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TOOK OVER THREE HUNDRED BURGHERS

THE RESULT OF LAST WEEK'S OPERATIONS

ty-Five Boers Were Killed and Twenty-Five Wounded—Brander Captures Sixty of Enemy.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 24.—Lord Kitchener in a dispatch from Johannesburg, dated Monday, December 23rd, reports the week's results as being 45 Boers killed, 25 wounded, 310 made prisoners and 35 surrendered.

Surprised and Captured.

Pretoria, Dec. 24.—Lieut.-Colonel Brander's force surprised a Boer laager in the Pietersburg district on December 22nd and captured 60 prisoners.

More Recruits Than Places.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Reports from various recruiting stations in Eastern Canada indicate that many more than the required quota of recruits for the extra three hundred to make up the one hundred for the 2nd Mounted Rifles for South Africa offered their services yesterday.

The De Beers Mines.

Capetown, Dec. 24.—At the annual meeting of the De Beers Mining Co., at Kimberley, the chairman announced that the gross profits for the year were £2,750,000, the production being £4,500,000. The estimated life of the mines is 14 years.

Vancouver's Quota

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—The following men were selected to-day for the South African contingent: David Webb, A. Huckberry, Joseph Johnson, A. J. Reid, E. F. Robinson, W. P. Williams, Howard Grestock, late Strathconas, John Gray and Geo. Thornewill.

CHINESE COMMISSION.

Work of Preparing Report Will Probably Be Completed by Middle of Next Month.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—F. J. Deane, of Kamloops, secretary of the Chinese and Japanese immigration commission, is in town for the purpose of receiving certain data from the census bureau. Mr. Deane states that the preparation of the report is progressing apace, but the evidence taken was so voluminous that it is necessarily a lengthy job to classify, sift and summarize it. The commission meets daily in Toronto, and hope to have the work completed by the middle of next month.

Of the political situation in British Columbia Mr. Deane says that Hon. W. S. Wells, chief commissioner, who recently visited Ottawa, is reported to have framed a railway policy with the assistance of C. P. R. and Mackenzie & Mann, and upon this policy Premier Dunsmuir expects to be able to elect a supporter in Victoria and fill two vacancies in his cabinet. Only the bare outlines of the policy have been made public so far, but they indicate a perpetuation of the subsidy system, special provision being made for the further subsidizing of a railway, the property of the Premier, already richly endowed by land bonus.

OUTRAGES IN MACEDONIA.

Foreign Ministers Have Protested to The Porte.

Constantinople, Dec. 24.—Assassination and the pillaging of villages and straying of inhabitants have so increased recently in Macedonia that the consuls have appealed to the embassies to put a stop to such crimes, and the foreign ministers have made urgent representations to the Porte of the danger of permitting their continuance.

F. R. GLOVER RESIGNS.

Giving Up Position as City Clerk of New Westminster.

New Westminster, Dec. 24.—City Clerk F. R. Glover has sent in his resignation, which was accepted at last night's council meeting, to take effect at the end of the year. It is understood he has received a lucrative appointment elsewhere in this city. Applications for the vacancy must be in by December 30th.

SIX BODIES FOUND.

Result of Accident on Liverpool Electric Railroad.

Liverpool, Dec. 24.—Six bodies have been recovered from the Dingle station tunnel. These apparently represent the total number of deaths resulting from the burning of the electric train yesterday on the overhead railroad.

CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVES.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—At the next meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, the principal boards of trade in Canada will be memorialized by the association to join in sending representatives to Great Britain and Ireland in the interest of Canadian industries.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—Wm. Jack, proprietor of the Centreville hotel, Chilliwack, attempted suicide by hanging this morning. He was brooding over the recent police prosecutions, in which he was fined for unlawfully selling liquor.

POPULATION OF LONDON.

London, Ont., Dec. 24.—According to a number of names in the new directory London has a population of over eighty-eight thousand more than what the Dominion census showed last August.

BOWL FOR LIPTON.

Presentation Made by Americans Entertained by the Yachtmen—Cigarette Case From King.

London, Dec. 24.—Sir Thomas Lipton to-day received a magnificent silver punch bowl and stand as a Christmas gift from John D. Crimmins, J. H. Flager, Chas. Dana Gibson, Judge Morgan O'Brien, and nineteen other Americans who were guests on board the Erin during the races this year for the America's cup.

