LIVE NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Nanaimo Wedding.

At eight o'clock yesterday morning, in the Wallace Street Methodist church, the Rev. Mr. Robson united in marriage two of Nanaimo's young people, Mr. Eugene LeCoque, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse LeCoque of this city, and Miss Harriet Stephens, of the Five Acre Lots.

New Power Dam.

Mr. Cartwright, the C.P.R. engineer, paid a visit, accompanied by Mayor Lindmark, of Revelstoke, and Mr. Hoffner, to the site of the new power dam on the Illecillewaet, and endorsed the city site on behalf of the C.P.R., whose main line runs along the Illecillewaet river at the point of the proposed dam.

Will Take Plebiscite.

Premier McBride, in replying to a letter from E. B. Morgan, of Revelstoke, and Dr. Spencer, on the subject of Local Option, says: "I can assure you it is the government's intention to take a plebiscite on this question. At the present I am not in a position to make a public announcement in this regard. You may rest satisfied that ample time will be given between the announcement and the taking of the plebiscite."

Fine for Vancouver.

Commencing this week the C. P. R. have given the people of Union and Comox an extra boat service direct from Vancouver. Leaving Vancouver at 11 p. m. on Monday nights, the S.S. Queen City is timed to arrive at Nanaimo at 5 a. m. on Tuesday morning, leaving for Beaver Creek, Union and Comox at 7 a. m., and is due to arrive at Comox at 4 p. m. Returning, will leave Comox at 5 p. m. Tuesday night, and Union Bay at 11.30 p. m. direct for Nanaimo and Vancouver, arriving at Nanaimo at 7 a. m. Wednesday, leaving for Vancouver at 8 a. m., and arriving at 12 noon. With this extra service, Nanaimo merchants will now be able to ship to the above mentioned points (including Cumberland) on Monday, which will no doubt be taken advantage of at once.

Texada Rich.

The rich telluride gold vein, practically the only one of the kind in Canada, which Mr. George D. Mumford, managing director of the Great Granite Development Syndicate, discovered on Valdez Island a few weeks ago, upon further development has proven to be much richer than was at first expected. The vein when first found, was a foot in width and ran parallel to a twenty-foot vein of copper ore which the syndicate was working at the time. The property is known as the Lucky Jim mine and is located on Granite Bay. Within the last week the vein was further uncovered and gave a width of two feet with enormous values. Mr. Mumford states that these tellurides would run anywhere from $500 to $2,000 per ton. He has brought down with him several large pieces of the ore, and they will be on view in the window of F. A. Lantz & Co.

Busy at Boat Harbor.

Reports from Boat Harbor, V.I., indicate that the trade done by the coal mine at that place is growing fast and is taxing the resources of the management to the utmost. The demand is steadily increasing, and, although the mine is working full time, it is impossible to get enough coal to supply it. The South Wellington mine, owned by the Pacific Coast Coal Mines, Ltd., has already a daily output of 750 tons a day. This coal is being used partly for bunker purposes and some of it is being used in the coast cities for domestic fuel. There is also a good business being done with Mexico and other points, to which places the fame of the coal has reached. The rapidly increasing business has caused a shortage of cars and other small hindrances which generally handicap a rapidly growing business. The coal supplies by this company is not taking the place of the output of the older firms, but a new market is being formed, and the result is a great benefit to Vancouver Island and the country generally.

Won't Abandon Hotel.

"If people would only stop a moment to think they would readily see that such an idea is preposterous," this morning remarked Mr. R. Marpole, general executive assistant of the C. P. R., in discussing the rumor circulated in Vancouver during the past few days that it was the intention of the company to abandon the hotel site at the corner of Granville and Georgia streets and erect a new hotel building in the heart of the business district. "Surely no person could believe for a moment that the C. P. R. would abandon the new wing of the present hotel, which was only built a few years ago at a cost of over $200,000," continued Mr. Marpole. "You may state as emphatically as you like that there is not the slightest truth in the report that the company intends to erect a hotel building anywhere except on the site at present occupied. The architects are now at work on the preparation of plans for the annex which the C. P. R. will build at the corner of Howe and Robson streets for the accommodation of its guests while the old wing at the corner of Granville and Georgia streets is being torn down and the new wing built. I expect that it will be but a short time before the company calls for tenders for the erection of this annex."

Lumber Trade Improves.

