Provincial News.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

At the first regular meeting of the new council standing committees of the council were struck. The whole council of seven aldermen stands as a committee in each department, of which the following were appointed chairmen: Finance, Ald. J. G. Scott; board of works, Ald. W. R. Gillie; fire, water and ferry, Ald. J. Peck; light and relief, Ald. R. C. McDonald; police and health, Ald. R. L. Reid; railway and bridge, Ald. J. C. Brown.

Chief Ackerman of the fire department has submitted his annual report to the council for the past year ending December 31, 1898, giving a list of the members of the brigade, amount of wages paid to each and an inventory of all property belonging to the department, with value of the same. The chief is of the opinion that "a great deal of valuable property that was destroyed would have been saved, even with our small brigade, had the water held out." In the fire of September 10th and 11th the buildings on 257 lots, 66x32, were destroyed. Some of these lots had more than one building on them. Eighty of said lots were covered with business blocks, while 177 were residence lots. The value of improvements on the above lots was $930,600, and the estimated loss by the fire was $2,500,000, insured for about $1,250,000. The other fires during the year were 23 in number, on which the loss was $10,480, insured for $9,200. He saw no reason to change his former advice that a station be built on the upper level of the city, and a hose wagon, team and two men be placed there. This would cost an extra $2,000 per year, and would add greatly to the efficiency of the department in both the upper and lower parts of the city. The actual cash paid out by the city for the department is about $6,000, exclusive of occasional necessary purchases of apparatus.

Mr. J. E. Ross, Dominion land surveyor, has returned to town after having spent about seven months surveying in different parts of the province.

Postmaster Brown says that the business of last quarter showed a very substantial increase; in fact, the business done was considerably larger than that of any quarter for the past six years, at all events.

Peter Harity, a man who for the past four months has been employed as bridge worker on the Canadian Pacific railway, died on Wednesday at New Westminster from a paralytic stroke.

A meeting of members of the newly-organized Westminster gymnasium club was held in the Ovens Hall, Wednesday, which premises have been secured for a gymnasium for the season. The following officers were appointed: President, A. J. Brine; vice-president, Murray Grant; secretary-treasurer, Mat. Phillips; managing committee, Dr. Hacking, C. E. Shawl, C. J. Marshall, C. A. Ross and Sid Malcolmson; instruction committee, C. A. Ross, Chas. Chamberlain, J. H. Vidal, Norman Cunningham and C. E. Shawl. Tuesday and Friday evenings have been fixed as regular class nights, and on Thursday evenings members will be free to practice as they please.

On Friday several people attempted to cross the Fraser river in small boats, but were thrown in the water by jammed ice and narrowly escaped with their lives.

Rev. R. Silvan White, B.A., at present in England, and who is vicar of St. Paul's parish, near Winnipeg, has resigned the incumbency, and has accepted the position of rector of St. Barnabas church, New Westminster, which has been offered him by the bishop of the diocese.

At the inaugural meeting of the board of trustees Mr. Jas. Cunningham was re-elected chairman. Practically the only other business transacted was preparing a draft of the school estimates. The estimates for 1898 were taken as a basis, and wherever a reduction was possible it was made, but the total for this year will exceed by a considerable sum the amount expended last year, because the board is face to face with the necessity of creating at least two new divisions in the Central school. The amount required for school purposes for the ensuing year will be between $24,000 and $25,000.

VANCOUVER.

On Tuesday evening Alice Maud Edmonson, of Chilliwack, and George Scarborough Warne, of England, were united in marriage here.

Lt.-Col. Worsnop, as the military commandant on the mainland, has received a number of New Year cards from the commanding officers of the militia regiments all over Canada.

The new voters' list shows that there are 1,716 votes in ward 1; 1,609 in ward 2; 1,119 in ward 3; 1,993 in ward 4; 1,417 in ward 5. The proportion of owners and tenants is about the same as usual.

A record catch of halibut has been landed here, the steamer New England having arrived from the banks with 180,000 pounds of fish.

The death is announced of Jennie Russell, wife of Mr. H. A. Miles, of the Canadian Pacific Railway staff, who resided at 1,125 Richard street. The deceased was but 20 years of age, and had only been married ten months. The infant daughter survives her mother.

