on, conveyed by a resolution adopted by a large majority. y of the meeting was remark- wiss authorities having no idea ormous socialist meeting was in most under their eyes until it n session three days.

e Irrepressible O'Brien.

Brien reiterates his accusation tor general Gibson sent on the Brien's conviction a telegram to counsel saying the government e the case, and that Mr. Har- Mr. O'Brien's counsel) would be despite of the denials of the eneral and crown counsel that nessage passed between them. leges the dispatch was sent in d challenges the accused offi- ing an action for libel against nating that they dare not do so, be exposed in support of his Mr. O'Brien says that the pres- by no means the first of the has occurred, a former attorney ow Justice Holmes, having ex- s duplicity in precisely a similar ong before. It was decided to m for his questionable services wn by raising him to the bench.

German Socialists.

, Oct. 5.—The secret conference n Socialists which was in pro- St. Gall, Switzerland; Friday, and Sunday, resumed delibera- nday, although its presence and as well known to the police the were not interfered with. At n on Tuesday resolutions were gainst the existing protection prevalence of monopolies, sys- xation of commodities, and de- the rejection by the governing f laws protecting workingmen. 's session the question of future was discussed, together with that decisive action in influencing re- uch elections. A large majority es were opposed to all compro- Borgois parties, even in case of ballot, and a resolution to that adopted.

E COMMITTEE INQUIRY.

ayor and the police committee day to dispose of two complaints licemen. The first charge dealt one against Constable Carter of lowed a man whom he had taken ody for disorderly conduct at hall to be wrested from him. nstable said about 100 persons ed and hustled him and finally he prisoner. He had his baton oat, but did not draw it. ot know the prisoner or any of rescued him. why he did not arrest one of the the officer replied that he could was in uniform at the time. ion from the police regulations over by the chairman and he ed in future to draw his baton nished to not again allow a pris- scape.

CONSTABLE SMITH'S CASE.

ble J. Smith was charged by E. ith accepting a bribe from the f a bad house to watch her

alls appeared for the defense. position of Smith in the case of d Williams, charged in the urt with vagrancy, was read. The sition Smith acknowledged hav- hired to watch the house. the committee Smith declared deposition was wrong; he had not as described therein; he acknow- at he had arranged with a wo- ed Parnell to watch her house e was out of town; received no s services; kept the key of the while Parnell was away. Wit- her said that the charge was the of vindictiveness on the part d a bad woman named May Wil- om he had caught in the house of

Bloomfield testified that Smith asked permission nor had he watch the house; Parnell had that she agreed to pay Smith $5. d no right to receive that or any or reward without the consent yor and police committee. arnell testified that she engaged watch her house and promised Smith said it was his duty to e house; never gave Smith drinks and he declined to take the $5 itness returned; Hodge had d to have Smith "fired" Williams said that she was lessee ase occupied by Parnell; Smith (Williams) the back door key of when he came one evening; he ad charge of the place; witness im twice to whisky; this was o'clock on Tuesday evening, two o yesterday; have been "pulled" for being drunk and disorderly ables Smith and Walker; last aid Smith $5 for watching my hile I was at Nanaimo; I tele- him to look after it. He replied aph that he would do so. ble Smith here interrupted, say- he telegraphed back he could not e house. airman directed Supt. Bloomfield the telegraph office and get copies lleged telegrams. Armed with om Smith and Williams the su- ent departed. d Hodge examined—Was in Par- se on the evening of the 21st. H a knock came to the door which liams answered; both heard and h; he came into the room; he did me; I heard him ask twice for e asked the woman not to tell had come in; in March or April d Smith say he had a telegram y Williams to watch the house; n arrested and fined for drunken- hold no grudge against Smith on unt. Bloomfield here returned with the telegrams:

NANAIMO, March 25th, 1887.

MITH, (care Police Station, Vic- lease look after my house in alley: will be down on Tuesday. MAY WILLIAMS.

VICTORIA, March 25th, 1887.

AY WILLIAMS, Nanaimo—Have your house. No one there ex- r you left in charge. Will keep k-out. Call on me when you n. JO. SMITH.

ble Smith here said he remem- nding the telegram. He had to Supt. Bloomfield and Sergt.

Bloomfield said he had never telegram before. If Smith was in alley at 8½ o'clock in the evening f his beat. He had no business Yates street. Sheppard testified that he never elegrams before to-day. airman asked what the commit- think of the statements of Car- ith. He had disputed the cor- of his own deposition in the rt and had only confessed th the telegram when confronted This was the fifth charge against officer since January. ble Smith said he did not re- what he had telegraphed. He r taken any money from any to watch her house.

DISMISSED.

oom was then cleared and the e, after a short deliberation, de- lismiss Officer Smith from the

AMERICAN NEWS.

A Murderous Stranger in Philadelphia Shoots a Police Officer---Terrible Storms.

