GRAND ORATORIO

MUSICAL FESTIVAL GIVEN THURSDAY

English Soloists Assist Victoria Chorus in Presenting the "Elijah"-To-Night's Concert.

The Victoria musical festival Tnurstan Methodist church, in which Men- Wootton delsshon's oratorio, the "Elijah," was Lotbiniere and party.

of soloists as assisted last evening. The reputation of Watkin Mills as an W. T. Williams. oratorio singer throughout the world was in itself a sufficient attraction to has talent with him rare to be heard in this city. Miss Gertrude Lonsdale especially is a singer exceptionally programme for this will be as follows: gifted. A contralto voice, resonant and magnetic, in brief full of all that charms in music belongs to her, and in "O Rest in the Lord," a solo not unfamiliar to the Metropolitan, she endowed the feast of song last evening with what to the popular taste was the most exquisite selection heard. The audience though generous with applause throughout was so pleased that it insisted on an encore, but owing to the length of the work Miss Lonsdale

did not respond. Mr. Mills gave a splendid interpretation of the part of Elijah. There are few others living who know better the dramatic power requisite for the music. As the prophet pleading with a people his commands, his pleadings, misery, his impassioned outburts and his scorn were given with a profound realism. But it is due to Mr. Mills here to say that he suffered from a cold, and the voice particularly where a pleading feeling was intended, was not wholly satisfactory from a purely

critical standpoint. Miss Kirkwood belongs to what might be called the lighter class of sopranos. Her voice sounds as clear and true as a bell, her shading enunciation her tonal effects were all apparently perfect. All her solos were rendered in the same true and spirited manner, every note having a silvery,

gliding effect, wholly charming.

Mr. Harold Wild created much ensm, and his solos were admir able. Of the chorus assisting the quartette were Mrs. Gregson, Mrs. R. H. Pooley, Howard Russell and George Phillips. Each were heard to good advantage, and in the terzetto "Lift Thine Eyes to the Mountains Whence Cometh Help," sung by Miss Kirk-wood, Miss Lonsdale and Mrs. Pooley, the audience demanded a repetition The vocalists time and again bowing their acknowledgments, but in vain the number had finally to be repeated prettily, and the selection was very much enjoyed. Several of the quar-

also very charming. Of the chorus no higher compliment could be paid it than that given by Mr. Mills himself, who, when asked for an expression of an opinion said: Yours is the best chorus I have heard | this year of grace have evoked indigsince leaving England. You have nation and shocked the civilized world. Chuckwear river and the outlet of splendid material, and the work this Many thousands of God's creatures Nitinat lake. The village is connected and chorus and conductor have evidently worked well together to produce such good results. The attack throughout was good, the light and shade especially good. I have read with much interest the circular letter sent out by your president and patrons, and note the suggestion of placing your temporary organization upon a permanent footing. I heartily enlorse the suggestion, and wish you every success in your efforts."

To the audience the chorus was perhaps the best ever heard in the city, but in saying this there can be no doubt that the same weakness noticeable at every oratorio in this city was to be found, namely, in the tenors. It was also one of the largest choruses ever heard in the city, and it is to be hoped that the desired formation of a Victoria musical festival along the lines suggested will be realized in its commends this proposal. The assis-Parsons, gave general strength to the whole oratorio, the playing being all

that could have been desired. Mr. Mills asked for Mr. Parsons, and complimented him on the way the

organ was handled. the conductor, the best testimony was chorus. It is an achievement of no mean order to assemble and train a company of singers whose work will evoke the commendation of a master like Watkins Mills. Victoria is fortunate in possessing a musician of Mr. Hicks' ability, both in a musical and

The platform occupied by the chorus last evening was decorated by Mrs. G. H. Barnard, Mrs. F. S. Barnard, Mrs. C. W. Rhodes, Mrs. D. M. Rogers and the Misses Pemberton and Mara, assisted by some of the handy men from the Egeria.

