Theatre Scare In Vancouver.

Irate Parent Snaps Revolver at His Boys' Companion In Trouble.

Cries of Murder and Fire From Gallery Result in Momentary Panic.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Oct. 15.—There was almost a panic at the theatre last night on the occasion of Hoyt's "Black Sheep" performance. During the cornet performance, the instrument being muffled and the crowded audience very still, a man was heard to swear at another in the gallery. The sound was followed by hurrying feet, and confused noises from the gods. Then some fool cried "Murder!" Another fool cried "Fire!" and ladies became nervous and sprang to their feet while some men started to climb over the backs of the benches.

The panic was averted by one of the performers shouting out the next number on the programme in a very loud voice and some one in the audience shouting, "Sit down; it's only a drunken man."

The disturbance was serious. Two boys names Olesten were arrested for smashing the American consul's tricycle. Another boy named Hill, said to be implicated, was not arrested. A man named Cline, foster father of Olesten, saw Hill in the opera house and whipped out his revolver and chased him out of the building, it is said vainly snapping the weapon at the frightened boy.

The mother of the Olesten boys had providentially and surreptitiously removed the cartridges from the revolver before Cline left the house.

SWELL OFFICERS TO THE FRONT

Families of the British Nobility Largely Represented on Active Service.

London, Oct. 15.—It is a historic fact that the first winter of the Crimean war was about the gayest London season ever known. People congregated here as the centre of news from the front and beguiled the time, perhaps lessened anxiety, by the festivities. So this autumn and winter promises a repetition of the Crimean period in London.

The city is becoming crowded by Society, which naturally is deeply concerned in the issue of the war. There scarcely is a great family in England, from the royal family downward, who have not some near relative involved. The Tenth Hussars include among their officers a son of the Duke of Buccleugh Lord George Scott; his son-in-law, Captain Thomas Bland; and a half-brother of the Duke of Portland, Lord William Bentinck also is going. Lord Revelstoke has a brother in the First battalion of Scots Guards, which is commanded by Colonel Arthur Paget. Mr. George Cornwallis West is in this regiment, as well as the master of Ruthven. The Twelfth Lancers will be commanded by Lord Airlie, and Major Eastwood and Captain Crawley, the best military racquet player, also belong to this corps.

Lord Lansdowne has two sons who are going out. One is Lord Kerry, who is in the Grenadier Guards, where also Lord Beauchamp has one brother and one half-brother. Lord Durham has a brother in the First battalion of the Coldstream Guards, who is well known as a steeplechase rider, and Lord Cromartown and Lord Dunsany both are in this regiment. Major Julian Byng, of the Tenth Hussars, who will act as provost marshal of Sir Redvers Buller's staff, is a half-brother of Lord Strafford.

The Royal Dragoons, which the German Emperor is supposed to command, has Sir Frederick Marshall as honorary colonel and Colonel Burn-Murdoch in actual command. Lord Charles Fitz-Maurice, who is a lieutenant in the regiment, is a son of the minister of war, while Lord Basing is a major and Prince Francis of Teck is among the other officers.

The Scots Greys have Colonel Alexander in command and one of the officers is Captain Cecil Feilden, who has served so long and successfully on the viceregal staff at Dublin and also was military secretary to Lord Wolseley.

The Brigade Major of the Third Brigade is Captain Guy Wyndham, of the Sixteenth Lancers, who is a brother of the under secretary of state for war. Captain Wyndham married a sister of Mrs. Cornwallis West.

Captain Power Harold Ruggles Brise was at one time captain of the Winchester school cricket eleven, and has played for Oxford.

Captain George Nugent, who will be aide to Sir Henry Colville, has been frequently before the public as an actor. He was one of the mainstays of the Guards' Burlesque in the day when those entertainments were in vogue. Curiously enough, Sir Henry Colville was himself the author of the last Guards' Burlesque, in which Lady Colville was one of the leading ladies.

A bridegroom to whom more than ordinary interest it attached has been ordered to the front leaving the girl he has just led to the altar at her home. He is Lieutenant Clive Behrens, of the Royal Artillery, whose marriage in the new West End synagogue to the Hon. Evelina Rothschild was one of the most important and also one of the quietest events of the season.

LOOKS FOR LONG TROUBLE.