A Boiler Bursts and Kills Four People ---Strike of Oil in New York State Murder and Suicide.

Schooners Wrecked and Lives Lost---Miners' Strike---Trains Smashed ---News From China.

Another Death.

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—Another of the cholera patients from the Alesia died today on Swinburn Island.

A Nice Muddle.

Mrs. Paran Stevens has applied for the removal of the executors of her late husbands estate on the grounds of mismanagement. The executors are John L. Melaher, husband of Mr. Stevens' daughter by his first wife, and Chas. G. Stevens. The estate is valued at several millions of dollars. She charges that Melcher has involved the estate in needless and expensive litigation, and has applied money to his own use, and has hired one Peckham at Newport, to spy on Mrs. Stevens' movements; who has advised her of his improper relations with a woman who lately sued Mrs. Stevens for assault.

Come to Grief.

The Electric Railway Signal Co. have been ordered to be sold out to benefit creditors. Capital in paper of $500,000 never been rated high.

Financial Break.

Efron & Schram, dealers in cotton, wool and hides, have suspended payment. The firm also do business as J. Efron & Co. at San Antonio, El Paso and Laredo, Texas, and Saltillo, Mexico. Liabilities not as yet learned.

Coming.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 3.—The new Canaiau steamer Premier sailed for Puget Sound on her initial trip yesterday.

Movements of Notables.

D. W. Stevens, secretary of the Japanese Legation at Washington; Tokimo, chief of the bureau of printing and engraving; and M. Nabeshima, secretary of the Japanese Legation in London, arrived from the Orient to-day. They will proceed east on Friday. Prince Thakor Sahib of India, reached this city this afternoon from the east. He will visit Yosemite valley and return to India from this port.

A Racer Dead.

Porter Ashe received a telegram from Chicago to-day stating that his racing mare Binnette died there this morning of lung fever.

Cholera at Shanghai.

Advices from the Orient to-day report cholera as raging at Shanghai.

Demurer Sustained.

Judge Sawyer to-day sustained the demurer of Wm. K, Rogers, known as Wm. Kissane, in a suit against him by the Chemical National Bank of New York, and dismissed the bill. This effectually disposes of any actions that may be brought against him in future.

Will Pay $5,000.

The case of the widow of Mark Wittgenstein against the Sutter street Cable Co. for $20,000 damages for the loss of her husband, by being run over and killed by one of the company's cars, was dismissed in the superior court to-day by stipulation. The case was compromised by the company paying $5,000 to the widow.

Another Strike.

The employés of Geo. Dillman, Frederik Gercke, Geo. H. Fuller, Snyder & Reichtaing, and Fuchs & Ruler, furniture factories, went out on strike this morning. The strike is for less hours.

China News.

The steamship Oceanic from China and Japan brings advices from Hongkong to Sept. 9th. Much opposition is developing to Mitkiewitz scheme. President Yan, of the board of revenue, had urged the Emperor not to sanction the proposed concessions. The China Merchants Co. repudiated, in connection with the syndicate, English interests were working hard to frustate American capital. It was reported that China had granted a sixteen-year concession to the Great Northern Telegraph Company and Eastern Extension Company to build an extension of Imperial China telegraph to Kalagan and to Kachita, giving a direct route from China to Great Britain.

Land Restored.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—Commissioner Sparks has recommended the restoration to the public domain of 500,000 acres of land in Minnesota within the second indemnity limits of the Northern Pacific Railroad.

A Factory Burns.

DENVER, Col., Oct. 3.—Hagne & Co.'s furniture factory was partly destroyed by fire, with its contents, to-day. The property was valued at $150,000.

A Boiler Bursts.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 3.—A boiler explosion occurred in Geo. P. Plant's Milling Co. & Flouring Mill this morning, killing Henry Temme, George Coleman, Thos. Rivers, and wife of the latter, who had just brought her husband's breakfast. Ben Meyers, the engineer, was terribly bruised and scalded, but may recover.

The President Welcomed.

The presidential party were handsomely entertained to-day. The programme included a visit to the fair grounds. There were 40,000 people present at the reception at the Merchant's Exchange, and a public reception at the Lyndell house from 3 to 6 p. m.

On a Trip.

BOSTON, Oct. 3.—The ancient and honorable artillery company of Massachusetts, two hundred strong, armed and equipped, started this morning for a pleasure trip to Montreal.

Schooners Lost.

DETROIT, Oct. 3.—A special from St. Joseph, Mich., says: The schooner Henry Ramson, of South Haven, from Chicago, went ashore this morning while trying to make harbor. The crew of two men were saved. The vessel lies high and dry on the beach. A special from Benton Harbor, Mich., says: A large iron ore schooner foundered seven miles north of here this forenoon, in about forty feet of water. She was anchored for several hours farther out in the lake and it is supposed she sprung a leak and that the crew tried to beach her. Four of the crew were saved. Three men, including the captain and steward, are missing.