Sir Thomas said: "I cannot say how delighted I am. It merely shows that if a man does the right thing in America they appreciate it as no other people do. I have never received anything I value more than this splendid gift from my American friends."

King Edward has presented Sir Thomas Lipton with a cigarette case bearing the Royal monogram. It is a replica of the one the King uses himself.

RUMORED CHANGES.

Report From Vancouver That F. Carter-Cotton Will be New Editor of the Colonist.

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—It is reported here that F. Carter-Cotton will assume the editorial management of the Colonist at the first of the year on the retirement of C. H. Lugrin and will hereafter be at the head of both the Colonist and News-Advertiser.

F. Carter-Cotton is said to have been in Victoria several times lately arranging the details, and on Sunday he returned to the capital in company with W. H. Ellis.

RUNAWAY STREET CAR JUMPED THE TRACK

One Person Killed and Several Injured in San Francisco—Car Crashed Against Telephone Pole.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—One person was killed and nine others injured in a peculiar accident on the Filmore street electric line last night. Mrs. Mary Phelan, domestic, died from fractured skull. The injured are Mrs. K. N. Mansie, wife of Wm. Mansie, foot crushed and scalp wounds, will recover; Mrs. Mary Kelly, domestic, contusions and suffering from shock; Robert Keller, cut over eye and contusions; Miss Josephine Bigley, contused and cut over forehead and bruised on the back of the head; Mr. Murrer, contusions and shock, and Mrs. O'Connor, injures slight.

For four blocks south of Union street the grade is so steep that the cars have to be pulled up the hill by special machinery. As a car containing 15 people had nearly reached the top of the hill it broke loose in some manner and rushed down the grade with frightful speed. It kept the track until Union street was reached. Here there stood an empty car waiting to be hauled to the summit. This obstruction was crashed into and wrecked by the runaway car, which then jumped the rails, and was brought to a standstill by a telegraph pole, which it struck with terrific force, completely demolishing the car and scattering its occupants in all directions.

DEPEW'S MARRIAGE.

It Will Take Place at Nice During the Week.

New York, Dec. 24.—United States Senator Chauncey M. Depew has arrived at Nice, France, cables the correspondent of the World at that place. Miss May Palmer, his bride elect, will arrive to-day (Tuesday). The wedding days has not even yet been definitely announced. It will be either Thursday, Friday or Saturday of this week. Rector Adams will conduct the marriage ceremony. There will be a musical service but no hymn. No publication of the banns has been made at the American consulate.

MORE FIGHTING.

Fourteen Boers Killed—Commandant Krieze Among the Dead.

London, Dec. 23.—In the eastern part of the Transvaal Colony, Col. MacKenzie attacked Commandant Smits's force of Boers at Lake Banagaher, December 20th, and killed six and captured 16 of the enemy. Commandant Smits escaped.

A force of Boers, during the night of December 19th, attacked the British post at Elandspruit, but were driven off leaving eight men killed, including Commandant Krieze. Field Cornet Mahon, who was wounded, and three other wounded men, were also left on the field. The British casualties were seven men killed and six officers and 38 men wounded.

The war office has issued another long dispatch received from Lord Kitchener, detailing the murders of natives by the Boers. One case is given of a wagon driver who was captured from a British convoy in the end of 1900 and burned alive.

Cases of Measles.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Dec. 23.—The Boer prisoners of war landed on Hawkins island have been isolated, as several of them are suffering from a mild form of measles.

Recruiting at Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Recruiting opened to-day for the additional men for the Mounted Rifles. No difficulty was experienced in securing the desired number of men of a high standard.

Troopers at Halifax.

Halifax, Dec. 23.—The troopers of the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles spent a quiet Sunday. Divine service was held on the military grounds, at which many troopers attended, while others worship-ped individually at city churches.

Arrangements have been made whereby the men are to hold daily target practice at Bedford ranges, about ten miles from the city. They will continue practice until they leave for South Africa.

NEWS NOTES FROM EASTERN CANADA

WOMAN DROWNED IN CISTERN AT HER HOME

Two Destructive Fires—Upholstering Factory Gutted—Manitoba Legislature Will Meet on Jan. 9th.

McGregor, Man., Dec. 23.—The residence of Mr. Laidlaw, four miles east of here, was destroyed by fire on Saturday night. Mrs Laidlaw was ill and had to be carried to the residence of Mr. Richardson. The loss is heavy, but was partly insured. A portion of the contents was saved.

