en the men get fair hours and ges they are encouraged to " The following extract from ayers' laborer's card illustrates tention of the English employ-

5. You are strictly cautioned utstep good rules by doing dou- work you are required and caus- rs to do the same in order to mile from your master. Such y and deceitful actions leave a mber of good members out of ent the year round. Certain ls have been guilty, who will led if they do not refrain.

heory set forth in this union hat if each laborer will attempt little less there will be a little rk for somebody else to do. The that a man does for his money money will have to be spent in other people to help the idlers. hs of political economy may be in these notions, but the em- who give a fair day's wages are ntitled to a fair day's work.

K BILL OF THE NATIONS.

interesting statistics have re- een published by the board of f Great Britain and Ireland, the consumption of alcoholic during the past year in the Kingdom, France, Germany and ed States. The following table he governmental revenues from beverages:

	Net. rev. From tax on drink.	Propor. to tot. nat'l revenue.
Kingdom..	$47,870,000	36 per cent
.....	22,034,000	19 per cent
.....	13,717,000	18 per cent
States ...	39,968,000	29 per cent

onsumption of wine in the four is given thus:

	Total consump. gals.	Per hd. gals.
Kingdom	15,816,800	9.39
.....	983,158,000	25.40
.....	81,834,000	1.45
States	25,346,000	0.33

ollowing table shows the con- n of beer:

	Total consump. gals.	Per hd. gals.
King'm (1900)	1,296,756,000	31.7
(1900)	238,194,000	6.2
y (1899)	1,527,878,000	27.5
States (1899)..	934,210,000	13.3

mount of spirits consumed is s follows:

	Total consump. gals.	Per hd. gals.
King'm (1900) ..	45,800,000	1.12
(1900)	78,452,000	2.02
y (1900)	107,100,000	1.94
States (1899) ..	81,000,000	1.06

figures are likely to surprise who are unfamiliar with the sub- emarks the Chicago Inter Ocean. France more than maintains her utation as the greatest wine con- country of the world, it is found e per capita consumption of beer United Kingdom is greater by our per cent than in Germany, has generally been considered mently the beer drinking coun- Contrary to the popular idea, y takes the lead as the con- f strong drinks," comments the ocean, "and notwithstanding the on of our people as whisky , we consume a less quantity nt spirits per capita than any others." The Topeka Capital

evident that there is plenty of r the temperance societies of ld to do, when not only is the lcoholic drinks excessive and in- te in most civilized countries, s steadily on the increase. In l, for example, although twelve o as much beer was consumed ta as is now consumed in the States, yet in these twelve years sumption has increased nearly ent per capita and a good deal an 50 per cent in total volume."

A ROUGH VOYAGE.

hooner Long Arrives at Port Townsend From Nome.

TOWNSEND, Wash., Dec. 10. hooner Ralph J. Long, Captain reene, 47 days from Cape Nome, passengers and 15 stowaways, ved, and according to the pas- she had the most eventful of any vessel ever sailing from h.

ong sailed from Nome October provisions enough to last her n Harbor under favorable cir- ces. Before reaching that e water supply gave out, and days the passengers were with- er. From the time of sailing utch Harbor the Long exper- continual gales of unusual se- he most severe being on No- 11, when seas swept the vessel ern to bow, carrying away a of the water supply and one Mate Hansen was washed rd by an immense sea and

ast two weeks of the voyage sengers had to depend upon in they could catch for a upply.

BOSTON ELECTION.

ts Won a Complete Victory Over Republicans.

ON, Dec. 10.—The Democrats lmed the Republicans in the tion today, General P. Collins cted over Mayor Thomas Hart argest plurality in a quarter of a The Democrats also obtained f both branches of the city gov- elected their street commis- d practically all candidates for mmissioners.

LE ROI MINE REPORT

Condition of the Property as Set Forth in a Circular Issued to the Shareholders.

The following circular has been issued to the shareholders of the Le Roi Mining company:

Salisbury House, 26th Nov., 1901.