Murder and Suicide.

PUEBLO, Colo., Oct. 3.—Frank Campbell, foreman of a gang of workmen, was shot and killed yesterday by Mike McGraw, one of his men, who afterwards suicided. McGraw is thought to have been insane.

Miners' Strike.

SPRINGFIELD, Ills., Oct. 3.—The Springfield Valley mill has shut down on account of a strike of coal miners in this district. Ten thousand men are thrown out of employment.

More Murder.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 3.—A Philadelphia policeman, Wm. D. Johnson, was shot and killed by an unknown man early this morning in West Philadelphia. The policeman stopped the stranger, who was acting suspiciously, and the latter drew a revolver and fired. He has not yet been captured.

Struck Oil.

FRIENDSHIP, N. Y., Oct. 3.—Oil has been struck in this vicinity at a depth of thirty feet. It is said to be of good quality. The town is greatly excited thereat.

The Deadly Lake.

SOUTH HAVEN, Mich., Oct. 3.—The schooner City of Green Bay is ashore here, and is fast going to pieces. The officers and crew, numbering seven persons, were lost.

The Stormy Deep.

PROVINCETOWN, Mass. Oct. 3.—Six schooners arrived to-day from the Grand Banks with good fares. They report a very severe gale on Sept. 3rd. The Pearl Nelson lost three men and the Franklin Woodruff lost five. The gale was sudden and caught the men in dories.

Another Smash.

LANCASTER, Pa., Oct. 3.—Two freight trains collided at Hillsdale, this morning. Geo. Kantz, of Harrisburg, engineer, was killed. An engine and three cars were smashed.

Still Another Accident.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Oct. 3.—The morning train for Louisville was wrecked at Salem. It was running at full speed when it struck. The engine was thrown off the track, but she fell under a passenger coach throwing it off the track and turning it over on its side. It was badly broken up. All the passengers were more or less seriously if not fatally injured. Conductor Vannan had his ribs broken.

Row at Samoa.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 1.—The steamer Mariposa arrived from Australia this afternoon. Particulars of Germany's seizure of Samoa are at hand. During the celebration of the emperor's birthday a number of Germans became intoxicated and proceeded to handle several of the natives roughly. A free fight ensued, and the Samoans, in their turn, assaulted the Germans. The German squadron arrived and the commodore sent to King Malietoa making a demand of thirteen thousand dollars for injury done the Germans. The king protested and asked time to consider. The next day five hundred men landed from German ships with several gatling guns, and the commodore made a proclamation announcing that war had been declared against Malieton by Germany. British and American subjects at once sought the protection of their respective flags. Jamaaez was subsequently proclaimed king by the Germans who formally deposed Malietoa. The latter threatens to fight for his rights. Active hostilities are expected.

A Grave Charge.

Judge Terry, who was chief counsel for Sarah Althea Hill in her celebrated suit for divorce against Senator Sharon, has filed a brief charging an ex-judge who was one of Sharon's counsel with taking a blank cheque, signed by Sharon, to Judge Sullivan, who tried the case, previous to the latter rendering a decision. The brief has created a sensation.

A Fatal Fire.

The South Star Hotel, Blenheim, New Zealand, was destroyed by fire Aug. 27th. Two people consumed.

Another Deadly Blaze.

The Cornwall Hotel, New South Wales, was burned Sept. 3rd. Two men were burned to death.

Will Hang.

Bridget Neptan, convicted of the murder of her sister because of property disagreement, had the death sentence passed upon her.

A Youthful Fiend.

Kate Blake, 18 years old, murdered her father and sister, Sept. 5th, for petty grievances.

Burned to Death.

DETROIT, Oct. 1.—A fire broke out about 3:15 p. m. in the English Kitchen, a cheap lodging house at 224 Jefferson avenue. When the firemen arrived the upper windows of a four-story building were alive with half dressed lodgers who were calling for help. All except three were rescued. One of the three was burned almost beyond recognition. The second died from suffocation, and the third, Charles Peterson, twenty two years old, through scalded, but may live. The dead men were both of Breckenridge, Mo., and an unknown man about twenty-five years old. Total loss on building will not exceed $5,000.

Cleveland at Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 2.—The presidential train arrived this morning. The run from Pittsburg was made without incident. At the depot a great throng greeted Mr. Cleveland. After a short reception the procession formed and marched to the Capitol where Governor Gray delivered a speech of welcome. The president, in reply, made a short historical address.

Telegraphers Strike.

The operators employed at the main office of the Baltimore & Ohio Telegraph company here have been greatly agitated for the past few days owing to a notice posted on the bulletin board by Manager McLaren ordering all lady operators to work Sundsys without compensation, and all male operators an equal number of hours without pay. Telegraphers have been ripe for a revolt since the notice was posted, and to-day McLaren was notified that the men would stand by the women and strike on Monday next if necessary. Some of the excitable spirits among the men gave expression to their belief that Jay Gould had captured the B. & O., and was starting in to execute his alleged threat, made during the strike of 1883, to reduce operators' salaries to $50 per month. Superintendent Leslie late in the day ordered the obnoxious order taken down, and stated that the men misconstrued its object. There would be no radical changes or reductions, he said, and things would be the same as heretofore.

