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RAIL TO TESLIN LAKE.

The announcement that arrangements have been made with Messrs. Mann & Mackenzie to construct a line of railway from Telegraph Creek to Teslin Lake is of very great importance.

The construction of this railway will give a tremendous impetus to business upon the Stikine river. It is the idea that emphasis is to be given to the fact that the new road is to be a part of the all-Canadian route to the Yukon, well and good; but we submit that it will be very unfair to other companies doing a steamboat business to have the Canadian Pacific given special privileges as to traffic over the railway in question.

These operations will make Wrangell a very prominent place this summer. Thousands upon thousands of tons of freight will have to be handled there, and thousands of people will make that town a temporary stopping place.

THEY SHOULD COME WEST.

The Seattle Times says it is a pity that every newspaper man in the East could not be compelled to spend six months in the West. The remark applies equally to Canada and we would extend it to embrace members of parliament.

convictions were not the result of hearsay only. This gentleman is representative of a very large class of Eastern people. But the misapprehension of conditions actually existing in the West is not wholly due to the inability of Eastern people to realize that such things can be, but in a measure results from exaggerations made by returned Westerners.

Some attempts have been made to induce congress to assent to a substantial increase in the regular army; but without success, for the reason that a fear exists among a large element of the population, a fear which has been handed down from the founders of the republic, that a large standing army is a menace to popular institutions.

THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

General Miles, commanding the army of the United States, has lately given that country a warning which it would do well to heed. He has pointed out that the army is without ammunition; not that it has not a large quantity of gunpowder on hand, but because nearly all of it is old style, and hence not fit for modern operations.

In regard to his advice as to how newspapers accused of libel should conduct themselves, we have only to say that he is wholly wrong. It is absolute rubbish to say that pending the trial of a criminal case newspapers must refrain from comment, lest they may influence those who may possibly be upon the jury.

This army is quite strong enough for all domestic purposes. It is intended especially for the Indian frontier service, as is shown by the fact that a third of the whole force consists of cavalry.

which it is maintained. There is a cavalry force for frontier work, an infantry force to be used for police purposes when necessary, and an artillery force sufficient to keep the few coast defenses in repair. This is all the country really requires, unless jingoism gets the upper hand of the proverbial good sense of the people.

Very much reliance is placed by some people in the United States upon the efficiency of the state militia, but the best authorities do not regard this as a very valuable adjunct to the army. It is under the command of the governors of the several states and cannot be called upon to do duty outside of the state.

THE MIGHTY FALLEN.

We have another letter from Hon. D. W. Higgins, which we print this morning. We sincerely trust that when he reads it in cold type, he will be half as much amused by it as we have been. It is something to have contributed half a column to the gaily of nations. We have not much to say in regard to it. It would be a pity to spoil so delicious a morsel by doing anything to deflect public attention from its charm.

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THE CANADIAN PRESS. TIME TO PROTEST. It would seem as if it were about time for Canada to take an example from Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Chancellor of the Exchequer of Great Britain, and say that unless given fair treatment in regard to the rush to the Klondike steps, would be taken to get thoroughly evened up.

THE COLONIST is very much obliged to Mr. Higgins for his friendly anxiety about the personal and pecuniary welfare of its editor. May it be allowed to reciprocate by expressing its friendly anxiety as to the reputation of the honorable gentleman as a parliamentarian and newspaper man.

THE TIMES charges the COLONIST with arguing that the conduct of Hon. Messrs. Turner and Pooley in accepting directorships in a mining company is not open for debate in the house. Mr. Higgins attacks it for saying that it is open for debate. Would it not be well for these people to agree as to what the COLONIST has done before making any further exhibition of themselves?

THE Inland Sentinel asks the COLONIST to tell it "What sort of a bubble the Cassiar Central outrage is likely to prove." There is no Cassiar Central outrage. The Cassiar Central railway project, which is probably what the Sentinel means, is far from being a bubble. It is a most meritorious project, which in the course of a very few days will be in process of construction.

