Her death was entirely unexpected. An inquest will be held.

The Ven. Archdeacon Pentreath is making successful efforts on behalf of the almost bankrupt home mission fund of the diocese of New Westminster, which stands in urgent need of new home subscriptions, amounting to at least $1,500 a year, in addition to aid received from Eastern Canada and from England. Already towards this, the efforts of the Archdeacon are bearing good fruit, as although the work of obtaining subscriptions has only just begun, the two churches of Holy Trinity cathedral, New Westminster and Christ church, Vancouver, have amongst their members raised subscriptions and donations that will amount to $300 and probably largely exceed that amount. The other city and rural churches of the diocese will also, it is believed, respond well to the Archdeacon's stirring appeal.

The city council has read a first and second time the Van Anda smelter subsidy by-law.

It transpired at last night's council meeting, that the question of the improvement of the present sewerage system of Vancouver is not shelved, as was thought last week, the city engineer having now asked further time to report on the present system and the changes proposed by himself and others.

THE NURSING SCHEME.

The Klondike lady nurses leave for the North on Saturday. They are meanwhile being feted almost daily at a series of at homes given by prominent lady members of the Vancouver Women's Council. The proposal to establish a district nursing home in Vancouver in connection with the Victorian Order is unlikely to mature for three months at least, the matter not having been brought up at yesterday's meeting of the Women's Council. It is an open secret that the movement, which the Women's Council will nevertheless in all probability pilot to a success after some further delay and much discussion of ways and means, is regarded with coldness by representatives of several already established local institutions which train and send out nurses. It is thought by the managers of these that the ground is already in Vancouver to a large extent covered by existing nursing institutions.

A CROP OF CANDIDATES.

The "woods are full" of opposition candidates, several of whom are eager to fill the places of two of the present members who have, as the intending substitutes think, little chance of securing re-nomination if the usual sort of convention of the opposition party in Vancouver should be held. The gentlemen in question, Messrs. Cotton and Williams, will probably avoid binding themselves by the decision of any such assembly, fearing that it will be caucussed by strictly Liberal ward heelers, and if as is likely, they should seek re-election, will stand on their own merits as opposition candidates. In addition to the above named gentlemen, Mr. McPherson, M.P.P., will no doubt seek re-election and Messrs. T. S. Baxter, a young Mount Pleasant school teacher and understudy of Mr. Maxwell, M.P., would like to be put up as an opposition candidate. So, too, would ex-Alderman W. S. McDonald, electrical engineer, and Mr. D. G. McDonnell, the local barrister. There are also hints of the possible candidature of Alderman McQueen. On the part of the government or as independent candidates are mentioned as possible Capt. Tatlow, Mr. W. J. Bowser, Mayor Garden and Mr. George Bartley. The last named gentleman would run as a "labor" candidate.

WESTMINSTER NOTES.

The Fraser river is now rising steadily and in a few days there will occur, as it is now hoped without flood loss, the usual spring freshets.

The Royal City Lumber Mills are busier than then have been for years. They are full of orders from the Northwest and the Kootenays and are working extra shifts.

The accession of the Sun to the ranks of local journalism probably means it is said, the re-formation of the long dissolved branch of the International Typographical Union.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST.

Fluctuations in Wheat Excite the Local Market—Merchant in Trouble With Wholesale House.

Winnipeg, May 10.—(Special)—The Indian department reports good progress in seeding among the Indians of Manitoba and the Territories. The acreage, however, will be smaller this year than in previous years, as the tendency is to go in more for cattle raising, growing only enough grain for home consumption.

There was great excitement on the grain market to-day owing to the fluctuations in wheat. High prices had the effect of drawing out large deliveries at provincial points and these forced the market down.

A large number of foreign immigrants arrived to-day by a C. P. R. special. There were 250 of the Welsh, German, Scotch and Norwegian nationalities; and the Northern Pacific carried a party of Mennonites.

Jas. Murray has been appointed track inspector of the C. P. R. between Fort William and Vancouver. He was formerly superintendent.

Mr. F. Cloutier, a Main street merchant, was arrested to-day at the instance of Douall & Gibson, Montreal wholesale firm, charged with obtaining goods under false pretences.

It is again reported that the C. P. R. has secured control of the Great Northwest Central railway and will extend the road twenty miles this year.

PRESENATION AT ALBERNI.

Rev. Mr. Taylor Receives a Substantial Token of Affection and Esteem.

