Along the Waterfront

Str. Kaisow In From the Orient Pilot Returns From the North.

Ship Deccan Sails From Hongkong For Victoria—The Yosemite Reinsurance.

The waterfront observed the holiday yesterday, and being a many phased waterfront it observed it in many ways. The Charmer, Tees, and Otter were moored at the C. P. N. docks, and with the exception of the few workmen stepping the new foremast, repainting and renovating the ferry steamer ready for her resumption of work at the end of the week, the steamer's were for the most part deserted. Some of the crews had remained home to eat hot crossed buns, others had gone fishing, and in various ways they were enjoying the holiday. In the upper harbor the tugs Pilot and Albion were berthed, just in from sea, the steamer Garland, was on Turpel's ways, the steamer Oscar tied up at the Light station wharf, and the big barge Georgian at the Rice mills wharf, with the tug Lorne still undergoing repairs, moored just above her.

PILOT RETURNS.

Had Rough Trip North—Quick Passage South.

Tug Pilot, Capt. Cutler, returned from Juneau yesterday morning with the barge Richard III. in tow, laden with concentrates from the Douglas island mines for the Tacoma smelter. The Pilot took the John C. Potter, the bark recently converted into a barge, to the Treadwell mines, laden with coal from Comox, and had a very rough trip north, encountering heavy snow storms and fierce blows which made the passage anything but pleasant. On her down trip the tug had a record trip with her tow, making the run down with the heavy barge in tow in five days, ten hours. On her way she passed an American tug en route south in Wrangel Narrows, with the ship Phillip Kelly, and the schooner Blanche in tow. The schooner belongs to one of the fishing stations in Wrangel Narrows, and is being taken down to have steam put in her.

MASTER SUICIDES.

Capt. Hooklemann, of Ship Antigone, Jumped Overboard at Guayamas.

When the German ship Antigone, which is one of the dozen or more lumber carriers chartered to load at the Chemainus mills, leaves the port of Guayamas for Chemainus, she will have a new master, for when the vessel lay at anchor at the southern port, Capt. Hooklemann committed suicide. The news of the tragedy is given in a telegram to the Merchant's Exchange, which says that Capt. Hooklemann had been in low spirits, induced by continued ill-health, and ended his troubles by jumping overboard from the deck of his ship. The vessel will probably be sailed to the Royal Roads by the mate.

RECORD TRIPS.

Brig Goes From Eureka to Sydney in Forty-Six Days.

Some new records are being made by sailing vessels. The brig Geneva recently reached Sydney, New South Wales, with a cargo of lumber from Eureka, California, in 46 days. As the distance from Eureka to Sydney is about 7,000 miles by the steamer route, and a sailing vessel would have to make more distance in her voyage, this performance is a very good one. The schooner Solano arrived at Port Townsend on Thursday from Shanghai, making another record. She was 24 days from Shanghai to Port Townsend, thus beating the record run of the schooner Aida—lost several years ago—of 24 days to Cape Flattery from Shanghai.

The record is phenomenal, as it covers the passage from the Orient direct to anchorage in Townsend Bay, made without the assistance of tugs. The best day's record was 300 knots with an average of 250; this, too, with two days when the vessel was absolutely becalmed.

HAD A CLOSE CALL.

What a Raid Could Have Been Made on San Francisco Reinsurance Brokers!

Marine underwriters and reinsurance brokers of San Francisco were startled a few days ago to learn the fact that up to Wednesday last and for nearly a month before that they had been dealing in reinsurance at 25 per cent. on the Chilian bark Yosemite, when she was safe and sound at her destination, and that all that anyone would have had to do was to take as much as he wanted of their bank accounts. The entire company of the German ship Wilkommen could have made more by the speculation in the overdue market than that vessel will declare in dividends in many a year. Others with whom they came in contact could have shared in the handsome returns, for they made no secret of the fact that with them came from Callao, on March 14, two sailors, William Dittman and S. Olsen, who were in the crew of the Yosemite when she sailed from Tacoma for the Peruvian port on December 6 last.

