FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, March 30.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

Yachting Prospects and Preparations —The Golf Tournament Opened.

"Wild Man From Borneo" Takes the Great Liverpool Race— To day's Events.

The Victoria Yacht Club had a well attended general meeting last night in the J. B. A. A. club house, when some of the arrangements for the coming season were completed. The following were added to the managing committee: Messrs. H. R. Foot, F. C. Holden, W. L. Challoner, K. Finlayson, W. Croft and D. H. Anderson. The managing committee will at once begin preparing for Queen's Birthday celebration yacht races. It is expected that a much larger number of yachts will take part than in former years, as Seattle, Fairhaven, Whatcom, Tacoma, Port Townsend, Port Angeles and Everett clubs are all making preparations for the event. Great interest is being centred in yachting circles this season, owing to the addition to the Victoria fleet of the two fast yachts brought out from the Old Country by Commodore G. A. Kirk, and also from the fact that among the new competitors at the Queen's Birthday regatta will be a yacht of novel design now being specially built in Seattle. The Seattle Argus gives the following description of her:

"Among the many new candidates for aquatic honors that are being built for the coming season on the Sound, none are receiving so much favorable comment and criticism as the 'White Star,' the new North Seattle sloop, designed and built by Neil Dennee. The White Star is of an entirely different type from anything heretofore seen in these waters, but of a style which is rapidly gaining favor on the Atlantic coast. She was primarily intended for a roomy, comfortable cruiser, speed being a secondary consideration, but by a glance at her easy, graceful lines it will be easily seen that Mr. Dennee never intended her to adorn the tail end of the procession. The White Star is a keel boat, 35½ feet in length over all, 11 feet beam, 6 feet deep, and will have a draught of about 7 feet. Her mast will measure 45 feet from deck to truck; main boom, 34 feet; gaff, 22 feet; bowsprit, 17 feet, and she will spread 2,250 square feet of canvas.

She will probably be launched early in April, and will participate in the races at Victoria on May 24.

Mr. R. W. Spencer, of the Victoria club, has extended an invitation to the members to accompany him on his yacht Ariel this afternoon, leaving Jones' boathouse at one o'clock for a trip to Esquimalt, when an opportunity will be afforded to inspect Commodore Kirk's two new yachts on board the ship Aigbarth.

Seattle will send a fleet of twelve or fifteen yachts to the Queen's birthday regatta.

"AILSA" WINS FROM "BRITANNIA."

NICE, March 29.—The Ailsa and Britannia raced to-day for the James Gordon Bennett cup and five hundred sovereigns. There was a whole sail breeze and plenty of sea for the race and they went over the entire course with sails reefed. The Britannia got the best of the start, but she was soon overhauled by the Ailsa. The race was close, however, and the Ailsa won by two minutes.

AILSA AGAIN A WINNER.

NICE, March 29.—The Britannia was beaten to-day over a triangular course of thirty miles, with eight turns, by the Ailsa, in a piping breeze, through white-capped seas. The Britannia had bad luck, otherwise the result might have been different. The race was for prizes offered by James Gordon Bennett, a cup valued at $500 and a purse of 500 sovereigns.

THE OAR.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE TO-DAY.

LONDON, March 29.—The Oxford-Cambridge boat race, which will be rowed on the Thames to-morrow, is the only topic this evening among university men and others interested in aquatic sports. The prospects seem even more favorable than usual to Oxford. Both the general public and boating experts have been for weeks of opinion that Cambridge's defeat is certain, and to-night the betting is 9 to 2 against Cambridge. This gives some idea of the confidence felt in the Oxonians.

THE WHEEL.

THE "OLYMPIC'S" AMBASSADORS.

The members of the Victoria Wheelmen's Club meet at the city hall at 2 o'clock this afternoon for the first run of the season, which will be to Esquimalt by the direct road and back by way of Craigflower and the Gorge. There should be a good turn out, if the weather is favorable, and a good time for all. On this run, as well as on a special Sunday ramble, the Victoria boys will have the pleasure of the company of three California cracks—Walter C. Howe, Percy H. Douglass and Charles W. Conger. They are all members of the Imperial Cycle Club, of San Francisco, and arrived here by the last direct steamer—on a tour in the interest of "The Olympic." From Victoria they cross to the Terminal City, from which point they take wheel for home, intending to pedal the entire distance, forming the acquaintance of the brethren along the line and incidentally making known the merits of "The Olympic." It is expected that about one month will be taken on the tour, which will also serve to demonstrate the practicability or otherwise of a careful rider trusting himself to a light wheel on take-chances roads. The trio mount No. 19 "Imperials" and feel confident that they will stand the hard work. The route includes calls at the Bellingham Bay cities, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and Olympia, from which latter point the order is "Frisco direct." The Olympic, in whose interest the trip has been arranged, is a neat ten-page fortnightly paper devoted to general sporting news—the official organ of the Pacific Athletic Association.