Dear Sir or Madam:

The following cable has been received from Mr. Frecheville today:

"Rossland, 25th Nov.

Auditors make profit from mine and smelting works for the year ending June 30th, $585,000. This was used for improvements—all the plant first-class. I estimate the reserve of ore at date above the 900-foot level at 484,000 tons of 2,000 lbs., value per ton $11.75. The total cost per ton in future ought not to exceed $9. The lowest level in the mine, so far as driven, shows chute of ore 170 feet in length, 24 feet in width, assays average $15.75 per ton. Shaft is down 1,050 feet. Will start driving levels as early as possible. Inventory 23rd November at smelting works shows ore matte on hand and in transit and supplies $1,045,000. At the mine low grade dump $100,000 net."

Your directors wish to give the following explanatory details simultaneously with the examination of the mine by Mr. Frecheville. An audit of the books of the company at Rossland has been conducted by Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co. Their audit shows a profit for the year ending 30th June, 1901, of £120,576, all of which has been expended on improvements on your property, the result being that the mine is thoroughly well equipped with all the most approved modern machinery and the capacity of the smelting works, which are excellent in construction and design, and fitted with all the latest labor saving appliances, has been largely increased.

The 900-foot level, which is the lowest level yet opened up in the mine, appears to us to be highly satisfactory. The lodes as far as tested being of good width and high grade.

Mr. Frecheville in a letter to the board says that the pay chute on this level started with a width of 12 feet and in the 170 feet of drivage done it has opened to a width of 35 feet in the face. This of course is a matter of the most vital importance in estimating the future profits of the mine, showing as it does that the values of the ore are more than maintained at this the greatest depth exploited.

The liquid assets as given by Mr. Frecheville amount to £235,596. In addition to this there is about £20,000 owing to the company by other companies which will shortly be paid. These assets exceed the total liabilities of the company by approximately £50,000.

THE SUPREME COURT

IMPORTANT MINE CASE, INVOLVING THE OLD APEX QUESTION.

SLOCAN STAR AND ADJOINING PROPERTIES ARE THOSE CONCERNED.

The big union jack at the court house floated masthigh yesterday in honor of the sittings of the supreme court before Chief Justice McColl. The session opened at 10 o'clock and continued until 4 in the afternoon, when an adjournment was taken to 11 o'clock this morning. The docket was light.

The only case tried was that of the Lion Brewery vs. the Castle Brewery, arising out of a deal for a number of beer kegs. Several of the kegs in question were produced in court as exhibits. C. R. Hamilton appeared for the plaintiff and W. A. Galliher, M. P., of Nelson, for the defendant company, which operates in Nelson. Argument in the issue will be continued this morning.

The first gun was fired during the day in what promies to be one of the most important mining actions in the annals of the Slocan. The suit is the Star Mining company vs. the Byron N. White company, and the point involved revolves about the much discussed question of the apexing of leads. The plaintiff company owns the Heber fraction and Rabbit Paw mineral claims, above the Slocan Star claim, owned by the defendants. The Slocan Star claim was located under the old law, which permitted owners to follow leads apexing on their ground. The defendants claim they have the apex of the Slocan Star lead on their adjoining claim, the Silversmith. The plaintiffs claim that the apex of the Slocan Star claim is on the Rabbit Paw, being in a direct line with the lead as it appears on the Slocan Star claim. The defendants say that the lead has been displaced and is consequently on the Silversmith ground by reason of a porphyry dyke that crosscuts the formation at that point. The defendants admit that their workings are 274 feet under the plaintiffs' ground, but maintain that they have simply followed their lead from its apex, as permitted under the location. The plaintiffs ask for an order to make surveys of the workings, measurements and take samples of the ore, besides a thorough investigation of the surroundings with a view to determining the actual apex of the lead. The application was made by S. S. Taylor on behalf of the plaintiffs, and was opposed by W. A. Macdonald, K. C., of Nelson, acting for the defendants' solicitors, Bodwell & Duff, of Victoria: The order will be made this morning on terms to be arranged between counsel and approved by the court.