Meet Next Month.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—It is understood to-night that the Manitoba legislature will be called together on January 9th for the dispatch of business.

Suffering From Scarlet Fever.

Dr. Wooland in charge of the Winnipeg isolated hospital, is ill of scarlet fever. There are now eight patients in the smallpox hospital. All from outside points.

No Trouble.

Hon. Robert Rogers, of the provincial cabinet, denies there is any trouble in the provincial government on the prohibition question.

Ten Years for Manslaughter.

Rat Portage, Ont., Dec. 23.—Wm. Stetson, convicted of the manslaughter of John McRae, at Dinorwic, last February, has been sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

Col. Montizambert Ill.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 23.—Colonel Montizambert, D. O. C., is seriously ill.

Suspects Arrested.

Oil Springs, Ont., Dec. 23.— Walter and Isaac Kersey and Eddie Mills have been arrested in connection with the alleged robbery of their store last Monday morning. It is claimed this store had been entered by burglars, the safe blown open and $1,250 in cash stolen. Of this $1,150 belonged to J. McTaggart and had been left with the brothers for sale keeping.

Toronto Mayoralty.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—W. F. Maclean, M. P., East York, intimates his intention of contesting for the mayoralty in opposition to Mayor Howland. Both are Conservatives.

Labr Troubles.

Nearly 500 men employed in piano factories in Toronto are out on strike to-day, or locked out. The Nordheimer factory closed down this morning, virtually locking the men out.

New Hotel.

The directors of the new Toronto hotel to-day decided to add two stories to the building making eight in all. The addition will bring cost of building up to a million and a quarter.

Duty on Woollens.

At a meeting of the merchant tailors' section of the Retail Merchants' Association the manufacturers' proposal for an increase of duty on imported woollens was discussed, and it was decided before taking any definite action against it to secure the opinion of merchants throughout the country.

Factory Burned.

Guelph, Ont., Dec. 23.—Morelock Bros.' upholstering factory was destroyed by fire on Saturday night. The losses are estimated at between $15,000 and $20,000. The insurance is $7,000.

Library for Cornwall.

Cornwall, Ont., Dec. 23.—Andrew Carnegie has promised Cornwall $7,000 for a library building. The town agrees to furnish the site and pay $700 per year for maintenance.

John Wylie Dead.

Ayer, Ont. Dec. 23.—John Wylie is dead. Deceased has been postmaster and manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce for a number of years.

Drowned in Cistern.

Thorold, Ont., Dec. 23.—The body of Mrs. James Armstrong was found in a cistern at her home yesterday morning. She had got out of bed during the night and while wandering outside the house fell into the cistern and was not found until morning.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Justice Scott, in the Supreme court, New York, yesterday dissolved the injunction obtained by Wolff Bros. and others restraining the Northern Pacific railway from retiring the preferred stock of $75,000,000 on January 1st. Justice Scott says the company had the positive right, at its option, to retire the preferred stock at par, and that its directors were authorized to exercise that option on behalf of the corporation.

The World, London, announces the probability of a visit from Emperor William to London on January 20th, where he will remain the guest of King Edward until January 24th. The purpose of his visit is to attend the memorial service for the late Queen Victoria at Frogmore.

An explosion in a fuse box set fire to a train on the electric overhead railway at Dingle station, Liverpool. Several of the railway employees were terribly burned and two were killed.

"You will see an insurrection on the Island of Cuba before a year has passed," said Dr. F. O. Young, who has returned to Lexington, Ky. Dr. Young says that the thinking class of Cubans desire annexation and that if the question were submitted to a vote it would be carried.

DOWN AGAIN.

Over-Production of Sugar Said to Be Cause of Reductions.

New York, Dec. 23.—The American Sugar Refining Company has lowered its list prices on raw and refined sugar 25 point, and 25 points on soft grades. Powell & Son are meeting the reduction. Arbuckle Bros. have reduced the price of refined sugar 10 points. The cut is said to be the result of over production, and this means is taken to dispose of the surplus stock.

WILLING TO ACT.

If Requested Great Britain Would Arbitrate in Chili-Argentina Dispute.

London, Dec. 23.—The British government is watching with considerable anxiety the progress of the dispute between the Chilian and Argentine Republics.