The members of the chorus are as follows: Miss Becker, Miss B. E. Bennett, Miss servations in the Pacific, arrived yes-L. Bennet, Miss Brooker, Mrs. G. J. terday after three months cruise. Burnett, Miss Carr, Miss M. Clarke, touched at Honolulu, Fanning Island Mrs. Clyde, Mrs. C. E. Cooper, Miss Crawford, Mrs. Cullum, Miss Deaville, few changes in the charted lines.

all, Miss Pickard, Miss Pout, Miss Robertson, Miss Robinson, Miss E. Scowcroft, Miss W. Scowcroft, Miss B. C. Copper Company Decide Upon Sherk, Mrs. Starr, Mrs. Geo. Snider Miss Talbot, Miss Thomas, Mrs. R. F. Verrinder, Miss W. Wilson, Miss Wilon, Miss Whitelaw, Miss Woolcock and Mrs. Wiffen.

Contralto-Miss Acton, Mrs. An drews, Miss Archbutt, Miss Barker, Floyd, Miss Foxall, Mrs. A. T. Goward, Mrs. Lewis Hall. Mrs. Hamilton, Miss Hardie, Mrs. P. T. Johnston, Miss Lewis, Mrs. E. A. Lewis, Miss Luney, a Phoenix dispatch. Miss Marchant, Mrs. March, Miss Miles, Miss Mitchell, Miss Murray, Tenor-Messrs. D. H. Bone, Bremner, Cox, A. T. Goward, Hammond, J.

tion has ever attained. The Metropoli-J. A. Williams, F. Wills and S. Y. Three large blow

presented, was well filled for the occasion, there being present among other prominent citizens His Honor His Honor and Honor His Honor other prominent citizens His Honor ton, Laundy, A. Longfield, Macdonald, the Lieut.-Governor Sir Henri Joly de A. B. McGregor, Melhuish, J. Meston Owen, T. W. Palmer, Geo. Phillips, Never before had a Victoria chorus Punnett, D. C. Reed, W. E. Robbins, the advantages of so great a company der, R. H. Watt, R. Wiffen, Wilkinson, Waddington, J. A. Longfield and

To-night a concert will be given in have filled the church. And Mr. Mills participating in last evening's oratorio. when the singers will in all probability be greeted by a monster house. The

PART I. Duet-"Watchman! What of night?" Messrs. Harold Wilde and Watkin Mills. Aria-"Caro Nome" (Rigoletto).

.. Verdi Miss Edith Kirkwood. "The Grail Song" (Last Act "Lohengrin").... Harold Wilde.Wagner Song-"The Doubtful Lover" ... Miss Gertrude Lonsdale. Recit and Air-"She Alone Charmeth My Sadness". ...Gounod

(La Reine de saba.) Watkin Mills. Piano solo-"Scherzo in B flat mino ... Chopin Eduard Parlovitz. Lieder-"Minnelied" Lieder-"Vloksliedchen".

Miss Edith Kirkwood. Song-"Heimliche Aufforderung" Strauss Harold Wilde. Lied—"Der Spielmann"...I Miss Gertrude Lonsdale. Hildac Recit. and Air-"O Ruddier Than the Cherry" .. Handel

(Acis and Galatea.) Watkin Mills. Piano solo-"Irish Rhapsodie"Rosentha Eduard Parlovitz.

Intermission PART II. The Song Cycle. "The Dalsy Chain," Liza Lehmann. RELIEF FOR JEWS.

Fund Being Raised for the Sufferers in Russia-The Subscriptions.

H. L. Salmon, one of the most active tettes and duets and sextettes were far he has met with gratifying success. been re-erected, and there is no inten-Discussing the object of the fund, Mr. Salmon said:

"The unspeakable horrors perpetrated on the hapless Jews of Russia in of Clo-oose is situate in the bottom of tlement. Hundreds of thousands are ers can get shelter and assistance rendered homeless, without food, to here. face a Russian winter. To quote the words of Hon. Oscar Strauss, who donated \$50,000 to the fund, 'No matter how much money is forthcoming, at best we can only give fractional relief.' I appeal through the medium of your paper for aid, and all amou

collected here will be forwarded to tribute the fund.