Luck must have been with the insurance people, or, rather, they can thank the innocence of those who had the power to smash them, for they remained in total ignorance of the danger they were in until a week ago. The San Francisco underwriters did not know of it until Wednesday last, when there came from London to M. A. Newell & Co. a cable asking for the identity of the bark Yosemite that Lloyds' had heard was at Valparaiso. Was it the American vessel of that name overdue at Guaymas from Australia, or was it the Chilian? The matter was investigated, and it was definitely settled that it could not be the American. The same day F. E. Ferem of the firm of M. C. Harrison & Co., marine underwriters, of San Francisco, happened into the office of the Newells, and seeing the Chilian vessel on the overdue board, further confirmed the fact.

"Why, that Yosemite," he said, "is at Valparaiso. Two of her crew are in the city now. I saw them and there can be no mistake about it."

When the Yosemite arrived at Callao is not known. She reached there safely, however, discharged and proceeded to Valparaiso, whence the first news of her reached London on Wednesday last, 105 days from the time she was last heard of at her departure from the north coast.

KAISOW ARRIVES.

China Mutual Liner Discharging Freight at the Outer Wharf.

Steamer Kaisow, of the China Mutual line, reached port last night with general cargo from London and way ports, including the ports of China and Japan. She had a heavy consignment of pig iron for Victoria, together with some miscellaneous freight, which is being landed at the outer wharf this morning. After discharging her freight, the Kaisow will proceed to Vancouver to discharge 10,000 cases of tin plate and load 4,000 cases of salmon for return cargo. She has no passengers. The passage was an uneventful one, no sign being seen of any shipping, and those who expected that word would be received of the sugar-laden steamer Queen Mary were doomed to disappointment. The Queen Mary is now out 28 days from Moji for the Royal Roads.

The steamer Kintuck was at Shimonseki en route to London, on Thursday, and another China Mutual liner, the Ping Suey, sailed from Saigon for London on Monday.

DECCAN COMING.

Another Vessel Added to the Fleet En Route from Hongkong.

A fourth vessel has been added to the list of sailing ships bound to Victoria in ballast from Hongkong. The British ship Deccan sailed from the Chinese port on Thursday for the Royal Roads. Other vessels bound from Hongkong are the Inverray, a bark, 53 days out; Duns Law, a British bark, now 30 days out, and the Visurgis, a German bark, which left four days after the Duns Law.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamer Indrapura arrived at Portland on Thursday from the Orient.

R. M. S. Empress of Japan is due from the Orient on Tuesday.

Steamer Victoria of the Northern Pacific line sailed from Yokohama on Wednesday for Victoria, and the steamer Braemar, of the same line, left Hongkong on the same day for this port.

Bark Challenger sailed for the Royal Roads from San Francisco on Thursday.

Steamer Folmina arrived at San Francisco from Nanaimo on Thursday.

Steamer City of Puebla sailed from San Francisco on Thursday for this port.

Steamer Titania sailed from San Francisco on Thursday for Nanaimo to load a return cargo of coal.

PROVINCIAL PRESS.

FATHER COCOLA.

From Rossland Miner.

Rev. Father Welch has entertained for several days an interesting guest in the person of Father Cocola, rector to the Indians of the St. Eugene Mission. Father Cocola is well-known in Rossland, and the principal features which have brought his name to the front are so familiar by repetition as to be a matter of history with all old residents of the city and district.

The St. Eugene mission, over which Father Cocola presides, is probably the most flourishing institution of its kind in the province, and the interesting feature in connection therewith is that the mission received its first substantial start through the discovery of the great St. Eugene mine, now ranking among the largest silver-lead properties on the continent. The croppings were shown to Father Cocola by an Indian whom he had befriended, and the claims were staked by a friend of Father Cocola's, James Cronin, now general manager of the St. Eugene Consolidated company. Father Cocola sold his interest in the property for a substantial sum, and this was invested in the commodious and permanent buildings in which the mission is now housed. With these advantages the mission has been enabled to prosecute its work along progressive lines, and much has been accomplished for the Indians. The good work is being carried ahead steadily. The reverend Father's friends will be pleased to learn that he is in excellent health.