A meeting of North Vancouver residents and property holders was held in the municipality offices, Inns of Court building, on Thursday evening, when matters of general interest and importance connected with the municipality were discussed. A strong feeling in favor of returning the present council for another term of office prevailed among those present.

Mr. J. Buntzen, manager of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, has been making extensive inquiries into the various methods employed in handling parcels by the street car systems of various cities. His object has been to hit upon a plan capable of being successfully worked on the interurban line between New Westminster and Vancouver. As a result he has decided to adopt the system in vogue in San Francisco and in the new terminal buildings, in both cities, provision will be made for a news and cigar stand. The clerk or proprietor of this stand will have entire charge of the parcels branch and he, and not the company, will be responsible for the proper working of the scheme.

A letter has been received from George Brown giving particulars of the death at Dawson of T. McEwan, a Vancouver motorman. Speaking of the sad event, which took place on November 21, Brown says: "Poor Tom contracted typhoid fever here; both he and his brother were stricken down together. I was away at the time, up the Yukon at Fort Selkirk, and when I came back both were very sick; I visited Tom as often as his condition would permit me to do. I think he was pretty well looked after, for this part of the world, but he had a very severe attack; yet we hoped he would pull through all right. I visited him on Thursday evening along with Chris and talked with him a while, but, poor fellow, he was wandering in his mind and I began to fear for him. We got another doctor, but death was setting his firm grasp on him with whom we had spent so many pleasant hours, and early on Monday morning, the 21st of November, poor Tom quietly passed unconsciously away. * * Jack has got pretty well and was able to walk over to see Tom on Saturday, and thought him a lot better. * * Poor Tom will be buried here on Thursday, November 24th."

The police on Friday night found no less than three stores open. In two cases the keys were in the lock, the proprietors evidently having forgotten to turn the key and withdraw it. In each case the police saw that everything was secure.

The case against the C. P. R. for damages, in which it is charged that owing to the bad ventilation or overheating of the car a child's health was affected, has been adjourned until Tuesday week.

The following are the officers of the trades and labor council for 1899: President, Harry Cowan; vice-president, Jas. Jeffery; secretary, J. H. Browne; treasurer, Jos. Dixon; statistician, D. C. Harrison; sergeant-at-arms, W. McKenzie; auditors, Bartley, Tyson and Kane.

The death is announced at St. Paul's hospital of John Wesley, aged 54. He was well known and highly respected in Vancover.

The amount collected for licenses in 1898 was $29,677.15, as against $127,975.50 in 1897. The poll-tax collected in 1898 totalled up to $13,594.30, while in 1897 the total was $9,757.05.

GRAND FORKS.

Messrs. Ross & Fox, of Toronto, who have recently purchased Upper Grand Forks, an addition to this city, have closed a deal for the purchase of the Williams' stage line, which runs between this place and Marcus and Bossburg. By the terms of the deal some $3,000 was paid down, and the new owners of the stage line are to retain Mr. G. W. Williams as manager of the entire stage system, he being allowed $400 a month for his salary.

Grand Forks is at present experiencing a building boom.

CASCADE CITY.

The first marriage ceremony ever solemnized in this city took place on December 28th at Black's hotel, when Miss Gertrude Pearson became Mrs. Edmund A. Smith. Father William Palmer, of Trail, performed the ceremony.

KAMLOOPS.

Messrs. Park and Morrison have left for England to endeavor to raise capital to irrigate and cultivate some 7,000 acres of land near Kamloops, which, it has been proven, is capable of producing unrivalled fruit, etc., if only properly irrigated. To do this over 20 miles of irrigating channels or ditches will have to be built.

Dr. Wilson has resigned his position as medical health officer, and has left Kamloops to reside permanently at Greenwood City.

The Kamloops Railroad Men's Literary Society opened formally on Tuesday evening, January 3rd. The entertainment consisted of speeches, songs, recitations, and at the conclusion of the programme a smoking concert was indulged in which lasted till nearly midnight. During the evening J. Ladner, the organizer of the society, gave a brief outline of its aims and history, together with a report of its financial standing, and stated that there were now eighty names on the rolls.

