WITHOUT VESTIGE OF TRUTH. Yesterday the Colonist published an editorial article entitled "The Trade of Atlin," purporting to be the statements which, no doubt, a great deal can be of one, Walter Hayes. Every line of said on both sides. that article is absolutely untrue, and Colonist for some days past. That paper, without taking the trouble, as was without consulting Collector Milne. rushed into print with Hayes's statements and a series of comments which, in the light of the facts that we are duty to inform the Colonist that it has for the honor of filling them, been shockingly, shamefully hoaxed; by The suggestion to tax each employer aforementioned opening sentences:-

summer in the Atlin country, and has but we are not blind to the fact that recently come out for the winter, call-there are some important considerations ed upon the Colonist yesterday for the purpose of pointing out that large on the other side, which would have to quantities of goods from the United be satisfied before much progress could States are being taken into that portion of British Columbia without a cent of duty being paid on them. He said that he knew what he was talking about, pecause he had seen the thing done. 'You neither see the gold nor sell the city of Victoria," is flatly immoral. To forty votes in Alberni he should have this matter, and call for such action by the gustoms authorities as will prevent the strangers who look down from the customs. There is no here, though in an even more objection the strangers who look down from the household words. It is nearly three Noell, the person in charge, I was freely excuse for leniency in this regard.

we learn that for the month of November, 1898, the sum of fifty thousand dollars in cash was collected, almost Log Cabin, B. C., the bulk being bound the amount collected was twenty-one nuisance; in fact, it is exactly the way ling Neill to elect Ward would be to forthousand dollars, collected on the same class of goods, and forwarded, as in the November receipts, in cash, to Collector 850 is the most inconsiderable trifle sub-Milne, who promptly remitted them to Ottawa in the regular course of businesse We are further informed by Collector Milne that the officials at Log Cabin, practically the only point of entry to the Atlin country do their duty most faithfully. The official staff there consists of three men, in charge of Mr. ed immediately by six additional cus- port, is also immoral, for the same rea-Percy R. Peele, and it is to be reinforctoms officers. Mr. Peele has to assist to be increased.

charges, and at the same time to prove how strictly Mr. Peele and his men are tion of these offences. carrying out their duty, we may state that the White Pass and Yukon Rail-sical and educational examination for A station is to be built on his duty under any for Atlin.

toms department, has just been through the Atlin and Bennett district, and he keenly scrutinized all the arrangemen's. He declared himself thoroughly satisfied. But it is not necessary to say more than the foregoing to prove the utter falsity and recklessness of the Colonist's statements. If the man Hayes ever got into the district with ten pounds of goods it is the greatest feat he ever accomplished; for winder the circumstances imposed by the Canadian customs department it would require a world of artful dodging and clever sneak-work to do it. The customs au-

thorities are looking for Mr. Hayes. As for the Colonist, it is positively astonishing that any newspaper should throw open its columns to the unverified statements of every stranger who comes along, and on that thin and airy foundation build a huge superstructure of indignant comment. Why, even a raw junior reporter would know better than take for gospel the statements of Tom, Dick and Harry; he would go and get them confirmed or leave them severely alone.

THE CITIZENS' COMMITTEE

Perhaps the most important matter to come under the attention of the Committee of Fifty, presided over by Mayor Redfern last evening, was the petition signed by about a hundred citizens, and offering suggestions for the improvement of Victoria. Without endorsing all that is borne upon that petition, we feel strongly constrained to congratulate the signatories upon the straightforward and fearless manner in which they have dealt with some of the most delicate and difficult of the many questions urgently requiring solution in Victoria. To take the first on the list, for example, the taxation or exemption of church property. Only the other day we quoted from a leading eastern Canadian newspaper that the chief cause of the stagnation of the city of Quebec was the enormous amount of non-taxable property, all belonging to the church or to religious institutions of one kind and another, that was in the city, The burden of b supporting the machinery of municipal a government, falls with crushing weight upon the non-church property; the property used for productive, industrial purposes. We cannot escape the conviction that there seems to be no good and sufficient reason why church property should not be taxed exactly like all other pro-

