supplies. The first steamer took a goods it could properly carry, and goods it could properly carry, and in enty-four hours after its arrival the ore was sold out of sugar and a numer of other staples. The vessel will also two more trips this fall before the of other staples. The vessel will se two more trips this fall before the er closes, as the company are still unplied for the winter season, and the ly purchases are very large.

A "LOUD" ABUSE City Refuse Barge and the Tale Nightly Tells

It would seem that the city authoritie their comendable zent in enforcing the agulations that all garbage shall be reoved after midnight, overlook the ually important matter of disposing qually impertant matter of disposing peckily of the refuse after it reaches the low. During cooler weather there ight be some excuse for allowing the ight of days up. ight be some excuse for anowing the sow to remain for a couple of days until it had been loaded before being the beautiful that there can scarcely be a cation for allowing such a vess stification for amowing such a vessel dishonor as the city garbage scow to flend the nostriks of citizens within seval blocks of the harbor slip at which lies, for any longer peroid of time than

absolutely necessary, for seven weeks the good ship Amar s lain within a few yards of the barge question, and the officers affirm that ten during the hot wave through which he city has lately passed the barge has ally been emptied twice or three times. The stench making ring each week. The stench, malig-ant enough during the day, is intensely ggravated after twelve o'clack, when carts commence dumping their conats on to the barge, and a vile, male-prous effluvium comes rolling in through The Amer, under the circum tices, was little better than a plague, and had they exploded and sunk offending craft, a la Maine, a grate-public would not have asked them to "remember" it. subject certainly requires ventila At present it nightly proclaims t resent it nightly proclaims to waterfront that the good city

sundry Let the journey seaward. barge hereafter

Hardships Undergone by Disappointed

Prospectors Who Returned on

the Thistle.

lictoria is performing its ablut,

in a sufficiently distinct manner to

message far up the Arm

the Search for Missing Sir Arthur Curtis Abandoned-Veterans Who Go to Dawson.

A small party of men. who have been to Hazelton over the Ashcroft route ame down on the Thistle last night. mong these was the brothers Bhars tho, with Dr. Gauchin, Miller brothers a man named Carland, started rough over the Ashcroft trail from irginia city, Okanagan, on the 1st of pril. Their progress was very slow, neir pack train not making Hazelton ntil the 24th of July. As these men are most the first to arrive one over this trail their experience is worth recording in order to give a pro-

According to their statement there is good wagon road to Quesnelle. Be-ond that, right through to Hazelton, route is an indifferent one; the 45 of new trail which was built ben Moorstown and Hazelton being worst in the entire distance. nber of their animals they state that conditions this year were very unfav-le for the proper testing of the croft route. The almost continual wfall, combined with the daily traffic er the road of horses, cattle and other timale, cut up the roadbed and made any portions of it little better than a lagmire. A mistake is made, it seems, a employing unbroken brouches, which, ad much less the burdens of pack ani-als, give their owners no end of trouble-either are they as durable as the horses mules which have been properly pack-mules which have been properly fed oats and hay. Most of ass were able to withstand the hard-pips of the trip without serious incon-enience, whereas the bronchos, in many ses, had to be shot. Another condition which militated against the route was he lateness of the season, it being far nto the spring before my fodder was vailable along the route.

A gang of four men was met near Siwash village where they had built a couple of bridges. This was the only visible piece of work which they had performed. A bridge is badly needed over Bear river, where the miners have constructed. onstructed a temporary crossing. At Quesnelle a fee of 75 cents a head is parged for taking over the horses. Quite a number of the prospectors now nora, a party of about thirty Boston ople intending to divide, one half going ck to Port Simpson and the first going to Port Simpson and up the and the remainder attempting t through overland to Glenora. party of five who lately attempted to do so reached the summit, 165 miles distant,

ut were forced to turn back. Charles Reell, a veteran forty-niner, who, after making a snug pile in California, mined in Montana, Idaho and and ther states, was also a passenger on the Thistle. He went in from Ashcroft, but after passing Quesnelle left the Hazelton trail and with his party struck about 300 miles northwesterly from that point. They explored the Nation river, Robson creek, and the east fork of that creek. They spent five weeks on the making their way through its waters and cutting their own trail for distance of fourteen miles. Nothing f an encouraging nature was found, he surface deposits showing only small olors, and the bedrock prospecting less avorably than the surface dirt. At the mouth of Robson creek a California are making preparations for extensive preparations for hydraulicking, and their disclose the precious erations should metal if its exists in paying quantities.
Upon reaching Hazelton Reehl and his ompanions found their animals so pool and sorethat they abandoned the project. Although over seventy years of age, Although over seventy years of age, Reehl is preparing to go to Dawson, which he hoveps to see before he dies At Stoney Creek the Bhars party met wo of the Indians who had been employed in the search of Sir Arthur Curis. They had succeeded in tracking him about 26 miles, but at that nad lost all trace of him. They continued the search, and the Curtis

Dealer in Antiques—The value of that in acreased by its being unique; there is not not be a like it. increased by its being unique; there is not another like it.