\$5; Mrs. Hamburger, \$2; I. Lancaster, \$5; S. Albhouse, \$3; Dr. Elliott S. Rowe, every night this week. Brackman-Ker Co., \$5; G. P. & Co., \$1;

K. K. Peiser, \$2.50. RETURNS FROM CRUISE.

sent by the Carnegie Institute of Soprano-Mrs. Acton, Mrs. Bamford, Washington to make magnetic ob-

Miss L. B. Deaville, Mrs. G. W. Deaville, Mrs. Giffen, Mrs. Gleason, Mrs. Gresson, Mrs. Gresson, Mrs. Gresson, Mrs. Gresson, Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. G. C. Mesher, Mrs. Mess, Mrs. Mess, Mrs. Moresby, Miss Nutt
The Salvation Army nail nas been beautifully decorated for the occasion, a front in width, carrying ore that the middle of the occasion, and a large attendance is excellent. Whiteman, convicted of defrauding the Fidelity Trust Company, of this city, was taken to Auburn prison this morn-ling to serve a sentence of eight years and five months.

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SMELTER TO BE ENLARGED.

Improvements--Three Blast Furnaces to Be Added.

The directors of the British Columbia Copper Co., Ltd., owning the Mother Lode group of mines and the Miss Beek, Miss Emery, Mrs. J. S. smelter near Greenwood, have made definite announcement of the letting of contracts for the enlargement of the reduction work of the company, says

Three new blast furnaces have been contracted for, 48x240 inches hearth Miss Nuttall, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. R. H. area, with a capacity of from 500 to Pooley Mrs Richardson Miss Robert- 600 tons each per day, being the largest son, Miss Saunders, Miss Scoweroft, in Canada. Charging will be done from Miss D. Scowcroft and Mrs. Talbot. | side-dumping cars which will be hauled by trolley locomotives, and molten slag will be hauled away from the Hibben, Rev. J. P. Hicks, Hillyard, furnaces by electric locomotives in T. Horne, H. Ives, J. H. Johnston, R. | cars of 25 tons capacity each. Each day night scored what undoubtedly will H. Johnston, P. T. Johnston, J. C. M. slag car will be provided with an elecbe regarded the greatest musical Keith, W. D. Kinnaird, E. Petch, J. tric motor for tilting the car. The achievement a local musical organiza- Petch, H. A. Potts, E. Howard Russell, new furnace building will be con-

> Three large blowers have been con-Bass—Messrs. Bain, J. G. Brown, G. 300 h. p. motors. In addition to these J. Burnett, A. Deaville, Geo. Deaville, motors a 100 k. w. motor generator will

> > At the smelter the ore bins will be

feet higher, thus greatly increasing their canacity and all the railway spurs connecting with these bins will be elevated to correspond. The ore will be hauled from the bins to the furnaces and the slag from the furnaces to the waste dump by five trolthe Victoria theatre by the soloists ley locomotives. There will also be installed at the smelter a complete machine shop, with all necessary tools. At the company's Mother Lode mine. Deadwood camp, it has been decided to substitute electrical power for the steam-driven compressor, and for the purpose a 500 h. p. motor has been contracted for and also three 50 k. w. step-down transformers will be located at the mine. The ore crushers will be driven by the motors now in ser vice at the smelter, and they will be replaced there by a larger machine. Among the smelter improvements will be a new track scale of greater capacity than that now in use there, and it is the announced intention of

> fast as weather conditions will permit. NOTICES TO NAVIGATORS.

ssued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

The following notes made by the hief engineer of the department of marine and fisheries during a visit to Barkley sound on the 11th and 12th October, 1905, are published for the inrmation of mariners:

There is a salmon canning establish-Uchuckleset harbor, immediately west of Cascade river. Anderson's wharf, inside Canoe isl-

station has been established about one ature and the community. cable to the westward of the site fornerly occupied by Anderson's wharf. merly occupied by Anderson's wharf.

It shows several conspicuous buildings from seaward, and there is a good wharf at it.

Years after gradueting from Santa Clara, he was employed in the law office of the late Chief Justice Davie

well. been established on the north shore of unmarried, residing at 1073 Melville Toquart harbor, at which there is a street, with his aged, widowed mother,

small wharf. The beacons on Round and Castle in the collection of a fund for the relief adian notice to mariners No. 4 of 1896 of Jews in Russia, announces that so as having disappeared, have never tion to replace them. The note respecting them may be removed from the chart

The village and Methodist mission the small cove shown on admiralty evening shows that in Mr. Hicks you have been tortured, mutilated and by telephone with Carmanah light- prohibiting pelagic sealing in all parts slaughtered over a great part of South- house and the government telegraph ern Russia-the dreadful Pale of Set- line to Victoria. Shipwrecked marin- but the difficulty of bringing about

WATSON'S THEATRE.