HON. THOMAS WHITE

Believes Sir John as Superintendent General of Indian Affairs—New Acts go Into Force.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

OTTAWA, Oct. 1.—The acts prohibiting an appeal to England in criminal cases and establishing a new exchequer court for the trial of claims against the Crown went into effect to-day. Gee. Burbidge, deputy minister of justice, is appointed the new court.

Hon. Thomas White, in addition to the interior portfolio, will become superintendent general of Indian affairs, representing the premier, who has plenty to do as president of the privy council.

CABLE NEWS.

The Solicitor-General Denies the Charge---Meetings Held in Spite of Police.

Workingmen in Thousands Gather at Hyde Park---Russia on the Black List.

A New Paper in Paris---Trouble for the Spaniards---A Noted Actress Dead.

Denies the Charge.

DUBLIN, Oct. 3.—Mr. John G. Gibson, Solicitor-General for Ireland, denies O'Brien's story about the former sending a cipher dispatch to the crown counsel on the day of O'Brien's conviction at Mitchellstown. The crown counsel all deny it.

The Police Baffled.

Numerous league meetings were held yesterday throughout Ireland and the police were baffled in their attempts to discover them.

Monster Meeting.

LONDON, Oct. 3.—A large workingmen's meeting was held at Hyde Park to-day to protest against granting sugar bounties. Ten thousand men were present with bands playing and carrying banners, which were inscribed "Down with Bounties," "Foreign Countries Starve British Workmen," and "We Demand Fair Trade." Thousands of spectators watched the proceedings of the meeting.

Down on Russia.

Signor Crispis' visit to Prince Bismarck is the talk of political circles, and results are expected from the conference between the first statesmen of Germany and Italy. One result that may be confidentially looked for will be further ostracism of Russia from the conclave of other European powers. The powers have long been jealous of the Czar's interference in European politics and any scheme by which an alliance between his neighbors can be made to crowd him out is gladly welcomed. Germany at present vigorously resents increasing Russian import duties, and seeks to coerce the Czar into relaxing them.

The Paris "Herald."

A modification of Jas. Gordon Bennett's European edition of the *Herald* appeared this morning in Paris. It is a prototype of the original, and its publication in Paris is facilitated by the manner of a special telegraph wire from London. This will supply a fierce opposition to Galegnam's *Messenger*.

A Churchman Dies.

ROME, Oct. 3.—Cardinal Bartollini died to-day at Florence.

An Actress Dead.

PARIS, Oct. 3.—Mlle. Tinee, the well-known actress, died to-day while a surgical operation was being performed on her.

Trouble at Morocco.

MADRID, Oct. 3.—The first draft of Spanish soldiers, comprising six thousand men, has embarked for Morocco in order to protect Spanish interests there. The government fears anarchy owing to the death of the Sultan.

A Fight Imminent.

Eight battalions of infantry, besides cavalry and artillery, has been concentrated at Cadiz and Malaga in readiness to cross to Morocco immediately if necessary. Gen. Lasso has commanded several war ships to lie in Cadiz ready to proceed to Africa at a moment's notice.

Germany and Italy.

VIENNA, Oct. 3.—Signor Crispi, Italian ambassador, finished a two days' conference with Prince Bismarck, and left for Vienna. It is understood the relations between Italy and Germany are on a cordial footing.

Press Notes.

LONDON, Oct. 1.—In commenting on the yacht race the *Telegraph* says: "We are whipped and honestly beaten, nor ought a single ungenerous word to be uttered impugning the honor and glory of the victory. We are sorry to record the victory, but the Volunteer is a better all round racing ship than the Thistle. She could probably outsail the Volunteer in a long sea voyage. The former was defeated but not disgraced. We hope to repeat the challenge in 1888.

The *Times* says: "It is now perfectly clear that if we are to beat the Americans in their own waters and bring back the cup, we must condescend to take a leaf out of their book."

Will Try Again.

GLASGOW, Oct. 1.—Mr. Muir, of Dumbarton, owner of the yacht Mabel, has determined to build a ninety-ton cutter to compete for America's cup in America next year, unless Mr. Bell again challenges for it. The designer of Mr. Muir's boat will be Mr. Fife, of Fairlee, and Captain Robert Dunsan, of Gourock, now master of the Margorie and formerly master of the Madge.

CANADIAN NEWS.

A Good Fishing Season After All--Fires in Montreal—Sunday Paper.

Horse Thief Caught—Base Ingratitude—A Reckless Skipper—Welcome Yankees.