TO PROTECT GAME.

From Miner Gazette.

A very representative body of citizens met in the parlors of the Yale last evening and completed the organization of the Grand Forks Mountain and Stream Club. This association has leased from the Granby company all rights and privileges on Smelter Lake. The initiation fees have been made very low, so many of our citizens can avail themselves of the opportunities thus afforded. The following directors were appointed: L. A. Manly, A. B. W. Hodges, H. N. Galer, Dr. E. R. Northcote, Fred. Clark. The directors met later and elected the following officers: Honorary president, S. H. C. Miner; president, L. A. Manly; vice-president, A. B. W. Hodges; secretary-treasurer, W. A. Harkin.

C. P. R. AT REVELSTOKE.

From Revelstoke Herald.

H. J. Cambie, chief engineer, is here to lay out the work for the proposed addition to the C. P. R. workshops. The addition will be 60 feet in length and will be built on to the end of the blacksmith's shop, and will afford an increase of floor space which is greatly needed. Another improvement which will be undertaken this year is the installation of a dynamo to furnish power for the electric lighting of the shops, yard, station, restaurant and the Hotel Revelstoke.

MORE SETTLERS.

From Nelson Miner.

A number of settlers from the South have been arriving in the city this week, most of them on their way to Alberta. Nebraska is contributing a large share of the immigrants, and the reason of this was stated by one of the settlers to be the great injury suffered by farmers in that state last summer from the hot winds which near the harvest time blew for three weeks steadily, withering up the corn on the stalks. All who passed through Nelson expressed their delight with the scenery and look of the country, which impressed them very favorably after the monotony of the prairies. Most of them had taken up land in the Territories through agents. They appeared to be a most desirable class of immigrants.

KAMLOOPS SMELTER.

From Kamloops Standard.

At a meeting of the council of the Board of Trade on Wednesday, a letter was read from Messrs. Vernon & Gendar, representing C. W. McCrossan, of Minneapolis, who proposes to erect a 20-ton smelter at Kamloops, and asking for support and encouragement of the board. Mr. Vernon addressed the Board, and said that he had looked the field over and thought that there was an opening for a smelter in this camp. He asked or a cash bonus from the city towards its erection. They would be prepared to go ahead with the work immediately, and could safely say that it would be in operation within three months. The President named Messrs. Hopkins, Harper, Dr. Wade, T. J. Roadley and E. C. Wood as a committee to interview the smelter promoters and the city council.

OFFICERS CHOSEN.

From Ashcroft Journal.

The directors meeting of the Agricultural Association last Saturday was not as well attended as it should have been, and for that reason it was decided that another meeting be held at 2 p. m. on the last Saturday of the month. Three directors have left the district and their places will be filled. The officers are C. A. Semlin, President; W. H. Bose, 2nd Vice-President; S. G. Creelman, Treasurer. Directors, J. E. N. Smith John Campbell, J. Beddard, W. B. Ballev, T. McCosh, J. A. Bremner, D. Murphy, M.P.P., H. L. Roberts, W. D. Fearn.

Scene—Editor's Sanctum. Printer (rushing in excitedly)—"Here's a go! Johnson, the murderer, has just been found innocent, and the government has telegraphed a pardon! We've got the whole account of the hanging set up, with illustrations, and the form is on the press."

Editor (coolly)—"Don't get excited, man. Put over the account in large capitals:—"Johnson pardoned—Full account of what he escaped!"—London Tit Bits.

CRUCIFYING A BROTHER.

Two Children Attempt to Nail Infant to the Cross.