Mr. A. H. Waters, wife and family, who returned from an extended visit to the old country five weeks ago, are now in Kamloops, where they intend to make their home for the future.

The following have been elected officers for the ensuing year in the Young Men's Institute: Mr. M. N. Holland, president; Mr. J. J. Holland, vice-president; Mr. E. W. Morris, 2nd vice-president; Mr. D. J. McDonald, recording secretary; Mr. J. N. McCormick, financial secretary; Rev. Father Pegyavin, treasurer; Mr. A. P. Dupont, marshal; Mr. George Belleau, I. S.; Mr. P. B. Burns, O. S.

ROSSLAND.

The graduates of old McGill residing in the Kootenays held their second annual dinner at the Clarendon. Twelve of the fourteen McGill men who make Rossland their homes were present, and four other graduates of the school were present from outside towns. The dinner was a pleasant one, as only college reunions can be. Dr. Reddick presided.

The board of trade on December 7th last adopted a memorial addressed to the Dominion authorities, requesting that a suitable building for the accommodation of the federal officials be erected in this city. In his reply Mr. Tarte says he quite recognizes the importance of the thriving city and that it would be a great pleasure to him to be in a position to make a formal promise of a public building without any delay, but parliament has to be consulted in these matters.

The population is estimated at 8,000.

Between the dates of January 1, 1898, and January 1, 1899, the police arrested 431 persons upon all sorts of charges, and covering 31 different legal violations. The disposition made of these cases was as follows: Convictions, 286; dismissed, 65; suspended sentence, 53; and withdrawn, 27.

F. W. Gutelius, superintendent of the C. P. R., visited the city the other day and said that the new broad gauge engine for use between Robson and Trail had arrived at Trail on the same train yesterday. The narrow gauge engines for use between here and Trail left Lethbridge on Friday last, and are expected to arrive at Trail at any time now.

R. A. Hoach, a young man about 21 years of age, died at the Sisters' hospital of pneumonia. He has recently been employed at the Dominion hotel. His folks live at Owen Sound, Ont.

BARKERVILLE.

E. More, foreman of the Slocan-Cariboo Company's works, met with a painful accident a few days ago. He had his right foot almost cut in two by an axe while getting out timber, and was removed to the hospital.

MIDWAY.

Active railway construction has commenced on Boundary Creek and camps are being prepared and other arrangements made for starting on the rock work between here and Boundary Falls. Mr. Walsh, the contractor, says that in a few days 300 men and many teams will be employed, and that it will, owing to the heavy nature of the work between these two points, take about five months to complete it.

Lumber for building is badly needed here at present, and before the sawmills are able to commence operations in the spring the situation will have become acute.

NELSON.

The Rossland hockey club defeated Nelson hockey club in a match here by four to one.

The inaugural meeting of the Kootenay Teachers' Institute was held on Monday. Mr. W. Burns, provincial school inspector and president of the society, took the chair, some twenty teachers being present. The proceedings opened with an introductory address from the president, who explained the aims and objects of the society, and its sphere of usefulness. At the conclusion of his remarks the organization of the institute was proceeded with. After those present had entered their names on the roll of the institute the election of officers was proceeded with, the following ladies and gentlemen being chosen:

President, W. Burns, Esq., B.A., Nelson; vice-president, W. A. Blair, Esq., Rossland; recording secretary, Miss Noble, Rossland; corresponding secretary and treasurer, Miss Bunting, Trail.

The meeting resolved that the next annual meeting of the institute should be held in Rossland.

ASHCROFT.

The newly established Bank of B. N. A., Ashcroft, is already doing a fair business.

Messrs. Smith & Bryson have bought the strip of ground opposite and below the Cargile house, on which the blacksmith shop, formerly occupied by the Campbell Brothers, is situated. They have bought the ground back as far as the C. P. R. property, and will soon begin the erection of a building 26x44.

An immense landslide occurred last Monday night a half mile below Spence's bridge, on the Thompson, which completely blocked the river for several hours and raised the water above the mark of the big slide of 1894. The slide was far enough from the C. P. R. track not to cause any damage, but near enough for the student of geology to post himself on the nature of alluvial deposits.