The Fisheries a Success.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Oct. 3.—Great improvement in the fisheries the last three weeks, and many Labrador vessels are returning fairly well laden. The bank fishery is most successful, and the shore fishery is improved. The price of fish is one-third higher than last year, and as the demand is brisk fears of destitution this winter are abated.

Lansdowne's Kindness.

QUEBEC, Oct. 3.—When Lansdowne heard of the fire at the Cardinal's palace he telegraphed to Langevin, Ottawa, asking him to put the vice-regal quarters in the citadel at the disposal of his eminence.

Friendly to Invaders.

MONTREAL, Oct. 3.—Canada is invaded by a foreign corps this evening, but they were received with open arms. The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston, 250 strong, arrived at 9 p. m. to hold their annual field to-day, and were received at the depot by the Fifth Royal Scots in picturesque kilt dress, the field battery and engineers, and a deputation of alderman, who escorted them to Windsor street. Along the route it was crowded, and the citizens gave the Yankees a most cordial welcome. To-morrow morning will be devoted to sight seeing, the afternoon to a parade and the evening to a banquet by the officers of Montreal district.

A Case of Arson.

A fire call this morning proved to be in a block of tenement houses in St. Jeans Baptiste ward. The damage was not heavy, but it was an undoubted case of arson, as the inmates of some of the houses received anonymous warnings that the place would be set on fire.

A Bad Parent.

Boodler investigations were resumed this afternoon, when the aldermen's accusers received a bad set back. Parent, who is said to have run the go-between transaction, by which Nolan D. Liale was defrauded out of $500, alleged to be for aldermen, swore he devoted the sum to his own purposes, except what he spent giving aldermen treats and sleigh rides. It is likely he will be arrested for obtaining money under false pretences.

A New Sunday Paper.

The new liberal paper, the daily *News*, appeared this evening. It is going to try the novel experiment in this province of publishing a Sunday issue. Will likely get the church down on them.

Stables Destroyed.

MONTREAL, Oct. 3.—Cunningham & Lemesuvriers stables and barns on Shannon street were destroyed by fire this evening. The horses were saved. Stock and fodder burnt. Loss $10,000.

Tried to Rob a Palace.

TORONTO, Oct. 3.—Early this morning burglars attempted to rob Archbishop Lynch's palace, but the inmates awoke. The rascals escaped.

A Draw Authorized.

BELLEVILLE, Oct. 3.—At a meeting of the city council to-night a by-law was passed authorizing the city treasurer to draw $18,000 from the sinking fund to meet the first Grand Junction debentures which fall due on the 8th inst.

Caught.

TORONTO, Oct. 3.—Constable Reeves Colborne arrived here to-day in search of a man who, about three weeks ago, stole a span of horses worth $180. The animals had been traced to Port Perry, where they have been sold. The detective started out in search with Reeves, and captured B. B. Elsworth, the alleged thief at Union station. He will be taken to Colborne for trial.

Ingratitude.

John Snodgrass, a young man brought from Hamilton on a charge of stealing a watch and suit of clothing from Jno. Musgrave was sent to the penitentiary for two years. When Snodgrass was released from the central prison, four days ago, Musgrave took him to his house till he got a situation for him. Snodgrass pretended to be filled with remorse, but next mrrning he took his departure with the watch and clothes.

Inauguration.

The inaugural lecture in connection with the establishment of the new medical faculty university at Toronto was delivered this p.m.

Churchmen Meet.

An important conference of Presbyterian ministers and office bearers was held this afternoon in the central Presbyterian Church, at which evangelistic work was considered. Clergymen and elders were present from all parts of the province. All the speakers were favored with increased activity. Evangelistic worship and overtures on the subject are likely to be laid before the next general assembly as a result of the conference.

A Careless Captain.

The inquest on the body of Thomas Campbell, who was drowned through a ferny boat collision on the 13th Sept., was concluded to-night. The jury brought in a verdict that the collision was caused by the negligence of Capt. Alex. Martin, of the ferry boat Sadie, not paying attention to whistles from the Gertrude. A warrant was issued for Martin's arrest.

INTERIOR NEWS.

(Inland Sentinel.)

SPALLUMCHEEN.

Threshing is nearly finished. Ranchers report an average yield.

Mr. M. Lumby has returned from Victoria. Mr. Larkin, of the S.R.V., accompanied Mr. Lumby and went over that part of the valley covered by the proposed road.

Mr. John Hutchinson was thrown violently from his horse at Lansdowne on Tuesday last, and severely injured. Hopes are entertained of his recovery.

Mr. Fulgard and family, from Milton, Ont., arrived last week to become residents of our valley.

Two parties in quest of pleasure and wealth left suddenly last week for Sugar Lake, *via* Spallumcheen River. Besides the attention given to game, the one will explore timber limits about the lake, and the other will look for the precious metals.

The "Red Star" and "Kamloops" have been detained very much by sand-bars this season, as the water has been low. The Milling company intend to transfer the machinery of the "Star" to a scow requiring very little water.

