

CRIMINAL LABEL CASES.

Most of the Third Day Taken Up in Hearing Evidence for the Accused.

Some Interesting Features Develop as the Result of the Cross-Examination.

The proceedings at the continuation of the preliminary hearing of the criminal label case against Mr. Ian Coltart, proved decidedly interesting yesterday. By a number of questions put to Mr. Coltart in cross-examination it was indicated that the statements of accused and those of Mr. Clive Phillippe-Wolley did not directly contradict each other. There was, as on the previous day, a great deal of sparring between Mr. Robert Cassidy, for the prosecution, and Mr. Archer Martin, for the defence, a good many objections being raised as to the admission of some of the evidence.

Mr. Coltart, the accused, was called to give evidence and was cross-examined by Mr. Cassidy, the prosecuting counsel, and Mr. Martin, the defending counsel. Mr. Coltart was called to give evidence and was cross-examined by Mr. Cassidy, the prosecuting counsel, and Mr. Martin, the defending counsel.

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THE OPINIONS DIFFER.

Widely Varying Statements as to the Probable Food Situation at Dawson City.

Report of Rich Discoveries on Quartz Creek—Major Walsh's Progress Very Slow.

W. J. Gardner, of Wisconsin; D. P. Queenland, of Seattle; A. Smallenberg, a Californian; and J. W. Denney, from Eastern Washington, form a party direct from Dawson, who left that city on the 1st of November, made a forty-five day passage up the river and, after a long and weary trail, arrived here by the City of Seattle yesterday. On their adventurous journey to the coast the thermometer ranged from 65 below zero at the top of the mountain to 22 below at the time the party was on the coast. The sea-board was approached, the packing and jamming of the ice, to a height frequently of eight and ten feet, made the journey being made on foot with an 85 pound pack to each man.

In the early stage of the trip 45 boats, containing 250 people at a rough estimate, were passed on the river and about Dawson the boats were found encamped at favorable points along the route. The majority of these parties were well provisioned and will get to the coast in a few days.

At Dawson when the party left, the situation was according to Mr. Queenland, the reverse of alarming. True the restaurants were closed and the stores were not selling provisions—but no one was particularly despondent.

There may have been a day or two between Mr. Scalfie's actual appearance in the Province and the time he was arrested. He did assist in editorial work before Mr. Scalfie came back to the Province.

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TELLS ANOTHER STORY.

A Still Later Arrival from the Klondyke Capital Who Views the Situation Through Different Spectacles.

Very Different from Mr. Queenland's is the report brought from Dawson by Mr. John Lindsay of Olympia, who followed four days behind the Queenland party and remained at Skagway.

Mr. Lindsay arrived at Dawson October 15, and left November 15, in company with Frank Ballaine, Tom Story and Robert Glynn. Mr. Lindsay left the latter at Lake Umbagog, and Mr. Lindsay's food supply in the Klondyke is exceedingly short, and in fact there is great scarcity of food. There is plenty of gold, but no food which can be taken with it. It is as useless as pebbles on the beach. And the denizens of the land of gold, but no food which can be taken with it.

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THE SCALCH CONCERT.

A Bare Opportunity Afforded Local Musicians to Study Perfected Method.

Music lovers in this city have learned by a somewhat varied experience to beware of the seductive tale given out in advance notices, and generally speaking performance has proved to be in inverse ratio to promise.

Madame Scalchi's concert that the principal singer was "the greatest contralto on the face of the earth"; that she was to be supported by a wonderful soprano, a renowned tenor, a remarkable baritone, also (without qualification) a mezzo soprano and a pianist.

Again, for those who have had the privilege of listening to Madame Scalchi in years gone by, there was the interesting question as to the quality of her voice and method which were then a source of delight and satisfaction had been maintained. And a particularly notable instance of artists decidedly past their prime appealing to us on the stage was the case of the soprano, who they were still the greatest in their respective walks in the musical world.

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TRIAL OF THE INDIANS.

Participants in the Looting of the "Cleveland" to Serve Varying Short Terms of Imprisonment.

COLONIST readers may like to know something of the final chapter in the recent story of the wreck and looting of the Cleveland, so here it is.

The Quadra, on her return from Hesquott with the rescued boats' crews, went up to Alberni Sunday, taking to that place Mr. S. W. Smith, the United States vice-consul, who procured the services of a medical man to attend the suffering crew on their journey to Victoria, which was necessarily delayed by the trial of the Indians and one white man implicated in the looting. Mr. Smith has been unremitting in his attention to the injured men, and they are most grateful to him.

Arrived there early in the afternoon, Captain Walbran in due time secured a court for the trial of the Indians and a white man, charged with concealing or having in their possession, or carrying the property of the steamer Cleveland.

Rev. Mr. Swartout, the Presbyterian minister, acted officially in that capacity, and carefully protected the interests of the Indians, and Mr. Guilloid, Indian agent, acted officially in that capacity, and carefully protected the interests of the Indians.

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ADVISES FROM THE ORIENT.

Japan Decides Not to Meddle With the Powers—A Wise Chinese Victory.

As an extraordinary meeting of the Japanese cabinet, Baron Nishii, foreign minister, laid before the ministers all the reports he had received from Japanese ministers in foreign countries relative to the seizure of Kiao Chau by Germany.

It was decided after a prolonged discussion not to meddle with the affair at the present time but to wait further developments since nothing had so far transpired in Germany's action calculated to disturb the peace of the Far East and justify the interference of a third power.

According to the Chinese papers vice-roy Chan Chitking has issued a proclamation exhorting his people to be more friendly to foreigners and warning them that any ill-will manifested will be severely punished.

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(From Our Own Correspondent)

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—S. minister of fisheries, re- from Sir Julian Pannocking that the award of claims commissioners for the year from 1888 involved in the different masters and crews of the vessel, was not a compromise, but a settlement.

The Black Diamond of Behring sea by a Unit in 1886, and the master after the original claim filed, put in a subsequence which by reason of being lost. His claim was entitled to \$5,000. To which the commissioner is that of Captain Gaudin, which was \$10,000 and which from over- included in the general settlement of the vessel owners of the vessel, was entered. Capt. Gaudin's claim was \$5,000 but he only secured the award.

There is great dissatisfaction in the interior circles over the very least it was \$700,000 or \$750,000 worth instead of that it was \$100,000 and that the United States and Canada is namely \$425,000 and it makes this award.

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