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THE PRICE OF COAL.

One of the California newspapers has raised the report that the price of coal has advanced in San Francisco two dollars a ton. The advance is attributed to Dunsmuir & Sons. The report was, of course, repeated by the *Times*, of this city, whose editor appears only too glad to circulate any rumor relative to the Dunsmuir firm without taking the least trouble to find out whether it is true or not. We are pleased to be in a position to state that the report about "a rise in coal" in San Francisco is, to use the words of a telegram received here yesterday from that city, "a base fabrication." "There has been no meeting of coal dealers, and coal has not advanced two dollars." We have also the best reason for stating that if, as the San Francisco *Examiner* says, "it is absolutely within the power of Dunsmuir & Sons, who own the Wellington mines, to govern the price of coal in this city," (San Francisco), there will be no advance of two dollars, or any other sum, in the price of coal in that market. Dunsmuir & Sons have not the slightest intention of raising the price of coal in California above present figures. We trust, now that the truth is forced upon our Victoria contemporary, it will correct the mistake it has made. If it had the slightest desire to be accurate it could easily have found out here whether there was any foundation for the paragraph which it quoted from the San Francisco *Examiner*.

TO THE PACIFIC.

An item in our news columns yesterday should not be lost sight of by all who are interested in the welfare of Victoria. The Grand Trunk has reached Winnipeg through its American connections, and now proposes a line to the Pacific Coast. This line will in all probability take the route by Prince Albert and Edmonton, and cross the Rockies by the Yellow Head Pass. Whether that should prove the case or not there should be no stone left unturned on Victoria's part to secure that she shall be the terminus. A short time ago a proposal was made in the council to offer a large bonus towards the bridging of Seymour Narrows. That proposal fell through for the moment because there was no sign of any railway from the east. Now, however, the hour has come when a decided step should be taken, so that the western terminus of the Grand Trunk Railway shall without doubt be fixed here. It is scarcely necesary to point out the advantages of Victoria as a terminus over any point on the mainland, because these advantages have been admitted by the most competent authorities. First: We are within a few hours of the Sound ports to the south of us, and when the new ferry scheme between Beecher Bay and the American shore is carried out we will be separated from the southern railway system by only a half hour's steaming. Second: We have the San Francisco traffic already by the weekly steamers, and with direct communication with the east that traffic would be indefinitely increased. Third: We have the magnificent harbor of Esquimalt, which is sufficient for the accommodation of the world's fleets, and is of easy access in all conditions of the weather. The China steamers are now often delayed between Victoria and Vancouver, and by discharging their tea into Grand Trunk cars at Esquimalt, at least twelve hours would be saved and often twenty-four in the transit across the continent. Sailing ships cannot reach the mainland without large expense for towage, which would all be saved by making Esquimalt the great maritime harbor of the Pacific. Now, the question is, what are we prepared to do to welcome the Grand Trunk Railway into our city? Surely our Board of Trade and Board of Aldermen will at once take up this subject and allow no petty mossback reasoning to prevail in this great crisis of the city's history. If proper steps are now taken in this matter there will be no difficulty in dealing with the Grand Trunk Railway Company, and depend upon it, they will be quick to see the advantages we are able to offer them. The main question to be discussed is, of course, what bonus the city is prepared to offer the Company to make this their terminus. The enterprise is so great and the issues so momentous to us that we must be prepared to make an offer that would really appreciably help the undertaking. One thing is certain: something more than the proposal of Alderman Kelly would need to be offered, and might well be offered in view of the effect the entrance of the railway would have upon the finances of the city. A land grant for the railway station, workshops and other terminal facilities could be provided by the city and a cash bonus besides. The reports of some of the engineers who professed to have discovered the impracticability of the Bute Inlet route will, of course, be brought forward to prove the impracticability of the undertaking. But we know now the reason of these reports and so cannot be beguiled by them; and fortunately Marcus Smith who surveyed the Bute Inlet route still lives, and when last in Victoria, expressed the opinion that a railway would yet be built by that route, though he might not live to see it done. We believe he will live to see it and to visit our city in a Pullman car travelling over it. Let Victoria awake now, and she will become in the course of a few years a city of 50,000 inhabitants and a centre of manufacturing and commercial enterprise unsurpassed on the Pacific slope.

A CANDID FRIEND.