"Brother Against Brother" Will Be Presented To-Night-Coming

To-night the popular Watson con general committee, London, who dis- pany will present one of the most inribute the fund.

"Acting on the suggestion of Lord"

"Brother Against Brother." It is an of the seals on the Commander Isi-Rothschild, the British government English drama and tells a story of have instructed its consuls at various love and honor. The comedy element points in Russia to act as bursers for the committee, so that no act of spoila-ence in good humor to off set the more and sanguinary encounters between tion is likely to occur, and they being strenous moments of the play. The on the spot can the betetr determine as Watson company has produced "Bro-poachers have been reported every few before or on Christmas day. Victorito who are entitled to relief. Not only ther Against Brother" many times, Jews, but others who have not partici- and always with success. The full ties in the Russo-Japanese war. fullest since Mr. Mills himself heartily pated in the dreadful acts and have strength of the company will appear. suffered, will be helped from the fund. Albert J. Watson is cast for a comedy "All sums collected will be acknow-ledged through columns of local press, 500 times, and in which he made his and contributions may be so forward-ed to Times office or to myself."

first big hit as a comedian. "Brother Against Brother" will run until Wed Against Brother" will run until Wed-Appended is a list of those who have nesday night, with the usual Wednes-

subscribed up to date: His Honor the day matinee. Lieut.-Governor, \$20; Hon. Senator Starting on Thursday night, Man-Templeman, \$10; Anonymous, \$25; A ager Watson will produce a play that Few Friends, \$10; F. Landsberg, \$5; J. is new here, but nevertheless very well M. Burnes, \$5; S. Levine, \$5; H. Levine, known, as it is a dramatization of immemorial. Any agreement that \$5; V. Brandon, \$5; S. M. Hartman, \$5; Bertha M. Clay's celebrated novel, J. Waxstock, \$2.50; E. J. Salmon, \$5; H. "Dora Thorne." A special effort is United States of the paraphernalia and Greenfelder, \$2; Mrs. I. Braverman, \$5; being made to give an extra strong assets of the Victoria Sealing Com-H. E. Levy, \$5; M. S. Platmauer, \$5; B. production of Miss Clay's great work. pany would, of course, obviate any Aaronson, \$5; A. Aaronson, \$5; H. With two such plays as "Brother objection on the part of Great Britain Kosche, \$2.50; J. H. Franck, \$2.50; J. C. Against Brother" and "Dora Thorne" to the closing of Behring Sea, but the Mackay, \$2; Simon Leiser, \$5; A. Cook, as the attraction, business is sure to Japanese government has never disbe very brisk at the Watson theatre played very much enthusiasm over the

> comedy, "Our Boys," will be produced. at the Watson, for the management will exert every effort to make the oliday bill one long to be remembered the famous fairy play, "Cinderella,"

IMPRISONED FOR FRAUD.

Christmas day matinee.

SMITH CURTIS HERE. ESQUIMALT LIBERAL Is Engaged in Large Irrigation Pro

ject in Interior. Smith Curtis, formerly Rossland's representative in the provincial legislature, is in the city on legal business He will probably return to the Main-

land to-night. As is fairly well known, Mr. Curtis is interested in what are described as the "Columbia Gardens," an irrigation project on the Columbia river. This is a few miles below Trail, on the line of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway, and the area has been divided into blocks varying from ten to forty acres. In Beaver creek they have an ample supply of water, and intend to irrigate from eight hundred to nine hundred acres. This land is being placed before the attention of the peo-ple of Manitoba. The soil is admirably adapted for fruit growing. Speaking of the fruit industry of the

Kootenays, Mr. Curtis stated that it was well past the experimental stage, and that it has already been demon racted for, and will be driven by three not only in fruits but in all kinds of strated that large profits can be made vegetables ranging from potatoes to watermelons. As an instance of the profits made in fruit growing, he cited the Covert ranch, near Grand Forks, where eight acres of prunes have been practically reconstructed and made ten producing yearly a crop of 100,000 pounds and more. The prunes are marketed in Alberta, and average a gross revenue of nearly \$500 an acre, leaving a net profit to the grower, after all charges and freight have been paid, of \$300 to \$350 per acre. Apples, peaches and pears produce equally

> of the Oro Denoro Mines, Limited, The Oro Denoro mine is situated in Summit camp and is one of the profitable low-grade copper-gold producers of the Boundary district.