LILLOOET.

George Lasher's little daughter, who had her knee injured last summer, had her limb amputated above the knee a few weeks ago. She is at present in the hospital at Kamloops.

George Finney, who owns a coal proposition at Hat creek, a short distance from the entrance of Marble canyon, is working away on the shaft keeping it clear of ice. Mr. Finney is at present in correspondence with parties who may take hold of the property and work it. The shaft is now down about 150 feet and looks very encouraging.

VERNON.

At a meeting of the directors of the Okanagan and Spallumcheen Agricultural Society the prize list, which had been thoroughly revised by the committee, was adopted, and it was decided to have it issued this year early in the spring. The dates for the show were fixed and the exhibition will be held this year on September 26, 27 and 28. It is satisfactory to know that the financial standing of the society is now in very good shape, the building paid for and all outstanding liabilities wiped off except the debt on the land, which still remains unpaid.

William Brent, while working in the logging camp below Mission, recently met with a very painful accident. The team attached to the sleigh commenced to run away and were brought to a sudden stand by the trace falling over a stump. The leather snapped, however, and the whiffletree flew back with tremendous force and struck Mr. Brent on the knee, shattering the cap in a horrible manner.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

Strained Relations Still Ex'st Between the Two Countries.

London, Jan. 7.—The relations between Britain and France are again very strained, and even the most conservative take a pessimistic view of the matter. These include those who, up to the present, have considered the belligerency to be mere talk due to super-sensitiveness upon the part of France and to unnecessary gruffness on the part of Great Britain in insisting upon what she considers her rights. On one side France seems to foster the growing belief that Great Britain is determined under some pretext or other to force her into war, and is willing to make a pretext if no plausible excuse arises. On the other side, a large part of the British public profess that their patience has been strained beyond endurance by what they deem to be the unvarnished dishonesty of French diplomacy.

Many people give importance to the issue of the Madagascar blue book almost simultaneously with the quiet but unmistakable pronouncement at Khartoum by which the British agent, Colonel Wingate, in his remarks to the Sheikhs, announced that Great Britain had set her seal upon Egypt. If there ever was a doubt in the minds of her European rivals that Great Britain intended to foreclose the mortgage upon which she has expended so much labor and blood to secure, it must have been set at rest by the utterances of Lord Cromer, in which

The Word "Protectorate"

written in large letters appeared, though the government mouthpiece carefully abstained from using that incendiary word. A more definite notice that Great Britain's tenure of Egypt is permanent could not be asked. This formal assumption of sovereignty over the Soudan is more distasteful to France than to any other nation, and renewed protests may be expected.

CANADIAN BREVITIES.

Montreal, Jan. 7. — The death is announced at the Grey Nunnery in this city of Rev. Father P. O'Connel, one of the oldest, if not the oldest, Irish priests in Canada. Had he lived until February 7 next he would have reached his 96th year.

Quebec, Jan. 7.—La Verite asks that the death sentence pronounced upon Cordelia Viau and Sam Parslow be carried out.

Halifax, Jan. 7. — The steamer Gallia, which sailed yesterday for Liverpool, has on board 300 British soldiers and sailors whose time of service has expired.

Milbrook, Ont., Jan. 7.—The building occupied by A. D. Scott & Co., general merchants, was wrecked to-day by the explosion of an acetylene gas machine. Mr. Scott was slightly burned and Miss Walls was struck on the head by flying debris.

Winnipeg, Jan. 7.—At Hartney this morning fire destroyed F. Woodhull & Co.'s drug store and quickly spread to J. Bradley's general store and Miss Magwood's millinery shop, all of which were totally destroyed.

St. John, N.B., Jan. 7.—The Furness Line steamer Damara is still overdue. It is feared that she has broken down, if not foundered. She has a number of passengers on board, besides a crew of 30 men.

Montreal, Jan. 7.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company recently imported 15 locomotives from the Virginia Works, but omitted to present an invoice detailing the royalties on same, which are assessable for customs duties, to the customs department. The department is now endeavoring to collect from the company, not only the regular amount of duty on the royalty, but, in addition, a similar amount for failure of the company to comply with the law.