ter. However, this is something on

The payment of mayor and aldermen charges made. A more reckless and is another question of the many-sided senseless article we have not seen in the variety. It would have been better had the petitioners supplied some hint as to the "system whereby" the heads of the respective departments should do a great the statements made by Hayes, and portion of the work now being performlabors of mayor and aldermen." It is certainly a desirable thing to have the positions of mayor, and aldermen so highly esteemed than men of the first tively ludicrous. It is our sunpleasant rank in the city will be glad to compete

no means an uncommon experience with of Chinamen twenty dollars a head for our unfortunate contemporary, but this each Mongolian employee is too drastic, time more painfully than on any recent too sudden, and probably ultra vires of The opening sentences of the the council. Those things have to be Colonist's outrageous article contain the gradually accomplished or more harm gravamen of the charge-all that fol- than good is likely to be the result. We lows is Colonist comment; and that calls are, of course, cordially in favor of imfor no comment from us. Here are the posing any reasonable restriction upon the spread of Mongolians into our fac-"Mr. Walter Hayes, who spent last tories, workshops and domestic service,

The proposal of the petition to "net able form, the license system of France, Upon enquiry from Collector Milne Belgium and Spain. The petition mentions, again, that "a system should be suggest what that system should be. tracted from the wages of sin, and that in place of three hundred of those persons we should have, under the suggested conditions, twice or thrice that number inside of a year?

The proposal to swell the city revenue by taxing professional gamblers and those who have no visible means of supsons; it would no more rid the city of him in the performance of his duties at such characters than throwing petroleum Log Cabin nine troopers of the North on a fire would put it out. What the west Mounted Police, and that force is petition suggests is exactly what those persons would wish to see they would In regard to the statement which has be to all intents and purposes licensed; been retailed in the opposition press they would go on as before, only a little. that the White Pass and Yukon Railway more boldly; for they would feel that the was allowed to take things duty free authorities in demanding a share in their into Canadian territory, the most em- gains had become partners in their guilt, phatic denial is given by Collector and could not amon them so vigorously Miline. To show the absurdity of such as if the city had taken the proper stand -suppression, or at least severe limita-

As for the suggestion regarding phyway actually pays duty on everything, members of the police force, that is only from its locomotives down to one pound plain; common sense, The constable of pepper that went in as supplies for ought to be physically able to discharge this railway a quarter of a mile from stance, and he ought to be a man of Log Cabin at a place called Moraine, sound, general education. We do not and there also a custom house will be want Sandows on the police force, but erected to watch and examine all goods strong, vigorous, kind-hearted men; we arriving for entry to Canada. The cus- do not look for schotars among the police toms authorities have now at Taku Force, but expect to find the men intel-Arm, a force of men closely watching all ligent, courteous and quite able to undertravellers from the American side bound take any little secretarial duty that may fall to be done on an occasion, and not Another fact that completely refutes have to lean upon members of the crowd the statements of Hayes and of the for such assistance. The present mem-Colonist is that Mr. Clute, of the cus- bers of the police force, we believe, are capable of all this, they are intelligent and faithful men, and under proper eadership and management they would be as fine a police force as there is in Canada. We hope the petition will re-ceive the attention it undoubtedly deserves.

THE ALBERNI CONTEST.