The large roller mill at Enderby, is now in full running order and its hum is Spallumcheen's song of prosperity. Under the care of experienced millers the flour is the best that can be made. The splendid machinery, the finished appearance of all the inside work, the admirable conveniences, and the sturdy building itself, are at once most interesting to those not millers, and reflect great credit on the manager of the company and on the contractors.

OKANAGAN.

Recently Messrs. J. & S. Christian, of this place, purchased the Victoria hotel, Priest Valley, from Messrs. Edwards, Tronson & Co., and Monday Mr. Louis Christian's family moved up to take charge. Mr. Joseph Christian will remain here to look after his extensive business.

Rev. Father Carion, O. M. J., having announced his desire to procure an organ for his beautiful church, quite a liberal response was made and soon the interest in the religious services will be increased. Rev. F. Pandosa, O. M. J., having returned to the mission, his well-known musical talent will be available and give great pleasure to the congregation.

Mr. F. Brant having brought into the valley one of the eastern horse-power threshing machines, it has already proven of great advantage to parties here. Mr. Joseph Christian has one of the same kind on the way, and soon Messrs. Lyons, with their steam thresher, are expected. This necessary work will be finished up before the close of the season.

Harvest operations are now pretty well over and threshing is going forward; the yield has been quite liberal, and even where no irrigation was had the return exceeded expectations. The Mission country is capable of producing an enormous quantity of first-class grain, and, with a market, such as will be had, when the O. & L. railway is built, and steamers placed on Okanagan Lake—would greatly add to the population and wealth. A few years more waiting will realize the "coming time." At present stock looks in excellent condition and plenty of fodder is provided for the approaching winter.

Mr. G. W. Trutch, and Mr. H. Abbott, General Superintendent of the C. P. R., are hunting in the neighborhood of W. J. Roper's ranch.

Mr. Alex. McDonald, of Priest Valley, returned home from the east, bringing with him one of the fair daughters of the eastern provinces as his bride.

KAMLOOPS.

The Church of England in this district has just received the sum of $166, which the Rev. D. H. W. Horlock has collected since his return to England.

THE YUKON MINES.

Returned Miners Pronounce Them as Greatly Over-Estimated by Interested Parties.

The Alaska "Free Press" Account an Untruthful Statement of the Real State of Affairs.

Difficult to Get to and Hard to Work ---Miners Scarcely Make Fair Wages---Many "Broke."

Yesterday morning a party of seven miners, who came down on the Idaho from the Yukon mines, among whom are the discoverers of Stewart river and Forty Mile creek, called at this office and said that they had read the account of the Yukon mines published in Sunday morning's issue, and it was their desire to correct the false impressions therein conveyed. They then dictated the following statement, and appended their signatures:

We, the undersigned, wishing to describe the actual state of affairs in the Yukon, and to contradict the false reports which have evidently been published in the Alaska *Free Press* in the interests of steamboat owners, saloon and hotel keepers, the said reports being calculated to create a false impression, and wishing to give a correct report of the business, make the following statement:

The first trouble is in reaching the diggings. The route in is very difficult, being extremely rough and dangerous. In one place it is necessary to go over the Chillcoot summit and climb to an altitude of 3,500 feet. To pack provisions over this requires an immense amount of labor, and entails great expense, the Indians charging as high as $13 per hundred weight for portage. Before reaching this range about 100 miles of inland sea has to be navigated. After the range is crossed 100 miles of lakes have to be gone over, then 500 miles of river have to be overcome. The current of the river is very rapid, running at an average speed of five miles an hour. From this it will be seen that an enormous amount of labor is entailed in reaching the diggings.

After arriving at the Forty-mile river it is found that the diggings are not what they have been represented. A party of us boated up the Forty-mile river for over 150 miles. We tried every available spot, but got very little encouragement. At the head we discovered a number of small lakes and extensive marshes. There was not the slightest indication of gold about here, but on the bars of Forty-mile river some few men made as high as a thousand dollars, but in most cases far below that, some making from $200 to $500. The highest amount being made was $1100. A great many of the miners made nothing whatever. About 250 miners were on the river, and the man who made the $1100 was known as the "Bonanza King." What diggings there was were very hard, the water being very cold, and back from the river but a few feet the ground is frozen solid, making it impossible to dig at all. The only way is to work where the water has thawed the ground. It is only for about ninety days in midsummer that it is possible to work, the remainder of the year the weather is frightfully cold, the temperature falling so low that for a period of seventeen days last March our quicksilver froze solid. Brandy and other spirits also froze. An ether thermometer gave a reading of 80° below zero.

The gold is almost all got from bar diggings, which are very small in area. In some places as high as one dollar per pan has been obtained, but even then only from seven to eight dollars per day could be made per man as this yield was in crevasse diggings, and was where the gold had collected. But taking the bar on an average, the yield was poor. The pay dirt had to be rocked and treated with the blanket process, causing a large amount of labor. It is also our firm belief that these diggings are completely worked out, and not enough could be made to even pay expenses.