Lord Randolph Churchill keeps on acting the part of the candid friend toward Lord Salisbury's Government. Every now and then he takes the friend's privilege of uttering unwelcome truths and saying in a frank, off-hand way the most disagreeable things. The Government cannot treat the irrepressible leader of the young Tories as an enemy. They cannot resort to any of the ordinary means of silencing and discrediting a member of the opposition who becomes disagreeably prominent. They must treat him tenderly as a misguided and indiscreet supporter whom it would be very bad policy indeed either to slight or to exasperate. This time Lord Randolph has good grounds for his animadversions on the Government's policy. The Government has not altogether evacuated the Soudan. It keeps a garrison in Suakin, but that garrison is barely sufficient to prevent the place from falling into the hands of the native forces, which though often beaten, are still in the field and are conducting the seige of Suakin with considerable vigor and skill. There ought, Lord Randolph contends, be sufficient British troops in the place to insure its safety. Its garrison should be able to keep at a distance any army that the Soudanese can bring into the field. He considers that it is disgraceful to allow a handful of British soldiers to be cooped up in this Eastern seaport at the mercy of the semi-barbarians, who surround them in overpowering numbers. If the garrison is slaughtered—as they doubtless will be if the Arabs get the upper hand—irreparable injury will be done to the British prestige in that part of the East, and their massacre will be an intolerable outrage on humanity. Seeing the perilous position in which that garrison is placed, it is no wonder that Lord Randolph Churchill censured the Government for their inaction and apathy, and implored them to send sufficient relief to the beleagured garrison before it is too late. The Government, of course, defended the course they are pursuing. They maintained that the troops are in no immediate danger, that their black allies are brave and loyal, and that the reinforcements sent will prove amply sufficient. But as Lord Randolph expressed the opinion of experienced military men, and as his influence with the Tory party and in the country is great, it is not by any means likely that the Government will disregard his appeal and remonstrance. They will, now that the nation's attention has been directed in so marked a manner to the position of the British troops in Suakin, take immediate measures to strengthen the force there, and to put it in such a position that instead of being cooped up behind fortifications, in hourly dread of being stormed and overpowered, they will be able to take the offensive and force the Arabs to raise the siege. Lord Randolph is a thorn in the side of the Salisbury Government. He is a most unreliable and unpleasant supporter. He is not amenable to party discipline. He does not care a snap for the crack of the party whip, and he has a trick of blurting out what he believes to be the truth, no matter how much his criticisms may anger and embarrass the Government. But if his outbursts of independence are always as timely and for as good a purpose as that of Tuesday evening last, the country will be apt to conclude that one such insubordinate supporter is of greater real value than a score of unquestioning and humbly obedient followers. The Government newspaper organ is, we see, scolding him, but Lord Randolph cares very little for the hard and bitter things that the *Standard*, and papers of that class, may say of him. He is not thin-skinned, and when he believes he is right he cares very little for criticism either in or out of parliament.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES.

The firm of A. Ross & Co., late Ross, Pillard & Co., wholesale dry goods dealers, Front street, Toronto, suspended yesterday.

The station house at Glyndon, Minn., was destroyed by fire yesterday morning, interrupting telegraphic communication with the south.

Mrs. Stewart of Toronto has been fined $75 and costs, or thirty days, for a breach of the medical act in having worked alleged mind cures.

A. C. Fraser was re-elected mayor of Brandon by acclamation. In Portage La Prairie the candidates are M. Blake and W. Garland.

The first rails on the Duluth and Winnipeg railway were laid at Cloquet, Minn., yesterday. Several thousand people witnessed the ceremonies.

Ald. Ryan and Ald. Mulvey were nominated for mayor at Winnipeg. Contests for aldermen take place in wards one and two, all the rest being by acclamation.

At Ottawa yesterday the cross-examination of Mr. Bell, C. E., occupied the whole of the day in the great arbitration case of the C.P.R. vs. the Queen.

The tide in St. John harbor, N. B., yesterday, was the highest known for ten years. In some places the water rose all of 30 feet, submerging wharves, etc. Reports from Moncton state that the tide is the highest ever known.

WESTMINSTER NEWS.

Trouble Between the Mayor and the City Clerk.

Which Leads to the Latter Being Dismissed From Office—Artillery and Rifle Companies Inspected by Col. Holmes—The Deputy Adjutant-General Banqueted—Fraser River Chart.

[From our Own Correspondent.]

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 5.—Colonel Holmes, D. A. G., arrived by the Louise this morning and inspected the artillery and rifle company's clothes, accoutrements, etc., this afternoon. To-night he is being dined by the officers of the local militia.