"The lumber conditions throughout the province, both at the coast and in the mountains, are very bright and the operators of the majority of the mills throughout British Columbia state that they are not only feeling a very marked improvement in demand, but that much better prices are being obtained. In some instances, in fact, sales are reported at as high figures as were in effect before the big slump of two years ago. The amount of logging that will be done throughout the coast and mountain districts during the coming winter will be greatly in excess of that of either of the past two years in anticipation of a greatly increased business during 1910. In this connection a very large force of men will be required and the operators are finding difficulty in securing the necessary labor. At present the operators of the interior could give work to 2,000 additional men in the logging camps." The above is an extract from a statement made at Nelson the other day by W. A. Anstie, secretary of the Mountain Lumbermen's Association, who returned to the city last Monday evening from a two weeks' trip to the coast and intermediate points, during which time he visited a number of the mills.

NO WAR AMONG CHRISTIAN NATIONS

BUFFALO, Oct. 18.—Amid the wild cheers of six hundred of the most prominent men of Buffalo, J. A. Macdonald, editor of the Toronto Globe, declared Saturday night at the launching of the national campaign of the Laymen's Missionary movement in this city, that there would be no war among Christian nations while they were combined in the evangelization of the world. He referred to the boundary line of over 3,000 miles lying between the United States and Canada, upon which there is not a single battleship, a single fort or a single army post. "Canada," he said, "hopes to preserve this example of international good sense. She would not have it otherwise. While linked in the evangelization of the world, we, or no other Christian nation can ever strike hands in war.

"The greatest defense of a nation is not battleships, great navies or great armies; it is Christianity. America must take part in this world-wide movement to evangelize the whole earth. This country tried to live in isolation, to escape the worries and responsibilities of the other great nations, but it could not. I am not an imperalist, either. The nation as well as the individual that lives alone for itself will die. As America could not escape its responsibilities in its affairs the present I am not in a position to make a public announcement in this regard. You may rest satisfied that ample time will be given between the announcement and the taking of the plebiscite."

The campaign launched Saturday night is the greatest ever undertaken by the united Protestant church in modern times. During the winter 75 conventions will be held in various cities of the United States. The campaign will wind up with a great missionary congress in Chicago on May 3rd to May 6th. The world's missionary congress will follow at Edinburgh next June. Over 100,000 men are expected to register at these city conferences.

PRECAUTIONS TO GUARD THE CZAR

ROME, Oct. 18.—The Italian government has proposed Racconigi, in the province of Cuneo, Barl, on a peninsula in the Adriatic, and Pajata, a small town near Naples, as three points best adapted for a meeting between the King and the Emperor of Russia next week. The Emperor has reserved his answer on this matter until Tuesday or Wednesday. The Italian government has therefore, been obliged to take extraordinary measures of protection at all three places. Eight thousand soldiers are centered at Turin, the nearest large town to Racconigi, in addition to a thousand policemen and carbiniers, while about 5,000 Russian and Italian police are stationed at Racconigi.

The Socialist party has addressed a manifesto with reference to the visit of Emperor Nicholas, to "Italians," saying: "The great and bloody tyrant who is about to start for Italy is a thousand times more ferocious and more dangerous to the civilization of the world than King Alfonso, who is only a semi-responsible instrument in the hands of the reactionists and Jesuits. Let us show the Russian Emperor our immense execration."

Looked Dangerous.

SPEZZIA, Italy, Oct. 18.—On a north-bound train the police today arrested a young man who held a revolver in his hand. The man was fashionably attired and declared that he was going to Racconigi to see King Emmanuel. When searched, 5,000 francs was found hidden in his shoes. He had in his possession also, a railroad ticket for Racconigi and a cane having concealed dagger. He said he was a Spaniard and gave his name as Carlo Modena.

AEROPLANE'S FUTURE

Financial Sponsor for Wrights Thinks Machine Will Be Useful in War

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—Charles R. Flint, the promoter, who has just arrived from Europe, declares that he is financial sponsor for the Wright brothers and that he expects much from the aeroplane as a war machine.

"I have been financing the Wright brothers for about two years," said Mr. Flint. "It has not been generally known until the success of their machine has been demonstrated. The Wrights have not had the best of treatment here. I believe that the government should have bought the secret of the Wright machine and obtained control of it, instead of allowing the brothers to go abroad with their aeroplanes.

"Just imagine what the aeroplane will mean in time of war. You can send up an immense fleet of aeroplanes each carrying ten-pound sticks of dynamite, for what it would cost to build a battleship. Figure out what damage they could do on land and sea, even though half of them were destroyed. It would seem good policy to have perfect control of a dirigible flyer, such a flyer as is made possible by the heavier-than-air machines."