THE TURF.

THE SEFTON PARK PLATE.

LIVERPOOL, March 29.—The race for the Sefton Park plate was won by Juggler; Bendoer second; Rugby Cement third.

THE OVER-WEIGHT NAME WON.

LIVERPOOL, March 29.—The grand national steeplechase was run to-day at Aintree and won by Wild Man from Borneo; Cathol second; Vanderborg third. Never was there such heavy wagering on a steeple-chase and the victory of the Wild Man brought with it consternation to the majority of backers. Although one of the earliest fancies in the race, the public preferred his stable companion, Waterford, after the latter's recent victory, and as a result the astute coterie behind Garrisford's stable won over $50,000 on the Wild Man at an average odds of 16 to 1. The scratching of Cloister left Aesop and Cathol almost equal favorites, and Cathol's running proves how great were his stable companion's, Cloister's, chances had all gone well with him. The Irish division pinned their faith on Cook of the Heath, who ran very disappointingly.

GOLF.

THE VICTORIA CLUB MEETING.

The first annual spring meeting of the Victoria Golf Club was opened yesterday, when the Ladies' Open Handicap was decided. The scores will be published to-morrow with those of other events. These take place today, commencing at 10:30 a.m. The Tacoma gentlemen whose names appeared the other day in the list of entries arrived on the Sound steamer last evening.

There will be a lunch for all golf players, in the club house from 12:30 to 2 p.m. today; and an afternoon tea will also be served. At the latter function the prizes will be presented.

WRESTLING.

THE "STRANGLER" A WINNER.

DECORAH, Ia., March 29.—A wrestling match between "Strangler" Lewis and McMillan of this city last night was won by Lewis in three out of five falls. Time—7, 13 and 10 minutes. McMillan won the third fall in 22 minutes. The match was very exciting throughout.

HERE AND THERE.

The Vigilant is to sail for New York on April 9

Mr. H. D. Helmcken, M.P.P., has been elected honorary president of the James Bay lacrosse club.

Mr. A. Hancock, a champion all round pedestrian, is in the city and is anxious to make a match with some local man. He is willing to walk four men four miles,—a fresh man every mile.

S. Murdoch Kendrick, of Philadelphia, president of the intercollegiate athletic association, has mailed to England a challenge for a track and field sports meeting this summer in England, with the combined strength of Oxford and Cambridge universities.

THE CITY.

MESSRS. A. D. McRae, Milton Gillanders and George Good have been appointed drainage commissioners for the township of Chilliwack.

THE British ship Ardmore has been placed in berth at London, Eng., for Victoria. She has not yet commenced loading her cargo, as she was only listed for the trip the day before yesterday.

ALTHOUGH the additional sentence of imprisonment in the John Simpson case has been remitted, the petition of the Y.W.C.A. in this regard has been sent on to His Excellency the Governor General.

AT a meeting of St. Paul's congregation, Victoria West, on Thursday evening, the following were elected elders of the church: Wm. Veitch, W. D. McIntosh, John Park, A. C. Muir and Thos. Adams.

A SPECIAL meeting of the shareholders of the Victoria and Sidney Railway Company is to be held at the offices here on Monday, April 8, for the adoption of by-laws and the election of three directors to fill vacancies.

NOTICE is given in the last issue of the B. C. Gazette of the cancellation of the reserve of the lands extending back for one mile on either side of the line of the Nakusp and Slocan railway. These lands will now be thrown open to pre-emption in three months.

LIEUT.-COL. E. G. Prior, M.P., was last evening the guest of the officers of his battalion at a dinner given at the Driard. The district staff officers and those of the Royal Marines and Engineers were also present by invitation. Needless to say, the affair passed off in the most enjoyable manner.

W. G. FRASER and J. L. McKay, for themselves and numerous other residents, have given notice that application will be made on May 1 for the incorporation of Wellington as a town municipality. The district proposed to be included in the limits of the town comprises some eighty acres, parts of sections 3, 4 and 5 of Wellington district.