The president of the board of trade has received a letter from the deputy minister of marine, stating that the chart of the Fraser river, from the Sandheads to Westminster, was nearly completed and would be published very shortly.

An adjourned meeting of the council was held last night. The mayor not being present, the city clerk called the meeting to order. Alderman Elliott was appointed to the chair. After the usual routine business, the chairman stated that he understood trouble had arisen between the mayor and the city clerk, and that the mayor would not attend the meetings while the city clerk was in his office, and asked the city clerk if he had received any communication on the subject. Clerk Robinson stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Bole. Ald. Herring said that he had only heard one side of the story and asked Clerk Robinson for an explanation. Robinson stated that he met the mayor on the street after the injunction had been served, and asked him if he would continue his work on the debentures. The mayor accused the clerk of being at the bottom of the matter, and of having put up the sum of $250 to bear part of the expenses. One word led to another until they both lost their temper, and high words were used.

Ald. Hoy suggested that a special meeting be held during the week, at which the whole matter might be investigated.

The clerk then read the letter he had received from Mr. Bole, stating that his services were dispensed with, and asking that the key be handed over to Mr. W. J. Walker.

After some informal discussion by members of the council, it was decided to adjourn the meeting until to-morrow afternoon, and to request the mayor to be present at the meeting, in order that a full investigation into the conduct of the city clerk may be made.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

Gossipy Letter from Our Toronto Correspondent—The Turf—Football—Lacrosse.

TURF.

"Little Lord Randy," otherwise Lord Randolph Churchill, is a busy politician and indulges in no fanciful musing in daytime, but I see that he has been covering himself with fame between the sheets. On the Cambridgeshire card, "Veracity" was number 22, and what does my little lord do a few nights before the big race, but go dream that number 22 had won the event. He then backed the vision of his misty mind to win him £1,000, and bided the result. After the race was over, by some mistake number "2" was hoisted instead of the proper "22." No. "2" was Tenbreuse, who failed to get a place, and there was a big surprise until the error was rectified and "Veracity" 22 showed instead. Lord Randy had dreamt correctly and won his £1,000; but I venture to say that when the French filly's number was shown, he thought his dream was a "night-mare."

FOOTBALL.

Most of the Canadian Association Footballers, who for the last few months have been touring the United Kingdom, have returned to their respective homes, although a few may yet be found "taking in" the sights in Germany and England. The idea was first broached last year by Mr. D. Forsyth of Berlin, Ont., a well-known old football enthusiast. At first it was very unfavorably commented upon by old country men, on the ground that the Canadians had not sufficient experience to warrant any expectations of them showing up in good form in the motherland, but results have shown these preconceived notions to have been very erroneous indeed. After a two weeks' practice the Canadian Football Team, under the management of Mr. Forsyth, left home on Saturday, August 11th, for their European tour. The team consisted of seventeen players, selected from the University and City clubs of Ontario. Others had been invited to join the combination, and their inability to accompany the aggregation weakened the Colonals to a considerable extent. Messrs. Forsyth, Killer, Brubacher, Bowman, Gibson brothers, and Krauz of Berlin; Webster, Burnett and Murray, of Galt; Pirie, of Dundas; Bewell, of Norwood; Thompson, Mustard, and Garrett, of Toronto University, were the excursionists. With E. P. Gordon in England arranging fixtures, the team comprised eighteen men. Wednesday saw the boys in New York, and on Thursday they embarked on the State of Georgia for the Atlantic voyage. It would be too lengthy a recital to give even a brief account of their doings abroad. The record presented below will furnish an idea of the truly grand work which the Colonists accomplished against the best English, Scotch and Irish talent that could possibly be pitted against them.

IN IRELAND.

Date.	Opponents.	Result	C	Op
Sept. 1	County Antrim	won	6	2
" 3	Distillery	won	3	2
" 4	Clarence	won	3	2
" 5	Y.M.C.A.	tied	1	1
	Totals		13	7

IN SCOTLAND.

Sept. 8	Rangers	tied	1	1
" 12	Queen's Park	lost	1	3
" 13	Ayr	lost	0	4
" 15	Heart of Midlothian	won	3	0
" 19	All Scotland	lost	0	4
	Totals		5	12

IN ENGLAND.