Customer—What is the price?

"They are worth 550 apiece."—Brooklyn Life.

party are now selling their horses and

reparing to return to the voast.

THE WAR ENDED

spain and the United States Reach an Agreement on Peace Negotiations.

Believed That Immediate Suspension of Hostilities Will Be Ordered.

Aug. 11.-(Noon)-It is beofficial circles that a suspension ties will be announced by both nmediately after Ambassador as signed the protocol. inet met during the morning inisters adjourned until the atch from Ambassador Cami Washington had been received.

session of the cabinet will be afternoon. known that the government i agcuainted with the principal the United States' reply and isters are ready to accede to

Aug. 11.-Advices received throughout the day from Madrid that the correspondents are cer-Ambassador Cambon will receive sthority this afternoon to sign the pro-

Regarded as Satisfactory. Madrid, Aug. 11.-In official circles the of the United States to Spain in ter of peace negotiations is reas satisfactory. Sagasta, how-lenses that he authorized the ambassador at Washington as Spain to make ntative of in the Spanish answer. As retain conditions which might ifferences during the course of ons, the premier added: "If any are to be made the government ill make them. The reply of the States will not be definitely until after the coming cabinet

Some Religious Difficulties. ondon, Aug. 11.-The Madrid corresch interest because it is that both the Americans and na-will insist upon, if not the expulthe orders, certainly a curtail-their influence and disestablishof their property. Though it is ted some such reforms are needed, ernment is bound to approach the cautiously in order to avoid g the Vatican and playing into hands of the Ultra-Montanes and

British Consul Dead. antiago de Cuba, Aug. 11.—Mr. W. msden, for over 35 years British conat Santiago de Cuba, has just died Kingston, Jamaica, in the 58th year He leaves a wife and three thters and four sons, one of whom British vice-consul at Manila. Mr. den's services throughout the war, forts to bring about the surrende Santiago with a view to avoiding fur-bloodshed, and his kindness to all mericans with whom he came in con-ct entitled him to their consideration.

Spain's Cabinet Crisis. London, Aug. 11.—The Madrid corres condent of the Times says: "The sug-gestion that the cabinet ought to resign ands little favor with those having the ountry's interests at heart, as it eman-tes from parliamentary free lances who umber of deputies.
The Carlist agitation seems to be sus-

miled for the moment, and the best thorities are convinced there will be rising until peace is concluded."

No Important Developments. Washington, Aug. 11-Up to 11 o'clock crew. there were no important peace developments at the White House, and no indious of immediate further progress in situation. Alger and Griggs had a conference with the President durthe morning, at which there was full assion of the proposed government orto Rico. While the conference progress a telegram of instruc for the guidance of General Miles ollection of customs and other Porto Rico was sent after apby the President. The duties in force preliminarily at Santiago. regular tariff schedule for Porto ill be prepared soon. Alger smiled Boston report that Blanco had alurrendered, and said that was the he had heard of it. He also deneid eports that any orders had been is-to commanders in the field to rest their arms pending the signing of a

FIRE AT SKAGWAY.

Farallon Arrives at Vancouver With Late News From the North.

Vancouver, Aug. 9 .- The steamer Faron, arrived in Vancouver to-day. On bursday night she left Skagway, and t that time Captain Roberts says kagway was threatened with destrucfire. Fifteen or twenty house in flames as the steamer cast off ropes. The last reports he received that the inadequate fire brigade vere trying to keep the flames from the lynamite sheds where the railway company have their dynamite stored. This seemed to him impossible as the fire was rapidly spreading. The people were panic stricken, as the forests were all ablaze surrounding the town. It was an inspiring sight, and looked from the r as if nothing could save the town destruction. The houses caught the bush fires surrounding Skagand as a high wind prevailed flames to the centre of the Passengers expressed the opinthat Skagway has been swept existence, but the purser stated that believed the fire could be got under irol, as it started near the water it, and the demolishing of several ses between them and the centre of

town would prevent the flames from Farallon brings the largest yet received here from the Purser Coughlan had \$100,000 safe. H. Abbott, of Sacramento, d two men carrying a sack of dust righing 200 pounds, that could not be nto the safe. The purser states that ting drafts and dust there is a mil-and a half of wealth represented. Duffin had \$20,000 in drafts Roberts said, and W. Gibbs, o had \$250,000 in drafts. on board sixty miners from Daw-They bring home from \$2,000 \$200,000 each. 10 \$200,000 each. I think I have over \$2,000,000 on board." George Lyons, an old miner of San Cal., says \$400,000 ver the Farallon treasure. Lyons dug

\$10,000 on his claims and sold the

McKellar, Whatcom, have \$10,000 each. The Whatcom boys say there is \$800,-000 on the Farallon.