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THE RETAIL MARKETS. A General Catalogue to the Klondike Trade—Quotations Remain Unchanged. Outfitters have been doing an enormous business during the past week, and the trade has not been confined alone to the wholesalers. Grocers have indirectly profited by it, more meat is consumed, more hay and other provender sold, and in general a stimulus has been created that is putting the evidence of good times on the face of everything.

BY WAY OF VARIETY. "I am a tender-hearted man," said Colonel Stillwell, and as a rule I don't care much for sports. But there is one exception to my rule. I enjoy fishing. "Doesn't it seem rather cruel to you?" "No, sir," when I think of saving those creatures from having to pass a lifetime in all that wretched regard myself as a benefactor, sir, and a humanitarian."

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FACTORY GIRLS IN PANIC. Sorry Experience of a Foreman Who Tried to Stop the Run. THEY, N.Y., Jan. 26.—A slight fire in the collar factory of Tim & Co. this morning caused a panic among the female employees.

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GENERAL BOOTH. The Head of the Salvation Army Visiting Montreal. MONTREAL, Jan. 26.—General Booth arrived yesterday from Halifax, accompanied by Editor Nicol, of the War Cry, and Col. Lawry, song writer and singer.

ALGIERS, Jan. 26.—Several isolated outrages were perpetrated here to-day. A number of Jews were stoned and badly injured. A native, a Spaniard, fired at a French non-commissioned officer, missing him, but wounding a lady.

FOR A SECOND Steamship "Corona" Reef at A Forlorn Possibility—The "Corona" Rumor of Mishap ends No I

The steamship Corona which pected back daily from the ports of the Lynn Canal, on her of the season, lies instead, a to at the mouth of the river. Her hull has been pierced other of the many jags with which the northern pass plentifully supplied, and when ports were received from her, sawing badly, swinging with upon the granite pivot which forward, her stern being tota merged.

The accident, which has thus Pacific Coast Steamship Compy more of their passenger fleet, occ Tuesday morning last, the Com command of Captain Pierce, the time bound from Victoria fo way, with 245 passengers, all or cally all being Klondike pilgrim their extensive outfit taking up tire cargo accommodation of the The steamship struck bow heavily, commencing to sink immediately, and going down so that there was no time or oppo to do better than lower the lifebo convey the passengers, with su tions of their effects as could be by them as hand baggage, to the river beach.

There they remained encamp the Alki having been commu with, went to the rescue, receiv unfortunate gold-seekers on bod continued with them on her S South. In order to get the new wreck to the Journal-Examine White, the special staff correspon these newspapers, succeeded in ing the Danube which landed the Nanaimo telegraph office Th afternoon, and reached here at 4 yesterday. The extent of the dis summarized thus: No lives lo the steamer a total wreck and be cargo gone.

The Corona, on the completion ill-starred voyage, was to have placed on the northern run by the steamer Queen, the steamer returning to her sonthe fornia service. She has been best on the waters between San F and San Diego, where she has lo a general favorite with the tr public during several seasons. She was built in Philadelphia with dimensions of 220x35x9.5 ft was brought around to Pacific w Captain Charles Goodall, on secured by the Pacific Coast com replace the Ancon. Her first se this side of the continent was waters in which she has met p playing between Puget Sound, and Alaska under Captain James and subsequently in charge of David O. Wallace.

It was when the City of Top received for Northern duty t Corona was retired to the South and since that time her North gements have been both in and irregular. It was reserved a well honor to the lost ship should on her very last complet bring to Victoria the largest cargo that has ever been carri port, twenty returning min mating their combined fortune million dollars.

A SECOND "SAN PEDR The Position of the "Corona" Same as the Celebrated Bro Lodge Wreck. It was 4:30 a.m. yesterday y Danube put in her appearance under wharf, and particulars of one's misfortune were obtain Capt. Meyer, who however bro of the Corona's passengers or far.

The accident occurred, the skipper explains, just off island at the mouth of the St. Pacific coast steamer piling i reef close to the small island. Lewis, Capt. Pierce was on th and personally directing his course. His fatal mistake was in rou to far to escape the rocky sho this endeavor getting out of th