THE "Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited," is the title of the company, with head offices in England and a capital of £100,000, that has just been formed to carry into effect the agreement made on the 21st of November last between the Whittier Gold Concessions, Ltd., and Mr. William Wigzell Ellwood. Yesterday's issue of the Gazette notes the registration of the new company.

THE second annual convention of the Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor in the province will be held in this city on May 14 16. An interesting programme has been prepared, in which a chief part will be taken by Rev. Dr. Clark, of Boston, Mass., founder of the organization. Special rates will be granted by the transportation companies and all delegates will be billeted free.

THE city council held private meetings both afternoon and evening yesterday, the estimates and water improvement being the subjects of consideration. It is expected that the memorandum of proposed expenditure will be ready for presentation to the public at next Monday's meeting of the board. Ald Bragg will at this meeting introduce important amendments to the water works regulations by-law.

AT yesterday's meeting of the sewerage commission various accounts were passed for payment, and the commissioners were waited upon by Hon. Robert Beaven in connection with the order to the owners to connect the Green-Worlock bank property with the sewer. Hon. Mr. Beaven explained that no funds were available for the purpose, and requested that the matter be left in abeyance. No decision was reached on the point by the commission.

A DISPATCH from San Francisco gives some idea of the profits the lessees made out of the sealing business, which by the aid of the U.S. government they were determined to keep to themselves. It says: "The trial of the Wasserman-Sloss suit to-day revealed the enormous dividends made by the Alaska Commercial Company out of its sealing contract. Dividends amounting to $800 on every $100 share were paid for five years. The firm had millions on deposit, acquired by the capture of seals. Sloss bought some of the shares from Wasserman for $60 each."

CAPTAIN HUNTER, of smuggling renown, was the defendant in two police court cases yesterday, the one in the city and the other in the provincial police court. In the former he was charged with common assault upon an Indian woman named Mary, the offence being alleged to have been committed on the night of the 19th inst. Through his legal representative Captain Hunter pleaded guilty, explaining that though he did not remember anything about the matter, he was in liquor on the day in question and everything might have occurred as stated. The fine was $10 with $2 costs. In the provincial court the charge was trading without a license, and in this a somewhat interesting point presented itself. The trading was admitted and also the fact that no license had been procured; it was, however, contended that the trading was done at sea, 200 yards from shore, and therefore not within the province. Upon this ground a non suit was asked for; the magistrate reserved his ruling until Tuesday next.

THE Montreal Hydraulic Gold Mining Company of Cariboo, Ltd., is the somewhat formidable name adopted by a new mining corporation with capital of $250,000 that has been formed to take over the mineral properties, claims and business of the Montreal and British Columbia Prospecting and Promoting Co., Ltd., Cariboo being the chief scene of operations. The head offices of the new company are to be at Vancouver, and the provisional trustees are P. A. Paterson and John Kennedy of Montreal, and F. C. Innes, J. M. Browning and S. O. Richards of Vancouver.

A WELL attended concert was held at the Central church, James Bay, yesterday evening when a good programme was rendered by the choir ably assisted by Prof. Wickens' orchestra, to an appreciative audience. The object of the entertainment was to provide funds to pay for the new anthem books in use by the choir. A pleasant feature of the evening's programme was the presentation of a well-filled purse to Mrs. McLane, who is leaving Victoria to reside at Fort Steele. Mrs. McLane was one of the most energetic workers in connection with the church, of which she has been a member from its start. She was also a member of the choir and a teacher in the Sunday school, in both of which her services will be much missed. The best wishes of the church and congregation will follow her to her new home.

THE Sir Wm. Wallace Society last night reopened their hall by giving a concert. This society have found it necessary in order to allow of a proper prosecution of their work to have the hall enlarged, a gallery added, and a rearrangement of the ante rooms made, and they have added also a toilet room, kitchen, library and reading room. The intention is to have the reading room and library open daily for the use of the members, where they may see home papers, and engage in amusements, receive their mail and write their letters. The concert given on the reopening was a very successful and entertaining one, and seemed to be very much enjoyed by the audience. The pipes, of course, occupied a prominent place, though other instrumental music figured largely in the programme. The Masters Fisher played very creditably their selections on the violin. Professor Tweedie gave selections on the banjo in a masterly manner. Miss Brown gave a fine selection on the violin, which was much enjoyed. Mr. Douglas also entertained in his usual comic manner. Mr. Harris, Mr. Hood, Mr. Wm. Muir, Miss Robertson, Chief Russell and Mr. Jamieson sang. All of these received well merited encores. Mr. Burnett played an excellent selection on the piano, in fact the concert throughout was one of the best ever given by this society.