Still Swearing.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—Four more affidavits were published Saturday by the New York Globe in connection with the investigation of Dr. Cook's expedition to Mount McKinley. Three of them are by members of the Cook party, Fred Printz, a guide, W. P. Miller, photographer, and Samuel Beecher. Their testimony relates in detail the movements of the party, explaining that Cook and Barrill were alone in the period in which Dr. Cook claims to have reached the summit of Mount McKinley. All three say that Barrill assured them later that Dr. Cook's story was false.

The fourth affidavit is that of Dr. John E. Shore, a physician of Leavenworth, Wash., who tells of a conversation with Oscar E. Blankenship, of the United States Forestry service, in which Blankenship said that Dr. Cook's claim to having climbed Mount McKinley was false, inasmuch as the feat was impossible in the short time during which Cook and Barrill were absent. Blankenship was located near Mount McKinley at the time Cook's expedition was there.

Neither Professor Parker nor Anthony Fiala has answered Dr. Cook's invitation to lead an expedition to the top of Mount McKinley to prove that he reached that point, up to this afternoon. "Should neiher of these scientists find himself able to undertake the expediton," said Dr. Cook, "I have several other names under consideration. I hope, however, they will join.

"I am now busily engaged with my legal adviser, Henry Wellington Wack,' continued Dr. Cook, "in going over the legal aspects of the charges against me in conection both with my Mount McKinley and my north pole trips. During my stay in New York I shall not attend any public functions beyond the banquet of the Danish-American society tonight. I shall start on my western lecture tour tomorrow."

SKEENA MINERALS

Prospectors in North Confident That Profitable Mines Will Be Developed in District

VANCOUVER, Oct. 18.—The Skeena river district promises to become a great mineral-producing district, according to R. H. Ashcroft, a veteran prospector of Prince Rupert, who is at the Hotel Vancouver. The building of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, solving the question of transportation, resulted in many prospectors turning their attention to that portion of the country during the past summer. Many important discoveries of gold, silver, copper and lead ores and placer ground were made along various tributaries of the Skeena.

Mr. M. L. Bell, a partner of Mr. Ashcroft, made a successful trip ten miles up Clackwa creek, experiencing no little hardship as he found no trace of a trail and was obliged to cut his way through the dense forest. He located on behalf of himself and partner, a group of nine claims on a mineral lead, lying between lime and porphyry, and having a width of between ten and 15 feet. The ore is chalcopyrite with good values in copper, gold and silver. Careful sampling across the vein gave a return of $61 per ton. It is their intention to make an early start in building a wagon road to the Skeena and start development work next spring. In the same locality they also discovered rich silver-lead ores. Extensions on the copper showing have already been staked by Mr. James Brown and the camp promises to have a good future with room for many additional claims. Mr. Brown will cut a trail to his group this fall. The new camp is within a day's travel of Kitsalas canyon and only 120 miles from Prince Rupert. Mr. Ashcroft met many prospectors who showed him fine ore from their locations in other localities. The discoveries include freemilling quartz with high gold values.

Mr. Ashcroft spent fifteen years mining in the Yukon and Alaska and had many exciting experiences during various rushes to new camps. He enjoyed his first auto ride in Vancouver, where he met many old-time northern friends who affectionately recall him as "Red," the pet of the "sourdoughs."

THINKS BOTHA WILL BE FIRST MINISTER

Edward Rooth, of Transvaal Government, Visiting New York, Speaks of Politics in South Africa.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—A visitor at the Waldorf Astoria just now is Edward Rooth, M.L.A., chief Government whip and first lieutenant of General Botha in the Transvaal Parliament. Mr. Rooth is here on a brief vacation pridr to the completion of his party's organization for the approaching establishment of the commonwealth parliament of South Africa, which will be opened sometime next year by the Prince of Wales. It is probable that in May next, the governor-general of the commonwealth will summon one or other of the respective South African parliamentary leaders to form a government of union on this point. Mr. Rooth states that both public opinion and popular feeling indicated General Botha as first prime minister of the South Africa Union. Right of election to this Parliament is limited to persons of European descent, Cape Colony having fallen into line with other South African states in regard to the exclusion of native and Asiatic races from the Union legislature.

The native question is a great outstanding problem with which the Union Parliament will ultimately have to deal. Today the colored races of South Africa stand in the proportion of about six to one as against whites, and a large number of these natives are practically still in a semi-barbarous condition.