Major Halder Speaks From Several Years' Experience in South Africa.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Oct. 16.—Major Halder, Reuter's mining commissioner for British Columbia, who has fought for England in four wars against the natives in South Africa, talked to the Colonist correspondent to-day on the probabilities of the Boer war. "There is a strong probability," he said, "of the struggle between the British and Boer forces being prolonged. In this event much British capital, in my opinion, will be diverted to British Columbia.

"It is absurd to talk of the Boers being starved out, for they are a people who are content with a little dried beef and a little corn, and are inured to hardships that will kill most men, and their hatred for the English is so intense that if a German or Frenchman spoke the hateful tongue in their presence he would be ordered to clear out of their sight.

"This hatred is now intensified by the present trouble, and should Great Britain conquer the Boers, to keep peace an army of 50,000 would have to be established in the Transvaal for three years, a very expensive undertaking. If this be not done, a carnival of horrors would follow, and no Englishman's life would be safe from avenging Boers."

Major Halder reported for a Boer paper in the last war, and knows the people well. A few months ago he was banquetted in Johannesburg. He then said: "I am leaving because war is inevitable. Should I fight with England I might have to shoot and kill my friends among the Boers. Should I fight with the Boers I might kill my English friends. I am going far away to escape an unhappy fate." Major Halder was mine inspector in the Transvaal for many years, and showed the Colonist reporter his official appointment, signed by Kruger. He was prominently associated with many English companies in Cape Colony.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

Party Leaders Arranging Course to Be Taken at the Opening.

London, Oct. 17.—In the absence of the ministerial and opposition dinners which are usually given on the evening of the opening of the parliamentary sessions at which the contents of the Queen's speech are generally make known, the speech was privately communicated to the leaders late this afternoon.

Sir William Vernon Harcourt and Mr. John Morley will undoubtedly make a statement of their views to-morrow, but their actions will be guided largely by the line which Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman, leader of the opposition in the House of Commons, takes up.

It is considered probable that Mr. Morley will vote for a hostile amendment if Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman moves what he calls a reasonable and appropriate one.

The Irish leaders, however, are certain to move an amendment condemning the government's policy, though their following in a division and the lobby is likely to be small.

"THE CHRISTIAN" STAGED.

Distinguished Assembly in London Are Disappointed in Their Expectations.

London, Oct. 16.—A somewhat revised edition of Hall Caine's "The Christian" was produced at the Duke of York's Theatre this evening before a distinguished audience. Whether because of the long-heralded advent of the play or of failure to secure what England has been led to believe an ideal American cast, the performance in a manner failed to realize what were undoubtedly high expectations. Evelyn Millard seemed misplaced in the part of Glory Quayle, and Herbert Warring's Johnston lacked much that might have made a complete performance.

The Prince of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge, Canon Wilberforce, Lady Augustus Harris, Lady Violet Brassey and Sir Edward Lawson were conspicuous in the boxes.

INSURGENT ARTILLERY.

Used With Success in Night Attack Upon an American Post.

Manila, Oct. 16.—The insurgents made an attack upon Angeles at half past two this morning. One American was killed and several wounded. The Filipinos used artillery, a few shells exploding.

South Framington, Mass., Oct. 16.—The 46th regiment, which was recruited largely in New England, left here to-day for San Francisco where the regiment will embark for the Philippines.

A MILLION AND A HALF.

Dirigo From the North With That Wealth in Gold Dust.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Oct. 16.—The Dirigo arrived from the North to-day with $1,500,000 in gold dust, consigned to the Alaskan Transportation Company and the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

THE LAURADA DONE FOR.

Series of Mishaps in Northern Service Ends in Beaching on Pribyloffs.

Seattle, Oct. 16.—The United States revenue cutter Corwin brings news of the wreck of the steamer Laurada, and brought as passengers Capt. White, Purser Carey and Agent W. T. Morr of the company owning the vessel. The steamer was on her way to St. Michael when she sprung a leak on September 27 and to avoid foundering at sea had to be beached on St. George island, the most northerly of the Pribyloffs. The Corwin passed St. George island on October 3 and seeing signals of distress displayed from the steamer on the beach went to the rescue. The passengers and crew, numbering 68 in all, 20 passengers and 48 of a crew, were transferred to the Corwin, and after shipping such of the Laurada's provisions as were most needed, the cutter went to Dutch Harbor, arriving twenty-four hours later and landing the Laurada's crew and passengers to come down on other vessels.