Sept. 23	Sunderland	won	3	0
" 26	Middleborough	won	3	2
" 29	Lincoln City	won	3	1
Oct. 1	Sheffield	tied	1	1
" 4	Notts County	lost	0	2
" 6	Newton Heath	won	2	0
" 8	Blackburn	lost	1	4
" 13	Swifts	tied	2	2
" 15	North Shire	won	3	2
" 16	Oxford	tied	1	1
" 20	Old Carthusians	lost	0	1
" 22	Aston Villa	lost	2	4
" 27	West Broomwich Albions	lost	0	1
" 31	Swifts	lost	0	1
	Totals		21	22

RECAPITULATION.

	Won	Lost	Drn.	Goals Taken	Goals Lost
In Ireland	3	0	1	13	7
In Scotland	1	3	1	5	12
In England	5	6	3	24	22
Grand Totals	9	9	5	39	41

Although there was an enormous attendance in the aggregate, still the Canadians have only about cleared expenses. It is not generally known that the admission in Great Britain is much less than in Canada, 2d, 3d, and 6d, being usual in Ireland, Scotland and the north of England. Ten thousand people saw the Sunderland game and the Canadians' share was but £55. The largest amount the visitors received was at the old Carthusian match in London when they took the entire gate, which was £73.

The Trans-Atlantic papers are teeming with praise over the great work of Garrett, the Canadian goal-keeper. Garrett is a splendidly-built fellow, being over six feet in height and weighing over 180 pounds. His play is characterized by great coolness and head-work. In speaking to Garrett to-day he spoke very highly of the princely manner in which they were *feted* everywhere they went. As the Queen was away to Balmoral they had the rare privilege of visiting her suite of rooms at Windsor, and also had the opportunity of viewing many of the costly collections of jewelry and other priceless ornaments belonging to Her Majesty.

It is expected that teams from the old country will visit Canada during the next few years, now that they know that the inhabitants of this domain are not a whit behind them in the game that was thus written of a century ago:—

"In riot, revelry and rout,
"Pursue the football play."

LACROSSE.

Lacrosse was first introduced to England by the Canadians as far back as 1876. Different visits from this country have propagated the game until it is now in a very healthy condition. A few years ago an Irish team visited our country and did admirably, and returned well pleased with their visit.

It is now more than probable that a team of English lacrossists will come over the ocean next season and conclude a lengthy list of fixtures, which are already being considered.

The team referred to will be from Manchester and district. Messrs. E. H. Norris, E. O. Swallow, of Manchester, and Mr. Schoefield, of Bradford, are working hard for the furtherance of the scheme. Some outside players will be invited to join the aggregation, likely from London and Yorkshire.

From the Toronto lacrosse club's experience it is known that a very strong combination can be secured from the places named, and the only difficulty that remains will be with regard to the expenses connected with the trip.

There is a certain lack of lacrosse enthusiasm at present, which fact might suggest that there would be a lack of attendance at these international matches. There has been a certain amount of correspondence in reference to the visit between Mr. Norris and J. W. Garvin, of the T.L.C. If the Englishmen do not come out under the auspices of the crack Toronto club, that will not prevent the Queen City men from tendering them every assistance. This should be the case with all Canadian clubs. Give the Britishers a right royal reception, the same as the footballers were given on their recent visit.

The team will probably arrive here about the middle of August. Matches would be arranged in Montreal, Ottawa, and Cornwall. A game would be played in Toronto prior to a circuitous tour to Richmond Hill, Orillia, Brantford, Paris, St. Catharines and other places, after which another match would be played here.

It is hardly probable that the English team could defeat such strong clubs as Montreal, Toronto, etc., but there is very little doubt but that they would return with a certain number of scalps.

The team talk of taking a trip to California before returning to England, and also taking in the cities of Victoria and Vancouver, in British Columbia.

Toronto, Nov. 22nd, 1888.

AMERICAN NEWS.

House and Senate Proceedings.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—It is generally understood that the direct tax bill which caused a deadlock at the last session of congress, will be taken up for action in the house on Thursday next. From an expression of opinion among the members of congress who were in opposition last session, it is not thought they can now successfully resist its passage. The general opinion is, however, that if the bill is passed it will be vetoed by the President. In the house to-day Macdonald of Minnesota, presented a petition of the citizens of North Dakota for the immediate admission into the union of South Dakota and Montana. Macrea, of Arkansas, introduced a bill to allow persons who have abandoned or relinquished their homestead entries to make another entry. The balance of the session was taken up in an unsuccessful effort to secure consideration of the bill for the erection of a monument to Major-General Knox at Tomaston, Maine. Filibustering on this proposition was kept up until adjournment. In the senate Frye moved to proceed with the consideration of the Union Pacific settlement bill. Plumb and Teller favored a postponement of the subject. The bill finally went over, Frye giving notice that he would to-morrow ask to have it made a special order. The tariff bill was then taken up, but was postponed until immediately after the morning hour to-morrow, and the senate adjourned.