A VIGOROUS PROTEST

Pekin, Jan. 6.—The United States minister, Mr. Edward Conger, acting upon instructions from Washington, has vigorously protested against the extension to France, or any other power, of exclusive concession at Shanghai, but he urged the extension of existing settlements on an international basis. The British minister here, Sir Claude MacDonald, has formally protested against the mining and railroad regulations.

DARING ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY.

Phoenix, R.I., Jan. 6.—The iron doors of the vault of the Phoenix National Bank were blown out by dynamite about 1 o'clock this morning, but three men who attempted to rob the bank were frightened away before they could gain access to the interior apartments where the money, securities and other valuables were kept. The burglars escaped, and up to 10 this morning there was no clue to their identity.

WILHELM'S LATEST.

Berlin, Jan. 7.—Bronze statues about two feet high of Emperor William as a knight of one of the Crusading orders, are now being offered for sale. They represent him looking toward heaven with both hands resting on his sword, on the blade of which is the word "Credo."

LATEST FROM LONDON

American Warships Will Visit Portsmouth and Be Welcomed by the Channel Squadron Under Duke of York.

The Extraordinary Career of the Criminal Who Stole the Duchess of Sutherland's Jewels.

London, Jan. 7.—It may be said that London has been deserted by the society people who are mostly entertaining or being entertained at country houses. The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire intend to cap the season of gaieties with a grand ball at Chatsworth house, Derbyshire, which is to eclipse the famous Devonshire house fancy ball. The United States attache, Mr. Henry White, and Mrs. White are entertaining a shooting party.

The Duke of Northumberland, who died on Monday, will be interred in St. Nicholas chapel, Westminster Abbey, where the Percy family have the right of burial. Some pressure was put upon the family to waive this right, in view of the limited space now remaining in the Abbey, but the relatives of the deceased duke insist upon their rights. The late duke lived the life of a recluse during recent years. Earl Percy, the eldest son, succeeds to the dukedom, which carries with it nearly 200,000 acres in Northumberland, and many thousands of acres in Surrey and Midlesex, the income being nearly £250,000 yearly.

The Duke of Marlborough, by his appointment as paymaster-general in succession to the Earl of Hopetoun, who was recently made lord chamberlain, becomes

A Member of the Government.

The office, however, is only a stepping stone. There is no work in it and no pay, but the duke may occasionally have to answer a question in the House of Lords. The appointment is a reward for the duke's labors in the Conservative cause. He is an indefatigable worker in the Primrose League, and hardly a week passes without his having presided at a meeting of the league somewhere.

William Waldorf Astor's Pall Mall Gazette says "the Duke is a young man who has the good sense to take himself and his position seriously and not rest satisfied, like a beau marchais nobleman, with having taken the trouble to be born. In the age we live in it is eminently desirable that men of rank and wealth should throw the influence of their position and personality into the task of elevating politics."

The opening of the new year was marked by an exchange of telegrams containing good wishes between all the crowned heads of Europe.

The Hogmanay, or New Year's eve festivities celebrated at Glasgow were marked by the greatest exhibition of intoxication in the streets seen even in Glasgow. One account of the scene says: "It would need the pen of Zola to describe the state of the streets. The most astounding feature of the debauchery was the appalling number of young lads rolling about the streets." The number of week-end "drunks" arrested there breaks the record. There were over 396 persons charged with intoxication in the cells by Tuesday morning. (Readers will kindly remember this despatch emanates from London.)

Lady Henry Somerset with W. Stead and other friends and admirers of the late Mrs. Haweis, the author of "Chaucer for Children," "Chaucer for Schools," "Chaucer's Beads," "Tales From Chaucer," etc., and superintendent of the Merry Branch of the British Women's Temperance Association, vice-president of the Central National Society for Women's Suffrage, have formed a committee

To Perpetuate Her Memory

by raising a fund to be called "The Haweis fund for working girls," the object of which is to financially aid English and American girls between the ages of 12 and 20 to learn a self-supporting trade or to engage in remunerative trade.