John Creits, was Seattle, brings out \$5,000 from Stewart r ver.

Henry Abbott, of Sacramento, Cal., is credited with \$10,000.

Keiferr, of Nanaimo, has \$10,000 in drafts.

drafts. Lyons says that at Skookum Gulch three nuggets were found last month valued at \$600, \$400 and \$600.

Wilkinson and Dickson, Nanaimo, brought home \$7,000.

Commissioner Walsh has reached the

coast on his way home.

Mr. McGregor, the Canadian royalty collector, was to start from Skagway on Friday by the Cattage City.

The estimate of most of the passengers was that fifteen millions was alterned up for the case of the payalties. cleaned up for the season, the royalties preventing as much again from coming Port Townsend, Aug. 11.-The steamer

om Skagway, reports that the fire was not so serious as stated. A few hundred

The James Bay Crew Speedily Makes Friends at the Prairie Capital.

Thought That the Victoria Shell is Superior to the Winnipeg Boat.

Winnipeg, Aug. 10.—(Special)—The James Bay crew arrived this afternoon. The Rowing Club's committee of reception welcomed them at the depot. They are regarded here as first-class men, and will make a good showing. The expectation is that they will take their first spin to-night. .The weather is clear and cool.

The Victoria boys are all in the best of health, and declare themselves prepared for the struggle of their lives. The trip over the Great Northern pleased them immensely and they speak highly of the courtesy on, Aug. 11.—The shard to the fate shown them by the officials of the road religious orders in the Philippines and the arrangements made for their com-

The damage to the shell is not so seriou as was at first supposed and is susceptible easy repair. There is every prospect that the shell will be ready for use in a few hours, and the four will not suffer from any hindrance in their practising. They have had a look at the proposed course and express themselves pleased with it. Trainer Watson says the boys were in such good condition when they left Victoria that a journey of much greater duration and of more hardships would have been required to make any appreciable effect upon their physique.

Everything possible is being done by the reception committee to provide for the comfort of the crew, and that they will have a good time, win or lose, may be relied upon as an assured fact.

Winnipeg, Aug. 11-(Special).-The James Bay crew and their friends are looking over the city to-day and supervising repairs to their boat, which was injured, though not seriously, en route from the coast. repairs will be executed this afternoon and the crew will take a spin over the course on Red river to-night.

on teed river to high.

Winnipeg proposes to entertain the Pacific visitors royally, and they have many warm admirers here who will see to it that they xious to enjoy the sweets of office, ssess only a small ahowance in the the race. The citizens appreciate the enerprise of Victorians in sending a crew

The Toronto crew is expected on Tuesday It is generally conceded that the Victoria shell is superior to that of the Winnipeg

RUSSIA AND BRITAIN.

Sudden Fortifying of Copenhagen Causes a Sensation.

Copenhagen, August 11.—A sensation has been caused by the sudden measures being taken to place the seaport of Copenhagen in a state of military efficiency. It is supposed that these measures are due to fears of a conflict between Great Britain and Russia. The official rgan announces that the government of Denmark has expended 500,000 kroners ammunition and awaits an additional grant by parliament. August 11.-The Daily Mail

says this morning: "We understand that the Franco-Belgian contract for the for the construction of the Pekin Han Kow railway has been ratified by the Tsung Li Yamen and actually Signed." On the contrary the Pekin corespondent of the Times, telegraphing Wednes says the contract is still unratified. The Belgian minister is pressing for an

imperial rescript directing the ratifica-tion, and England "should endeavor to

delay the ratification until the objection-able clauses favoring Russia are remov-

OUTPUT OF KLONDIKE.

Superintendent of San Francisco Mint Says, Only \$6,000,000. San Francisco, Aug 11.—E. E. Leech, superintendent of the United States mint in this city, estimates that the gold output of the Klondike this year has been only about \$5,000,000. The receipts at the mint here have amounted to about \$1,750,000 since the first arrival of Yukon gold a few weeks ago. The receipts of the Seattle assay office have been about the same. The largest single deposit at the mint here was \$120,000. Mr. Leech estimates that about \$250,000 in dust and nuggets has gone east and that there is about \$1,000,000 of the season's output yet to reach this country. by the North American Trading & Transportation Company was sent east, and was not included in Mr. Leech's fig. This amount might posibly reac \$500,000. From this showing it would appear that \$6,000,000 would be a safe and conservative estimate of the entire Yukon output, including the American side as well as the Klondike.