Secretary of the Interior.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—A special to the *Herald* from Dr. Morris says: Good reasons exist for the belief that J. S. Clarkson, member of the national republican committee and managing editor of the Des Moines *Register*, has been tendered the portfolio of the interior by General Harrison, and that he has accepted.

A Notorious Murderer Lynched.

CANON CITY, Col., Dec 5.—The pent-up anger of the citizens of this place found vent this morning about 4 o'clock, by the lynching of the notorious murderer Witherell. One hundred heavily armed men entered the jail and overpowered the sheriff, and after a desperate struggle with the murderer, overpowered him. Slipping a rope over his head the lynchers dragged him into the streets. He refused positively to utter a prayer, and asked and received no mercy. He was at once strung up to a telegraph pole, and his body left dangling at the end of the rope until every resident of Canon City had viewed it. Witherell had murdered four people, three of them within the past twenty days.

All Danger About Over.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 4.—There was one new case to-day (colored) and no deaths. Total cases up to date, 4,700; deaths, 411. The board of health to-day resolved that on and after Dec. 10th, all persons will be allowed to come into the city in daytime. The city council resolved that on and after the 15th, all refugees may return.

THE LILY SNUBBED.

Lady Stanley of Preston Declines to Meet the Actress at the St. Andrew's Ball in Toronto.

Mrs. Langtry has been snubbed by Lady Stanley of Preston, the wife of the Governor-General. The St. Andrew's Society of Toronto gave a ball, to which the gubernatorial party and others of the aristocracy were invited. When it was known that the Jersey Lily would be in the city it was considered a graceful thing to send her a card of invitation. This was done, and it was announced publicly that the actress would be present. An effort was made to secure Lady Stanley's consent to have Mrs. Langtry presented, but the Governor-General's wife declined to meet the actress. This being the case, Mrs. Langtry did not attend the ball, but went to her private ear at the Union depot in no very pleasant frame of mind.

The Viola will commence loading salmon for Liverpool to-day.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

CABLE NEWS.

Russia's Colossal War Preparations for a Contest Which is Looked Upon as Inevitable.

Press Comment Upon Lord Randolph Churchill's Vote of Censure on the Government.

The Parnell Commission Proposes to Adjourn Until January 15th.—John Bright Failing.

The Parnell Commission.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The Parnell commission to-day agreed to adjourn on Friday next, until January 15th. At to-day's session several witnesses testified to various cases of boycotting and outrages. On cross-examination they said they knew people who had written themselves threatening letters. They also admitted that the National League denounced outrages. Ex-Secretary Walsh, of the Kildermagh branch of the league, in County Mayo, testified that by direction of the league several persons were boycotted for refusing to join the plan of campaign. Sir Charles Russell, of the Parnellite counsel, objected to the inclusion of evidence regarding the plan of campaign, on the ground that the plan was not included in the allegations set forth by the *Times*. Presiding Judge Hannen over-ruled the objection and admitted the evidence. Witness was then cross-examined by Sir Charles, who forced him to admit that he had been charged with pilfering the funds of the league and had been expelled from that organization. He also admitted that he had made a fraudulent bill for the windows of his mother's house on the glass insurance company, of which he was the agent, and was on this account discharged from the agency. In reply to a question by Mr. Michael Davitt, Walsh said that the police had intimated to him that they could not say what might happen to him in connection with the insurance matter if he refused to testify before the commission in behalf of the *Times*. Sergt. Moroney had a report of a speech by Mr. Tanner, M. P. for the middle division of Cork, denouncing a man named Hagarty, who had been boycotted. On cross-examination Moroney said that this was his first attempt at reporting. He could not read or write shorthand.

Lord Randy's Vote of Censure.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—Referring to Lord Randolph Churchill's motion for censure of the government in the house of commons last night, the *Standard* says: The government do not owe their victory to any excess of consideration on the part of their late colleagues. His sense of public duty must be morbidly acute when it blunts common-place instincts of courtesy and fair play. Disloyalty of the escapade is only exceeded by its childish conception of military statecraft. The *Times* thinks that there was a deal of justification for the protest. "It must not be supposed that the majority obtained indicates a general approval of the government's policy. It was, however, inexcusable to spring the motion without the usual notice." The *News* approves of Churchill's course. The *Chronicle* thinks Churchill's action treacherous and cowardly because he failed in courage to defend the only alternative open to the government, namely, the abandonment of Suakim and Egypt. The *Telegraph* says: "Lord Randolph Churchill may be credited with perfectly proper and patriotic motives, but apparently he has no other policy to suggest." The *Post* says it is glad that parliament voted against assuming the responsibility properly belonging to the executive government.