In Franklin Gulch, about which such brilliant reports were made, it is impossible to work to an advantage as the ground is so solidly frozen; water is also very scarce, and the miners who were working there abandoned it. No very great finds of nuggets have ever been made there, the largest being but eight dollars and a half, and it was more than half quartz. Mr. Steele bought one of the largest nuggets which was found on the Forty Mile river, and it was but a thirty-two dollar one. Steele has tried to represent that the whole creek is remarkably rich, claiming that a good miner could make a fortune. We, as miners, wish to contradict this most emphatically, as the opposite is the case. Mr. Moore, too, has said that the diggings beat the old Cassiar diggings, in their palmiest days. As a matter of fact, Mr. Moore was never within 400 miles of the Forty Mile diggings.

After undergoing all the difficulties of the season, it takes from thirty-five to forty days to get out of the diggings, or at least reach Juneau, causing much expense and hardship. In view of all this we have made this statement which is true in all partiulars, as a wrong impression has been made by other reports.

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The party of miners said that they did not wish to condemn the whole country; they only desired to state facts as far as they knew them. The country is large, and good finds might be made, still it is a hard country to prospect in. There is a lack of game, and transporting provisions is very expensive and hard work. Miners who are determined to go should have at the least $400, as it would cost that to get through the season. Some of the above men have been in the Yukon for two years, two of them for three. One of them was at the discovery of Forty Mile creek, a partner of Lambert's, who stated that he made $6,000. As a matter of fact, Lambert made but $600. Moffat was one of the discoverers of the Stewart river diggings, and he is of the opinion that they are completely worked out. At all events, they have been abandoned. Frank Dunsmore, too, one of the very first miners who ever went to that region, has been there every season for the past five years, and he has never made expenses. With such strong testimony as this, there can be little doubt but what some interested parties have circulated reports, which have been exaggerated, to say the least.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Editor O'Brien has written a letter in which he says: On the day of my conviction at Mitchellstown, Solicitor-General Gibson telegraphed in cipher to the Crown Counsel, "O'Brien's trial is a mistake; he will beat us. Harrington will be debarred at our next meeting." This explained why I received three separate summons.

It is said the Tories are obliged to admit that John Morley's speech at Temple Combe on Saturday evening was a brilliant effort. He handled Mr. Chamberlain in an able manner.

The peculiar situation about the Franco-German frontier has given occasion for more episodes of an irritating character like the Kauffman and Schnaebeles incidents, but the sensible attitude of the two governments in these cases make it almost certain that no such flimsy pretext will be allowed to give rise to hostilities.

Advices report that the Sultan of Morocco is dead.

Monsigneur Persco, papal representative, who has been studying politics and the religious situation in Ireland, is to pay another ten days' visit to Dublin and will then proceed to Rome to report.

At Leicester yesterday, Woodside, the American bicyclist, beat Howell the English champion, in a ten mile race.

Four Englishmen were recently captured by brigands near Smyrna and have been released upon payment of a ransom.

The last note sent to Russia by the Porte suggests that both Russia and Turkey appoint commissioners of princely rank, who shall govern Bulgaria for three months. They are to convoke a new Sobranje, which will elect a Prince.

The Commercial Co. at London, of which Mr. Davitt is a member, has contracted to ship four tons of woolens weekly to Boston.

Coal is now being carried from Tacoma to San Francisco for $2.50 per ton.

Forest fires are raging around Ottawa. The whole country is enveloped in smoke.

Twenty-five thousand soldiers will gather at the G. A. R. re-union at St. Louis.

Rates for passage from San Francisco to New York and Boston have been cut again.

The eight small boys reported drowned in San Francisco harbor by drifting to sea have been picked up.

Cardinal Gibbons was at St. Paul yesterday on his way to Portland.

It is probable the Union Iron Works, of San Francisco, will get the contract to build another gunboat.

A new nail and wire works are to be put up at Elsinore, Cal., at a cost of $250,000.

The crops in Manitoba greatly exceed the estimates. The average yield will be thirty bushels to the acre.

Two young girls, daughters of O. S. Main, of Lethbridge, were drowned Friday in the Belly river.

A lodging house in Detroit was burnt Friday night, and three of the inmates perished.

An epidemic is reported among the Chinese at Chico, Cal., numbers of them having died suddenly.

The U. S. public debt was reduced $16,500,000 during the month of September.

The threatened general strike of window glass workers has been averted by a compromise.

LABOUCHERE'S CHAT.

Banting in the Sultan's Harem.

The Last of the Great Ironclads—An Indian Coaching Parade.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—A popular biography of the Prince Consort has been written by the Rev. William Tulloch, son of the late Principal Tulloch, and the Queen has been engaged since her arrival at Balmoral in revising the proofs. This work will contain several anecdotes contributed by her Majesty.