PREMIER TURNER'S TRIP.

He Goes by Invitation of the Financial Agents to Give All Required Information.

Three Per Cent. Again the Borrowing Rate—Illness of the Agent General.

Hon. J. H. Turner, Premier and Minister of Finance, accompanied by Mrs. Turner, was a passenger to the Mainland by the Charmer this morning on his way to Ottawa and London. The Premier yesterday spoke with the COLONIST on the subject of his trip.

"I expect to spend a day or two in Ottawa," he said, "on my way to England, to arrange there about several matters of provincial concern, and I will visit Ottawa on my way back in connection with any matters which may be then still unsettled.

"In England my chief business will be making arrangements for the new loan—and this indeed is the only specific matter which requires my attention, though no doubt others of more or less importance will come up. I am going at the express request of the financial agents in London, who have written that they wish to talk to me face to face about the loan, and about the financial position and general affairs of the province. They think, and I am disposed to agree with them, that the fact of my being on the spot and ready to answer authoritatively any questions which may be raised will have a good effect.

"No arrangements for the loan have yet been made, in fact we have for the past few weeks been without the valuable services of our Agent-General, as Mr. Vernon has unfortunately been laid up with a severe attack of la grippe. He has, I believe, been in bed for about three weeks, but latest reports, as his many friends here will be glad to know, are that he is gaining strength and should soon be about again. His illness I believe has interfered with the progress of arrangements about the Agent-General's new office, so that I do not know now where my official headquarters in London will be.

"The new loan, as the public have heard so often, is to be £420,000. It will bear interest, as the last did, at the rate of three per cent. and will be repayable in fifty years. It is true we got authority from the legislature to pay interest not exceeding three and a half per cent., but it is not intended to raise the rate above that at which the last inscribed stock was issued—three per cent. I have every reason to believe that at this figure we shall be able to again obtain a very good price for our stock. At all events there is nothing in connection with the position and prospects of the province—as I shall be able to make clear to intending investors—which would lead one to have any doubt on this point.

"It will probably be well on towards the end of May before the loan is floated; and until then this matter will receive my constant attention. After that time, everything being as hoped for, I expect to take a short rest, for I have not had a holiday for a long time. It will therefore be well into the summer before I return.

"The acting Premier during my absence will be Hon. Col. Baker—the senior in the cabinet except Hon. Mr. Pooley, who being without portfolio cannot be expected to go thus into harness. Col. Baker will also take over the supervision of my departments. He, too, is going to take a holiday while I am away, so that some person else will for a time have the direction of affairs.

"There is no official announcement that I have to make before leaving. You might say, as I have no doubt the public will be interested in the fact, that the final details connected with the taking over of the parliament buildings contract by Messrs. McGregor & Jeeves were to-day settled, and there is every reason to believe that the work will now be carried to completion as expeditiously as could be wished."

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THE CITY.

THE provincial museum will be closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for the usual spring clean up.

THE vital statistics for the month just closed show a total of 53 births in Victoria, with 24 deaths and 22 marriages.

THERE was the usual good attendance at last evening's concert in the Y.M.C.A. hall, and the programme presented was a most satisfactory one.

A PLEASANT dance was enjoyed at the Elk hotel at Comox on Thursday evening, a great many of the surrounding settlers and farmers being present.

THE choir of St. Saviour's church, Victoria West, are preparing for an evening of sacred song on Wednesday, April 10, when several special anthems and a number of solos, duets, etc., will be rendered.

THE customs returns for the month of March are as follows: Imports, dutiable, $150,437; free, $41,031; total, $191,468 Duties collected, $48,452 70; other revenues, $4,879 77; total, $53 332 47. Exports, produce of Canada, $26,536; other exports, $2,825; total, $29,361.

SINCE Chief of Police Hutcheson's appointment, the gamblers at Union who make a business of fleecing the miners on pay day, have not had a happy time. He has been waging active warfare against them, and a day or two ago made a raid on a gambling den, clearing it out and destroying the tables.

THE funeral of the late A. C. Billings, who died at the Jubilee hospital on Tuesday last, will take place to-morrow. Mr. Billings was a native of Cheltenham, England, and for some time past had lived on Salt Spring island. The funeral was delayed till to-morrow to enable his brother, who is on his way from England, to arrive.