The Sheehy Incident.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The statements of Hon. Secretary Matthews and Mr. Morley were submitted to the Sheehy committee yesterday, and led to a long discussion. Finally, Mr. Healy's suggestion that a breach of privilege had been committed, was unanimously accepted. No proceedings were taken against Constable Sullivan, however, and the committee adjourned until Friday, when they will discuss whether the Irish authorities are blameable for failing to give proper instructions to the constable.

England's Naval Budget.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—Mr. Arthur Raymond Heath, conservative member of parliament for the south division of Lincolnshire, said in a speech yesterday that he believed the government would ask parliament's permission next session to make a loan of £10,000,000 to use for a naval fleet.

Death Momentarily Expected.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—John Bright is worse to-day. The latest bulletin from his bedside says his death is momentarily expected.

The Title of Boulangist.

PARIS, Dec. 5.—The Boulangist committee, finding that a number of adherents objected to the proposal to support the Royalist candidate in Ardeunes, have been obliged to adopt a resolution that no candidate is entitled to style himself a Boulangist unless he clearly accepts the programme of the Republican revision.

The Panama Canal Co.

PARIS, Dec. 5.—A note has been issued by the Panama Canal Co. urging the departmental commissions of the shareholders to redouble their activity in order that the efforts of speculators to prevent the company from raising capital may be rendered nugatory.

Dynamite Plot Discovered.

PARIS, Dec. 5.—An attempt was made to-day to blow up the registry office in the Rue St. Denis with a dynamite bomb. Several arrests have been made.

The Belgian Strikes.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 5.—The striking Belgian miners have resorted to violence. They have exploded dynamite cartridges at the houses of obnoxious employers, but thus far no one has been injured. In many places the strikers carried France's flags in their processions and were heartily cheered whenever they appeared. It is expected the German government will make a complaint regarding the carrying of the French flags.

Commander of the Volunteers.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 5.—King Leopold has been nominated Commander of the Lavigerie volunteer corps in Africa. The mission will attempt the repression of crimes, but not undertake any offensive operations without special authority.

For Political Reasons.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 5.—The Porte has signed a convention with Seligman's banking firm permitting the junction of Turco-Greek railways. English, German and French tenders were rejected by the Porte for political reasons.

Russia's War Preparations.

VIENNA, Dec. 5.—Yesterday the Cologne *Gazette*, in discussing the Russian armaments, said: Russia while not intending an immediate inauguration of hostilities is making colossal preparations for a contest which seems inevitable, and which may be precipitated at any time through developments in Bulgaria. The article warns Germany to be on her guard, while trusting the approved wisdom and resources of her great chancellor.

A Revolutionary Plot.

VIENNA, Dec. 4.—Several arrests were made at Trieste to-day and several houses searched in connection with the arrest of an irredentist at Venice *en route* for Trieste. On December 2d the police were convinced of the existence of a revolutionary plot, and believe that the persons arrested are deeply implicated therein.

A Prince in Luck.

VIENNA, Dec. 5.—The *Political Correspondence* says that Prince Karagorgevitch is sole heir to a wealthy brother who is at the point of death. It says that the possession of money by the prince would materially assist him to realize his pretentions to the throne of Servia.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY.

A Long and Stormy Meeting—Sir Donald Smith's Election as Deputy-Governor Confirmed.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The Hudson's Bay Company's meeting to-day was long and stormy. Sir Donald Smith's election as Deputy-Governor was confirmed. Mr. R. A. McLean and Mr. Russell Stevenson were proposed for the vacancy on the committee. In a prolonged and heated discussion Mr. McLean and many other speakers impugned the whole policy of the Company, and urged that new blood was wanted on the Board to meet the altered conditions in the North West. A large show of hands was in favor of Mr. McLean, though Mr. Stevenson was approved by the Board. The result of the poll will be declared to-morrow.

SUPREME COURT.

(Before Hon. Justice Crease.)

Thomas Waterhouse appeared for sentence, convicted of assault on James Gray at Esquimalt.

Mr. J. P. Walls, for defendant, urged his lordship to consider the great age and sickness of the defendant, and also the strong recommendation to mercy made by the jury.