In the Geiser cases the appeal on points of law by T. Mayne Daly, K. C., was enlarged, to come before Mr. Justice Irving.

WATER AND MOLTEN IRON.

A Tremendous Explosion Caused at Sharon Steel Works.

SHARON, Pa., Dec. 10.—An explosion that shook the earth for miles around, shattered windows, moved the adjacent buildings from their foundations and caused the injury of nine men occurred at the Sharon Steel company's plant today. Of the nine injured four were taken to the hospital. The explosion occurred in the casting department of the "pig mill." The metal was being poured from the ladle into the casting machine when it came in contact with some water, which caused a blast that was felt a great distance. The casting house was completely wrecked. Large strips of heavy corrugated iron beams and other material were hurled hundreds of yards by the explosion.

TOOK CARBOLIC ACID

A SPOKANE WOMAN'S ATTEMPTED SUICIDE AT THE C. P. R. STATION.

HER CONDITION NOTICED IN TIME AND MEDICAL AID CALLED IN.

Carrie Peterson, of Spokane, took an ounce of carbolic acid at the Canadian Pacific station last night with suicidal intent. Her condition was discovered in time to prevent the poison taking fatal effect immediately, and at last reports there was a chance of her recovering.

The unfortunate woman is about 30 years of age, apparently of Swedish descent and of prepossessing appearance. She came to Rossland on the Spokane Falls & Northern train yesterday afternoon and went almost immediately to the Canadian Pacific station, almost across the road. There she remained without attracting attention until 8 o'clock last night. It is a common occurence for persons awaiting the arrival or departure of trains between the two roads to remain at either of the stations, hence the woman's presence excited little attention.

About 7 o'clock the station clerk, J. Bain, noticed casually that the woman in the waiting room was lying down, apparently taking a nap. Shortly after he saw she was acting in a peculiar manner, and called up the police station. Constable Bradshaw answered the summons and immediately telephoned for Dr. Coulthard. The physician reached the spot quickly and diagnosed the case as one of poison. He administered an injection of strychnine, and called Dr. Rothwell in consultation. The stomach pump was requisitioned with good effect. After two and a half hours' work the woman was brought out of the condition of collapse into which she had fallen. Should her life be saved the officials, railroad and police, and the physicians called in attendance may be thanked for their prompt and capable efforts.

At 11:15 the woman was sufficiently recovered to be removed to the sisters' hospital, where she now lies. At midnight her condition was regarded as favorable, although she had not recovered sufficiently to speak.

Carrie Peterson had lived while in Spokane at the Lang block, 228½ Front street. It is supposed that she was on her way to Grand Forks to take a position in a laundry there. So far as is known, the woman was quite respectable. It is believed she had been married at one time, as she wore a heavy band ring with the inscription "B. J. to C. P." A brother, Peter Peterson, resides at Anaconda, Montana.

IN EASTERN CANADA

Many Applicants for Places on the New Contingent.

Millers Decide on an Advance in the Price of Flour.

MONTREAL, Dec. 9.—At the meeting of the C. P. R. directorate I. G. Ogden was appointed third vice-president and comptroller and George M. Bosworth fourth vice-president and operating manager.

MONTREAL, Dec. 9.—For some time past there has been a noticeable increase in the number of stores doing business on Sunday. Becoming emboldened, the proprietors sought to make opening legal by securing the amendment of the civic regulations. They should have left well enough alone. Their action aroused action on the part of the Sunday observance people, and as a result the city council was today presented with petitions from 50 city churches, among the signatures being those of Archbishop Bond and Archbishop Bruchesi. The council thereupon not only refused to make the amendment but ordered the vigorous enforcement of the present Sunday bylaw.

The government has decided to prosecute several Montreal manufacturers who have refused to answer census questions.

Canadian millers today advanced the price of flour 20 cents per barrel in sympathy with the increase in price of wheat.

Ninety applications were made this morning by men anxious to enlist for South African service.