The Laurada, after sailing from here overloaded, encountered a heavy storm some sixty miles off Dixon's Entrance and put back to Metlakatlah and discharged 200,000 feet of lumber that she carried on deck. At Dutch Harbor she anchored to land some live stock and await better weather. It had been exceedingly rough, but on the day she left there the weather appeared to improve. Dutch Harbor was left on September 26 at 4 in the afternoon, and once outside it was seen that the storm was still raging with considerable fury. All went well that night, but next day a leak was noticed forward. Investigation proved that a seam had opened sufficient to let the water in, and under the pounding and laboring of the vessel in the seas the seam soon opened until water poured in in excess of the capacity of the pumps to clear. Capt. White determined to put his vessel ashore at the nearest point of land, and this being St. George island, the ship was headed in that direction. The master chose Zapadin bay on the southern side of the island to beach the Laurada. He put her ashore and so near dry land that the passengers had but a few yards of water to cross to reach it.

Near the place where the vessel was beached was located two salt houses used for storing seal skins for the Commercial Company, and these were taken possession of by the shipwrecked people. Three stoves were carried ashore and set up, and great quantities of bedding and provisions were also landed to guard against starvation in case the ship became broken up in a storm. The vessel, it is feared, will prove a total loss.

THE HAGUE CONFERENCE.

The Hague, Oct. 16.—Mr. Standford Newell, United States minister to the Netherlands, will sign the protocol embodying the agreements reached by the representatives of the powers participating in the conference.

Canadians to The Front.

ommanding Officers In Each ity Now Taking Names of Local Volunteers.

Dominion Takes No Responsibility Except to Equip and Deliver Recruits.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Oct. 14.—A militia order today reads: "The Governor-General-in-Council having been pleased to approve of the despatch of Canadian volunteers formed into eight companies of infantry for active service in South Africa, it is hereby notified that 1,000 volunteers will be accepted and that their enrolment has been authorized at the places mentioned below, upon the following conditions, viz: Service under the Army Act for six months, with liability of extension to one year; rations, clothing and equipment to be provided free; pay at the rate laid down in militia regulations for permanent corps from attestation until date of disembarkation in South Africa, from which date pay will be at British rate; standard height, 5 feet 6 inches, with 34 inches chest measurement; age, not less than 22 nor more than 40.

"The following are the places of enrolment: Victoria, Vancouver, Winnipeg, London, Toronto, Ottawa, Kingston, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, N. B., Charlottetown and Halifax. Men desirous of offering their services should make application in person or by letter at the office of the officer commanding the military district, or to the commanding officer of their corps of militia. Commanding officers will at once forward to the District Officer Commanding names thus received, with their remarks."

Lt.-Col. Otter, D. O. C. at Toronto, has been offered the position of Major of the Canadians, which means he will be in command of the detachment till it reaches Capetown.

The soldiers will be clothed for active service in khaki suiting, with knee-breeches, such as British soldiers have found best adapted for African campaigning. The jackets will be made by Sanford & Co., and the breeches by Mark Workman, of Montreal. The material is somewhat scarce in Canada, but the department will procure sufficient abroad. The Sanford company are also working upon an order placed some time ago for a large supply of rifle uniforms.

CANADA JUST STARTS THEM.

Discontent with the terms of the government's assistance to the Empire in Africa does not dampen the ardor of volunteers for enlistment, although grumbling at the paltering of the government is heard on every side. The Free Press, the government organ here, plainly verifies the construction placed upon the official announcement in the Colonist despatch last night. That paper says: "On arrival in South Africa the Canadians will to all intents and purposes, become British forces, and expense to the Canadian government will cease on their arrival at Capetown."

TORONTO OFFICER'S PROTEST.

Toronto, Oct. 14.—Col. G. T. Denison writes a strong letter on the contingent, saying Canada should send a force commanded by her own officers at her own expense. He repudiates the insinuation that Canadian officers are not fit to command and says it should seem strange that out of 76 Canadian colonels with crossed swords before their names none could be found to command.

NEW JAPANESE MINISTER.

Pekin, Oct. 16.—Mr. Yano Fumio, Japanese minister to China, has been recalled. He will be succeeded by Mr. Nichii, former Japanese minister to Russia.

INDIA'S VISITATION.

Viceroy Prepares for Personal Inspection of Plague and Famine District.

Bombay, Oct. 16.—The Viceroy of India, Lord Curzon of Keddleston, and his staff will shortly visit the plague and famine district. Before starting they will all be innoculated against the plague.

ROSSLAND OPERATIONS.