His lordship said he gave due weight to both, and but for them he would have had to sentence the prisoner to a long term of imprisonment. He also took into account the offer of compensation made by Waterhouse to Gray, which had been refused, and sentenced defendant to pay a fine of $100, or be imprisoned for 12 months.

ACTRESS AND SCOUT.

Mlle. Rhea Royally Entertained by Buffalo Bill, the Famous Scout.

Mlle. Rhea, the great emotional actress, is now making an extended western tour, and the probabilities are that she will visit Victoria before returning east. Should the charming actr ss favor this city with a visit, it is to be hoped she will be accorded such a reception as will induce her to repeat her visit on many future occasions. While at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, last week, Mlle. Rhea was royally entertained by Col. W. F. Cody, better known as Buffalo Bill. The famous western scout, who is a great admirer of Mlle. Rhea, hearing that she was on her way west, urged her to stop at his home at North Platte, an invitation which the charming actress accepted most graciously. On her arrival on Sunday night Col. Cody was at the depot with his lovely daughter and a few friends to meet her, and she was immediately driven to his residence, a mile out of town, where a dainty repast awaited her, and it was 3 o'clock before the party separated. Next morning carriages of various kinds, drawn by teams of Col. Cody's superb imported stud, stood in front of the hotel to take the whole company to the ranch.

The weather was beautiful, the sun shone brightly, and every one was in excellent spirits. The first visit was paid to the stables, the groom showing one after the other the most magnificent specimens of horses. Then a great bonfire was lighted in the open air, and great ribs of beef were hung over the flames to be cooked after the Indian fashion. The dinner was as merry as it could be. Col. Cody told, with a great deal of humor, some of his experiences abroad, then made a speech and said that the presence of Mlle. Rhea at his ranch was like the rays of sunshine on those vast wild plains, and everybody drank to the health of the charming guest.

After dinner Mlle. Rhea and several ladies and gentlemen of the company took a ride on horseback, and at 7 o'clock the jolly calvacade drove to the theatre with rosy cheeks and smiling faces. Never had a feast been more complete. The house was packed, and when the celebrated actress and her company left the next morning the crowd assembled to wish her God speed! read in the dark eyes of the lovely woman and brilliant artist the sincerity of her regret at parting with them. As the train moved from the depot there was a unanimous shout of "Come back, Rhea."

DEATH OF DOCTOR DEARDEN.

Shortly after eleven o'clock yesterday morning, Dr. George A. Dearden expired at St. Joseph's Hospital, the cause of death being effusion, or congestion of the brain. The deceased gentleman was a native of Quebec, and was aged about 26 years. He entered McGill's College, Montreal, at an early age, as a medical student, and passed a most successful examination as physician and surgeon. About five years ago he came to this city, and by his skill and popularity he soon acquired a lucrative practice. He entered into partnership with Dr. McSwain, and both gentlemen stood second to none in their chosen profession. When Dr. McSwain was compelled to leave for Southern California owing to ill-health, Dr. Dearden continued the business alone, and the heavy strain which his large practice entailed upon him, doubtless led to the illness which caused his untimely death. On Monday, November 26th, he was first taken ill, while sitting in his residence. During the evening he complained of a bad headache, and, finding the room in which he was sitting uncomfortably warm, he walked into the hallway and sat on a chair for a while. Mr. D. E. Campbell, one of the doctor's most intimate friends, went to the residence to see what was wrong and noticed that the doctor was hardly able to stand. The doctor got up from the chair and was opening the door when Mr. Campbell saw him totter and fall to the floor, striking his head on a cushion on the lounge. He was unconscious for two hours, but appeared in his usual health next morning. On Tuesday he visited several patients and was ill in the evening. Mr. Campbell called Dr. Hannington in, and took the doctor to St. Joseph's hospital. Since that time he has been growing worse, and despite the efforts of his medical attendants, Drs. Davie and Helmcken, he passed away. The deceased gentleman leaves an aged father and mother in Quebec, and a brother, who resides at Chilcotin, in this province. A telegram has been sent to his bereaved parents informing them of their son's death, and asking instructions regarding the disposition of the remains. The death of the young doctor is greatly regretted in this city, and many in the community will miss his ministrations.

Ladies should Remember

That they can have their visiting cards printed from copper-plate, at THE COLONIST office.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

A Pair of Kids.

There was a blank calendar at the Nanaimo assize on Monday, and Mr. Justice Gray was presented with a pair of white kid gloves to mark the occasion.