Questioned as to the future of the Transvaal gold mines, Rooth said that the present output of gold averages about $150,000,000 worth per year, and will steadily increase.

DOMINICANS FIGHT

CAPE HAYTIEN, Oct. 18.—The revolution in Santo Domingo is spreading.

A battle was fought at El Guajabo, near Dajagon, a day or two ago, in which five insurgents were killed, but the government troops were routed, leaving dead and wounded on the field, and the insurgents entered Dajagon.

Another engagement was fought last evening between 250 regulars and 200 insurgents, who included many exiles. It is reported that the fight was sanguinary, but details are lacking.

Alberta Municipalities

LETHBRIDGE, Alb., Oct. 18.—The last address of the afternoon session of the Union of Alberta Municipalities convention was made by W. A. Buchanan, M.P.P., editor of the Lethbridge Herald, on "The Relations of Newspapers to Municipal Affairs." Resolutions were passed endorsing the resolution passed by the Union of Canadian Municipalities on municipal accounting and others dealing with several minor matters. The following officers were elected: Hon. president, W. A. Griesbach, Edmonton; president, H. S. Gaetz, Red Deer; first vice president, R. R. Jamieson, Calgary; second vice president, W. R. Garlepy, Edmonton; secretary-treasurer, J. T. Hall, Medicine Hat; executive committee, T. Dickson, Macleod, H. L. Riggs, Wetaskiwin, W. Laurie, Claresholm, G. M. Hatch Lethbridge, R. Lee, Edmonton, N. Young, High River. Calgary was chosen as the meeting place next year, with Macleod and Wetaskiwin also contesting. After the evening session the delegates were banqueted by the city council.

Balloon Speed Record

CHARLESTON, S. C., Oct. 18.—Breaking all speed records for long distance voyages, the balloon St. Louis No. 3 landed near Ridgeville, 31 miles west of here, at 9 a. m. yesterday, having left St. Louis, Mo., Saturday afternoon at 5 p. m. The balloon carried B. Lambert and Louis Von Puhl. The distance in a direct line is 660 miles. The highest altitude reached was 12,400 feet. The average rate of speed was 44 miles an hour.

Lasqueti Island Mines

VANCOUVER, Oct. 18.—The St. Joseph mine, Lasqueti Island, one of the properties being developed by the Canadian-American Exploration Co. Ltd., made its initial shipment of gold-copper ore to Ladysmith smelter last week. This property is admirably located with respect to its smelting and transportation facilities, being only 26 miles distant by water route from Ladysmith. This ore was loaded direct from dump upon scows, which were moored to the mine dumps at high water. This initial shipment is understood to be very satisfactory, and will be followed by further shipments at regular intervals.

News of the World Condensed For the Busy Reader

Last White Pass Boat Arrives.

SKAGWAY, Oct. 18.—The White Pass steamer Casca arrived in Whitehorse Saturday night with 151 passengers for the outside. This is the last sailing of any White Pass boats. The independent steamer Pauline is due at Whitehorse from Dawson today.

Okanagan Levy Twelve Mills.

CONCONULLY, Oct. 18.—The county commissioners have fixed the tax levy for the coming year at twenty-five mills for county and state, and in addition each road district has a levy of five mills. The levy for school districts varies from nothing in small districts to as high as twelve mills.

Shingle Mill Destroyed.

HOQUIAM, Oct. 18.—The M. R. Smith shingle mill at Rayville, three miles east of Elma, burned to the ground last night. The loss was $22,000, with some insurance. A part of the dry kiln was saved. The mill was built four years ago and had a capacity of 100,000 shingles per day.

Steamers in Collision

BORDEAUX, Oct. 18.—The British steamer Sunbeam collided yesterday at the mouth of the Gironde, with the Spanish steamer Setiembre. The Sunbeam, which was a steamer of 1150 tons, sank, but the crew were saved. The Setiembre was beached, badly damaged.

Depot to Cost $400,000.

SEATTLE, Oct. 18.—The Oregon & Washington railroad company Saturday let the contract for the construction of its Seattle passenger station, which will house Union Pacific and Milwaukee trains. The cost of the building is about $400,000. It is understood the contract went to the Thompson-Starratt company, of San Francisco.

First Time Gov. Wears Silk Hat.

EL PASO, Oct. 18.—For the first time in history, Gov. Thomas M. Campbell, of Texas, on Saturday wore a silk hat. When he arrived at El Paso it was difficult to recognize the governor under the unaccustomed headgear, but he announced that he would wear it until after President Taft left Texas if it killed him. Heretofore the governor has worn a broad-brimmed black hat.