MOTHER JOYS. A Dimpled Dot in her Arms and a Body Without a Pain—Here's a Case of Mother Cured of Tormenting Piles by Dr. Agnew's Ointment.

"After baby was born I suffered great torment from piles. Nothing gave me any lasting relief or benefit until I had used Dr. Agnew's Ointment, application of it gave me almost instant relief, and a few applications cured me. Mrs. M. K. Collger, 30 Pacific avenue, Toronto."
Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall &

David Brown, of Whatcom, brings Record, was a passenger from Vancouver 12,000. P. D. Brown and T. D. yesterday.

Alarming Condition of Affairs Reported in Alaska-Food Riots Apprehended.

The United States Government To Take Immediate Steps to Preserve Order.

says: Serious trouble in the interior of Alaska is apprehended by the United States government. Food riots are feared at Fort Yukon and other up rivers reply City of Topeka, which arrived here to-day points growing out of the failure of the transportation companies to get supplies in there on account of the prevailing low water. Acting on instructions received from Washington, Major-General Merriman will quickly dispatch a battery of artillery to St. Michaels, the officer in charge having orders to proceed at once this to his men as he did. It was simply up the Yukon river to Fort Yukon and a matter of taste. open a military post for the coming winter. The expedition will also carry winfer. The expedition will also carry a large quantity of extra provisions and supplies to relieve distress. When St. Michaels is reached the commanding officer will promptly levy on any river boat he may find, seizing them if necessary, and will transport his troops and supplies to their destination with all possible dispatch. A form of military reversing the many supplies and good government wil be established and good order will be maintained in Alaska even requires the services of the soliers

and artillery. Washington, Aug. 11. General Merriman, general commanding the department of Columbia, has been given power in the matter of military affairs in Al-He telegraphed the department that the last boats were about to leave for the Yukon country and it might be necessary to send some portion of the army there to insure public peace. It is probable he will send two or three hundred men, including a battery of ar-troops as he thinsk are needed in Alaska. NEWS OF VANCOUVER.

Arrest of P. A. Sheppard-Gross's Reported Death Exaggerated.

Vancouver, Aug. 11.—E. A. Sheppard, the bogus company promoter who established branches of the clerk's exchange in Victoria and Vancouver, has fallen into the clutches of the law. He was provided shortly after 1 o'clock this arrested shortly after 1 o'clock this morning by Defective Butler. Sheppard arrived in Vancouver about three weeks. ago. He first secured chambers in the Sullivan block, Cordoya street, and then looked around for a dupe. Mr. C. E. Neilson, tailor, and resident in Vancouver for several years, was the victim. He put up \$250 and became the Vancouver manager of the clerk's exchange. le and Sheppard spent this morning in il, and will come up in the police court

Joseph Gross objects to the Colonist calling him dead. He is very much alive, and this morning asked the reporters to say so. Gross was shot in Victoria a few months ago by Joseph Barratta, who is now serving five years for the offerce.
Sheriff Hall, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Shirley and a provincial police officer, this morning took possession of the Hotel Commercial on Cambie street

at the junction of Hastings. A DAKOTA TRAGEDY.

Three Dead And a Woman Dying the Result of a Shooting Affray. Omaha, Neb., Aug. 11.—A Deadwood, South Dakota, special to the Bee says: Three dead and a woman dying is the result of a shooting affray at Central City this morning. Judge J. P. Gid-dings, E. M. Shannon and Jack Weir dings, are dead, and Mrs. E. M .Summon the woman. Shannon has a bearding house at Terry and one at Central City. He stayed a night at Terry, leaving time to look after the other place. This morning Shannon returned to Central City and aroused Giddings. Just what happened is not known, but the two men ourst into the street engaged in a struggle. Shannon had a revolver. Jack Weir tried to separate them and was shot through the body, dying instantly. Shannon then shot Giddings through the head, killing him. He went to his wife's bedroom beating her about the head with a revolver until he thought he had killed her, and then with a fresh revolver shot himself. The woman cannot recover. An intimacy between Giddings

and Mrs. Shannon is given as the cause of the tragedy. THE HOOLEY SCANDAL. Several of the Bankrupt's Friends Ex

amined Yesterday. London, Aug. 10.—On the resumption to-day of the examination into the af-fairs of Mr. Ernest Terah Hooley, the bankrupt company promoter, the registrar announced that Mr. Hooley was ill and that his examination must be adourned, but it was decided to allow hose who have been charged with receiving bribes to make sworn state-