Alberni, May 4.—A successful social meeting was held in Huff's public hall on Monday evening, at which the principal incident was the presentation of a handsome and valuable gold watch along with a well-lined purse to the Rev. E. G. Taylor, minister of St. Andrew's Church.

The Rev. Mr. Smith in making the presentation referred to Mr. Taylor's success as a minister and his value as a friend. He characterized his pulpit ministrations as uniformly acceptable and appropriate, instructive and profitable. He also referred to the active and genuine interest he had all along taken in the welfare of the youth fo the district, to many of whom he had afforded a timely lift along the slippery road of life and by whom he was regarded as a warm and faithful friend.

Mr. Smith also referred to the active interest Rev. Mr. Taylor had taken in the advancement of their neighbors in the Indian Reserve to whom he had been especially attentive in all their sickness and sorrows and who had paid these services by gratitude and esteem.

The assistance he had afforded to the lady superintendent in the management of the Indian Mission Home had been of the highest value to that important institution. In conclusion Mr. Smith expressed the wish in which he was sure the large present audience and indeed all Alberni would cordially join, that Mr. Taylor might long be spared to wear his handsome watch which he had no doubt would itself keep good time and help its owner to keep up to time also.

Mr. Taylor having made a very feeling and appropriate reply the rest of the evening was enlivened by vocal and instrumental music, which was highly appreciated.

The Rev. Mr. Cumming, of Nanaimo, who had with great acceptance conducted the anniversary services of the church on the previous Sabbath, charmed the meetnig with an admirable speech most suitable for the occasion.

After a cordial vote of thanks to the ladies, who had so liberally supplied the good things, the meeting separated, all declaring that it was the most enjoyable evening of the kind ever held in Alberni.

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CHRISTIAN UNITY.

To the Editor:—In the recent articles appearing in your columns respecting the Y. M. C. A. in Victoria, the subject of Christian unity was touched upon, the lack of unity among the churches being given as one great reason why the Y. M. C. A. is not so great a success as it might be. Very likely there is good ground for such an assertion, for it may be said further that the deplorable condition of a divided Christendom must be a great hindrance in prosecuting the work of foreign missions. I should like, sir, if you will allow me, to make mention of a society which is doing a good work in furthering the cause of Christian unity. Since 1857 the Association for the Promotion of the Unity of Christendom has been established in London, England. The society was formed by members both of the clergy and laity of the Anglican, Roman Catholic and Greek or Eastern communions. The object of the association is to unite in a bond of intercessory prayer for the reunion of Christendom. The daily use of a short form of prayer, together with the Lord's Prayer, is the only obligation incurred by those who join it. The work of the association includes a large correspondence both at home and abroad, supported by voluntary contributions. In joining this association no one is understood as thereby expressing an opinion on any matter which may be deemed a point of controversy, or on any religious question except that the object of the association is desirable. Those who are desirous of joining the association can communicate with the secretary of the A. P. U. C., 1 King street, Westminster, London, S. W., England. The A. P. U. C. has set apart ten days this year for special prayer for the reunion of Christendom, commencing on May 20 until May 29 inclusive. Following are the objects for which prayer is asked: May 20, for faith in the power of prayer; 21, for cessation of all prejudices and bitterness; 22, for all Christians everywhere; 23, for the bishops of the whole Catholic church; 24, for the Roman communion; 25, for the Eastern communion; 26, for the Anglican communion; 27, for all Christians who have the Apostolic ministry; 28, for all Christians without the Apostolic ministry; 29, for the reunion of Christendom. It is hoped and believed that many, however widely separated at present in their religious convictions, who deplore the grievous scandals to unbelievers, and the hindrance to the promotion of truth and holiness among Christians, caused by the unhappy divisions existing amongst those who profess to have "One Lord, one faith, one baptism," will recognize the consequent duty of joining their intercession to the Redeemer's dying prayer, "that they all may be One, as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be One in Us, that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me." All, then, who lament the divisions among Christians and look forward to their healing, are not asked to compromise any principles which they rightly or wrongly hold dear. They are simply asked to unite for the promotion of a high and holy end, in reliance on the promise of our Divine Lord, that "whatsoever we shall ask in prayer, believing, we shall receive," and that "if two of you agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father Who is in heaven." Before I conclude I would like to add a clipping from the Chicago Times-Herald, making mention of the fraternal co-operation of Archbishop Kain at General Booth's reception held recently in St. Louis. Says the Times-Herald: The action of Archbishop Kain, of St. Louis, Mo., in joining openly the movement for a public reception to General Booth, of the Salvation Army, is significant of the broadening spirit of tolerance which now characterizes the attitude of the more conservative religious organizations towards the work of the Army. In accepting an invitation to act as one of the vice-presidents of the meeting which is to receive the General in St. Louis, the Roman Catholic dignitary gave his God-speed to the efforts of the Army in relieving and uplifting the fallen and distressed of our common humanity." ASSOCIATE.