TORONTO, Dec. 9.—A petition has reached the attorney-general's department, signed by 2,539 names, asking the remitting of the sentence and disqualification of Mayor Morris of Ottawa.

Two hundred and eighty applications have been made at the armories by men anxious to go to South Africa.

QUEBEC, Dec. 9.—Only 20 applications were made here for South Africa. Quebec was entitled to 60 men.

ST. CATHERINES, Ont., Dec. 9.—J. G. Currie, registrar of Lincoln, is dead aged 74. He sat for many years in the legislature.

BARRIE, Ont., Dec. 9.—Richard Tothill, a prominent resident, shot himself today, whether intentionally or not is not known. He leaves a wife and a son.

WINNPEG, Dec. 9.—The funeral service of the late Rev. Dean O'Meara this afternoon at St. John's cathedral was most impressive. A private service was held in the morning at the family residence, conducted by Rev. Canon Matheson, assisted by Archdeacon Fortin. The funeral service at the Cathedral was conducted by his grace, the Archbishop of Rupert's Land, assisted by the Bishop of Qu'Appelle, Archdeacon Phair and Rev. Canon Coombs. There was a large attendance of Freemasons, representatives from all the city colleges and other prominent citizens. The casket was literally buried in a bank of flowers.

Mr. William Stitt, one of Winnipeg's most popular railroad officials, left by this afternoon's express for Vancouver. He will sail by the steamship Moana for Sydney, where he will be the Australian representative of the C. P. R. During the past few days Mr. Stitts has been the recipient of many presentations and tokens of good will at the hands of Winnipeggers, who all regret his departure.

TORONTO, Dec. 10.—The Dominion government has appointed two men to examine into the correctness of the census as taken by the Dominion enumerators. This course was taken on account of the census by the police, which showed Toronto's population to be considerably larger than the Dominion census made it.

SYDNEY, C. B., Dec. 10.—The steamship Ella, Captain Lund, in ballast for Sydney, arrived off Scatteric island disabled. A boat containing five men was sent ashore this morning to communicate with the agents. When nearing the shore the boat capsized and four men were drowned, one being rescued.

TORONTO, Dec. 10.—Hon. W. S. Fielding is here today. He expects parliament to meet about the usual time in February.

BROUGHAM, Ont., Dec. 10.—The large barn and outbuildings of John Mitchell, Green River, were destroyed by fire. Loss $2,500, insurance $800. Cause, an upset lantern.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 10.—Winnipeg had a quiet civic election today. John Arbuthnot was re-elected mayor by about 600 plurality. D. A. Ross was second with 1,340 votes and Captain Carruthers third with 797. There were several exciting contests for aldermen in the wards. The results are: Ward I, C. Campbell; Ward II, R. Barclay; Ward III, J. H. McCarty; Ward IV, Thomas Sharpe; Ward V, D. A. Ritchie; Ward VI, J. L. Wells. A bylaw to raise money for improvements to fire halls was defeated.

Municipal elections were held in the territories yesterday with the following result: Calgary, Thomas Underwood, mayor; Lethbridge, William Oliver, mayor; Moose Jaw, C. Unwin, mayor; Regina, J. A. Smith.

No substitute for "The D. & L." Menthol Plaster, although some unscrupulous dealers may say there is. Recommended by doctors, by hospitals, by the clergy, by everybody, for stiffness, pleurisy, etc. Made by Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd.

CITY NEWS

MOVED—

Eugene Croteau has moved his office from Washington street to the Blue, Fisher & Deschamps office on Second avenue.

LEG BROKEN—

An employee of the Le Roi mine was brought to the Sisters' hospital last night suffering from a broken limb. Dr. Kenning is in attendance.

INTERIOR WORK—

The exterior work on the new postoffice is complete to all intents and purposes. Contractor Bradbury is now arranging to have the interior work go ahead rapidly, and large consignments of the material required are arriving daily.

CORRECTION—

In compiling the tonnage for the week ending Saturday night The Miner made an error of 200 tons in connection with the shipments for the Le Roi mine. The shipments were placed at 3,700 tons, whereas the actual output was 3,900 tons.