Mr. Duguid, formerly financial editor of the Pall Mall Gazette, stated that the £3,000 was a compensation, explaining that Mr. Hooley appointed him city editor of a newspaper, but was unable to fulfill his contracts owing to the objections of Mr Harry Marks. Earl de la Warr was next sworn. He

admitted having received £8,000 from Broadley, Mr. Hooley's agent, after the flotation of the Dunlop company, but witness said he never had received anything to transmit to the Earl of Albemarle, nor had he received £10,000 for ntroducing Mr. Hooley to Lord Gren-A cable despatch was read from Lord Northey, who is now in British Colum-

bia, denying that he received £1,000 to Praed, the manager of Lloyds Bank, said the statements of Mr. Hooley in regard to the bank were absolutely false, and he produced documents em-powering the bank to sell or otherwise dispose of the securities it held against Mr. Hooley's overdraft. Continuing. witness said Mr. Hooley once remarked to him, "You know, Praed, I have lied to everybody in nearly every case, but I have always told you the truth." The examination was adjourned until Friday every in the Overer's beauth division of

next in the Queen's bench division of the high court of justice.

To-day Justice Wright granted counsel for the official receiver of the Hooley estate permission to serve notice upon the Earl de la Warr and Messrs. Browley, Bradshaw and Rucker that on Friday next a motion will be made to commit them for contempt of court in attempting to induce Mr. Hooley to falsify his evidence.

Steamer City of Seattle, after being thoroughly overhauled, repaired and gen-erally renovated at Quartermaster harbor will resume her run on the Alaska excursion route to-morrow. She will arrive here from the Sound at 6 a.m. and sail for the north at 9 a.m.

CAPT. EVANS ON HIS LANGUAGE The following letter has been received by the earter of the Williamsport (Pa.)

U. S. S. Iowa, 1st Rate, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, July 23. Dear Sir:-I beg to a kir wledge the receipt to-day of a copy of your paper which you have been good enough to

send me. I am somewhat at a loss to know whether you sent it for the purpose of calling my attention to the "cuss" words attributed to me in the newspapers or to Capt. Philip's official show of Christian spirit in announcing to his men on the quarter deck of the Texas, after the San Francisco, Aug. 11.-The Call battle of Santiago, that he believed in Almighty God. As, however, you have seen fit to drag my name in your news paper I hope that you will publish this ose who have read your issue of July 15 may also read what I have to about it. have never considered it necessary,

am sure a great majority of officers in the navy do not consider it necessary, to announce to their crews that "they believe in Almighty God." I think that goes without saying. We each of us, have the right to show the think in the control of t a matter of taste. Now for myself. Shortly after Spanish cruiser Vizcaya had struck colors and my crew had secured the guns, the chaplain of the ship, an excel

guns. The chaptain of the ship, an excel-lent man, came to me and said: "Cap-tain, shall I say a few words of thanks to Almighty God for our victory?" I said, "By all means do so; I will have the men sent aft for that purpose," and was on the point of doing so when it was reported to me that a Spanish bat-tleship was standing toward as from hip was standing toward us from

ileship was standing toward us from the eastward. My first duty to God and my country was to sink this Spanish battleship, and I immediately made preparations to do so.

When it was discovered that this ship was an Austrian, I found my ship surrounded by boats carrying dying and wounded prisoners, and others of the crew of the Vizcaya, to the number of two hundred and fifty. To leave these men to suffer for want of food and chothing while I called my men aft to offer ing while I called my men art to offer prayers was not my idea of either Christianity or religion. I preferred to clothe the naked, feed the hungry and succor the sick, and I am strongly of the opin-ion that Almighty God has not put a black mark against me on account of

I do not know whether I shall stand with Capt. Philip among the first chosen in the hereafter, but I have this to say conclusion, that every drop of blood in my body on the afternoon of July was singing thanks and praise to Al-mights God for the victory we had won

Yours respectfully ROBLEY D. EVANS. U. S. Navy, Commanding U.

THE FINAL DETAILS. United States and Spain Fast Coming to Terms.

Washington, Aug. 10.-The preliminary negotiations looking towards the confirmation of peace took a long stride to-day, when the secretary of state and the French ambassador agreed upon the terms upon which future negotiations for a treaty are to be conducted and reduced these to the form of a protocol. This protocol, it is true, is held to be signed and is to be submitted to the Spanish government before- the formal signatures are affixed, but the administration's views as to the progress made today was set out in Secretary Day's tools was set in that this pro-tocol will be executed."