Defects in Power Service Interfere with Output—Very Cold Weather.

Rossland, Oct. 14.—The week's shipments of ore from this camp total 4,228 tons. The Le Roi closed down for four days on the 13th and made no shipments for the last two days of the week. The War Eagle and Centre Star were obliged to shut down on three different days during the week owing to breakdowns of electric power service, hence shipments are lower than for previous weeks.

Ore brought into this camp from the new strike on the Winnipeg in Boundary has shown very high values in copper and gold. Five samples taken across the face of the 46-foot ledge uncovered averaged $87.39 in all values. The Coxey of this camp will ship next week.

The weather has been extremely cold all week.

MINERS' FELLOW FEELING.

Rosslanders Endorse the Case of Their Fellows in Transvaal.

Rossland, Oct. 14.—At a public meeting held last evening for the purpose of hearing an address from the Hon. Sidney Fisher, Dominion minister of agriculture, and Hewitt Bostock, M. P., the following resolution was offered and unanimously carried by the crowded audience, amongst whom were many American citizens resident in Rossland:

Moved by A. J. McMillan, seconded by Alderman Lalonde: "That this meeting, composed of British and American subjects, who are working harmoniously together in the gold fields of British Columbia, where they enjoy the fullest measure of freedom and justice, whilst deploring the necessity for war between Great Britain and the Transvaal, take this opportunity to assure the British government of its warmest sympathy, and hereby urges the Canadian government without delay to make offers of assistance to Great Britain as may seem desirable."

When the chairman put the motion the entire audience rose, and after cheering heartily sang the national anthem vigorously.

ADMIRAL COLOMB DEAD.

London, Oct. 14.—Vice-Admiral Philip Howard Colomb died to-day at his residence in Potley, Hampshire, in the 68th year of his age.

LOCAL NEWS.

(From Tuesday's Daily Colonist.)

Canadian Day.—Saturday was Canadian Day at the Seattle exposition, and a large number of visitors were present from Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster. Among the attractions were selections by the "Big Four" quartette of this city.

A Bad Break to Make.—While opening a case of mouldings in front of Sommers' art rooms yesterday, one of the junior employees had the ill luck to let his hammer slip. The result was a broken plate glass window, and a deduction from the profits of the insurance company.

Lorenz-Woods.—At Vancouver last week Rev. E. D. McLaren officiated at the wedding of Mr. E. Lorenz, manager of the Queen's hotel in this city, and Miss Emily Woods, of Victoria West. The couple were the recipients of many handsome presents. They returned to the city on Saturday and have taken up their residence at the Queen's.

West Coast Mining. — An option has been taken by a San Francisco company on the Wreck Bay group of placer mining claims, the gold being in the black beach sand and up in the cliffs, at a price which will richly reward the discoverers. It is understood the intended purchasers are also anxious to secure possession of similar property on Granite creek.

Back From the Klondike.—A. W. Taylor, who for some years was engaged in business in this city, has returned from Dawson, where he has spent two years or more with fair success. His return for the winter was in a measure necessitated by failing health, and he will remain in Victoria for two or three months. Mr. Taylor looks upon the Klondike camp as one that will endure for many years.

A Distinction Without a Difference.—Ah Wah, the last Chinaman arrested for helping himself to Mr. James Brooks' twenty-cent sugar barrel, pleaded not guilty when arraigned in the police court yesterday—he had not stolen the barrel, he said, merely taken it. The magistrate could not see the fine distinction, and Ah Wah will work for his board during a term of three weeks.

Michaelson Has Moved.—It is altogether probable that the case of Mrs. Angestina Kelly, charged with "touching" a just-returned sealer for $30, will be dismissed when called in the police court to-day. Peter Michaelson, at whose instance the woman in the case was arrested, and who was not present the first day set for the trial, is now reported to have left for Seattle—with a declaration that he didn't want anything more to do with the case.

No Arrest Has Been Made.—The circulation persistently of a report to the effect that an arrest in the Bings murder case had been made in Saanich district cannot be accounted for—as the police in this as in the Powers case, are still in the old position: they have absolutely nothing to make public. Another rumor that a capture in connection with the reservation tragedy had been made in Sooke yesterday, was found upon investigation to rest upon no more sure foundation than that a carriage had been seen driving from police headquarters in the direction of Sooke—in reality to bring in a couple of crown witnesses in the Armour case.