Five Convicts Escape.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 18.—Five convicts of the state penitentiary, all short-term men, working as trusties at the state feeble-minded school, a few miles from the city, overpowered three guards late yesterday, and made their escape. The guards were relieved of two rifles and a heavy caliber pistol, which the convicts carried off. A big posse of prison guards is in pursuit.

Find Two Kidnapped Children.

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—Two Italian children, identified from photographs as Tomasso and Grace Viviani, who were kidnapped from St. Louis on August 2, and who have been sought since by the police of many cities, were found early yesterday wandering aimlessly on the north side. When they were found the little girl, who is less than 4 years old, was sobbing bitterly and Tomasso, her cousin, who is 7 years old, trying to comfort her.

Scholar Pummels Tutor.

BELLINGHAM, Oct. 18.—Because Carl E. Zook, brother of the mayor of Ballard, and a recent graduate from the University of Washington, now principal of the Eureka school here, soundly spanked one Whalen, junior, aged 12. Whalen, pere, yesterday hunted up the educator and administered to him a severe pummeling. Now the principal says that while he has received little physical injury, his mental anguish is consuming, and he yearns to make Whalen pay for it in police court.

Suicides From Telegraph Pole.

NORTH YAKIMA, Oct. 18.—An electric light pole was the selection made by Lum Sickles, of this city, yesterday when he decided to kill himself. Climbing the pole he perched himself on top, sang a couple of songs, and then shouted, "I'm not guilty. Goodbye boys." He then flung himself to the ground, breaking his neck when he struck, dying instantly. No reason is known for the man's action, nor is anything known of his history. Sickles was about 28 years old and had been here but a short time.

Start Local Option Campaign.

WALLA WALLA, Oct. 18.—Petitions calling for a special election in the city of Walla Walla on local option were circulated throughout the city on Saturday. The announcement of the decision of the local option people to open the fight on the liquor question at this time comes as a surprise to most of the citizens, as it was believed that the matter would be allowed to go over until the next general election. A strong organization of local option supporters has been formed and the sudden appearance of the many petitions assures a warmly contested fight in about sixty days.

Mysterious Disappearance.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—Since Howard F. Conger, son of Col. J. W. Conger, one of the wealthiest residents of Cleveland, boarded a Metropolitan line steamer at Boston last Monday night nothing has been seen of him. When the steamer reached here Tuesday he did not leave the boat, and when the door of his stateroom was unlocked his suit case was found inside, but the berth had not been occupied. Mr. Conger's family in Cleveland was notified and the police of New York and Boston were asked to help find the missing man. Mr. Conger was 31 years old and unmarried. He was engaged in the automobile supply business here.

Believe Sale is Void.

SEATTLE, Oct. 18.—The state highway commission and the state advisory board take the position that the sale of right of way to the Chicago Milwaukee & Puget Sound railway over the state's highway along Lake Keechelus in Snoqualmie pass, where the railroad passes through the Cascade mountains, is void. The railroad paid $10,000 for the right of way to former Highway Commissioner J. M. Snow, afterwird removed. The money was to have been used to build another road along the lake for the state highway, and $8,000 of the $10,000 was expended on the new road, which is not satisfactory. The state does not contemplate ousting the railroad, but will ask that a good road be constructed at the railroad's expense.

Earthquakes at Messina

MESSINA, Oct. 18.—Four strong earthquakes occurred yesterday evening. They began about 7 o'clock, and continued for about 15 minutes. The people were greatly alarmed, but very little damage was done.

Rhode Island Convention

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Oct. 18.—The Rhode Island republican state convention assembled here yesterday and renominated Adam J. Pothier for governor. The main feature of the platform was the endorsement of the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill and praise of Senator Aldrich.

Ore Shipments

NELSON, B.C., Oct. 18.—The ore shipments and smelter receipts for the past week and for the year are as follows: Ore shipments—Boundary District: Week 37,332 tons, year 1,171,279. Rossland: Week 4,063 tons, for year 183,560. Slocan-Kootenay: Week 3,639 tons, year 150,317. Smelter receipts—For week 42,099 tons, year 1,340,164.

To Test Full Crew Act

RENO, Nev., Oct. 18.—A complaint was filed yesterday before Judge Pollock in the justice court at Sparks, Nevada, by Attorney-General Stoddard against the Southern Pacific company, having for its object to test the constitutionality of the law relating to what is known as the "Full Crew Act." The complaint charges that the railroad has violated this law in failing to have the required six men to constitute the crew of a fifty-car train.