There is always the possibility in deal-

ing with the Spanish government that it may recede at the last moment from an implied agreement, but it is scarcely probable that it would be willing to involve the French ambassador in the difficilities that would follow what to the world would seem to be a repudiation of his benevolent efforts in behalf of Spain There must be a delay of pos-There must be a delay of pos-from twenty-four to forty-eight hours before the next step can be taken and the protocol made binding by the attachment of signatures of the pleni-potentiaries, Secretary Day for the Unit-States and M. Cambon for Spain. le delay will be attributable largely to

physical causes.
As to the character of the protocol, it can be stated on authority that the terms are in all practical points those set out in the abstract of the first conditions published from the White House a week ago. From this fact it is deduced that the extra conditions of qualifications sought to be imposed by the Spanish government were abandoned, at least in large part, by the French ambassador. This deduction is supported by the circumstances that in the early morning and before the conference be tween Secretary Day and M. Cambon which resulted in the agreement, there was a prevalent impression based upon the utterance of public men who had alked with the President that the Spanish answer was unsatisfactory that the negotiations looked as it they might terminate suddenly. As the situ-ation changed so suddenly after the conference it may be fairly assumed that the ambassador abandoned the condiions which the President was reported

o have regarded as unsatisfactory. It is believed that the protocol carries within itself provision for the cossation of hostilities. On this point the naval contingent is urgent that our government adopt the policy of refusing to enter on an armistice without acquiring substantial pledge to secure the consummation of peace. What they partic ularly desire is that our government shall demand as a condition of the cessation of hostilities, the surrender to the United States military force of Morro Castle at the entrance of Havana harbor and also such points of vantage at other important ports in the territory soon to fall under our control. The peace negotiations are now believ ed to be advanced to a point where the President has felt waranted in turning his attention to the selection of comnis attention to the selection of com-missioners to be charged by the United Stats with the drafting of a treaty of peace. So far as it can be githered but one name has been positively de-termined upon, namely, that of Secre-tary Day who will head the commission. Beyond that point there is no certainty although some prominent names have been brought forward. Mr. Woodford, our last minister to Spain, has been menour last minister to Spain, has been men-tioned, though as he is credited with entertaining a desire to return to rid in the capacity of United States mirister after the war the two ambi-

OTTAWA NOTES

tiens might conflict.

Ottawa, Aug. 11.—Col. Aylmer, adju-tant general has been called to the com-mand of the Canadian militia, pending he arrival of the new general.

Dr. Dawson, director of the geological survey, left Ottawa yesterday for Edmonton on receipt of a telegram ancouncing a strike of oil near Victoria General Hutton left for Canada yes

Engineer Ridout, of the railway deportment, has left to inspect the first completed section of the Crow's Nest railway preparatory to the payment of a portion of the federal subsidy

Three Alen and Two Women Strung up in Arkansas-Were Charged With Murder.

The Wife of the Victim Commits Suicide, Being Suspected of Having Instigated the Crime.

Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 10.-The Gazette in a 5 oclock edition prints the rolowing account of a lynching at Claren-

l'ive people, three men and two wo-men, were lynched at Clanerdon at an early hour this morning.

Such was the starting news reach-ing Little Rock shortly after 1 o'clock. Every effort to confirm the news made by the Gazette, and although tele graphic communication was suspended the night and it was impossible to reach a correspondent, all doubts as to the truth of the report were cleared away when at 3 o'clock this morning the telegraph operator in the Cotton Belt railroad office at Clarendon was reached. "Is it a fact that a lynching has oc "Not just one, but five," he

back. "I saw the bodies myself. Four of them are hanging to the limb of a tree not far away and a few yards further the body of the fifth is dangling from a gallows of the same kind." According to this source of information all five victims of the mob were negroes. They were the parties accused of the murder of Mr. John T. Orr, a wealthy young merchant who was assau sinated a few nights ago. Their names

Dennis Ricard. Manse Castle

Rills Weaver.
Susie Jacobs.
While the five bodies swung in the early morning breeze the body of the widow of the murdered man my rigid in death in her cell in the county jail with only the soft, sweet voice of her 3-year-old child to break the midnight silence of the gloomy jail, as the innocent little tot cried for mamma.

Somewhere a young woman, once prominent in Clarendon society, is a fugitive from justice, hunted by the officers of the law, charged with murder. Her name is Miss Rachel Morris, and she is the only survivor of the coterie of seven named in the coroner's verdict as cing responsible for the tragic death of

Mrs. Our died by her own hand. After completely breaking down and making a partial confession she obtained in some manner a quantity of polson and took the dose about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. She never regained consciousness.
The details of the fearful work of the mob are obtainable at this hour. About 11 o'clock last night the last dispatch was received direct from a Gazette cor-

respondent. was stated by the correspondent that everything was quiet, the prisoners in charge of a deputy sheriff and that there was no prospect of a lynching be-fore morning. It is evident from this that the lynching occurred at a very late hour and that the mob planned its work so well that their appearance was in the nature of a surprise.