Schultz vs. Schultz.—Before Mr. Justice Walkem in the Supreme court yesterday, the hearing of the application of H. Schultz of Vernon, for a divorce from his wife, Helena Schultz, was partly heard and adjourned until to-day. The couple were married at White Valley in 1889, and lived together until 1898, when it is alleged she went to live with J. Bank at Six-Mile Creek. Bank and the woman went to Atlin together, says the petition. The action is undefended.

Giving Good Satisfaction.—Now that the introduction of various transportation projects has brought out much condemnation of some existing connections with the Mainland shores, it is interesting to note that the Islander is giving possibly the best service with Vancouver that has ever been enjoyed by Victorians. The steamer is looking her best; outclasses any other plying here both in appointments and in speed; and is making smart passages every day. Perhaps in the course of not too many days, those in charge will "open her out" for a voyage of two, and more than casual observers of ships will be astonished.

The Port Angeles Connection.—President Cushing, Attorney Trumbull of the Port Angeles Eastern road, and Mr. D. W. Higgins, M.P.P., and a number of other gentlemen visited Metchosin district on Sunday last, and inspected Pedder and Beecher bays with a view to ascertaining their adaptability as ferry terminals. At the same time they interviewed a number of the interested settlers, and received assurances of a free right of way to the city in the event of a railway being constructed in connection with the Angeles transcontinental connection scheme. In the event of the city council rejecting the proposition for a direct ferry, now before the aldermanic board, it is anticipated that the Beecher bay project will be immediately revived.

Ah Fook's Failing.—Whether or not it be a high compliment to the excellence of B. Williams & Co.'s stock of trousers, it is a conspicuous fact that Ah Fook will not deny himself the pleasure of possessing samples, even if he has to steal them. Last September he helped himself to a pair hanging outside the clothing store on Johnson street; was caught red-handed; and went to gaol. Again he tried the experiment; but being unsuccessful in getting away, was compelled to drop his plunder in order to escape. Then a transaction in chickens that were not his, took him back to the gaol again. He has only recently been restored to liberty—and celebrated the event by again making a raid upon B. Williams & Co.'s stock of trousers. This time the sentence is three months.

Lenora Mine Shipments.—Shipments from the Lenora mine are now of such regular occurrence that they are beginning to lose value as "news"—although they testify eloquently to the rapidly growing importance of Victoria as the centre of a quartz mining district. On Saturday night a five carload—100 ton—consignment went forward to the Tacoma smelter from this city; while this morning forty tons more will be sent to the Van Anda smelter from here. After this the shipments are to be made in bulk by way of Oyster Harbor. The workers at the mine have not yet got through the ore body, which is now nineteen feet wide and gives no indication of decreasing quality. They are also getting very fair ore for smelting in the next level. The road to the mine is being improved, and will be kept open all winter, while a bunk house and other necessary buildings are under construction.

Floating the Centre Star.

Stock in the New Company Placed on the Eastern Market.

The Poorman Mine Near Nelson Said to Have Been Sold.

By Associated Press.

Toronto Oct. 15.—Messrs. Gooderham and Blackstock have issued a circular offering 1,320,000 shares of Centre Star stock out of the capital of $3,000,000 at $1.50 per share, the War Eagle stockholders to have the first opportunity of subscribing for the same, giving until noon of October 21 to apply. The terms of payment are to be as follows: 25 cents per share to accompany the application; 25 cents to be paid on allotment; 25 cents on November 15, 25 cents on December 15; and the balance, 50 cents, on January 15. They are free to apply for whatever number of shares they wish, without reference to the amount of stock they hold in the War Eagle. It is understood that such stock as may not be subscribed for by the War Eagle shareholders has already been placed. The many mining experts who have examined the Centre Star claim that it is one of the best mining properties of the world. It contains both the Le Roi and War Eagle veins, and its ore bodies are greater in length than the combined Le Roi and War Eagle. The Centre Star, with its present small plant, can ship 200 tons of ore per day which would easily enable the company to commence the payment of monthly dividends of one per cent. per share, starting with January, or the equivalent of 12 per cent. per annum. With the larger plant that has been contracted for and which will be in operation by May, the shipping capacity of the mine will be increased to 500 tons per day, when larger dividends will be justified.

A Vancouver despatch says: "The most important cash mining deal which has taken place in British Columbia since the Centre Star at Rossland was sold for $2,000,000, has just been put through by Major Bennett, of this city. He has been instrumental in disposing of the Poorman mine, near Nelson, to the Granite Mines Limited, a big English company. The price obtained was $215,000."