A representative of the Associated Press was informed to-day that neither side has yet approached the British foreign office. If both Chili and Argentina request Great Britain to arbitrate the matters in dispute between them, Lord Lansdowne, the foreign secretary, would promptly acquiesce.

The statement, however, of Dr. Alcorta, the Argentina minister of foreign affairs, that Argentina has referred the matter to the arbitration of the British government under the agreement of 1898, appears to be inaccurate, for the foreign office says the present contention is quite beyond the powers of that commission.

Although Lord Lansdowne, the secretary of foreign affairs, holds the Macnaghten commission to be powerless, he will intimate the willingness of Great Britain to arbitrate the difficulty between the two countries if Chili agrees to that proposition.

Up to a late hour to-night neither country concerned had requested Great Britain to take this action. The opinion in Downing street is that while the cause of the dispute is petty, serious consequences may ensue unless prompt action is taken.

States Will Assist.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Both the Chilian and the Argentina representatives were at the state department to-day in reference to the controversy. The United States government is watching the progress of the negotiations, and is standing ready to aid in a peaceful solution in any way agreeable to both the parties. The submission to Great Britain is entirely satisfactory to the authorities here, and they probably will assist in having both governments accede to this manner of solution.

Rumored Protocol.

Valparaiso De Chili, Dec. 23.—It is reported here that the governments of Argentina and Chili have signed a protocol by which they agree to submit the questions pending between them to the arbitration of Great Britain.

During a conference between President Roca and Sir W. A. Barrington to-day, the President of Argentina explained to the British minister the circumstances which have led to the present difference between Argentina and Chili. He laid special stress upon the efforts made by Argentina to secure an amicable settlement of the trouble, as well as upon the craftiness he asserted Chili had employed in order to avoid arriving at such a settlement. The British minister will send a detailed report to the home government.

Demonstrations at Buenos Ayres.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 23 (via Galveston.)—The patriotic demonstrations growing out of the possibility of war with Chili were renewed here to-day. The Chilian minister here, Senor Concha Subercaseaux, has not received any instructions in regard to the course he is to pursue now that the Argentine ministers has been recalled from Santiago.

An editorial in the Pais says the interruption in the relations between the two countries must necessarily be of a short duration, as they are mobilizing their reserves, and could not afford to support them under arms were a long period to elapse before diplomatic relations were resumed, therefore this state of affairs cannot be prolonged, as otherwise both countries would be uselessly ruined, in which case the arbitration of a friendly nation would be unable to remedy the evil done, and would only be able to find a palliative for it. It was possible some time ago to submit the whole matter to arbitration, but such a course now is impossible. The decision of the arbitration could not be given before two more years have elapsed, and the countries should not remain all that time on a war footing. Therefore a radical solution of the question is necessary.

COMPLAINANT ARRESTED.

Man Who Said He Had Been Sand-Bagged Is in Custody.

Portage la Prairie, Man., Dec. 24.—Detective Cox arrived from MacGregor, having in charge the man Ewen, collector for the McCormick Harvesting Machine Co., who was supposed to have been sand-bagged and robbed at that place a couple of days ago. On the night of the supposed robbery Ewen wired to Detective Cox to come up and look into the matter, but after investigating the detective decided the whole thing was a hoax on Ewen's part, and arrested him yesterday morning. He was brought before Magistrate James yesterday afternoon, but was remanded for a week at the prisoner's request. Ewen has been safely lodged under the care of Governor McLean, and so far has not succeeded in getting bail.

FARMER'S CRIME.

Shot His Wife and Stepson and Then Committed Suicide.

Peoria, Ills., Dec. 24.—At Yates city, early to-day, August Iceburg, a prosperous farmer, 69 years old, living at Farmington, shot his wife and then shot his 14-year-old stepson, who had attempted to interfere. Walking seventeen miles to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Davis, near Farmington, Iceburg shot himself through the head, and died in three hours. His wife is dying, but the boy will recover. His wife had left him because of a disagreement over property, and he shot her because she had refused to return to him.

FROZEN TO DEATH.

Midlands of England Suffer From Severe Winter Weather.

London, Dec. 23.—The inland counties are suffering from frosts. Several instances are reported of dwellers in some places having frozen to death. Skating is in vogue in the provinces.

In the Channel the fog is so dense that it necessitates the incessant discharge of fog signals. Traffic at the mouth of the Thames has been stopped by fog.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA.