DONATIONS to the food depot of the Salvation Army have, during the past week, been received from the following friends: Mr. Parker, Mr. Sivertz, Mrs. Mitchell, Ideal Provision Store, J. Eccles, Marshall & Co., L. Goodacre, London Bakery, F. Carne, jr., B. Van Volkenburg, Plymouth Bakery, Mrs. J. A. Cohen and Liza Matthews. Adjutant Archibald desires to thank these kind friends and trusts for a continuance of their support.

SINCE the Salvation Army food shelter opened on January 29, the income up to March 29 amounted to $93 45, made up of cash donations $36 70 and sale of meal tickets $56 75. The expenses for the same period were $93 35. During the period 2,789 meals were supplied, besides a considerable amount of outdoor relief being given. Temporary employment was found for 31 men and five men were placed in permanent situations.

AS ALD. HUMPHREY philosophically remarked yesterday, "the present is a great city council for notices of motion." The last notice posted on the bulletin board yesterday bears the signature of Ald. Macmillan, and is in the direction of reducing the cost of collecting revenue and road taxes, being to the following effect: "That applications be invited for the position of collector of revenue and road taxes, on a basis of 5 per cent. per annum."

ALD. CAMERON'S resolution directing the attention of the police to the sidewalk obstruction nuisance—the string of boxes and bales in front of not a few business premises—bore fruit yesterday in the city police court, W. T. Williams and Yuen Lung being severally fined $5 and costs upon conviction under the provisions of the streets by-law. The Chinaman had deposited a considerable quantity of building material on the street of which he is a resident.

THE funeral of Joseph Merrill took place yesterday afternoon from Hayward's undertaking parlors and was attended by a large number of sympathizing friends, including the Spiritualists' society, of which the deceased was a member. The services were conducted by Mr. O. C. Hastings. At the grave in Ross Bay an address on spiritual life was given and several melodies sung. The following gentlemen were pall-bearers: Messrs. Turner, Caven, Cohen, Maynard, Burts and Rendall.

THE great majority of offenders dealt with by the city police during March were guilty only of the simplest misdemeanors, as the following abstract from the charge book evidences: For lodgings, 13; vagrancy, 16; violation of city by-laws, 14; drunkenness, 18; violation of the Indian reservations act, 5; violation of the miners' protection act, 1; assault, 2; aggravated assault, 1; doing grievous bodily harm, 1; using threatening language, 5; perjury, 2; in possession of stolen property, 2; and using obscene language, 1.

IN the Sidney school house last evening a largely attended concert was given by the "Scottish Wanderers." The opening selection of the evening's programme was pipe music supplied by pipers Anderson, McDonald, Bain Munro and McLauchan, headed by Master McKenzie. The rest of the programme was as follows: Mr. Todd, song; A. N. Seaton, reading; Master McKenzie, sword dance; Miss McKenzie, song; Professor Tweedie, selection on banjo; W. Anderson, hornpipe; William Duglas, comic song; Miss Robertson, song; Master McKenzie, pipe music; Bain Munro, comic song; Miss Robertson, song; A. N. Seaton, Japanese banjo; Mr. Patterson, song; Miss McKenzie, Highland fling; Professor Tweedie, sword dance; W. Anderson, dance; Mr. Duglas, song; Pipers, Scotch reel. After the concert the "Scottish Wanderers" were banqueted and otherwise hospitably treated at the Sidney hotel by Mr. Bissett, proprietor. A special train conveyed the visitors from Victoria to and from Sidney.

ALD. BRAGG is desirous of seeing the city's electric light plant completed without delay and has accordingly decided to move at to-morrow's meeting of the city council that tenders be invited for supplying the corporation with ten miles of D. B. waterproof No. 6 copper wire. Though the public may possibly have been unaware of the fact, the present nice illumination of the city hall clock is due to the efforts of Ald. Bragg, who is chairman of the electric light committee, and who, as soon as the clock lights were extinguished by the Langley street fire, made arrangements for replacing them, temporarily at all events, with Auer lights.

SOME months ago as a result of a conference between lumber mill men and loggers, the government were asked to make a change in the rule for measuring logs, as the system in use was not satisfactory. The government consented to a change on lines which millmen and loggers considered satisfactory, and Messrs. M. King, H. H. Alexander and A. Haslam, M.P., were appointed commissioners representing the loggers and millmen in the matter. After much labor at the department of Lands and Works a scale book has been worked out, and yesterday Mr. King, Mr. D. Alexander, representing Mr. H. H. Alexander, and Mr. John Bell for Mr. Haslam, who is ill, examined this new scale and expressed their approval of it. The book will therefore be issued very shortly.