Included in the mail advices from Australia, is the following extract from the Gippsland Times, of Victoria, Australia, which is printed on the authority of the parents of the children mentioned: Two little girls went to Sunday school, and heard an address about the infant child Jesus, and how he was eventually crucified. Next day the mother heard the children talking about the address, as they were playing on the verandah, and after a while they got the 2-year-old brother, and called him the infant Jesus. One of the girls came into the house and got a hammer and nails, and the mother, wondering what the youngsters were up to, went out to investigate, when, to her astonishment and dismay, she found the boy stretched out on the floor and his sisters in the act of nailing him down. They intended crucifying him.

SACRED CANTATA.

Large Congregation at St. Johns Hears "The Way of the Cross."

The passion cantata, "The Way of the Cross," was given at St. John's church last night, when the church was crowded to the doors. The choir was assisted by the principal vocalists of the city, the solo parts being taken by Mrs. Hicks, Miss Laura Loewen, Mr. Gowen and Mr. Kent. Mr. A. Longfield presided at the organ, and Mr. Jesse Longfield played the violin obligato; Major Munro, conducted.

The work opens with a solemn prelude for the organ, followed by a chorale for the choir. Then follow various solos for the principals and choruses, description of the events leading up to the crucifixion, which was followed by a beautiful intermezzo for violin and organ, founded on a theme by Mendelssohn, followed by a grand unaccompanied quartette sung by the principals while Major Munro and the organist worked well together, the former keeping his choir well together, while the latter played the accompaniment in a most effective manner, the violin obligato by Mr. Jesse Longfield being most effective throughout the work.

VOLCANO THROWS LAVA AND ASHES

Mount Redoubt Active—Attempt to Kill United States Commissioner.

News was received by the steamer Cottage City that an eruption of Mount Redoubt on January 18, covered the country for 150 miles around with ashes and lava. The volcano is situated on the northeast side of Cook Inlet, near Illiama bay, and while it has been smoking for many years never before in the history of the whites has there been a serious eruption. It will not be known if any damage was done until the return of the steamer Excelsior to Valdes.

A public scandal at Kodiak has been unearthed through the attempted assassination of United States Commissioner Philip Gallagher, on the evening of March 15. Gallagher was sitting in his office when a man fired at him through the window. The ball grazed the commissioner's head.

Advices from Haines mission state that on March 14, the Custer Copper Mining company of Rainy Hollow has been bonded to the Treadwell company for $27,000, and that a 250-foot tunnel will be driven immediately.

Jerry Munroe writes from Salt Jacket on the Tanana that good prospects have been uncovered on that creek, pans running from $4 to $12. It is only six feet to bedrock and grub is reasonably cheap.

W. S. Morrison has recently returned to Dawson from a prospecting trip up the Aguiujuk river, which flows into the Yukon about 80 miles below Fort Yukon. Fine gold was found in every place where a pan was taken, and Mr. Morrison says the Indians informed him that he was the first white man they had ever seen.

CANADA IN EUROPE.

Mr. F. W. Flanagan and a Tour Round the World.

The shrinkage of the world in point of accessibility proceeds at a rapid rate. Distance has ceased to even lend enchantment when undertaking a modern journey, for nowadays we only see what so many other travelers see, and the inevitable conclusion is that the world is a small place after all. Mr. Flanagan, who is known to everyone who journeys to or from the Dominion as the genial passenger agent in London of the C. P. R., is now on his way back from a trip round the world. His holiday has been a rather extended one, but even to a prominent C. P. R. official such a trip must be an object-lesson, though when interviewed recently in Montreal, he modestly disclaimed all thought of being regarded as a noted traveler.

Incidentally he mentioned that when dropping into a barber's shop at Ceylon, he found a map of the city of London hanging up, a map issued by the C. P. R. In the remotest parts of Australia he found men from the County Armagh, Ireland—about eight within a week, and when in Honolulu he said to the young man in the store into which he had dropped: "Where do you come from?" the bright young fellow answered, "I come from Ontario."