In an interview in the New York Tribune, Mr. F. G. Blackstock of Toronto, said: "I am satisfied that mining properties in the United States anywhere west of the Rocky Mountains can be bought cheaper than similar properties in Canada. In other words, the American government gives a better chance to miners than the Canadian government does. This statement is really against my own interest, for I own no mining properties in this country, although I hope to do so some day. Your people, too, will sell for less money than you can buy for near where else. The reason for the great boom in copper properties just now is, I think, partially accounted for by the scarcity of other investments, and also because of the present high price of copper."

The new plant of the Centre Star, which is a duplicate of that on the Le Roi, will cost $60,000.

Owing to the eight-hour law, the output of the great Slocan has dropped to an average of 350 tons in ten days.

The development of the mineral resources of the Trout lake, Lardeau and Duncan regions has justified the enterprise of the Canadian Pacific and Great Northern. The rails will reach Trout Lake City by January, Ferguson early in the spring and Ten Mile, on the south fork of the Lardeau, by July.

Ex-Gov. Mackintosh has transferred his $45,000 option on a 15-32 interest in the Sunset, Similkameen district, to the Sunset Copper Company, which is capitalized at $2,100,000. With fifty feet of development the large ore body shows an assay range of copper value between 3 and 11 per cent.

DEWEY SPREES OVER.

Boston Winds Them Up With Vastest Parade That Has Been in New England.

Boston, Oct. 14.—Admiral Dewey's official receptions are at an end for the time being and to-morrow he returns to Washington to take his work as the active head of the navy.

The Admiral had a busy time of it to-day. In the morning he was the guest of the city and later became the guest of the state. In the former capacity he listened to thousands of school children sing patriotic songs and was presented with a magnificent sword as the gift of the people of Boston. Later he went to the city hall to receive the freedom of the city and a magnificently jewelled watch. After this latter function the Admiral rode in a carriage at the head of the longest military parade New England ever saw.

A feature of the military display was the return to the state of the flags carried by New England volunteers in the war with Spain.

TO PULL WIRES FOR ALASKA.

Territorial Convention Preparing to Press Congress for Desired Legislation.

Seattle, Oct. 14.—A despatch to the Post-Intelligencer from Juneau, Alaska, says that Alaska's first territorial convention, attended by delegates from every portion of the territory, was called to order in the opera house on October 10, and will spend two weeks in preparing for the presentation to next Congress of Alaska's needs in the way of legislation. Ex-Governor Swineford was elected permanent chairman.

Resolutions presented by Judge A. K. Delaney, of Juneau, were adopted expressing the uncompromising opposition of the convention to surrender to Great Britain in any manner of any territory acquired by the United States from Russia, and calling upon President McKinley and the authorities at Washington to firmly and steadfastly resist all attempts however insidious, of any foreign power for the dismemberment of Alaska. A copy of the resolution was forwarded to President McKinley.

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.

FORESTERS' MEETING.

Columbia District Will Have Business Session of Three Days— Banquet on Tuesday Evening.

This will be an important week in A. O. F. circles. The annual Columbia District meeting will commence its sessions in the K. of P. hall at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning and will continue its business throughout Tuesday and Wednesday, giving a grand banquet in the Occidental hotel on Tuesday evening. Delegates to the meeting from all parts of the province will arrive by steamer and train this evening and the gathering is expected to be large. The banquet will be an elaborate spread, the best Mr. Porter, the proprietor of the hotel, can give. Tickets of admission will be limited and those most desirous of attending are asked particularly to take note of this fact.

The managing committee of the banquet is made up of J. W. Robinson, H. Henly, S. Wilson, P. Smith, W. B. Hall, G. F. Hault, H. Maynard and T. Smith, while the officers of Columbia District are Phil R. Smith, D.C.R.; WM. Bennett, D.S.C.R.; F. P. Watson, D.S.; S. A. Bantly, D.T.

On Monday evening Camps Vancouver and Northern Light will hold a joint meeting which will be open to all delegates.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Two Popular Comedies to Be Presented at the Victoria This Week.