CHIEF of Police Sheppard had a visitor Friday evening in the person of Chief Day, of Tacoma, who came here to recover possession of the sealskin coat pawned during his brief stay in Victoria by Tommy Connors, O'Connors, Healey, Egan et al. It had, as suspected, been stolen, and Connors is now in the toils again at the City of Destiny. He has had a varied and checkered career on the Coast under many names, and has served time in California, Tacoma, Westminster and Victoria. The police here more than suspect him of the recent series of robberies commencing with that at Senator McInnes' residence, and are in hope of discovering the place in which the booty is stowed away. Connors is too old a bird to be caught with any criminating property in his possession.

THE city council at one of their private sessions Friday practically decided to follow the usual course and employ Mr. G. E. Jorgenson to superintend the construction of the new Elk lake filter beds upon his accepted plans. Ald. Macmillan moved in this direction yesterday, when he bulletined notice of a formal resolution "that Mr. G. E. Jorgenson be employed to make detail drawings for, and superintend construction of the new filter beds at Elk lake on such terms and subject to such conditions as the council may approve." Five per cent. was suggested at the private council meeting as the amount of remuneration to be received by Mr. Jorgenson for his services. If, however, there is a resolution to this effect at to-morrow's meeting it is probable that there will also be an amendment—that the superintendent of filter bed construction, if Mr. Jorgenson be engaged, receive not more than three per cent. of his own estimate, $60,000.

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A FORMIDABLE RESOLUTION.

Ald. John Macmillan yesterday posted the following notice of motion on the bulletin board at the city hall, his object being to dispense as soon as possible with the services of the sewerage commissioners:

"I hereby give notice that at the next meeting of the council I shall move to amend by-law 231, entitled the sewerage commissioners appointment and sewerage assessment by-law, as follows:

"Whereas that in the expenditure of moneys borrowed under by-law 227 for sewerage purposes, the sum of $2,323 35 has been paid for inspection of work in addition to the engineer's inspection;

"And whereas under by-law 231 a further sum of $740 has been paid to commissioners on the same work;

"And whereas this council having a due regard to economy are of the opinion that the expenditure provided for in the following provisions should be discontinued;

"Therefore be it enacted that all that part of by-law 231, from section 1 to section 9 inclusive, and section 13—that is to say, section 1, section 2, (sub-sections a, b, c, d, e and f), section 4, section 5, section 6, section 7, section 8, sub section a, section 9 and section 13—be and hereby is repealed, and all appointments made under these provisions cease and determine on the 10th day of April next."

The provisions quoted simply give power for the appointment of the sewerage commissioners, and define their duties and remuneration.

Mayor Teague looks upon the resolution as an unnecessary one, holding that as soon as the special work entrusted to them is performed the employment of the commissioners would cease as a matter of course.

A SIWASH EPISODE.

"Jimmy Chickens is murdered—strangled to death by Cowichan Indians." That is the gist of a story told to constables Smith and Gilchrist early yesterday morning by an excited klooohman, named Julia.

Some weeks ago, it will be remembered, a Cowichan Indian named Jim got drinking in town with Mary, a klooohman, and the result was that Mary was picked up in a canoe off the mouth of the harbor next morning—while Jim had disappeared. The natural conclusion from all the circumstances was that Jim while drunk fell overboard and was drowned, but some of the Cowichans entertain suspicions of foul play—though there is not a particle of evidence of cause for suspicion.

Jimmy Chickens gave Mary shelter in his cabin at Oak Bay after she came ashore, and Julia said that the Cowichans were mad with Jimmy for harboring Mary, and for that reason had strangled him.

The provincial police were at once notified and a trip to Oak Bay disclosed that Jimmy Chickens was alive and well, and in fact was out fishing.

Some of Cowichan Jim's friends, however, did not entertain very amicable feelings towards Mary, for she it was who purchased the liquor that made him drunk the night he disappeared. A night or two after that and before Mary was arrested and sent to jail for supplying the liquor, an Indian living on the Songhees reserve says he saved Mary's life. He was passing the vacant lot beside the Albion hotel when he saw Mary surrounded by half a dozen angry Indians, one of whom had her by the throat and was strangling her. The Songhees Indian went to Mary's rescue and got her away from her assailant.

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