Lawyer Accused of Holding Up Another.

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 18.—Held up within a block of his home on Portland Heights, early yesterday morning, Daniel E. Powers, a lawyer, was robbed of $30 by two men. Within an hour L. B. Reed, also a lawyer, and A. Powers were arrested charged with the crime. Powers and Reed assert that the act was only done in fun. The Powers under arrest is not related to the victim.

Enter House as Relatives.

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 18.—Securing entrance to the house on pretense that they were relatives of the family, two boys bound and gagged the servant girl, who was alone in the house of Geo. E. Waggoner, on Portland Heights, in this city, cut the telephone wires and secured silverware and money to the amount of $100. They then ransacked a dwelling next door, securing money and jewelry valued at $200.

Badly Scalded

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 18.—Falling headlong into a vat of boiling water, Edward Peterson, 27 years of age, yesterday received burns that the surgeons at the receiving hospital fear will prove fatal. P Peterson is employed at the plant of the Los Angeles Packing company. While emptying a tub of sausages into the vat he lost his balance and plunged into the seething water. The flesh on the man's back, arms, and legs was parboiled before he was rescued by other workmen.

Shooting at Skagway

SKAGWAY, via Seattle, Oct. 18.—Enraged with jealous passion, inflamed with drink, Henry H. Boardman entered the lobby of the Fifth Ave. Hotel Saturday night, walked up to Reginald Stewart, placed a revolver against his neck and fired. Boardman then ran outside and attempted to commit suicide. Boardman will probably live, but will lose the sight of both eyes. Stewart was intimate with his wife and had broken up his family. Boardman and Stewart lived at Dawson until last June, when Boardman was sent out on a charge of threatening to kill his wife.

Body of Missing Man Found.

HOQUIAM, Oct. 18. — The body of John G. Wheelock, who mysteriously disappeared last Monday, was found early this morning by Mrs. Alma Upson. Wheelock, a wealthy pioneer, left his boarding house Monday and never returned. Tuesday the police were notified, and a search failed to reveal him. The papers noted his disappearance and Mrs. Upson saw the account, having remembered seeing Wheelock at work on a vacant lot across the street. She found the body there. Wheelock was 65 years old and had acquired valuable property.

Burnaby Libel Case

VANCOUVER, Oct. 18.—The Burnaby criminal libel case came up in the assizes here, a verdict of not guilty being returned. "A more savage, malicious, devilish letter could not have been written." This was the fiercely direct manner in which Mr. MacLean, the crown prosecutor, in the case of Rex vs. Susan E. Bell, characterized a letter to William Grazeley, of 227 Keefer street, which it was alleged the defendant, Susan E. Bell, had written. The evidence hinged largely on the handwriting, in regard to which experts differed. The crown charged that having had some trouble with Mrs. Grazeley, Mrs. Susan E. Bell sought to injure her by writing to her husband a letter under the indefinite signature of "Jack," thereby injuring her reputation by a false and malicious tale. The jury found that the charge was not proved.

Young Girl Abducted

NELSON, Oct. 18.—Acting on a notification from the Lethbridge police, Special Constable Thomas McCreath, of Creston, arrested George Wells, alias George Welsh, alias Tom McMullen, charged with abducting pretty little Lucy Jones, daughter of Samuel Jones, a mine foreman of Lethbridge. The girl is said to be less than 15, and wears short dresses. The couple are alleged to have stopped at a Fernie hotel two days ago, but had left before the notification was received from the Lethbridge police. The constable, disguised as a lumberman, saw the couple while hunting. The man was armed with a Winchester. He made friends with Wells, and watching his opportunity sprang upon him while Wells had temporarily laid his weapon on the ground. The man was speedily handcuffed, and a freight train was flagged on which he was taken to Creston. The girl's father is a widower, and it is alleged that the prisoner induced the girl to accompany him on the pretence that he was a theatrical manager and would give her a lucrative position on the stage.

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OLD VICTORIAN IS VISITING THE CITY

B. R. Seabrook and Wife Here From Los Angeles—Farmer's Institution Attracting Attention.

After a three years' absence in Los Angeles, B. R. Seabrook, a son of R. Seabrook, of this city, accompanied by Mrs. Seabrook, and their son and daughter, are visiting Victoria. They are the guests of A. E. Todd, St. Charles street.