It is stated upon the very best authority that the most successful comedy on the road to-day is "Mistakes Will Happen," which comes to the Victoria theatre to-morrow night, and that it not only tells a most amusing story, but that it tells it extremely well. A very straight laced, elderly member of society and his young wife get all tangled up with an actor and actress. The actor has a play which he wishes to produce but managers look askance at it. After a lot of very ludicrous complications, the play is finally presented and the elderly gentleman becomes the backer of the enterprise. "Mistakes Will Happen" is presented under the management of Jacob Litt. Mr. Litt has given the play a very elaborate production. The company now presenting the comedy is reported to be a most excellent one. It is headed by Charles Dickson, and includes A. H. Stuart, J. W. Standish, Ben Dwight, L. R. Willard, Lansing Rowan, Elsie Esmond, Lottie Hyde and Adah Eckert. And besides these players mentioned there are a thoroughbred pug dog and a trained rat.

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"My Friend from India," with Walter Perkins and Smythe and Rice's Comedians, will engage the attention of lovers of pure comedy at the Victoria theatre on Friday night. The fertile brain of H. A. Du Souchet is responsible for this gem of comedy which is founded on the unusual theme of theosophy, and being interpreted by the excellent company which will present it here, no doubt is left of an evening of much more than usual enjoyment. This is the third year, and it finds this play as is should, at the flood tide of success. There is no need to dwell on the excellence of Mr. Walter Perkins' performance of "A Keene Shaver," the innocent cause of all the trouble, the barber who is for the time "My Friend from India," as one could hardly chronicle all that has been said in praise of this quaint comedian's successful efforts to extract laughs and enjoyment from the material in hand. Suffice that he has lost none of that charm that has made him so justly popular in the hearts of his many hearers. Miss Lottie Page Mowri, another member of the original company, presents for approval a characterization of "Tilly" the German maid, and is a comedienne who has won for herself nothing but just praise for her work in this part. None who have seen the play can forget Fred Mower's performance of Col. Maberly in "Alabama," and to say he excels as the pork-packer in "My Friend from India" is all that can be said in that unctuous comedian's favor. Lilian Brainerd, who assists Walter Perkins in the "Mirror Scene," perhaps the greatest success of the play, is still with this company, and with the Misses Lillian Sutton, Grace Estelle Clarke and Lottie Buscor, graces some of the most magnificent gowns ever worn on the stage, besides lending her talents to the perfect rendition of the comedy. Messrs. Frank Crane, M. B. Simpson, Theo. Johnston and Chas. Hutchinson are also members of this company.

A fund is being collected in England to raise a monument to John Newbury, the first man to collect and publish the immortal melodies of "Mother Goose." He was a friend of Goldsmith and his grave in St. Thomas' churchyard, Waltham, is almost unmarked.

Maurice Grau, director of the Metropolitan opera house, New York, and Covent Garden, London, has been decorated with the cross of the Legion of Honor by M. Delcasse, French minister of foreign affairs, for the signal service he has rendered to French art, to say nothing of French artists, during his long managerial career.

The recent reinterment of the followers of John Brown around the grave of their leader at North Elba in the Adirondacks, was accomplished almost entirely through the efforts of Miss Katherine McClelland, who is one of the greatest admirers of the old abolitionist.

FACTS WORTH CONSIDERING.

Paine's Celery Compound

Is Your Only Hope if You Would Banish Sickness and Disease.

At this time we simply give a few facts in connection with the use of Paine's Celery Compound that should prove interesting to all who are looking for new health and vigorous strength.

Paine's Celery Compound encourages and strengthens the kidneys, and enables them to cleanse the blood of waste and poisonous matters that are the direct cause of drowsiness, melancholia, depression of spirits, wasting sicknesses, blood diseases, headaches and that general "run down" condition that opens the door to organic diseases of the heart, kidneys and stomach.

Paine's Celery Compound makes the blood a bright red color, increases its volume in the arteries, and quickens its circulation, enabling a nerve-tired person to sleep eight or nine hours at a stretch.

Paine's Celery Compound is pre-eminently capable of doing all that it promises and does a work that no other medicine can accomplish.

If you, dear reader, have failed in the past with other medicines, take immediate advantage of the virtues of Paine's Celery Compound that has proved such a blessing to tens of thousands in the past.

Navigation Is Closed.

Yukon River Steamers Have Considerable Trouble on the Last Trips.

Another Attempt to Be Made to Raise the Ship Andelana.

Save a few who are atempting to go up the river on the Dora and Flora, the last Klondikers to come out over the waters of the upper Yukon reached Seattle on the Steamer City of Seattle. Capt. Connell, which arrived from Lynn Canal Friday night. Ere this river navigation above Dawson has doubtless closed.