Mr. Flanagan found in Australia that under the new commonwealth system all the states are to be protectionist. New South Wales having been free trade, was in consequence a cheap place in which to live. He found that he had to pay two prices for articles under the new tariff. On the other hand, he found magnificent harbors—a country rich in minerals, and a people who followed closely in their architecture and their life the English model.

He found also that in all the European capitals, in Australia, in the East, Canada was known and appreciated. The great foreign shipping companies had "Canada" printed in large type upon their lists. One found Canada in evidence at the hotels. Canada used to be part of America. That day has passed. We now see Canadian cheese in every grocer's shop.

"Ah, but I want Cheddar cheese," the customer will say.

"Very well," the grocer will answer, here is Canadian Cheddar."

And it is the same with Fraser river salmon. These things mean a great deal to Canada in the way of advertisement.

What struck Mr. Flanagan forcibly in traveling through the United States was the number of Canadians he saw—intelligent young men—and he thought this was a problem for the Dominion. How can she keep her young men? Mr. Flanagan found an immense development in Canada since he was here last, particularly in British Columbia. He found new towns, and in the Kootenay district he found an expansion which Mr. Marpole had foreseen, and which was now realized in a manner which partook of the marvelous.

"Yes," said Mr. Flanagan, laughingly, "the Englishman abroad is hated as heartily as ever. The cause? Well, chiefly jealousy. He is conscious of belonging to a ruling race."

And Mr. Flanagan does not believe in the industrial decadence of England. He has been twenty-seven years in London; he has traveled up and down the country; and he knows conditions.

In France, in Germany, in Italy, Mr. Flanagan found methods which suited the people of those countries. He has a great regard for Germany. He found little heaps of sand in the parks in Berlin for the children to play with; also, a law preventing people watering their window flowers after a certain hour in the morning. Mr. Flanagan is in love with Canada. It has the climate of Norway and Naples; it has variety; it has mountains and beautiful waters; and there is no place he would like to live in so well (after seeing the whole world) as British Columbia.—British Columbia Review, London.

"In your story of this wedding," criticised the city editor, "you say the bride led to the altar. You should have written that she was led to the altar."

"Is that so?" retorted the new reporter, conscious of being on firm ground. "It happens that I know that bride. She is 38 years old, and it is a cinch that she led all the way."—Baltimore American.

The Women's Auxiliary

Monthly Meeting Held at the City Hall on Tuesday Afternoon.

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer and Visiting Committee For Month.

The regular meeting of the Women's Auxiliary, Royal Jubilee Hospital, took place Tuesday at the City hall. There were present Mrs. A. T. Smith, Mrs. Rocke Robertson, 12 members of the society, and the secretaries. Mrs. James Dunsmuir, Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir, Mrs. Bachtel and Miss Ward were also welcomed.

The meeting opened with prayer, after which the reports were called for and read as follows:

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Madam President and Ladies:

In fulfilment of the directions received from you at the last meeting of this society, the following letter was written to the Board of Directors, at their meeting on the 19th ult:

Gentlemen,—I am directed by the president and executive of the Women's Auxiliary, to inform you that they have in hand the sum necessary to provide a suitable sterilizing apparatus at the Royal Jubilee hospital, and, in face of its urgent necessity to beg your consideration and permission that the work of installing the same may be proceeded with immediately.

I am further directed to ask if there is a near prospect of your kind promise re the children's ward being fulfilled.

While the ladies fully realize the many needs and difficulties to which you have to give an equal consideration, they venture to bring before you the fact that, until some actual steps are taken on this behalf, their further activities remain crippled, since it is impossible for them to continue their appeals and combined energies, in aid of the Maternity ward, until their friends, and the public generally, see some result from their past assistance and generosity.

Furthermore, such is the confidence held by the Ladies' committee, in those friends, both public and private, that they believe, should the necessary additions and improvements (in which they have so earnestly labored to assist you) be once commenced, they would be most generously encouraged, and carried out to a glorious completion.