London, Dec. 24.—Queen Alexandra, who, as announced yesterday is suffering from a chill, is progressing satisfactorily towards recovery.

ARILLA'S CAPTAIN STATES HIS CASE

REPLIES TO CAPTAIN GILLESPIE'S REMARKS

He Tells His Version of the Rescue of the Barque Highland Light Off Hesquoit.

On the arrival of the Queen City here with the wrecked crew of the Highland Light, certain statements were made in the Colonist reflecting on Capt. Crowell, of the schooner Arilla, which saved the crew of the barque, and attributed to Capt. Gillespie the master of the wrecked vessel.

Since the arrival of the Arilla here Capt. Crowell has taken occasion to deny these statements and to set himself right before the public. He contends that the condition of the barque was by no means desperate, that the day was fine and the land quite near. Doubtless Capt. Gillespie insisted on leaving the barque and, as Capt. Crowell alleges, failed to pay for the food supplied by the Arilla. Capt. Crowell says:

"In reading an item in the Colonist of December 4th, the report of Capt. E. H. Gillespie, of the wrecked barque Highland Light, which crew I rescued on November 16th, I wish to explain the position I was in so that the public may know the facts. In the first place, when I spoke him, he asked me to take him off. I told him I would stay by him or take him and his crew on board of my vessel. I also told him there was the land which was in plain sight—about 30 miles away. There was a heavy sea on at the time, but still the wind was moderate and not blowing over a half of a whole sail breeze, in fact it was one of the finest days I had experienced on my whole passage.

He at once informed me that he wanted to leave his vessel. I then asked him to bring some provisions with him, as I did not have provisions enough on board to feed his fifteen men in addition to my own crew. He made two trips with his boat. A good cool headed man could have brought everything from his barque to my schooner in one trip. He did not bring provisions enough to last his crew one meal. There was no boat smashed, to my knowledge, and I was watching the whole proceedings. There was only one boat put in the water, and after Capt. Gillespie and crew were all safe on board of my vessel, my first officer, Andrew Stephen, took that sail boat and went on board the barque, bringing some provisions over that Capt. Gillespie left on the main hatch in his hurry to leave his barque, as it seems there could not have been much water on the barque's decks.

"After coming back Mr. Stephen asked me to let him go on board of the barque and try to get her into some harbor. I told him that I thought that would be impossible, as I did not have crew enough on board of my vessel to spare him to handle the barque.

"Capt. Gillespie wanted me to turn the barque's boat adrift. I told him no, I would hoist her in on deck and save her. 'Well,' Captain Gillespie said, 'if you save her you can have her if she is worth anything to you,' but after arriving at Hesquiot he demanded the barque's boat. I gave it up to him without a word. I also gave him all the provisions that my mate had saved from the barque after he had abandoned her.

Now, in regard to the provisions that were brought from the Priest at Hesquiot, I wish to state that I did not ask Capt. Gillespie to sign any bill for provisions, and furthermore I did everything to make it as comfortable as possible for Capt. Gillespie and his crew while they were on board of my schooner, and I wish to state right here that taking off the barque Highland Light's crew and going into Hesquiot to land them and there getting wind-bound cost the little schooner Arilla and owners about $600.

"I cannot see why Capt. E. H. Gillespie or any gentleman would cause such stuff to be put in a newspaper after my kindness to himself and crew. Capt. Gillespie states he is sorry he had to ask my assistance. Well, I am not sorry I gave him my assistance, and were I to meet Capt. Gillespie or any other man at sea in distress I would do all in my power to assist them. But probably if Capt. Gillespie had had a little more push and will power he would not have needed my assistance."

FOR MISS STONE'S RELEASE.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Spencer Eddy, United States charge at Constantinople, has adopted a new and ingenious plan for securing the release of Miss Stone. The officials do not care to make public the details of this project lest publicity cause its failure.

GAS EXPLOSION.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 24.—A special to the Dispatch from Kenton, Ohio, says "A terrible gas explosion occurred this morning. One man was fatally hurt and six store fronts were blown out. The damage will amount to several thousand dollars."

ANOTHER CARNEGIE GIFT.

Akron, O., Dec. 24.—Andrew Carnegie has offered the city of Akron $70,000 for a free public library, the city to guarantee $7,000 annually to maintain it.