From the last dispatch it was seen that Sheriff Jackson was not in Clarenthat Sheriff Jackson was now as it is don when the lynching occurred, as it is stated that he was taken seriously and went home for medical treatm eaving the prisoners in charge of De-outy Milwee.

Clarendon has been the scene of

great excitement since the assassination of Mr. Orr. Mr. Orr was a prominent young hardware dealer of that city. Last Friday night, while making lemonade in his home, an assassin crept up to his window and fired a shot into his body, from the effect of which he died following day.

There was apparently no clue to the assassin. Mr. Orr had just returned from choir practice at a church of which choir he was a member, while his wife was the organist. Bloodhounds were put on the trail, but

they were unable to run down the as-After an inquest extending over two days a verdict was returned charging Mrs. Orr, the murdered man's wife, of being the instigator of the crime. Miss Rachel Morris, a prominent young Jewess, Manse Castle, Will Sanders, Dennis Ricard, Rilla Weaver and Susie Jacobs, the latter five negroes, were charged with complicity in the crime Castle was arrested Snuday and barely escaped lynching Sunday night. The mob had already gatthered to swing him up, their plan but for the earnest appeal in behalf of law and order made by Thomas, who appeared on the scene just in time to prevent the lynching.

He addressed the crowd, beseeching them to let the law take its course, and

promised that the accused should have a speedy trial. Castle was accused of firing the shot that killed Orr, but he denied his guilt. According to his story one of the negro women involved in the case had told him that Mrs. Orr wanted her husband killed and would pay \$200 to have the deed done. He entered into the proposition, but later weakened and turned the job over to Ricard. Ricard likewise denied his guilt and accused Castel The negro women in the case had been employed as cook and servant in the Orr

household, and it was shown at the time that they had simply acted as agents of Mrs. Orr in securing a man to do the murder. What connection Miss Morris had with the case is not clear from the information at hand.

After the arrest of Mrs. Orr and the five negroes Mrs. Orr made a confession.

She admitted that she had said to her

cook that she wished her husband dead and that she would be willing to give \$200 to anybody to kill him. But she said this was uttered while in a fit of anger and that she was innocent of any criminal intention. Her husband abused her, she said, and once struck her, and she, being of high temper herself, some-times said things in anger that she did John Orr was several years ago a theatrical man and in 1890 was manager

of a theatre in a small Wisconsin town There he met and married his wife. Th marriage was clandestine and the bride' parents were opposed to it. They lived happily but a short time. Both were hot tempered and quarrels were fre-A few years ago the Orrs settled in Glarendon, where the husband engaged in business. He had prospered and was considered wealthy at the time of his death. A 3year old daughter, the only

ssue of the unhappy marriage, is left an St. Louis Aug. 10.-A special to the Post-Dispatch gives further details of last night's lynching at Clarendon, Ark.,

follows: About milnight a mob of 200 men took from the county fail four negroes impli-cated in the assassination of John T. Orr on July 30, and hanged them to the tramway of the Halpern sawmill in the rear of the jail.

The persons hanged were Will San-

Rilla Weaver, mother of Sanders, and cook in the Orp household; Dennis Recwid a "nexteo conjurer," who tried to Mause Castle, who volunteered to do the aliss accessory before the fact, and Susie Ja-

cobs, a negro woman, accessory after the fact, made their escape.

Mrs. Orr, the wife of the murdered man, was in the corridor of the jail when the mob entered and she had taken something with suicidal intent and the doctors say she will die.

The mob examined Mrs. Orr critically and passed her, but many favored taking her with the rest. Her death seems

she recover it is stated that the mob will hang her.

Last night only the jailer and two deputies were at the jail, it being felt that the law would be alolwed to take its course. The jailor made an earnest effort to prevent the mob from taking the prisoners, going as far as to give out a statement that he had 25 guards behind him and would order them to fire

should an attempt at forcing the door The crowd hesitated for a moment and then forced the outer doors. The jailer seeing further resistance would be useless, then turned over the keys and unlocked the doors to the cells. The negroes seem to endorse the lynching and many of them are open in the death of Dennis Rectord, whose arts of hoodoo and conjuring made him an object of dread and fear.

Mrs Orr in the name of her cook, Rilla. Weaver through whom all the correspondence was conducted, that Mrs. Orr and Rachel Morris were to remain here until Orr's insurance. until Orr's insurance money was col-lected and then go to New York, where they were to meet two men and form

theatrical company. READY FOR THE FRAY.