With Mr. Seabrook is T. A. Box. The latter's wife is at present en route east upon the first stretch of what is to be a twelve thousand mile journey undertaken in the interest of an invention of the former Victorian, which has already brought him fame and fortune, and has excited the interest of the railway world at large. The latter is a differential railway axle coupler, which is so constructed that either wheel can turn by itself, thus doing away with the slipping of the wheel upon its flange, necessary with the ordinary solid pair of wheels and axle in rounding a curve. The result is a great saving in wear and tear upon rolling stock, tracks, and equipment.

Arriving yesterday on the Princess Victoria, Mr. Seabrooke expressed considerable surprise at the advances which this city has made since his departure, and the improved appearance of both business and residential districts.

Associated with Mr. Box, the ex-Victorian has extensive holdings throughout California in various mining properties. One of the latter sold recently for a figure in the neighborhood of $2,000,000.

The differential axle has been tried out by several of the railroads. The Santa Fe has contracted with the company to equip a number of their cars with the device, and eleven other railways are in negotiation with them. Until they have their own plant erected they are not closing with these, however. One object of their trip East is to arrange to have from fifty to one hundred thousand of the axles turned out at plants there, by which time their own factories will be completed.

The new invention is simply an axle in two sections, fastened in the centre by a mechanism that keeps it rigid as to position, but allows each wheel to move independently of the other. The two sections are fastened by a grooved jacket shrunk on under a pressure of some 60,000 tons, so that, as in the case of the ordinary solid car wheels and axle, no nuts or bolts are required.

The sliding and jarring, with the additional noise caused in rounding a curve where the ordinary axle is used is eliminated with the new wheel, where the curve is taken with rolling wheels. No grease or lubricant is necessary upon the rails, a valuable consideration in the case of street railway companies.

REGIMENTAL SCHOOL

The work of the Fifth Regiment school, which has been in progress for some weeks, is advancing quickly and satisfactorily. The course in infantry drill has been completed and tonight will be started systematic instruction in theory and practical gunnery.

Major W. A. Currie and Majors W. Ridgway Wilson and S. Booth conducted an e[illegible] infantry last Friday, and the former, in conversation had this to say of the results:—

"The examination was very satisfactory and showed me that the members of the class had carefully assimilated the instruction given. They displayed a great deal of enthusiasm and if the same result is obtained in the 12 nights that are to follow before the school comes to an end it should be a most satisfactory one."

The work that is to follow in the regimental school will be most interesting. Instruction will be given in gun drill on the 12-pounder quick-firer and the six inch gun by Sergt. Gillen, R. C. A., and lectures will be given by Lieut. Coburn, R. C. A., on the 12-pounder and by officers of the Fifth Regiment, C. G. A., on the six inch gun. Instruction will be given in the maxim and depression range finder work by Sergt.-Major Caven.

Considerable enthusiasm has been displayed by members of the Fifth Regiment concerning the formation of the proposed regimental association and a committee has been appointed to draw up a constitution and bylaws for the association for submission to a general meeting for which purpose a parade will be called when the committee is ready to report by the officer commanding, Major A. W. Currie. Under the old system the several companies had their own associations which handled the disposal of the funds of the company. It is now proposed that a regiment will be made up by contribution of $5 from each member, to be taken from the drill pay, and with this a clubroom to be equipped with all the requirements of a modern club, lounge, billiard tables, library, periodicals, etc., with the addition of rowing and other sporting clubs. The men's room at the Drill hall will be altered and improved, the band room being thrown into this, and the band quarters removed to the building adjoining, the lower part of which is occupied by the six inch gun.

The intention is to secure sporting and gymnastic instructors and to secure shells for fours and eights and enter into aquatic sports in common with various field sports. At present a large number of members of the regiment are scattered in various sporting aggregations and an effort will be made to have them join with others of the regiment to carry the regimental colors on field and rowing course. The scheme is nearing fruition and it is expected arrangements will be made within a short time to establish the regimental club.

Violence in Argentina.

BUENOS AYRES, Oct. 18.—Five thousand workmen held a demonstration during which violent speeches were made against the execution of Ferrer, and a Spanish flag was burned. A Socialist demonstration has been arranged for Sunday. A bomb exploded yesterday at the Spanish Consulate at Rosario, and the Consulate building was somewhat damaged.

Irrigation in Australia

MELBOURNE, Oct. 18.—The Victorian government is reserving a number of irrigation allotments for skilled irrigators from Europe and America. It is estimated that the new irrigation schemes will enable thirty thousand more people to settle in the irrigable areas.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont Ill

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, head of the new Political Equality league, is ill at her home at Hempstead, L. I., with what threatens to be pneumonia, resulting from her work for the cause.