WAITER SHOT.

Charlottetown, Dec. 24.—Although this is a prohibition town, there was nearly murder committed in a saloon last night. William Power, a waiter in Connelly's saloon, was shot in the thigh by John Reads because he, the waiter, refused him drinks.

EX-ALDERMAN DEAD.

Hamilton, Dec. 24.—Ex-Ald. Daniel Kelly, the only surviving member of Hamilton's first municipal council, is dead, aged 88 years.

IN THE POLICE COURT.

James Miller Sentenced to Sixteen Months on Three Charges.

In the police court this morning Jas. Miller, alias Tobin, who was captured last evening in the act of stealing cloth to the value of $30 from W. F. Wong's establishment, 19 Cormorant street, was sentenced to 16 months' imprisonment with hard labor on three separate charges. Miller, or as he is better known to the police, Tobin, is an inveterate thief, and was but recently released after serving a six months' sentenced in the Terminal City. When he appeared in the court this morning he was not only charged with the stealing of the cloth, but with the theft of an overcoat from McCandless's clothing store and assaulting Officers Wood and Carlow in the discharge of their duty.

Two men, it seems, entered Wong's last night and shortly after Constable Wood noticed one of them leaving the establishment carrying a bolt of cloth. He called to him and Miller dropped the cloth and ran into the alleyway. Constable Wood caught his man, however, after a hard struggle, in which he received a bad wound in the hand from a bite given by the thief. Officer Carlow, having been telephoned for by the tailor, then arrived on the scene, and together they escorted their man to the police station. An overcoat, which was much too small a fit, was found on him and identified as one which had been missed from McCandless's store since morning. Thus the prisoner had to answer to three charges. He was convicted and given seven months for the charge of stealing the cloth, three months for the theft of the overcoat and six months for assaulting the constables, making 16 months in all.

FIGHT BETWEEN TWO TELEPHONE COMPANIES

Story of a Rate War in the Boundary—How the Trouble May Be Ended.

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—Behind the suit for foreclosure and winding up of the affairs of the Columbia Telegraph & Telephone company, instituted in Vancouver by R. Kerr Houlgate, and in which Mr. Justice Irving made an order here last Friday, there is an interesting history which is gleaned from a gentleman at present in this city from Grand Forks.

The story deals with the efforts of two telephone companies to maintain and operate systems in the Kootenays with connections to Spokane. Five or six years ago the first line was installed. Systems were placed in Spokane, Rossland, Nelson, Greenwood, Grand Forks and other points where it was thought business could be secured. This line was built by the Spokane & British Columbia Telephone company, the principal stockholders in which were Messrs. Oakes and Arris. At nearly every point where its system was installed it was forced to enter into competition with the Vernon & Nelson Telephone company, which was first in the field. The inevitable result was that rates for telephones were cut to the ground. Many instruments were installed where the revenue was not such as would pay either company operating expenses. Both companies concluded to make the fight to a finish and the public laughed and imagined itself benefited.

But it turned out that most people were obliged to subscribe to both systems so that telephonic communication could be held by all persons who used telephones. The result made the rates far higher. Early in the game Messrs. Oakes and Arris felt the loss of money and were forced to sell to C. O'Brien Reddin, of Rossland. The loss up to that time was about $10,000. Mr. Reddin sold out to Messrs. Donald & Davey, of Grand Forks, and the latter firm concluded it would force the fighting and lay the Vernon & Nelson Telephone company on the shelf. Backed by the unlimited capital of a financial institution in the Boundary, this firm placed the plant in such a condition that it was at least the equal of the opposition company. A large amount of ready cash was invested, but the proprietors found that the shortage still remained in the receipts, but their financial backers bore the brunt, and it is reported that $150,000 was sunk in the venture. Th Vernon & Nelson company has also been losing money on their property for the last two years.

The suit which was instituted by Mr. Houlgate will likely culminate in the purchase of the interests of the Columbia Telegraph & Telephone company by the Vernon & Nelson company, and so disastrous competition which has continued sho long will end.

FOR THE CHILDREN.

Substantial Cheque Received for the Benefit of the Orphanage.

His Worship the Mayor received this morning from Isabel Carroll, secretary of Miriam Rebekah lodge, No. 3, I.O.O.F., Nanaimo, the sum of $109.25, the proceeds of the annual concert of the lodge held on Thanksgiving night. This concert is held annually for the benefit of the children of the B. C. Protestant Orphanage in this city and the arrival of the substantial cheque at the present time was very timely.