Mr. Curtis is also managing director

good results.

Mr. Curtis is a guest at the King Edward hotel.

THE LATE T. G FARRON. Particulars of Death of Well-Known Newspaperman.

Of the death of Thomas G. Farror the well-known sporting editor of the Vancouver Province, the News-Adver-For 3rd vice-president, J. J. Baird, of the company to push forward con-struction work on the enlargements as tiser says: "Death resulted somewhat suddenly at St. Paul's hospital as the immediate result of a severe attack of received 24 votes. 'The secretary, J. Farron's pen was familiar to most was elected as follows: for Esquimalt, newspaper readers in this part of the world, distilling a happy vein of hu-Piper, Capt. Harris and A. J. Potts; he confine his literary talents to the humorous alone. In the realm of sport West Sooke, Henry Milne. his influence was for all that was best and purest, and as an authority on many of its branches he was excelled geht on the north shore of the by few of his contemporaries. His writings ever evinced a characterist touch that under wider conditions might have developed genius, and that and, has fallen down, and should be he has thus been cut off in the flower removed from the chart. A whaling of his life will prove a loss to liter-

'Mr. Farron was a 'native son,' bor in Victoria 34 years ago. For several Richard rock covers at high water. at the Capital. Later he came to live The Sisters islands, including the outer rock, are wooded, and show years, as sporting editor, was one of the most promising members of the A salmon curing establishment has staff of the Daily Province. He was his sister and a younger borther."

TO PRESERVE SEALS

Old Subject Still Before the American Government-Correspondent Regarding Capt. McLean.

The special correspondent at Washington of the Fur Trade Review, in the December issue of that authoritative trade magazine, says: "The state department officials

would be glad to see an agreement of Behring Sea throughout the year, such an arrangement is fully under stood. It would involve not only general understanding on the part of all maritime nations, but the adoption of specific legislation and the enforce ment of regulations thereunder by the and Japan, as all four countries have expeditious handling of the Christmas an important interest in this phase of parcely mail, which usually arrives durthe case. The Russian government, it ing the two or three days immediateis believed, would be glad to agree to ly preceding that festive occasion. For ands. The guarding of the Russian seal heard has proven a very costly un- might reach the hands of the recipiweeks since the beginning of hostili-

"It would not be unnatural for the Behring Sea to pelagic fishermen. terest in the seal herds, but the subremunerative industry in which they be utilized. have had a right to engage from tim would involve the purchase by

the negotiations are now taking place He will be met by the acting premier, holiday bill one long to be remembered both by the young and old patrons of the megotiations are the megotiation and the megotiation and the megotiation are the megotiation are the megotiation and the megotiation are the megotiation are the megotiation are the megotiation and the megotiation are the meg ties with respect to an application by to the Salavtion Army hall on Broad will be given, starting with a big the former for the arrest of Capt. street, where a lecture will be deliverviolated.

FREIGHTER UNDAMAGED.

ASSOCIATION MEET

Well Attended Gathering Complimented Ralph Smith M. P. on His Work-Officers Elected For Year.

The Liberal Association of Esquimalt listrict held its annual meeting in the eld school house at Colwood on Saturday evening. This association is now one of the most flourishing in the province, as was shown by the splendid attendance at the meeting and the large list of members.

The annual report showed that hereas last year there were only 65 nembers, that this list had been inreased to 160, which was augmented by 28 additional names being handed in at the meeting. The report referred to the splendid

ember in the Dominion House of mmons. Stress was laid on the fact that Mr. Smith had ever shown a which was called to his attention and have it promptly dealt with. Among the questions which had been

nitiated by the association were mencioned, the amendments of the Shipaction with respect to the Pure Seed Bill. It was also pointed out that the request first made by the association | yard. or an experimental farm for Vancouver Island had been followed with satisfactory results, and it was promised that provision would be made for