I am sorry to hear that the Princess Louise of Wales has not yet derived much benefit from her visit to Engadine. The very delicate state of her health has caused anxiety for some time past, and her condition now is far from satisfactory.

Prince Albert Victor will not return to Gibraltar, nor will he rejoin the Tenth Hussars. It has just been settled that the Prince has to be attached for six or seven months to the Ninth Lancers, at York. I understand that the removal of the regiment from York has been deferred for a year in consequence of the royal advent. The Empress Eugenie, who leaves Abergeldie castle in a few days on her return to Farnborough, will probably pass the winter at Naples.

The fortune of Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria, about which there has been so much talk, is just £10,000 a year. The Prince will inherit £400,000 on the death of his mother, the Princess Clementine d'Orleans, and also the beautiful estate of Eberthol, and a fine house in Vienna.

Phelps, the American Minister, who is visiting Lord Tweedmouth at Guisanchan, Invernesshire, shot a splendid stag last week in the Neighborberry deer forests. The head was the best that has been secured this season in the Strathglass district.

I stated last week that in former days tame turkeys were fed with walnuts to give them the taste of wild turkeys. In Italy turkeys are always fattened with walnuts thirty days before they are to be killed. Each day the turkey is given an additional walnut, and on the twenty-ninth day he has twenty walnuts. He is then grown imminesely fat. I have often wondered why our turkey-breeders do not adopt this plan.

Dr. Schweninger, the favorite physician of Prince Bismarck, passed through Vienna last week on his way to Constantinople. He has been summoned by the Sultan, who desires that some of the ladies of the harem should follow Dr. Schewninger's treatment for the prevention of obesity.

The meet of the Hyderabad Coaching Club last month was as great a social and spectacular success as those of the four-in-hand and coaching clubs in Hyde Park. Twenty-one coaches were present, led by and under the presidency of the Nizam of Hyderabad himself, who tooled a well-appointed yellow drag with a beautiful team of bays. This is the only coaching club in India.

The old order changes. The Trafalgar, which has just been launched, will almost certainly be the last of the great ironclads, which in their turn replaced the wooden three-deckers. Fast cruisers and torpedo boats are all the fashion in naval circles at present, and it is melancholy to look back upon the fearful sums which, partly in regular annual expenditures and partly squandered in heaps by the panic-stricken government, have been wasted during the past thirty years in obsolete and useless types of heavily-armored vessels. Some one always had a bigger ship than we had, and we were always trying to outbuild her. Even now we are obliged to retire discomfited, for the Italian Sandegna is 2,000 tons bigger and steams one and a half knots faster than the Trafalgar.

I can understand that Captain Selwyn should have been greatly provoked when he discovered the relations which existed between his sister and Colonel Hughes Hallett. He did well to be angry, but I cannot help thinking that he would have better consulted his sister's interests had he washed his dirty linen at home. Though Colonel Hallett may suffer by the exposure, Miss Selwyn must also suffer. "Good," observed a Liberal to me the other day, "comes out of evil, and we shall probably win Rochester whenever there is an election there. This is, however, a cynical mode of viewing the matter and I am sorry for the poor girl."

I would suggest to these ardent Secretaries of the irresponsible Government in Ireland that they should bring in the law of her Majesty as soon as Parliament meets. It would need but three clauses: First, any one speaking disrespectfully of Lord Salisbury, Mr. Smith, Mr. Goschen or Mr. Balfour—crime; penalty, death. Second, any one hearing such expressions of disrespect and not at once denouncing their authors to the nearest Magistrate—crime; penalty, penal servitude for life. Third, the suppression of trial by jury and full powers given to any Magistrate to convict.

CABLE LETTER.

The Influences That are Said to be Working Against British Rule in India.

Revival of Interest in the Comte de Paris' Manifesto--Combination of Fanatical Sects.

The Probable Results of a Franco-German War--Cardinal Manning Speaks.

LONDON, Oct. 1.—A strange contrast between the government's dealing with Ireland, which only desires conciliation to make her patriotic, and with India, which is officially stated to be honey-combed with treason, spreads and deepens the general indignation felt among the English masses against the government's policy in Ireland. The latest report received from Lord Dufferin, Viceroy of India, states that the country is swarming with secret revolutionary societies, yet Lord Dufferin adds that the best security against their machinations is that of just rule and that of education for self-government which will be his aim while Viceroy in India.

The Mahometan dervishes in Punaub are divided into seventy-two orders, one of them being that curious sect from whose unpleasant practices the European name of "assassin" is derived. Some of the secular branches of the dervish order are perhaps older than Islam and at certain times Christians may attain to membership, but the religious branches are as a matter of course confined to followers of the prophet, whose most fanatical disciples are enrolled under this flag. The secular dervishes do not as a rule belong to the most a