We have far too high an opinion of the

sound good sense of the electors of Al-

berni to give ourselves any concern

about the lifertheoming election for the seat. Between the two candidates, Mr. Neill and Mr. Ward, there is no manner of comparison. Mr. Neill is a man anybody in British Columbia ought to be proud to call friend; and any constituency in the province would be honored by having him sit as its representative He is a high-mindedal conscientions honorable man, and he is besides that able, a worker, and he has a thorough acquaintance with the requirements of the Alberni district. We should say looking at the matter in a perfectly in dependent light, that it would be a bad stroke of business for Alberni to reject such a man. Able men are common a Indian turnips; the woods are full of them; but conscientious men are rare Mr. Neill is one. Alberni should win the admiration of the whole province by standing forth for such qualities in its representative. Mr. Ward is practically the nominee, appointee and candidate of Mr. Huff, and that all we know about the gentleman. Mr Ward is an hotelkeeper, we are informaed by a correspondent. We do not know the gentleman, and not being able t say anything in his favor we shall say nothing. If Mr. Neill be elected (can it be possible there is any doubt that he will be -if so that doubt is a gross insult to Alberni's honesty and intelligence) we feel certain that his efforts to have a road built from Cowichan Lake connecting with the trail to be constructed to San Juan will be renewed with redoubled energy, and we be lieve those efforts will be erowned with success. This is only one of the many highly important improvements Mr. Neill, if elected, has set his mind upon securing for Alberni district. In the nterests of Alberni we hope the electors will exercise the shrewd common sense we know ther possess and give Mr. Neill a bumper majority for his brave stand in the interests of pure govern

In dealing with the position of affairs at Alberni, the Colonist yesterday morn-

perty; nor do we see where even a sen- ing let the opposition cat out of the bag timental objection can be advanced in a way the opposition ringleaders will against that practical view of the matject to be gained in having Mr. Neill returned to the house is the securing of a known good man; a man who would be a credit to any party and any country. We had only in view the purification of the representation in wishing for Mr. Neill's return to the house. With the Colonist (vide yesterday morning's editorial entitled; "The Alberni Contest"), the great desideratum is to annoy and embarrass the government.

Truly a grand, elevated and altogether patriolic sentiment. What British Columbia wants now, according to our highminded friend, is not men who, on discovering that they have, though quite innocently, contravened the laws, instantly did "what's justified by honor;" but men who will "wink the other eye" at the name of honor and go on contravening till the indignant electors become so ashamed of their law-breaking represenmen like Mr. Neill to represent them. Thank heaven, the day for the state of things we have described is past in our province: the man that stands now to beseech the people's votes must have one thing, no matter what wealth and influence he may possess-he must have a clean record.

We don't know how much Mr. Neill is worth in this world's goods, or how great an influence he wields, and we don't care a button; but we do know \$15,000 annually" from 300 women that he is a sersitive, couragous, honwho carry on a nefarious business in the orable and honest man, and if we had exact this sum is to compound with them all; for we want to see such men them in their sin; to be a partaker in speaking on the floor of our legislative galleries upon the representatives: "Those men may not be brilliant orators or great legislators, but they are inaugurated whereby those women shall honest men." It is an outrage to sugbe compelled to pay a fine of at least \$50 gest that a man should be sent to that wholly upon American goods passing per annum," but does not attempt to house who is the mere tool of ca man who flagrantly violated the very laws he for Atlin. For the month of October That is not the way to grapple with this helped to make and mend. After electnot to grapple with it; for cannot the feit the opinion which the rest of the petit oners see that a paltry sum like province has formed regarding the good sense of Albern.

> NEILL IS THE MAN. Indications Strongly Favor the Triumphant Re-election of the Popular Candidate.

Alberni, Dec. 2.-The people of this burgh were treated to a rare entertainment last night, when M. A. Ward was nominated for the legislature and G. A. Huff, the late member, finding that he had not the slightest chance of success, withdrew him name. Ward keeps a saloon on the main street, and isn't a bad sort, take him all round, but the fact that he is a mere piece of soft clay in Huff's hands will be sufficient to defeat him on the 15th. Ward tried to his throat, and as no one in the meeting had a corkscrew to remove the obstructions from his larynx the candidate's speech remained said after the meeting to an elector, it d'dn't matter whether Ward could speak or not, he (Huff) could do his! talking and his thinking too for that matter. In other words, that our late member has brains enough for both,