MADE MONEY—

The sanitary department was one of the civic departments that wound up November's business with a profit. The report of Inspector Long as submitted at last night's meeting of the council showed a profit of $51.

SHORT SESSION—

The regular meeting of the city council last night was of short duration. Accounts were passed by the various committees as follows: Fire, water and light committee $609, health and relief $310, finance $346. Dr. Fagan's account for the analysis of a stomach in connection with a coroner's inquest was also passed.

A SEND-OFF—

The members of the Rossland company, Rocky Mountain Rangers, will give their comrades in the contingent for service in South Africa a send-off tonight. By order of the officer commanding, the company will parade at the old record office at 5:15 in plain clothes. The bugle band will also parade. The departing volunteers will be escorted to the Canadian Pacific depot.

IN TRAINING—

Charlie Goff, the lightweight pugilist with the rosy cheeks and the reputation for gameness, is already in training for his go here on the 19th inst. with Nick Burley, the Seattle man. Goff is doing road work principally, having been in excellent shape by reason of his training experience as Gus Ruhlin's partner prior to arriving in Rossland. Burley has not been heard from for a day or two, and is probably now on his way to the Golden City.

WILL MOVE—

Inspector Long has reported to the city fathers that in accordance with instructions received he investigated the state of the Chinese laundries in Ward 3, and warned the occupants of the necessity of ceasing to pollute Trail creek. He recommended that no legal action be taken against the laundries at this juncture, believing that next spring the laundries would be transferred without friction to whatever quarter of the city was selected as the most suitable by the council.

VERY SCARCE—

Any ratepayer having the necessary qualifications to contest the mayoralty election in January can obain the nomination of the "Municipal Labor Party." The nomination has been offered to at least three well known business men, all of whom have flatly refused to consider the proposition in any form, despite the fact that the tyees of the "Party" offered to deposit $1,000 to cover election expenses. The principal difficulty seems to be to secure any qualified property owner who will undertake to sail under the colors of the $27.45 outfit.

THE RECO—

John M. Harris, of the Reco mine, state that matters are moving along quietly in the Sandon camp, but that activity will follow a turn in the lead market or other factor that will improve the conditions in the industry from the producers' standpoint. He is working a crew of 25 men on the Reco, fifteen of whom are engaged in pushing the development of the property, while the balance are stoping. Shipments are going forward steadily. The Reco, it will be remembered, is one of the Slocan properties possessing a comparatively small vein of high grade ore. Over half a million dollars' worth of ore has already been produced, much of which ran 800 ounces to the ton. The ore at present being shipped carries on anaverage 250 ounces of silver and 50 per cent lead.

DINED THE BOYS—

Harry McIntosh banquetted the members of the Rossland contingent for the Canadian Mounted Infantry at his place, the Hoffman House, last night. All the ten men were in attendance, together with a few friends, the whole making a snug little party which spent a delightful evening. William A. Galliher, M.P., presided, and scored a marked success as chairman. Mr. Galliher is himself a volunteer, having won the Egyptian medal for the campaign of the Nile, when he served in the ranks of the Canadian Voyageur corps. In the course of the evening the health of the departing volunteers was enthusiastically toasted, and the chairman came in for a series of complimentary references. The host's health was observed in a bumper, and the little affair will go down on record as one of the happiest events of the kind in the history of the city.

CANADA AND AUSTRALIA.

Representatives to Hold a Conference in London in June.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 10.—The Right Hon. E. Barton, prime minister of Australia, has cabled Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian premier, accepting the suggestion of the latter that representatives of the Dominion of Canada and the Commonwealth of Australia meet and confer in London next June upon trade and other matters.

Colonel Prior.