People here seem to have settled in their own minds that an American squadron will visit Portsmouth in June, and it is unhesitatingly announced that the Admiralty authorities have arranged to have the British Channel fleet with the Duke of York at its head assemble in the Solent to meet the American ships. One paper presumes to know that the American squadron will consist of all the best types of modern warships. The Portsmouth municipality is evidently trying to boom the event for all it is worth, and a despatch from Portsmouth to-day says official information on the subject is eagerly awaited there in order to prepare the arrangements to give a fitting welcome to the officers and men.

With the opening of 1899 the London County council took over the street railroad of South London district. The transaction was signalized by the payment of £85,000.

"Henry the Valet," who on Wednesday pleaded guilty to stealing the Duchess of Sutherland's jewels, while the Duchess was on her way from Paris to London in October last, proves to be

An Extraordinary Character.

The judge has postponed sentence to enable him to inform the police as to what became of the bulk of the jewels, of which only £8,000 of the £25,000 worth contained in the stolen satchel were recovered. The idea is that the prisoner will get a lighter sentence for giving the information. The prisoner, however, replied to the judge that he would not "split on his pals" even if he got a life sentence. He appears to be one of the most extraordinary criminals of the generation. He is of genteel appearance and has a grand air and a frank, engaging look. The prisoner boasts that he has made twenty bigger "hauls" than in the case of the Sutherland jewels, and claims he has reduced robbery to a science, making it his business to know everybody and with consequence in Europe. He further says he rarely made a mistake, owing to his cautious preliminaries, and declared the only serious mistake of his career was when he robbed the Duchess of Devonshire some time ago of a jewel case and found, to his disgust, that he had taken paste. "Harry the Valet" appears to have made a great deal of money, for he lost several thousand pounds in one week at a Soho gambling club.

He Had the Lordliest Tastes

and lived at a West End hotel, where his bills were over £500. Finally he was betrayed in the Sutherland affair by his mistress, a former actress, who informed the police of the share he had taken in that robbery. Otherwise there is every reason to believe that he would never have been caught, as the police had no clue to him. He was apparently devoted to this woman, and while awaiting trail begged her to come to his prison and give him one more kiss.

The splendid practice of the American gunners has galvanized the British into a critical interest in the gun firing of their own navy, and the results of the inquiries made are not very reassuring. The performance of the Mediterranean fleet, supposed to be the crack British fleet, is far from satisfactory. The results of the heavy and light gun prize firing of 1898, just published, shows that with heavy guns 209 rounds were fired at 8 knots, and that the percentage of hits was 30. With the 6-inch quick firing, steaming 12 knots, the average was also 30 per cent., and with the Maxim guns the average was 46 per cent. The 6-inch quick firer is the most used gun in the British service, and the paper points out that it is evident that even the crack squadron has much to learn regarding its use. In the case of the smaller weapons the results were still more disadvantageous, and this without the disconcerting effects of hostile fire. The papers now ask if it is not time that measures were taken to make gun practice something more than a perfunctory exercise, as is the case in many of the British ships.

OPERATOR MURDERED.

Philadelphia, Jan. 7.—H. Wurster, night telegraph operator at the Philadelphia & Reading railway at Bingen, a small town near Bethlehem, was murdered at an early hour this morning by robbers. The last report from the Bingen office was received at 12:45 o'clock this morning. The division despatcher's office at Bethlehem being unable to transmit messages to the Bingen office after that hour hour for the purpose of reporting trains, instructed the conductor of a local freight train to stop at that place and arouse the operator, it being supposed he was asleep. When the freight train reached Bingen the conductor went into the office and found the body of Wurster. His head had been crushed and there were two bullet holes in the side of it. The office floor was literally covered with blood, indicating that there had been a terrible struggle before the unfortunate man had been killed. All the drawers had been rifled but carefully returned to the desk after the robbery, and the lifeless form of Wurster had been placed in a chair, the feet being up on a desk. Suspicion points to some of the rough characters about Rock Hill, a small village near Bingen.

A RUNAWAY TREASURER.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 7.—W. A. Wrask, a former teller of the Wallingford National Bank, and treasurer of the town of Wallingford, who ran away to Canada about a year ago, leaving a shortage in his accounts, has been found in New Orleans. He is in greatly reduced circumstances, and has been earning his living by blacking boots and hustling trunks.