brains enough for both,
Mr. McPhillips, member-elect for Victoria city, made a long and abusive speech, chiefly directed against the Lieutenant-governor and the attorney-general. Mr. McP. seems to find it impossible to get over the dressing-down attorney-general gave him at Victoria last July. He referred to it frequently, stabbing Mr. Martin on the back and creating generally a very pression as regarded himself. Mr. Neill was called for, but declined

to speak. He was loudly cheered, howabout two-thirds of the audience being his supporters. Watson, who was treated so badly Mr. Huff, presided. It appears that the doctor's subsidy was taken from him by our late member, who compelled the ute government to appoint a resident physician on the west coast who would convenient to the lighthouse, which kept by Huff's son-in-law! So poor r. Watson had to lose his salary and Alberni a resident physician because of the son-in-law's needs. People: here have not forgotten and will not forget this. It was one of the causes of Huff's defeat in July, and will be an important factor in Ward's defeat in Decem-

So far as I can see Neill's re-election is certain; but his friends should adont every precaution to roll up a big ma-fority and put an end to Huffism for ALBERNIA'N



When a baby smiles in itsisleep it is the mother's an angel is kiss ing it. No woman preme joy of woshe knows the caressing touch of a first-born's fingers. No wosupreme sofrow of womanhood baby in the 'cold mbrace of death.

Thousands of women daily achieve wo manhood's supremest joy, only to meet, a few days or weeks or months later, its supremest sorrow. This is because so nany babies are born into the world with eeds of death already sown is ittle bodies. If a woman would have healthy, robust children, strong and able to withstand the usual little illuesses of childhood, she must "look before she

If a woman will take the proper care of her health in a womanly way, during the period of prospective maternity, she may protect herself against much pain and suffering and possible death, and insure the health of her child. Dr. Pierce's Payorite Prescription is the greatest of all medicine for prospective mothers. It acts directly on the delicate and important organs that bear the burdens of maternity and makes them strong, healthy, vigorous and elastic. It allays inflammation, heals ulceration, soothes pain and tones the tortured nerves It banishes the usual discomforts of the expectant period and makes baby's advent to this world easy and almost painless. It insures an ample supply of nourishmen It is the greatest known nerve tonic and invigorator for women. All good dealers sell it. Say "No" and stick to it when urged to accept a substitute said to be

I had miscarried twice and was so weak ould not stand on my feet," writes Mrs. Minnimith, P. M., of Lowell, Latte Co., Oregon. "ook two bottles of Dr. Pierpeiss Pavorite Precipition and now have a headily baby and an ronger than for twelve years! The quick constipation cure - Docto Pierce's Pleasant Pellets, Never gripe

MORE ABOUT GOLDEN CA

From an Expert and Kept Secret From the Shareholders

William Teague, of Yale, Condemned the Property Two and a Half Years Ago-A Startling Commentary.

When the history of the mineral development of British Columbia comes to be written (it is being made every day), question is of much importance when more than a chapter will have to be devoted to the now famous "Golden Cache Mines Company, Limited," and CORRECTLY WHAT THE POSSItative and themselves that they will elect their property on Cayoosh creek. Un- BILITIES OF THE LODE MAY BE. fortunately, it will form a portion of the However, as the developments prohistory which, while making entertain- ceed there is reasonable chance that ing reading, will not be pleasant food for study on the part of those who have the best interests of the province at your guidance, that I AM SOMEWHAT heart.