The election of officers took place on Saturday evening. For president the ollowing put in nominations: H. F. Bullen and V. L. V. Howard. The ormer was elected on a vote of 54 to 21. For 1st vice-president the names of J. Jardine and Mr. Howard were submitted. The former was elected by a vote of 48 to 28. For 2nd vice-president the candidates were Henry Helgesen, A. J. Potts and J. J. Baird, of San Juan. The first named was elected. San Juan, was elected by a vote of 32 over Jos. Shaw, of Colwood, who pneumonia, though the deceased had Charles McIntosh, was re-elected unbeen in ill-health for some months. Mr. animously. The executive committee mor, never cynical or mordant, but for Colwood, Geo. Heatherhill and Jos. optimistic, fresh and clean. Nor did Shaw; for Metchosin, Wm. Whetty:

NEW PACIFIC LINER

The Monteagle Will Be Brought to This Coast in May.

A special dispatch to the Times from Vancouver says: "The steamer Mont-eagle, built for the Elder-Dempster Company, and plying between Montreal and London, has been nurchased by the C. P. R. and will run on the Pacific between Vancouver and Victoria and the Orient. She will be here on the first trip on May 26th. She is a large freight carrier with good passenger accommodation."

The Monteagle is a twin screw

steamship, four masted, double decked and possesses all modern improvements. She is lighted by electricity, and has refrigerating machinery, and her dimensions are given as follows: Length, 445 feet; beam, 52 feet; and epth of hold, 27.7 feet; gross tons, 5.498: net tonnage, 3.492. The ship was uilt by Palmer's Company, Limited, ylinders and a nominal horse power sel is intended to be operated on a schedule with the Tartar and Athenian. She is the same length as the Empresses, and a foot greater beam. The draught of the Monteagle, how-

presses. THE CHRISTMAS MAIL.

Local Postal Authorities Arranging For Expeditious Delivery of Parcels.

Special preparations are being made United States, Great Britain, Russia by the local postal authorities for the me years, owing to the lack of necessary facilities, it was impossible to deliver everything in order that gifts ents when intended, but now a sys-tem has been evolved which permits ans, therefore, may depend upon re ceiving falicities in good time. Last year an express was employed Japanese as well as the Canadians to for delivery purposes, and a number protest against any attempt to close of additional clerks taken in to assist the permanent staff. Although noth- of the Cunard line, arrived at her dock

Neither Japan nor Great Britain has ing definite has yet been announced, it to-day. All the way across the Atlan-what might be called a proprietary in-is understood that much the same tic the Carmania encountered very said: system will be adopted by Postmaster jects of both powers have always re- Shakespeare. It was found satisfac- only a few miles outside the harbor, garded pelagic hunting of seals as a tory, and, in all probability, will again

COMMISSIONER COOMBS Commander-in-Chief of the Salvation

Army Will Arrive Here To Night. Commissioner Coombs, commander in-chief of all-Canadian Salvation

Army forces, will arrive here to-night suggestions of the state department to on the steamer from Vancouver, where \$5; H. L. Salmon, \$5; J. R., \$5; A. Drosdont, \$1; C. Brasch, \$10; F. Norris, \$2; ley's Aunt" and the famous English entertains a friendly feeling toward work of the Salavtion Army in the city the United States in bringing about hall yesterday afternoon, and address-Christmas week will be a gala one peace with Russia, has added to the the Watson, for the management warmth of this feeling."

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commissioner is accompanied by She is a sister ship of the Caronia, out good reports. I haven't been up the same correspondent states that Brigadier Smeeton and Major Rawling. which was launched in July, 1904, and the valley of the north fork of the Ket-Alex. McLean, under the sealing laws, ed by the commissioner. The local which he is alleged to have repeatedly corps, including the brass band, will meet the commissioner and give him a Salavtion Army welcome.

The Salvation Army hall has been sess in proof of his assertions as to a foot in width, carrying ore that run

officers and others will also be on the platform. The doors will open at 7.15 p.m., and as a large attendance is expected those wishing good seats are advised to be at the hall early.

KLONDIKE GOLD

It is Estimated That There is Yet Two Hundred Million Dollars Worth in Ground.