I am, gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

B. M. HASELL,
Secretary Women's Auxiliary.

To this letter a reply has been received as follows:

Mrs. B. M. Hasell, Secretary Women's Auxiliary:

Madam,—At a meeting of the directors of the hospital, held last evening, I had the honor to present your favor of the 17th inst. in regard to the improvements which the ladies have been working for. The directors recognize themselves bound by their promise to provide the children's ward as soon as possible, and have given months of careful examination into ways and means. It was felt, in view of the many improvements needed, that a systematic policy should be adopted before proceeding, and to this end a comprehensive report was prepared, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, by direction. From this document you will observe that all the contemplated improvements will involve an outlay of $31,900 towards which there is only $11,000 in sight. I may also call your attention to the fact that the children's ward is the first improvement upon the list. At last evening's meeting the ladies offer of a sterilizer was referred to the House committee, and no further delay need be anticipated in carrying out that measure.

Yours respectfully,

F. ELWORTHY,
Secretary.

I have also here for your consideration Mr. Tait's estimates for dinner wagons, and for doors, amounting in all to a sum of $60.

Your work committee have again done splendid service during the month, with the results that the following articles will be presented to the hospital, as an Easter offerings: 10 dozen pillow cases; five dozen ward bags, three dozen roller towels, six dozen pneumonia jackets, three dozen fomentation wringers, six flannel bed jackets, and from the Daughters of Pity, dainty pin cushions and drawn linen dressing table and wash stand covers. The ladies attending this committee are as follows: Mrs. A. J. Smith, Mrs. M. T. Appleby, Mrs. C. S. Baker, Mrs. W. W. Boulton, Mrs. F. S. Barton, Mrs. Mara, Mrs. Tiarks, Mrs. Foster Barkam, Mrs. W. Dalles, Mrs. McGuinness, Mrs. Muir, Mrs. Tennent, Mrs. Brodrick, Mrs. S. M. Seabrooke, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Stadthagen, Mrs. Gladding, Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. Solly, Miss Angus, Miss Dunsmuir, Miss Potts, Miss Austin, Miss Wollaston, Miss Hiscock, Miss Todd, Miss Aikman, Miss Sehl. Work has also been taken at home by Mrs. A. W. Jones, Mrs. Loewen, Mrs. Rykert, Mrs. Redfern, Mrs. Rocke Robertson, Mrs. Yates, Mrs. Glad Callow, Mrs. Royds, Mrs. Raymur, Mrs. Charles Vernon, Miss Harvey, and Mrs. Wilkinson, Miss Low, and Miss Heisterman.

I have received per Mr. Vigor the sum of $20, paid by the Native Sons and Eagles respectively, for the use of your decorations and properties in the assembly hall on the occasion of their recent entertainments; also a check for $30.80 from Alderman G. H. Barnard, contributed towards your working fund.

In conclusion, may I remind all members and friends that flowers and flowering plants will be most thankfully received at the hospital, on Friday and Saturday of this week. Let us all remember that those who are confined there by sickness, or duty, have not the same opportunity of enjoying the Easter festival as have those who are strong and free. Surely no more beautiful offering can be made at this season than one which shows forth the promise of resurrection and life to those who, without this hope, would be sick and sad indeed.

Respectfully submitted,

B. M. HASELL,
Secretary.

VISITORS' REPORT.

Ladies, we, your visiting committee for the past month, have pleasure in reporting as follows: We called at the hospital and were shown over the same by the matron, with every kindness and attention. We found everything in good order, but we noticed that the work on the sterilizing room had not yet been commenced. The matron asked for cups, saucers, plates, and feeding cups.

Respectfully submitted,

B. N. ROBERTSON.
FANNY GRIFFITH.

Discussion ensued regarding the sterilizing room, children's ward, and proposed improvements at the hospital. The ladies passed a resolution thanking the directors for their courteous letter, and accompanying reports and plans for the said improvements, and declared themselves ready to assist in the furthering of these by any possible means in their power.