The history of the Golden Cache bub-

ble is too well known to require recapitulation here; it is familiar to almost the topics of interest of the past two FISSURE VEIN. It can only be termyears. Not only in Vancouver and Vic- ed a rich find or prospect, toria, but in every portion of the province, in the eastern provinces and in tice posted "Positively no admittance." England, "Golden Cache" have been After introducing myself to Mr. Arthur years since the property first attracted attention the circumstances surrounding the discovery of the "mine," the extraordinary boom in the stock of catensive developments. The face of the company; the persistently circulated the bluff is very precipitous, and probumor of its fabulous value; the acces ably in width 600 feet, exposing to view sion to wealth of those who were in the swim; the unbounded confidence which quartz, mixed with films or threads of many had in the property in spite of the decomposed slate, intermixed with red fact that nothing had been shown to exide quartz, containing pockets of rich justify it; are all features in one of the ore. The dimensions of the lode showmost regrettable incidents in the growing industry upon which the future of (or foot) wall, shows about 20 feet wide, British Columbia largely depends. Be- narrowing at each end to small reticulatfore a ton of ore had been crushed; even ed veins, covering only a small area. before it was known that there was any ore in sight, the stock jumped from the nominal price of 25 cents, at which it distance, MAKE ME FEEL SOMEwas first sold, to within measurable dis- WHAT MISTRUSTFUL OF ITS tance of 100 per cent, premium, And all on the strength of an exhibition of a further developments are indeed necesfew samples of extraordinarily rich free milling ore, said to have been taken out or the intrinsic value of the property. speak, but the words seemed to stick in of the mine. In the window of the To more fully illustrate the position company's offices in Vancouver little of the lode and make it appear as clear pieces of rock were shown in glass as possible, suppose if one would look cases. Little glass trays contained gold (or imagine) an Indian canoe turned upextracted from the ore, and little speculators made themselves passing rich by then observe almost a correct form and dealing in the shares of the company. bave a good illustration of the position In the light of recent developments it and lines of the lode shown in the forseems remarkable that such all boom mation. should have taken place. How did it ... The strike of the lode is yet un the value of the property by any direct method: Thus he declared himself at the first annual meeting of the sharehis fellow directors allowed others to so unduly boom the stock in face of the fact that they had in their possession

> the least of it, unwarranted. It will be remembered that at a meetmade by Superintendent MacFarlane assuring the directors that he had little tinent to ask what explanation can be etc., for saving the ore should be erect given by those who promoted and controlled the company for allowing the innocent investors to pay fancy prices for what has proven valueless stock, when they had in their possession a report made by Mr. William Teague, of Yale, B. C., after having inspected the property, and which, as will be seen from perusal thereof, distinctly states that the "indications" did "not warrant" that it was "a bona fide, lasting, and profitable property."

information conclusively showing that

such appreciation of values was, to say

Here is the report, now for the first time made public. It makes interesting reading and may assist in throwing some much needed light upon the dark places in the history of British Columbia's "South Sea Bubble:"

Yale, B. C. 22nd June, 1896. Private report of the Golden Cache mining property, made by William Teague, of Yale, for John Macquillan, Dr. Carroll, Ben. Douglas and Others, at Vancouver, B. C.

Dear sir: In compliance with your etter under date 9th of Jane last I eft fale on the following day after reeipt of your letter, for the inspection of the Golden Eagle mining property, situated at Cayoosh Creek, in the Liloct district, and I beg to submit the ollowing report thereon!

Leaving the hotel, Lilloget on the 16th inst., I travelled south for a distance of about one and a half miles. eaching Cayoosh Creek. Following the reek in a north-westerly direction, over good mountain trail for a distance of 10 miles or so, in which I observed and found the country rock very much disturbed and broken up, climbing a precipitous arm projecting from the main nowatain at an elevation approximately of about 2,300 feet, the "Golden Eagle" was reached, exposing to view a horizontal bed of free milling

Another Report Which the Directors Received | quartz, and in places showing visible gold. The vein is embedded in the face of a perpendicular bluff, contorted in very peculiar argillaceous slates, carrying rich ore in places, and pannings shows free gold from the decomposed reck. BUT FURTHER EXPLORA TIONS ARE NECESSARY BEFORE ONE CAN DETERMINE THAT ANY THING OF A PERMANENT CHAR-ACTER EXISTS