A MUSICIAN STABBED.

New York, Jan. 7.—Michael Cossio, an erst side musician and cripple, played at a wedding last night. Afterwards growing tired he went into a nearby cafe and resting his head on the table fell asleep. At seven o'clock this morning Frank Balenta entered the cafe, drew a stilleto from his pocket and without saying a word buried it in Cossio's neck. The sleeping man awoke with a yell and Balenta rushed out. After a long chase he was captured. He offered no explanation of his act.

ROME AND THE PHILIPPINES.

Priests Will Be Placed Under Hierarchy of America.

New York, Jan. 9.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: The Herald correspondent is able, through the courtesy of a prominent Catholic clergyman of this city, who through his foreign affiliations keeps in close touch with Catholic matters affecting both this country and Europe, to throw some light on Archbishop Ireland's visit to Rome. This clergyman said: "There are so many matters to which Archbishop Ireland will give his personal attention while in Europe that it is hard to specify any particular cause for the visit. Mgr. Ireland's visit is voluntary, and is, I understand, principally in relation to the changed condition which will confront the church in Cuba, Porto Rico and Philippines.

"As every one realizes, there must be many changes in the management of the church in those islands, and in the relationship hitherto existing between the church and the government and between the church and the people, the peace treaty provides for the free exercise of religion in the islands, and a guarantee that property which belongs to the church shall not be taken from it. There is, however, a vast quantity of property, especially in the Philippines, which nominally belongs to the church, but to which there are many claimants." It is not this so much as the character of the priests in the Philippines which is a cause of so much anxiety to the heirarchy of the United States. If the islands are to be held by the United States, as is now almost certain, it is to be expected that they will be placed under the hierarchy of the United States. The government will not look with favor on the proposition to allow Spanish priests to remain in power and office. While they are cordially disliked and even hated by a large body of the natives, they are very influential and their presence there would be a constant menace to the interests of this country and a hindrance to work of Americanizing the islands.

"Two priests accompanied General Merritt when he sailed for the Philippines and they spent some time in Manila and other islands. One of them expressed himself in vigorous terms as to the habits and character of the Philippine priesthood. They are almost friars, being members of a powerful religious organization. As the organization never dies, they accumulate wealth very rapidly. The church holds lands on a tentative title and it is expected it will be compelled to surrender a large quantity of it either to the government of the United States or to original owners or their heirs. During the period of transition from the Spanish priesthood to American priesthood, Archbishop Ireland's presence in Rome will be of greatest value to the church and the government, and this is, I believe, the principal reason for his trip.

"The coming visit to France of Archbishop Ireland and the address which he is to deliver in Paris before one of the societies there are expected to cause a reaction favorable to Americans and to bring matters to a crisis. Mgr. Ireland is highly regarded by French Catholics and the last address he made in Paris was subject to much favorable comment, and for the time Liberalism in the American sense of the word was not regarded with the horror formerly displayed."

FOREIGN ITEMS.

A decree has been issued abolishing two of the naval and three of the military arsenals of Brazil.

The Clyde seamen have abandoned their fight against the programme of the Federation of Shipowners, and will seek an increase of wages instead. It is believed that the owners will grant the advance.

Chief Joseph Kipley has instructed the Chicago police to "shoot to kill," when it becomes necessary, in dealing with highwaymen and notorious thugs.

Women Need Not Suffer

From those terrible side aches, back aches, headaches and the thousand and one other ills which make life full of misery.

Most of these troubles are due to impure, imperfectly filtered blood—the Kidneys are not acting right and in consequence the system is being poisoned with impurities.

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Here is an instance:

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I gradually became worse, until, hearing of Doan's Kidney Pills, I got a box from our druggist.

I am pleased to testify to their effectiveness in correcting the troubles from which I suffered.

My back has not ached since taking the first box and I feel built up and strong. I feel assured that anyone who tries these pills will be more than pleased with their good effects. Doan's Kidney Pills are 50c. a box or 3 for $1.25 at all druggists. The Doan Kidney Pill Co., Toronto, Ont.

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