On the motion of Mrs. W. W. Boulton, several ladies cheerfully volunteered to attend the hospital weekly, in turns of two, to assist in the general mending and repairing, and the secretary was directed to proceed with the order for another dinner wagon and fly doors and blinds, as reported upon.

The work committee was reminded that Friday next will be the last afternoon on which it is called to meet, and a large attendance is begged, so that the work undertaken may be handed complete to the hospital for Easter. Old linen is very much needed at the hospital, and will be gratefully received.

After congratulations upon a most successful and interesting meeting, an adjournment was called until Tuesday, April 29.

Mrs. Rykert and Mrs. R. Seabrooke were appointed visitors for the month.

GOOD FRIDAY.

Origin of the Yearly Commemoration of the Crucifixion.

Good Friday, the usual English name for the day observed throughout the greater part of Christendom as the anniversary of the passion and death of Christ, is being celebrated by the usual special services in the churches of this city today, as well as by the usual fishing parties, to which for many years the day has been especially devoted.

The origin of the custom of a yearly commemoration of the crucifixion is involved in some obscurity, although it may be regarded as almost certain that amongst the first Christians, the Church in Jerusalem, it almost imperceptibly grew out of the old habit of annually celebrating the Passover of Egypt on the 14th day of the month Nisan, and of the observing of the "days of unleavened bread" from the 15th to the 21st of that month. In the Gentile churches on the other hand, it seems to be well-established that originally no yearly cycle of festivals and fasts was known at all. The weekly observance of the Lord's Day, however, became universal at a very early date and the practice of giving special prominence to Easter Sunday was well established in Egypt and Western Europe, with a hundred years after the Lord's death. Upon this point, however, for many years some divergence of opinion existed between the Christians of Europe and of Asia, and it was not until 325 A. D. that a circular letter was framed at the council of Nicia urging a uniform observance of Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

From the earliest period of its observance the day was marked by a specially rigorous fast, as well as by a tendency towards greater simplicity in the public services of the church. The altars and officiating clergy were also draped in black, this being the only day in the church's year that this color was tolerated, and the "seven last words" of the Saviour were the accustomed topics of meditation. In the Greek church, the Good Friday fast is excessively strict, and in Lutheran churches the organ is silent for that day.

Amongst the Presbyterians and the dissenters in the Old Country, this day, though not observed for centuries, is now beginning to be accorded some measure of recognition.

GAZETTE NOTICES.

Appointments to Provincial Civil Service—Other Official Notifications.

Yesterday's issue of the provincial Gazette contains notice of the appointment of Dr. Hoops, of 150-Mile House, as a coroner for the province; J. B. Bird, of Glenemma, and J. C. Keith, of Vancouver, as justices of the peace, and Constable R. B. Venner, of Camp McKinney, as chief license inspector of South East Yale license district.

The prospectus of the Wolverhampton Art and Industrial exhibition to be held during the coming summer, is published.

Macdonald and Heisterman give notice of their intention to apply for a private bill to confirm and enlarge the powers of the Phoenix Water Supply company, and Robertson and Robertson, of a bill to incorporate a company to build a railway from Victoria to Seymour Narrows.

Joseph A. Moore, of Ladner, has assigned.

G. L. Smellie, of Vancouver, has been appointed attorney for the Canada Permanent & Western Canada Mortgage corporation, in place of Caesar J. Marani, and Messrs. Charles Wilson, J. H. Senkler and Edgar Blanchard, attorneys for the Duluth & Texas Mining & Exploration company, limited, in place of Thomas Dunn, limited, of Vancouver.

Messrs. J. Carlson, J. Kofod, J. Prescott, J. Rose and J. Boyle have formed the Gold House Partnership, limited.

TO AVERT STRIKE.