The appearance of the surface show ings of the vein is so flat, giving scarcely any sign as to angle or dip, that the considering permanency. And at the present stage of development it IS AL-MOST IMPOSSIBLE TO REPORT new discoveries may be brought to light from such highly encouraging surface showings. At present I may state for JEALOUS OVER THE APPEAR-ANCE FOR A BONA-FIDE-LAST-ING AND PROFITABLE PRO PERTY. AS THE INDICATIONS DO NOT WARRANT IT NOR SO everyone who has been au courant with FAR INDICATE IT TO BE A TRUE

On my arrival at the mine I found two men at work in charge, with a noadmitted to look at the golden treasure of the mine, where they were at work stripping the face of the lode and preparing other preliminary work for more for about 500 feet in length across its brows a strong horizontal bed ing at the point near the centre from the upper (heading) wall to the bottom Such is the character of the surface associations of the lode. Under such circumstances, varying in so short a PERSISTENT CHARACTER, but sary before one can arrive or form any definite opinion on its commercial merits

on its edge, and facing the hollow part, which would be towards you, you would

and I consider before ONE CA occur! In justice to J. H. Mackinnon, RIVE AT THE TRUE CHARACTER- have been a very short shrift for the be said that he did not unduly "boost" OPERATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Therefore, I would recommend a tunnel should be driven at the central point, at the deepest or widest showing, to be driven 150 or 200 feet, with crosscuts at holders in Vancouver, but it seems per- suitable points made in each direction tinent to ask why Mr. Mackinnon and of the cross section, to ascertain its merits, which would, in my opinion, prove the existence and life of the prolerty. Undoubtedly it would give you information proving the life or death of the enterprise. In the meanwhile your

of portunities should be closely watched. The water facilities at the creek at the foot of the mountain for the treatment of the ores are good, but up at ing recently held in Vancouver a re- the point of development at the mine port was unearthed which had been for camp use they are not. Supplies of all description, water, timber and all necessary mining material, must be brought up to the mine from the bench faith in the property. That report, it is below. Timber about the points of presalleged, was kept secret. It is now per- ent operations is limited. One bins, ed at points below near the mill site. or otherwise a good deal of valuable ore would no doubt be scattered and go to! waste. The expense to complete the necessary outfit from the appearance of the situation would be considerable. Very faithfully yours,

WILLIAM TEAGUE. THE HUFF-WARD COMBINATION.

To the Editor: Ex-Member Huff came back from Victoria to-day and is busily engaged explaining to people that he in-tends to put "my man" Ward up to run in his place against Mr. Nell, late membertends to put "my man" Ward up to run in his place against Mr. Nell, late member-elect. Mr. Huff says his business affairs will not permit of his standing again. I asked him what business he referred to. as I thought he had retired, and he replied, "Oh! you know my son-in-law, owns the stable, but being a Dominion official he can't let it be known, so I hist tan the stable in my name as a blind."

Asked how he could sign in his own name for horses hired by the government, he said: "Oh! that's easy enough. Ne'll's altogether too sensitive. He should not have resigned. He should have done as I altogether too sensitive. He should no have resigned. He should have done as

have resigned. He should have done as I did."

The fact is, Mr. Editor, Mr. Huff couldn't be elected in this district for anything. He knows that as well as I do, so he puts up "my man" Ward, a saloon-keeper, to stand in his place. It's just Huff Inside of Ward's skin, and a pretty teigh hide it is, too. But we electors intend to purcture it on the 15th by giving Neill a bigger majority than he got before. Just watch and see how the Huff Ward combination will be howeld viver in spite of the boast of one of Haff's trends, that if he (Huff), chose he could sell up the entire settlement, and that they dare not vote against "my man," "We shall see what we shall see."

AN INDEPENDENT ELECTOR.

MEDALS FOR SOUDAN HEROES. London, Dec. 3.—Queen Victoria vis-ted Netley hospital this afternoon and

to each recipient of the medal.