Provincial Temperance Workers Organize at Vancouver on Plebiscite Campaign.

The convention which was held in Vancouver this week to prepare for the plebiscite campaign concluded vesterday. most of the delegates returning home on last night's Charmer. There were about 175 delegates present, representing all parts of the province, and active preparations were inaugurated for the

forthcoming battle.

Although the gathering had been convened by the National Prohibition Federation League, it was deemed advisable to organize in affiliation with the older and stronger Dominion Alliance, the expenses incurred by the league being at

peases incurred by the league being at the same time guaranteed to them. This action was taken on a motion submitted by Mr. A. B. McNeill, of Victoria, and caused a lengthy discussion.

The following officers were elected; President; Rev. J. C. Speer, Victoria; Vice-presidents, Dr. Lewis Hall, Mrs. Gordon Grant, Victoria; Wm. Manson, Nanaimo; W. A. Gleason, Mrs. C. C. Elridge, Vancouver; Mrs. Lamb, B. W. W. Shiles, New Westminster; R. H. Cairns, Chilliwack; Josiah Savage, Kamloops; Dr. MacKechnie, Revelstoke; J. B. McArthur, Rossland; J. Green, Nelson; A. R. Carrington, Nicola Valley; Wm. Duncan, Comox; Rev. J. W. Wilson, Vernon; Rev. J. C. Wood, Kaslo; Rev. Mr. Conper, Wellington, Executive committee, Rev. W. Meikle, Rev. P. H. McEwen, Rev. A. E. Green, Rev. Mr. Banton, Rev. J. Reid, Dr. Campbell, Rev. R. W. Trotter, Rev. W. B. Cumming, D. Sprague, Mrs. William Grant. Grant.

Recording secretary, A. C. Brydone-ick, Vancouver; treasurer, Dr. Mc-Rev. P. C. L. Harris was appointed corresponding secretary and organizer for the province, with headquarters at Vancouver. An attempt will be made to raise \$5,000 to carry on the campaign, Victoria and Vancouver each being assessed \$1,000. Branches of the Alliance will be formed in every centre in the pro vince which will work in conjunction with the central authority. It was decided also to appoin mittees in each centre to watch the press

and reply to any fallacious communica-tions against prohibition; to use the lit erature of the Alliance; to publish four issues of a bulletin devoted to local phases of the campaign; to issue a canvass sheet to canvassers containing an epitome of important campaign topics, and to issue a circular letter to those points where a personal canvass cannot be effectively conducted. The executive meets again to-day.

d A MINING SHARK. Alex. Scott Fraser Disappears With Some Bills Unpaid.

Close upon the exposure of the shady transactions of W. C. Shepard in connection with the Clerk's Exchange, comes the intelligence of another deal, which has a suspicious appearance, and which will necessitate the speedy return to the city of the principals in order to rid himself of the odium under wrich he now

Constable Campbell, of the provincial police, and Victor Howard, of the Esquimalt hotel, are partners in a promising mineral claim at the naval town recorded as the V.D. About a few weeks ago they were approached by a man named Alex. Scott Fraser, with whom Howard went to school in the old land, with a preposition of the old land. with a proposition to give him (Fraser) a third interest in the property in conideration of which he was to do a cetain amount of development work. ser represented himself as a mining exert and seemed to have a wide knowedge on that subject. Previous to this e had been examining some propositions Cowichan. The partners consented the arrangement and a hard and fast greement was drawn up by Frank Higns to render the arrangement legal and

Fraser represented himself as short of oney, and asked for an advance of \$20 om the two men to purchase chemicals r assaying, etc. This was supplied to him and he has not been seen since. He also owes a bill of \$15 at the Oriental hotel where he stayed, and the gentlemen financially interested are now inxious to communicate with him.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

Re Victoria assessment appeal, Mrs. Dimenuir's case. This morning Mr. C. Dubois Mason, acting on behalf of the city, applied to Mr. Justice Walkern for an order extending the time for appeal from his lordship's judgment, or in the alternate for a special sitting of the the alternate for a special sitting of the full court to hear the appeal. Under sub-sec, 6 of sec, 135 of the municipal clauses act, an appeal from the judg-ment of a judge of the supreme court must be determined within fourteen days from the giving of the judgment anpealed from, and the time will expire on Monday. His lordship held that he had no power to extend the time for appealing, and he could not summon a special sitting of the full court because it was impossible to get the three judges necessary, as Mr. Justice Drake has loft for Fugland, thus leaving only Mr. Justice McColl and Mr. Justice Irving here, and it takes three to make a quorum. The result is that no apeal can be taken and the assessment as ordered by Mr. Jusders, who fired the shot that killed Orr; tice Walkem must stand.