According to advices from Dawson, dated November 27th, to the Vancouver Province, the special committee of fore, he is free to insult witnes the Yukon council is now hearing the the court and in a general way crea reports of mining engineers on the the conditions of a bear garder amount of gold that can yet be recovered from the placer fields of the Klondike. Last evening J. W. Astley, a stitution forbids cruel or unusual mining engineer of repute, and now ishments, however much some chief engineer for the Klondike Mines with boiling oil in it might fit Railway, was a witness before the crime. Therefore, he bids th committee. So also was L. S. Robe, of the law do their worst, and he the mining engineer for the N. A. T. do his. & T. Co. While the two engineers The usual course is something ervices which had been rendered the differ as to the amount of gravel still this: Collins impugns the veracit district by Ralph Smith, M. P., the to be worked and the value still left a witness; the impetuous Johns in the gorund, yet they average up so well that both predict an output of exasperation; the court tries to care over \$200,000,000. As this district has the storm; they are all talking readiness to take up every question already produced \$125,000,000 in nine once, and the stenographer is tea years, it shows the old diggings are far from being worked out.

amount of gravels left and the values ever succeeded in reporting a row in contained in the different deposits, ping Seamen's Act, the removal of the reserve upon Esquimalt harbor and the reserve upon Esquimalt harbor an pups adjacent, 240,000,000 cubic yards

of gravel, valued at 40 cents a cubic "On Eldorado, 80,000,000 cubic yards him for an instant with a gleam at 40 cents a cubic yard. "Klondike Valley, 100,000,000 cubic yards at 30 cents a cubic yard.

"Hunker, 160,000,000 cubic yards at 7 cents a cubic yard. "Last Chance, 60,000,000 cubic yards at 25 cents a cubic yard.

"All Gold, 80,000,000 cubic yards at 25 cents a cubic yard. "Quartz Crek, 60,000,000 cubic yards at 25 cents a cubic yard. "Upper Dominion, 10,000,000 cubic

yards at 25 cents a cubic yard. "This makes a grond total of 770.-000,000, which at an average value of 30 cents a yard makes a total of \$232,-

Mr. Robe, in his report, says there are 428,250,000 cubic yards of gravel left unworked, and he fixes the average value at 50 cents, which would make the gold yet to be produced amount to \$214,125,000. So much indeed does the total come

to that one hesitates to quibble over the few millions difference between Mr. Astley and Mr. Robe's reports. J. B. Tyrrell, another mining engineer, formerly in the geological survey department, was also before the mittee, but he made no report, merely suggesting a water scheme

which would cost \$5,000,000. For several days now the committee will hear the evidence of the mining engineers. One of the last to come on the stand will be A. J. Beaudette government mining engineer So far not a man has placed the es timate of the output from the future operations in the Klondike and the Indian River districts at less than \$200.

T. F. RYAN'S EVIDENCE.

Told of Purchase of Control of the there was trouble. Equitable Life Assurance Society.

New York, Dec. 8.-Thomas F. Ryan, Equitable Life Assurance Society by tinent and seems intended to irritate who purchased the control of the buying the stock of James H. Hyde, was the first witness before the insurance investigation committee to-day. Mr. Ryan was questioned about his at Newcastle, in 1899. She has six purchase of the Hyde stock in the Equitable. He said that he paid James f 738. It is believed here that the ves- H. Hyde \$2,500,000 for the stock. He said he was moved to make the purchase because he had large interests that would be affected by financial disaster, and that he foresaw such disaster in the receivership for the Equitever, is considerably less than the Em- able Society. To avert this he thought he ought to get possession of the society. He had heard there were many who had axes to grind, and many who wanted to take stock. He thought that a purchase by those interested might benefit the society and be of advantage to financial enterprises. He denied that he was moved because any similar influence in getting control of the society. He intended to shut out from the company's treasury men who had interests of their own to advance.

R. McCurdy's Resignation. ardent desire to have George removed New York, Dec. 8.—The resignation of Robt. H. McCurdy, general manto the state penitentiary. ager of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, was presented to the board of trustees to-day and accepted. The resignation takes effect on December

THE CUNARD TURBINE.