BOARDED BY SPANIARDS British Bark Held Up antness

According to late advices Zealand the Spanish did boar American vessel during the late The bark Nellie Brett, from New heached Auckland the voyage of the vessel was so of the ordinary run, as beside to encounter extremely bad we prevalence of war between the States and Spain had to be t consideration owing to the fact Nellie Brett was an Americ vessel and shows her nationality line. Before leaving New You Auckland the bark was placed un British flag and her crew was under British articles. Capt. Lowry was the only American on and as when he left New York tween the two nations was in f swing, he was naturally somew anxious as to how matters would ever

tually stand should he be overhauled a Spanish cruiser. All went well until June 15, the ves eing then twenty-six days out and latitude 27.55 north, longitude 41.41 west. The vessel was lying becamed when the smoke of a vessel was discerned in the distance. There were two large English vessels and one French flying, which was a matter that ('apt Lowry did not understand at the time The steamer, which was bound aw the eastward, suddenly altered course and made in the direction of t Nellie Brett, and coming up in close proximity, hoisted a signal which Capt Lowry could not make out, ulthough was watching very closely, being taken of the signal steamer by those on board of the bark, the former sheered closer and fired a gun

across the bark's bows, at the me running up the Spanish flag.
"That," said Capt. Lowry, "do me as to the course I had to pursue, and I at once ordered a signal to be hoisted I afterwards found out that the was, 'Show your origin.' A boat was then lowered from the steamer and wen alongside the bark. An officer was i charge of a crew composed of twolve men and accompanied by an interpreter (one of the engineers, and evidently 'a renegade Scotchman," so Captain Lowry says) and a sergeant of marines All were heavily armed and there w lot of arms and ammunition in the boa

besides. On boarding the vessel the officer in charge, interpreter and sergeant pro-ceeded to the cabin and demanded the ship's papers, which were handed over at once for inspection. Nothing evidently could be made of the register or manifest of cargo, but when the article were produced the interpreter seemed t clearly understand them, and explaine to the officer in charge that everything appeared to be satisfactory. However in going down the list of the crew, it was found that Capt. Lowry was an American, and when the captain acknowledged, upon being questioned that such was a fact. the eyes of the sergeant of marine Capt. Lowry said, "made me think I would not like to meet him alone on a dark night in a quiet corner."

The party from the steamer then proceeded on deck, and the main hatch was taken off to examine the cargo to see if there was any contraband of war on The officer, finding everything order, then demanded to see the flag ocker, but upon seeing the British en sign and the "jack," was quite satisfied that the Nellie Brett was really a Britisher.

Capt. Lowry says the officer was gentlemanly in his demeanor, and expleined that he was only carrying out ty, which, of course, Captain fully understood, but at the same the sergeant had his way there would

Before leaving the bark, the Spanish officer informed Capt. would proceed on board the steamer and report to the commander, the boat was hoisted on board he migh consider that the vessel would

not be further molested. "It took them a long time to consider, though," said Capt. Lowry, "for the boat was alongside nearly half an hour before she was hoisted up, and I was mighty glad to see her screws working and the steamer take a course in another direction than the one in which I was

going."
The Spanish steamer was the Alphonso XIII., one of the Cuban mail boats, and was the steamer which got safely into one of the Cuban ports duranteed. ing the war with a quantity of arms and ammunition and treasure afterwards sunk by one of the American warships.

WHAT THE MATTER WAS. Little Game of Two Choir Members Which the Minister Spoiled.

minister's widow tells this: "My husband," she said, "had brown eyes that turned deeply, darkly black when he was angry, and which danced with most miraculous merriment when he was amused. Naturally, in the course of a life with him, I came to know the varying expression of those eyes pretty I used to watch his eyes when going with him, and incidentally, the congregation was preaching to know how things were congregation. I remember once, in the midst of a most earnest discourse to have seen him stop suddenly for the space of a minute—not more—his egrowing strangely black, then brigh ing again with that irresistible twinkle, though the rest of his features remained quite grave throughout. As I said, it was only for a moment; then he resumed his sermon as before.
"What was the matter?' I asked when church was out and we wer

our way home.
"'Why, I came so near laughing out in church that there was no fun in it. he said. 'Of course, the choir is hidden he said. from the congregation behind its pro-tecting screens in the rear of the church, but it chances to be exposed in my rision as I stand on the rostrum When I stopped in my sermon to-day it was because I happened to glance choice ward and saw our soprano and new tenor having a quiet game of cards be-hind the screen. They must have felt my gaze upon them, for when they look ed up and caught my eyes those cards disappeared so siddenly and mysterious-I thought that in spite of everything hould burst out laghing."

A MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

New York, Dec. 3 .- A well dressed man was found dead this morning front of No. 4 Chambers street. arms were flung out as though he had London, Dec. 3.—Queen recommend and fallen violently. There was a control of the invalid soldiers pound fracture of the skull and the left presented medals to the invalid soldiers pound fracture of the skull and the left presented medals to the market point in the recent Soudan side of his face was covered with blood, campaign. General Lord Kitchener of and it looked as though it had been Khartoum accompanied Her. Majesty beaten in with a club. The ambulance and in roduced two hundred soldiers to surgeon found bruises on the stomach which appeared to be the result of kicks. By the express desire of the Queen. The police think the man's death co the function was devoid of state over- hardly have been caused otherwise than mony. Immense crowds awaited the ar- by a brutal clubbing. The man wore a rival of the royal party at the hospital, dark suit, sack coat and black oversing fustily cheered. Her Majesty when coat, black derby hat, black laced shoes
she imperied. The Queen was wheeled and white outing shirt. He was about
through the sarious wards in a chair 35 years of age and five feet eight
and addressed a few words of sympathy inches in height. His hair and moustache were brown and his eyes blue.

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London, Dec. 3.-Mr. writing from Rome, peace commission conclusions, says:question: Wnat think of the been made with gre the Eternal world regards the feelings of anger, almost too great to ment of indignation out it is universal pathy for the U like for the Ameri Philippines and a umanitarian enthu war possible, was a Mere Mask

assumed in order to are almost the only in common by the Quirinal and the King's men the sen paratively mild. in the least the disin American War of Libe erican declarations sally derided as a hi 'Uncle Sam,' they sa tall things to surpass outdone him even cant. The friends fall of the United temptation of the l sion. Her ener and can shrie what they regard demonstration which cupidity, American erican ambition. exclaim. That is rectitude of the A ends in. He alway heaven to witness to help his neigh ends by stealing his "It is unpleasa Saxon to hear this since the peace neg veloped a demand cession of the Phi statement as the

Current of almost every pays cursory attenting on abroad. The of Europeans are, ignorant of what tent on their daily know nor care who read newspapers, be described as the the Old World, are mind on the matter. did not dislike the erica, nor do I thir tour around one European who protestations as to t ple entered into the or less mocking incred "It is all very well," you kick me downthe Philippines."

Odious Pha is a phrase which the judgment of the recent developments which may be learn old truth, of his neighbor's mo mirror of his own ch most part they they expected these English of are true to their and in even didi. ful men who having erican Commonwe founded and utter what is universa apostacy of the abandonment of and the adoption policy of conquest When I have list listening for months rate taunts and foes and friends of voices seemed one chorus of welco 'Hell from beneath to meet thee at the ones of the earth the nations. All say unto thee, Art t

heaven, O Lucifer. You may argue, please, the world ha te said or done in will alter its judgme arena of the world A Career of

which will be all because it is masked ism. The America they hold, has succ which has so long World. A bright race was extingui non-military great chewed all schemes common herd of co "So men talk eve Whether they regard ideal with sympath they all agree in be been abandoned, at ands may seem but it is decisive. Whe it was but the act barred against of Paradise. What is that the New W ing sword which tu prevent all return ion of the Fathers
in course of a
compelled to admit of the existence of part of the powers half of Spain, which very serious had it the bud by the know would have nothing I was in Paris I w

no proposal had ever vene; and that there

never had the occ. to put her foot dow

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