JOHNSON ALL TH WAY, REPORTS MORRISON

By C. L. MORRISON.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18.—J Johnson fulfilled the prediction of sporting writers and other close lowers of the fistic game when knocked Stanley Ketchel, the mid weight and light-heavy weight ch pion cold in the twelfth round their battle for the heavywe championship of the world, at froth's arena at Colma. It was a fight from a spectator's standp although it was Johnson all the The big black man outfought and boxed Ketchel, and landed more quently and with cleaner blows, Ketchel was game to the core, kept trying to land the dreamland that would end the fight and win him the much coveted champion honors. Ketchel played for the throughout the fight, and some of right swings would have felled Jo son like an ox had they connected the big fellow instead of with the space which he occupied a fractio a second before the blow came. looked during the earlier round though Johnson was playing with lighter and smaller opponent, altho it seemed hard to conceive of sane man taking chances with su dangerous fellow as Stanley Ket even to improve the moving pictu when defeat to Johnson meant loss of all chance for a match Jeffries. Toward the end of the however, Johnson threw himself fourth speed, and went right Ketchel, at times lifting him bo from the ropes and carrying hi the center of the ring, where he s him clear and delivered punis blows. In the seventh round Ket landed a right flush on the champ jaw, which raised a big lump from that time on the black wo hard to end the fight.

The knock-out was one of the spectacular ever scored in a local Johnson really landed three sepa knock-out punches in such quick cession that the eye could hardly low the shining ebony forearm be the glove. The fighters were roug it in Johnson's corner when the came. Johnson shook himself free charged like a bull, head lowered, arms ready for a vicious blow. chel aimed a terrific right at champion's head, but Johnson ca the blow on his arm and neck fa heavily. He seemed dazed, and chel backed off to get set for a when the black regained his Johnson gathered himself toget and without waiting for Ketche bring the fighting to him, fairly ed himself across the ten feet separated him from the white and took him entirely by surp Johnson whipped in a terrible rig the jaw, and followed it with a to the stomach. As Ketchel backward, Johnson caught him face with another right jab, and fight was over. In fact, it was bly over, for one of the last blows was a clean knock-out.

SOUND STEAMERS VIOLATE RUL

Indianapolis, Chippewa, Iroquois Others Carry Only One Mate Wh Licenses Call For Two.

SEATTLE, Oct. 18.—Capt. P Deering, and Chief T. J. Heeney, St. Michael board of marine ins tors filling the local office during vacation of Capt. Bion B. Whitney Robert A. Turner, Saturday after found the owners of the Iroquis, C pewa, Aposalie, Indianapolis, Wha and Walalale, all belonging to Puget Sound Navigation comp guilty of violating marine regula by having only one licensed mat board when their certificates c for two.

President Joshua Green, of the vigation company, stated before board that he had been assured Inspector Whitney that only one li ed mate was necessary on the ve He insisted, while acknowledging the vessels carried only one that he should not be construe pleading guilty to any violation o legal requirements for steamers o tonnage of the six named.

The matter was submitted wi argument for the sake of a ruling probably will be appealed to St vising Inspector John Berminghai San Francisco.

FALLS THROUGH WHARF AT GANGES HARB

Steam Freighter Grainer Brings N of Death of Unknown Young M Saturday Night.

Dropping through a hole in wharf at Ganges Harbor Satu night, a young man, 18 years of whose name is not known of the freighter Grainer would not revea day, was drowned. The news brought to Victoria today by Grainer, members of whose crew covered the body.

When the man fell his head s lieved to have struck a log floatin neath the wharf. The Grainer lying alongside, and members of crew caught the man's body wit boat hook and drew it to the sur First aid methods were immedi employed but all efforts at resus tion failed. The body showed a marks and scratches about the head, indicating that the contact the log had stunned the man. I was probably due to drowning.

The boy's parents, it is said, dead. He was unknown at Ga Harbor where his remains now the morgue.

Oliver's Warm Reception.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 18.—Hon. F Oliver was given a decidedly ho hours Saturday at New Westminst citizens who objected to the ca lation of the Royal City's re around Lake Coquitlam.

The Vancouver Power com subsidiary to the British Colu Electric Railway company, lately great efforts to secure the Coqu watershed for power purposes, b this New Westminster opposed company's action tooth and nail. ral special reports have been by engineers regarding the raisi the dam by the power company its effect on the water supply o