The Seattle's Klondike passengers, thirty or forty in number, left Dawson September 29 on the Canadian Development Company's river steamer Anglian. Reaching White Horse the Anglian went into winter quarters. It took her ten days to make the trip which is ordinarily done in four or five. Several times it appeared to be impossible for her to complete the journey. George D. Travis, of Vancouver, one of the latest passengers to leave Dawson, stated that the Sibyl expected to sail from Dawson for White Horse September 30, intending to return as far down the river as Hootalinqua, but that he considered she would do well to even complete the journey to the White Horse. Following the Sibyl, probably a day behind, were the Dora and Flora, but both expected to go into winter quarters probably between White Horse and Five Fingers.

The Seattle's passengers brought no news from the Klondike additionally interesting to the advices received from the Dawson passengers of the steamers Cottage City and Humboldt.

The Seattle's interior passengers, notably John McC. Steele and W. H. H. Jarvis, came with Atlin advices to October 7. Mr. Steele says mining affairs are just now very quiet in the Atlin district. Those who can conveniently are hastening out before cold weather sets in. He thinks not to exceed 1,000 people will winter in the district. Atlin, Steele regards as a good hydraulic camp, nothing more.

UNDERWRITERS ANXIOUS.

Ship Queen Victoria Overdue at Tacoma From Shanghai.

British ship Queen Victoria is out fifty-three days from Shanghai, for Tacoma. The underwriters in England are becoming anxious over her long voyage, and cabled a local firm of shipping brokers to make inquiries concerning her of all incoming vessels. The ship Manchester, now at Tacoma, recently came across in the quick time of twenty-eight days. Local shipping men believe that recent typhoons have delayed the Queen Victoria's passage, but that she will yet arrive safe in port.

WILL TRY AGAIN.

Another Attempt to Be Made to Raise the Ship Andelana.

Walters & Co., of Seattle, expect to begin work to-day on the raising of the sunken ship Andelana. Divers Meier and Vanderlip will be employed. The former is a deep-water diver, having worked in even deeper water than that in which the Andelana lies. Vanderlip will not go below, but will have charge of the pumps and other apparatus on floats at the surface. The best diving equipment made in the world has been secured by Meier. He will wear a copper suit inside his diving suit, the whole weighing several hundred pounds.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamer Danube should arrive to-day from the North.

Bark Drumlanrig was towed to Vancouver yesterday to unload the balance of her cargo. From there she goes to Seattle or Tacoma to load wheat.

MORE RICH MINES.

Cape York the Scene of the Latest Alleged Strike in the North.

Meagre news has come down from the north of another rich placer discovery on the shores of Behring Sea. Cape York, 100 miles north of Cape Nome, is the scene of the alleged strike, which was, it is said, made about the middle of July by men who claim they have found ground as rich, as, if not richer than, anything that has been discovered in the Cape Nome camp.

Kenneth M. Jackson, formerly a United States court commissioner in Alaska, saw and talked with a man, John McNally by name, just from the new strike. McNally claims the district is surprisingly rich, Mr. Jackson says, but that the few men on the ground could do but little, as they had no lumber with which to build sluice boxes.

Mr. Jackson says McNally is a reputable man; that he has known him for many years. The latter went to the Cape York country from Dawson. He has been a miner for twenty years.

SHOULD BE REPRESENTED.

Klondike's Claims for a Member in the House of Commons.

"What the Klondike most needs is a representative in parliament," says H. T. Wills, manager of the Dawson branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. "This, however, we probably cannot have until 1901, when the national census is to be taken. That, I think, will reveal that the Yukon Klondike has sufficient population to entitle us to a member of parliament. I don't know just what population is required, but it is figured on a general basis of 65 for the province of Quebec. It is somewhere in the neighborhood of 25,000."

"Is there any probability of the obnoxious Klondike royalty being abolished?" Mr. Wills was asked.

"Well, that is hard to say. Certainly an effort will be made in that direction. Personally, I have no hesitancy in saying that the royalty should be materially reduced, if not abolished altogether. Whatever is charged should be assessed on the net rather than the gross output of the mines. The gross output is manifestly unfair to the owner of a poor claim.

"Recently we had two members of parliament with us, and they were loaded down with facts as to the needs of the Klondike and British Yukon, but they cannot do much regarding the royalty, which is a cabinet affair."