Bequest.

The committee of the British Columbia Benevolent Society acknowledge with sincere thanks the receipt of $250, a bequest under the will of the late Mr. Richard Carr.

Naval.

Vice-Admiral Watson has succeeded Admiral Lyons as commander-in-chief of the North American squadron. The flagship Bellerophon and other ships on the Halifax Station will go out of commission to be replaced by other and more modern vessels.

A Strange Thing to Steal.

Wilham Lawson, a young man supposed to be connected with a good many petty thievings about the city, was arrested late last night by Supt. Sheppard and Officer Lindsay on a charge of stealing a morphine injector and several other small articles from Frank McNulty.

Denied.

Commodore and Mrs. Harrison publicly deny the allegation of Otis Bates, Mrs. Harrison's stepson. They say that the boy has received every cent that he was entitled to, and that, too, far from Mrs. Harrison profiting from her union with Bates, she brought him more money than he was worth at the time she married him.

The Assault on Conductor Black.

E. J. Purcell, who cut Conductor Black, of the E. & N. railway, was tried by Magistrate Planta, under the summary convictions act, and sentenced to four months' imprisonment and $100 fine; in default of payment of the fine, six months' additional imprisonment. The popular impression is that Purcell got well off.

In Hymen's Bonds.

An interesting ceremony will take place at the French Hotel this evening, Mr. A. V. Bossi and Miss Wilhelmina Macdonald will be joined in wedlock by Rev. Mr. McLeod. A sumptuous dinner is being prepared for the wedding guests by the *chef* of the hotel. A social dance will be held after the ceremony. THE COLONIST extends congratulations in advance.

Not What They Deserved.

A case of wanton cruelty to animals occupied the attention of the police court yesterday. Two Chinamen were proved to have tortured and abused a pig, until the suffering animal was almost dead. Although the case was one calling for the utmost severity, a fine of $1 was the only penalty imposed. Mr. F. G. Walker appeared for the S.P.C.A.

Funeral.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Jane Price, of the Quamichan Hotel, took place Tuesday afternoon, a large number of the settlers of the district being present. The remains were interred in the cemetery adjoining St. Peter's church, Cowichan, Rev. Mr. Leakey officiating. The deceased lady leaves one daughter and three sons to mourn the loss of a loving mother. The pallbearers were W. C. Duncan, M. Edgson, A. Green, F. Maitland, H. Fry, M.P.P., and W. P. Jaynes.

Coal Shipments for November.

Nanaimo *Free Press*: The foreign coal shipments from the port of Nanaimo, representing the Vancouver Coal Company, the Wellington Collieries, and the East Wellington Colliery, for the month of November, amounted to 46,887 tons, being the largest shipments from this port in the history of Nanaimo. The shipments of last July amounting to 40,158 tons was the largest reached before November. November month therefore beats all previous records by 6,729 tons of coal.

Reaching Westward.

The Toronto *Globe* of recent date says that by the opening of the Red River Valley line the Grand Trunk has through its American allies access to Winnipeg. As soon as the crossing difficulty is settled the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway will be paralleled by a line evidently destined to reach western tidewater and running through the pick of northwestern land. The Grand Trunk then will be on equal competing terms with its rival for all of the traffic that is worth striving for.

For China and Japan.

The S.S. Albany left Vancouver Tuesday afternoon about 5:30 for Yokohama, Hongkong and other ports. Her passenger list consisted of four cabin and 115 Chinese. The saloon passengers were: Dr. C. F. Coxwell and wife, Sydney, Australia; Mr. J. J. English, Baltimore, Pa.; Mr. Sinclair, England. Her cargo consisted of 600 tons, as follows: 470 tons flour, 100 tons cotton, and 30 tons mixed merchandise, consigned to Yokohama, Kobe, Hongkong, Shanghai, etc.

B. C. Pioneer Society.

The regular monthly meeting of the British Columbia Pioneer Society was held last evening, when the annual election of officers took place, the following gentlemen being chosen to fill office for the ensuing term: E. C. Johnson, president; Chas. Bossi, vice-president; John Kurtz, treasurer (re-elected); J. J. Austin, secretary (re-elected). Directors—Jos. Loewen, Charles Lombard, Thomas Flewin, Peter Steele, Morris Moss, Robert Ridley, janitor. The annual dinner of the Society will be held at the French Hotel on Saturday evening next, 8th inst., at 7:30 o'clock.

Death of Mrs. C. B. Brown.

Mrs. Jemima Brown, the beloved wife of