We suppose it might be considered the proper thing on the part of the Times to rejoice over the retirement of Colonel Prior, even temporarily, from active political life. But the Times does not feel in that mood today. It looks rather wistfully back over the years that have fled and becomes conscious of the fact that if there ever was any bitterness left in the heart on account of party strife, the mellowing influence of time has been at work, and it has all vanished away. We never had any doubt that Colonel Prior stood for a system that was inimical to the progress and prosperity of the Dominion. Our opinion was justified by the great industrial revival that immediately followed the destruction of that system. We have sometimes been somewhat impatient at the assertions that all the loyalty to British institutions was to be found in the ranks of the party of which Colonel Prior was a member. Our feeling in that respect has also been justified by the actions of the government of which Sir Wilfrid Laurier is the head and the marked increase in the cordiality of the relationship between Canada and the Mother Country as a result of the preferential trade arrangement and the assistance which has been extended on account of the war in South Africa. But we have never questioned the sincerity of the member, although sometimes deprecating the methods by which he influenced the minds of his constituents. After all the merry battles we have had, we are sure the veteran, like the sturdy Yorkshireman he is, takes as liberal a view of the past as the Times does. He has invariably been the victor, but the Times, looking at the political situation as it was once, and comparing it with what it is now, can fairly claim a "great moral triumph." Twelve years ago there was practically no Liberal party in British Columbia; today Liberalism is the predominant political faith. So, while we should have preferred to see Colonel Prior remain in political life until our missionary work was crowned by his defeat in a straight fight, we frankly acknowledge that he has been a manly opponent and that he has always labored assiduously in behalf of the people of this city.—Victoria Times.

The Lead Trust.

As previously stated, it is evident that the threat of the lead trust to re-enter British Columbia for the purpose of purchasing silver-lead ores was simply a club and used for the purpose of bludgeoning the Coeur d'Alene mine owners into a compliance with the views of the trust and the shrewd device has worked out exactly as it was intended that it should. The British Colmbia silver-lead miners find themselves just as much at the mercy of the trust as ever they were.

The United States lead mines are capable of producing more lead than can be consumed at home, and the only method by which the price of the metal can be maintained is by curtailing the production. With a situation like this confronting the trust and a large surplus of lead on hand is it at all likely that the trust will be in a position, even if it felt so inclined, to be of assistance to the British Columbia silver-lead miners? It seems certain that the B. C. mine owners cannot expect help from that quarter.

The few American lead smelting establishments which are outside of the trust may take some of their output. Under the existing conditions it is obvious that the B. C. mine owners must do something for themselves and place themselves outside of the sphere of the sinister influence of the American lead trust. There is only one way to do this, erect the lead refinery of a sufficient capacity to refine the lead bullion as it comes from the smelters. Then B. C. mine owners will be independent of the trust and be beyond the reach of its machinations and outside of being affected by its buccaneer like methods.—Nelson Miner.

Redistribution.

The Tribune advises the editor of the Herald to pay a visit to Halcyon and soak his head but it fails to answer the Herald's arguments on the redistribution question. Of course, when the great John Houston had thought up a redistribution scheme which looked all right on paper it was impertinent of a lot of mere railway men and woodchoppers in North Kootenay to venture to think that they had any say in the matter. But we are slightly outside of the Houston sphere of influence up here and it comes just as natural for us to have a scrap with him as anybody else. We do not intend to go away back and sit down in order to give Nelson an everlasting cinch on the front pew.—Revelstoke Herald.

BOTH WERE KILLED.

Fatal Results of a Duel on the Street of a Florida Town.

SOLFA, Fla., Dec. 10.—G. A. Powell and J. S. Overstreet, two prominent naval stores manufacturers, shot and killed each other in a face-to-face duel about 10:20 o'clock today. The two men had some words and both drew their revolvers. From what facts are at present obtainable both emptied their revolvers without doing any damage. Powell then went into the house and came out with a rifle. Both fired together and each man fell. Overstreet was killed instantly and Powell lived only an hour.

THE RAILWAY COMBINE.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 10.—Now that Governor Van Sant has heard from all governors of the northwestern states on the subject of the railway merger, some are requesting him to call a conference. It can be safely said that the governor is not going to indulge in any side issues or jaunts at present. He has set the machinery going, and within the week Attorney-General Douglas will have the railways in court. There is no occasion for the governor to move in other directions until the legal remedy is exhausted. He will not call any conference at present.