Conference Between Coal Workers and Mine Owners.

New York, March 27.—Mine workers and mine owners of the anthracite field debated their differences for three hours today in a conference arranged by the conciliation committee of the national civic federation, but the meeting was without result, save that the workers agreed not to strike on April 1, as decided by the Shamokin convention. There is to be further friendly discussion between the two interests, and Senator Hanna, as chairman of the industrial department of the federation, was empowered to call another conference at any favorable time within the next 30 days.

The workers asked for an increase in pay, shortening of the working hours to eight hours a day, and the adoption of a scale for the entire district. The operators refused to grant the demands as to time and pay, and declined to permit the complete unionizing of their properties. The operators offered to meet employees with grievances at any time, but insisted that there be no distinction between union and non-union men. They also asserted that present market conditions did not warrant any increase in wages or a decrease in working time.

Senator Hanna, Oscar Straus and Frank Duncan, a sub-committee named by the conciliators, arranged for the conference, which was held at the Church Mission house. The operators present were W. H. Truesdale; president of the D. L. & W. railway; E. L. Thomas, chairman of the Board of Erie railway; Geo. S. Baer, of the Reading road, and Robert Oliphant, president of the D. & R. Railway company, while the spokesmen for the miners were John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, and three district presidents of that organization, Thomas Nicholls, John Fahy and Thomas Duffy. The discussion covered the entire situation. When Senator Hanna came from the conference room he said, in the course of a short interview: "An agreement seems likely."

President Mitchell sent a telegram to the secretaries of the anthracite districts tonight, explaining what the conference did and saying: "We are hopeful that questions at issue will be satisfactorily adjusted and strike averted."

SUNK BY WHALE.

Monster of the Deep Wrecks a Vessel.

New Bedford, Mass., March 27.—Word was received today by the agents of the whaling bark Kitleen, that she was sunk at sea by a whale. Capt. Thomas J. Jenks cabled from Pernambuco, Brazil, that three out of the four boats have arrived at that place.

AT THE THEATRE.

Charles Hanford in "The Taming of the Shrew" Tomorrow Night.

The manner in which Mr. Charles B. Hanford drills his company at rehearsals, is responsible for the finished performances given by organizations of which he is the star. His thorough knowledge of Shakespeare, his years of experience at the head of his own company, and association with such stars as Edwin Booth and Thomas Keene have fitted him to help others understand and appreciate the strong points in Shakesperian plays. He is conceded to be the best exponent of the great poet's works in America today, and when an announcement of his coming is published, public interest is at once aroused. Mr. Hanford and a splendid company, including the beautiful young lady, Miss Helen Grantly, will present Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew" at the Victoria theatre tomorrow evening.

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It is hard to conceive of Blanche Walsh wielding a greater influence over people, or giving vent to her magnetism more potently than in the character roles in Sardou's dramas, which originally brought her to the front as a dramatic star, yet in her play "La Madelaine," which she will present at the Victoria theatre on next Tuesday evening, she is said to have been furnished with a part that runs the gamut of every emotion and that is so strong, original and intense as to supply her with greater opportunity for the display of her undisputed talents than she has ever had before. The play is by H. J. W. Dam, a well known Eastern newspaper writer. The character, which has been given to Miss Walsh, is that of a brilliant and beautiful young member of the Paris half-world, who falls in love with an estimable young man, but is persuaded to sacrifice her affection in order that he may make a marriage in his own sphere of life. In this respect the plays bears a slight resemblance to Camille. The piece requires an elaborate production, and will be interpreted by a company of over 30 people.

GRAND FORKS ALDERMEN.

Grand Forks, March 27.—(Special.)—The city aldermen on Monday night voted themselves salaries, varying in amount according to the importance of the chairmanship held by the various incumbents. The salaries range from $250 of Ald. Harvey, chairman of the Board of Works, to $150 for the two aldermen without portfolio. Mayor Holland declined to accept a salary, and his action is being warmly commended.

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