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STOLE MARCH ON THE SCHOOL BOARD

DISAPPROVAL OF A RECENT REGULATION

Trustees Resent Action of Council of Public Instruction—New Appointment to Teaching Staff.

A special meeting of the school trustees was held last evening to consider the resignation of W. H. May, of the Boys' Central school, and some accumulated business. Trustee Hall presided, and all members of the board were present, save Trustee Belyea. The chairman thought that the question of salaries might be taken up, but as it was late before this business was reached it was laid over, to be considered at a special meeting to be held on Saturday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Miss Sprague wrote acknowledging her appointment to the teaching staff, and a second communication contained the resignation of Mr. May, which was accepted with regret.

Trustee Jay, of the buildings and grounds committee, reported that tenders had been received for the installation of tubes for the High school as follows: John Coughlan, $450; John Corbett, $485; H. Cooley, $624; A. Barber, $1,097, and J. H. Warner, $1,284. The report was received and the lowest tender accepted, on motion of Trustee Brown.

The secretary reported having investigated into the number of pupils attending school from the Protestant Orphanage, and found that in all there were 41. These attended the Hillside avenue and North Ward schools, but as their attainments differed materially it would be impossible for all to be formed into one class. The relief that might be expected by placing them under one teacher would therefore not be so great as if it was otherwise.

Trustee Mrs. Grant pointed out that in isolating the children to the Orphanage it would be depriving them of much that now fits them for the struggle in life. She referred to the benefits derived in mixing with other children, and in conclusion added that by appointing a new teacher over them she thought a bad precedent would be established.

Trustee Jay was of the opinion that it would be inadvisable to take any action in the matter before conferring with the management of the Home. He therefore moved accordingly, and the motion was approved.

Secretary Eaton next drew attention to a couple of matters brought before the board early in the year, namely, the awarding of the janitor of the city hall and the returning officer at the election some compensation for services which they rendered. In the former instance the janitor was tendered a donation of $60, and in the other case a grant of $10 was allowed. Still another matter of the same character was that of making allowance for the extra service on the teaching staff given by Principal Campbell, of the North Ward school, since he was elevated to the present position, this being understood at the time of the promotion. On suggestion of the chairman the amount was made $50. A ballot was then taken on the new teacher to be appointed from a score or more of applicants, which resulted in Miss Blake being selected. She was not appointed to any position, this being a matter to be afterwards determined, and the salary it was agreed should be the same as that given.

Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Drury, then moved the following resolution:

That, in the opinion of the board of school trustees of the city of Victoria, article 17 of the rules and regulations published in the School Manual deprives the trustees of the management of the city schools, and vests the same in the city superintendent, who is not responsible to the trustees who employ him, but to the Council of Public Instruction, thereby making that officer independent of the representatives of the people, and is subversive of responsible government. It is therefore moved that a deputation consisting of as many members of the board as can be present wait upon the Council of Public Instruction with the view of securing the repeal of the regulations as contained in article 17.

In speaking to the resolution the mover said that he felt that there was little that could by way of explanation be added. The department of public instruction had certainly stolen a march on them in the framing of the regulation, and inasmuch as the board was responsible to the people it was only right that they should protest.

Trustee Drury regarded the action of the department as a direct contravention of all precedents. The position of the superintendent ought to be advisory to the board, and not the board advisory to the superintendent, just as the minister of the Crown had to take his advice from the department under him.

Other members of the board gave expression to the same sentiments, and the resolution was carried with an emphatic endorsation of all.

Trustee Brown then moved that the chairman be instructed to confer with the council of public instruction to arrange a meeting, and that the members of the board be notified of the result.

The motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

GEN. ALGER'S CONDITION.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 24.—At 4 a.m. General Alger's physicians state that there is no change in the general's condition. He is doing nicely, his pulse and temperature are just the same, and he is suffering much less pain than yesterday at this time.

Nearly half a century ago the experiment of putting horse meat on the market was made for the first time in Austria. A government decree of April 20th, 1854, gave legal permission to cut up and sell horse meat as an article of food. During the rest of that year, and in 1855, 943 horses were slaughtered for food in Vienna. The number rose in 1890—the last year for which statistics are obtainable—to 25,640 head.