TO ERECT A STAMP MILL

Two Victorians Sail for Alberni to Make Arrangements for Its Building.

"Allie J. Algar" Arrives With the Largest Sealing Catch Yet Reported.

Owing to the large amount of heavy machinery to be shipped to and from different West Coast points, the C. P. N. steamer Tees left for Quatsino and intermediate points last evening instead of the Willapa. Her freight consisted chiefly of the machinery to be used in the working of the Quatsino coal mines. Her passengers included Mr. J. W. R. Cowell and Mr. Pritt, of the Victoria Metallurgical Works, who are going down to Alberni to further arrangments for the erection of a smelter on the Consolidated Alberni property. Among the passengers were J. W. Jones, who recently sold out a mineral claim at Sidney Inlet and who is now bound for Clayoquot, Geo. H. Hayes and wife, Miss Kyle, Rev. Taylor, Rev. Swartont, J. M. Sabin and D. W. Gillis. On her return trip the Tees will call at Nootka.

TOP LINE SEALER.

Just when sealers were beginnig to guess what schooner would be top liner for the season the Allie I. Alger, Capt. R. Lavender, appeared in port yesterday with 706 skins, the highest catch on record this year. Shortly after her arrival the City of San Diego, aided by the same favorable breeze, sailed in. She brings 300 odd skins, but while her hunters were natives, those of the Algar's were whites, which probably explains the secret of the latter's success. The Algar carried eight boats. Her "high" hunter was W. Porcy, whose "take" of 153 skins, just four less than the mate's, represents the best individual work done on the sealing grounds this year. The Algar secured a large per centage of her catch on the Fairweather grounds. Her cruise, save the breaking of a flying jib-boom, was uneventful and the only schooners she spoke recently were the Dora Sieward and Umbrina. The latter on the 9th or 10th had only 110 skins and the Sieward reported over five hundred.

PLENTY OF WORK.

This morning the government steamer Quadra leaves to carry ont quite a lengthy programme. After taking Col. Anderson, chief engineer o fthe marine department, to Vancouver, she will make an examination of Prospect bluff, Burrard Inlet, preparatory to the erection of a new lighthouse. Then she will place a buoy at Gibson landing and another at Welcome Point. This done Nelson island, the site for a proposed lighthouse, will receive a call, after which the ship visits Nanaimo and Entrance island, returning then to Victoria.

AMARAPOORA WRECKED.

A London dispatch states that advices have been received there announcing that the British steamer Amarapoora, Captain Cameron, which was last reported as put into Yokohama November 20, last, in distress, while bound from Vancouver for Taku, and which discharged at Yokohama for survey, has been wrecked on the Shan Tung coast and is a total loss. No mention is made of the fate of her crew. The Amarapoora was an iron vessel, built at Greenock in 1874, registered 1,620 tons and sailed from Glasgow.

YELLOW ISLAND LIGHT.

It is intended to replace the present revolving light on Yellow island, southern entrance to Baynes' sound, by range lights arranged to clear Maple spit, and the present light will be permanently discontinued on or about the 17th instant. Pending the construcion of range light towers a fixed white light will be shown from the present lighthouse tower that will be visible for seven miles from all points seaward. Further notice will be given of the establishment of the proposed range lights.

MARINE NOTES.

The department of marine is inviting tenders for the construction of a wooden lighthouse on Egg island, Queen Charlotte sound.

The R. M. S. Empress of China sailed for the Orient last evening, being tendered off the outer wharf by the steamer Willapa.

The steamer City of Seattle left for the North yesterday morning with 90 odd passengers, all from the American side.

The steamer Islander leaves on Friday, May 13, for Wrangel, Juneau, Skagway and Dyea.

The C. P. R. steamer Tartar sails on her second trip North on the 12th inst.