New York, Dec. 11.-The first trans-Atlantic turbine steamer ever to come to this port, the giant new Carmania, severe weather, and yesterday, when she was obliged to lay to and let the storm blow itself out before attempt- | tion that we are making a little money ing to enter. The maiden voyage of the big turbine was in every way successful.

even speed was maintained through-The size of the Carmania may be perous. There is no attempt to boom partially realized from the fact that 3,106 persons made the voyage. Of believe, all doing fairly well. The peothese 2,656 were passengers. She car- ple that used to be there expecting to ried a crew of 450 men. The Carmania make fortunes suddenly have gone is 678 feet in length, of 30,000 tons displacement and has eight decks. She

Regina, Dec. 11:—Public interest, not ments. The most promising camp, in merely in this city, but throughout my opinion, in the whole of the Bou Saskatchewan, is centered in the meeting at the city hall to-night, at which wood, which contains the Providence Premier Scott challenges Mr. Haultain and the Skylark mines. Those proper to submit any evidence he may pos- tie have numerous veins averaging

KEEPING THEM BUSY.

Collins Giving the 'Frisco Court Merry Time

This is how the San Francisco Exminer sums up the Collins trial in the Bay City:

Once a man is in jail he becomes an utlaw to all intents and purposes That is the position of George D. Collins, and it defines his relation to h trial for perjury, now in progress fore Judge Lennon and a jury. There

down in pothooks and hangers. Mr. Astley's report concerning the course that is impossible. No man Chinese washhou

It happened Thursday after one these roughhouses that District A torney Byington suggested in his mil way that something ought to be don to stop it. Judge Lennon looked anger in his eyes, as if he felt muc more strongly than Mr. Byington that it ought to be stopped, and then he

"Will you tell me how to stop it?" Mr. Byington had no answer to the question. Apparently there is no answer. This is a free fight. Doubtless it is this irrepressible and rresponsible conflict that causes so much interest in the trial. Long before the courtrooms open lines of in-

tending spectators gather in the corri dors, and there is standing room only during the hearing. The first witness Thursday was Mrs. sephine Angeli, who was acco ed on the witness stand by her charming little daughter of some two three years old, a delightful child, who wanted to play with the stenographer Mrs. Angeli, before her marriage, was cook in the Collins family, and she testified that Mrs. Charlotta Collins was always recognized as the wife of

the defendant. "Who gave you your wages?" asked

"Mrs. Collins." was the answer. "This party in court here?" pursued Colins, pointing at his wife. 'Yes, sir."

This was rather more polite than Collins' customary manner of speaking of the mother of his children. Florence Newman, a sister of Mrs. Charlotta Collins, was called to the itness stand. She testified to having been present at the marriage of he sister to Collins in May, 1889. She was asked who was the mother of the Coljected to the question, adding that Miss Newman was "a very willing witness" for the prosecution. Then

"The remark of the defendant" said the court, "that the witness was willing, was entirely improper. manner," he continued, addressing Collins directly, "is somewhat imper ner that appears intended to irritate the court. If it continues I'll find a way to stop it if it takes all winter. Collins proceeded to cross-examine the witness. It was difficult to say whether he or the witness was testifying. He proceeded to describe an occasion on which he and some of his friends had driven Miss Newman and Tom Ladd, a young man who was paying her attention, out of his house at the point of a pistol and pursued the fleeing pair down the street. Miss Newman admitted that something of the sort had happened, but denied that there was any occasion for the expulsion and testified that she was re ceived back in the house after a week's

"You are unfriendly to the defend-"I'd like to see you go to San Quentin," was the answer William Newman, brother of Mrs. Charlotta Colins, also expressed an

OUTLOOK IN BOUNDARY.

B. W. Hodges Says District Is Looking Very Well.

A B. W. Hodges, manager of the Granby Consolidated Company, when n Nelson a few days ago was inter viewed by a representative of the Daily News. In reply to questions as to conditions at the Granby works and in the Boundary district generally he

"The Granby company was never in better condition than it is now. The last dividend is a pretty fair indica-Our properties have been pretty fully reported. I have nothing new to tell about them. Everything is perfectly Despite the severe weather a fairly satisfactory. Grand Forks is not growing rapidly but I think it is stead it now. The people there now are, elsewhere.

"The Boundary district generally is has triple screws and made 191/2 knots looking very well at present. The properties are all working and sending out good reports. I haven't been up which is equipped with the old style tle river for about a year. Except from other people's reports 1 dary district is the one near GreenVOL58.

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