IN THE HALLS OF CONGRESS

Proceedings of the Senate and the House Yesterday.

Senator Lodge Introduces the New Canal Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The opening session of the senate today was devoted to routine business, such as the presentation of petitions, memorials and bills. The senate then went into executive session, on motion of Senator Lodge, who has charge of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Speaker Henderson at the session of the house today announced the appointment of committees. Usually the committees are not appointed until after the holiday recess, but Speaker Henderson had the situation well in hand when congress met, and having completed the lists, he announced them. The early appointment of the committees should facilitate legislation considerably. A speech on the Philippines was delivered by the venerable ex-Speaker Galusha A. Crow, of Pennsylvania. Mr. Burke formally announced the death of Senator Kyle, and as a mark of respect the house adjourned. The adjournment was till Friday.

In the senate after a number of nominations had been confirmed Senator Lodge called up the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and made a brief statement regarding that convention. The senate then adjourned in order to give the Democratic caucus committee an opportunity to hold a meeting. Mr. Lodge contended that the new treaty does away with all the objectionable features of the treaty rejected by the last congress, and enumerated the particulars in which the revised agreement conforms to the action of the senate in the last congress, when the old treaty was before it. He analyzed the new treaty from beginning to end, showing that in specific terms it abrogated the Clayton-Bulwer treaty of 1850, which he said had stood constantly in the way of the construction of an Isthmian canal. The abrogation of this treaty, he contended, was a most important achievement, and he did not believe that the United States should or would lose an opportunity to make secure that concession. Senator Lodge said further that practically Great Britain had agreed to turn over the management of the canal to the United States, not only in time of peace but in time of war. It is understood that the treaty will be called up tomorrow.

Senator Morgan introduced a bill providing for the construction of the Nicaraguan canal. The bill provides an aggregate of $180,000,000, of which $5,000,000 is immediately available, and of which aggregate sum such amounts as are necessary are to be appropriated by congress from time to time. The control of the canal, and of the canal belt, is vested in a board of eight citizens of the United States in addition to the secretary of war, who is to be president. The members of the board are to be paid a salary of $8,000 a year each, and they are to be chosen regardless of political affiliation. There is a provision authorizing the establishment of a regiment from the regular army on the canal belt to guard it properly, and courts are also authorized conformable to the powers granted by the governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica. There also is a provision making three divisions of the canal during the construction, and there is to be a chief engineer and two assisant engineers on each division, the chief to receive a salary of $6,000 and the assistants $3,000.

Representative Sibley introduced in the house a bill authorizing the construction of a railroad across Alaska from Cook Inlet to Behring Straits, a distance of 850 miles by trans-Alaskan railroad. The bill grants a right of way 100 feet on each side of the track, and provides for the cession of each alternate section of land for a distance of ten miles on each side of the track.

Represenative Ryan (New York) today introduced a bill authorizing the state department to expend such amount as is necessary to secure the release of Miss Stone, the missionary held by Turkish brigands. About 1,500 bills and resolutions were introduced today, most of them reprints of measures proposed at the former session. Among the new bills was one of Mr. Shattuck (Ohio) for the exclusion and deportation of alien anarchists.

UNANSWERED.

Trembling, I lift the future's veil,
And watch her eyes;
Cold, dark, mysterious as the dale,
E're morning's rise.

No token on her still white face,
Of life or love;
No lifted finger can I trace,
Pointing above.

Is there no promise of a better life,
Love everywhere?
With not a sign of hate or strife,
Nor hint of care?

Tell me, oh dumb and mystic fate,
May we yet stay
With those we love beyond the gate,
That bars the way

Or is the Afterward all dark?
The path all lone,
With none to help, and naught to mark,
Save one white stone?

No word comes to my earnest prayer,
No "yea'" or "'nay;"
And blind I wander here and there,
Nor know my way.

—BESSIE NUTTALL.