The Northern Pacific liner Columbia will leave Victoria for the Orient on Saturday.

Rev. Alexander Sutherland, D.D., of Toronto, general secretary of the Methodist church in Canada, is in the city attending the conference.

Rev. Jas. Woodworth, superintendent of the Methodist missions in Manitoba and the Territories, is in the city accompanied by Mrs. Woodsworth.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Twenty Millions From Klondike This Season According to the Government Inspector.

Dominion Likely to Supplement Provincial Aid for the Yukon Railway Construction.

Government's Rejection of Allan Tender Seriously Delayed Fast Atlantic Project.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Ottawa, May 10.—The amended contract for the fast Atlantic mail line passed the house to-day. Sir Charles Tupper twitted the government with their failure to secure the service and pointed out that if his advice had been taken in 1896 a contract with the Allans entered into as recommended by him, the service would be in operation to-day.

A lengthy discussion took place over the delay in issuing the writ for Bagot, the opposition charging the government with breaking their pledges, as when the Liberals were in opposition they advocated prompt action in bye-elections.

The Dawson City & Victoria Telegraph Company bill passed committee to-day. The chief incorporators are J. M. Cotton, of London, and C. T. Dupont, of Victoria.

Mr. McGregor, government inspector of mines in the Yukon district, reports that "washing out" began on March 23, and that prospects indicate a far larger output of gold than anticipated. He is inclined to think that at least twenty million dollars worth of gold will be sent from the district this summer as the result of the winter's work.

Toronto messages at midnight say that Dalton McCarthy's condition is critical. Profound regret is felt in parliamentary circles at the accident. Sir Hibbert Tupper made a feeling reference to the matter to-day.

The committee stage on the franchise bill was disposed of to-day. The lists will be printed every year at the government bureau.

The Senate to-day knocked out the trades unions' bill legalizing the union label on a vote of 32 to 15.

In political circles it is confidently believed that the government will bring down a Yukon railway proposition which will be supplementary to a cash bonus from the provincial government. It is reported that this arrangement will take the form of a land grant of probably 10,000 acres per mile and a cash subvention of $150,000 per annum for twenty years for the carriage of troops, mails, supplies, etc.

Mr. Mackenzie left for Winnipeg last night, but Mr. Mann is still here.

If you once try Carter's Little Liver Pills for sick headache, biliousness or constipation you will never be without them. They are purely vegetable, small and easy to take. Don't forget this. *

PYTHIAN GRAND LODGE.

Opening Proceedings of the Session at Kamloops—Congratulatory Message.

Kamloops, May 10.—The Grand Lodge K. of P., opened here this morning with a large attendance of representatives from all parts of the province. The day's business consisted in the receipt of reports from committees and grand officers.

The following telegram was forwarded to Supreme Chancellor Colgrove, of the Grand Lodge in session at Vicksburg, Miss.: "To Hon. P. J. Colgrove. The Grand Lodge of British Columbia in annual session assembled sends warmest Pythian greetings and best wishes for a pleasant and prosperous closing of your official term as our honored leader. (Signed) J. R. Evans, G.C."

The Grand Chancellor's report shows an increase in membership over last year. Four new lodges have been instituted during his term and the order is in a very prosperous condition. The Grand Lodge will be in session to-morrow and proceedings will close with a banquet by Primrose Lodge at the Grand Pacific hotel.

JUST IN TIME.

Heart Disease Had Him at Death's Door—Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart Worked Almost a Miracle.

C. A. Campbell, Mountiron, Minn., writes: "I laid just at the point of death from most acute heart disease, and with hardly a hope that any remedy could reach my case I procured a bottle of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart. I believe this great remedy got to me just in time. The first dose gave me great relief inside of thirty minutes, and before I had taken a bottle I was up from what I thought was my death bed. I was cured, and I consider my cure almost miraculous."

Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.

Shortly before 12 o'clock last night a man, barefooted and without coat, vest or hat, knocked at the door of Mr. M. Gutman's residence on upper Pandora street and after waking all hands explained that he had been stabbed. A telephone dispatch was at once sent to the police station and Sergt. Hawton and Officer Clayards responding to the summons found the man lying prostrate on the sidewalk outside the gate. They took him to Dr. Fraser's office where it was found that he had been stabbed once in the back and twice in the breast, but not seriously. How these wounds were inflicted the man refuses to state and it was with considerable effort that it was learned that his name was Hawkins. He is middle aged.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.