

ment has been able to do. I notice when it is Russia's turn to reply, the Russian and some European papers are very pacific, but directly it devolves upon us to answer their tone suddenly becomes pessimistic. This is very significant.

HAS GREAT FAITH IN THIS PROVINCE

J. B. HOBSON SEES FIELD FOR CAPITAL

He Will Transfer His Interests in Large Measure From California to British Columbia.

Since J. B. Hobson became interested in British Columbia properties, and by personal contact has learned the value of the natural resources of the province, he has decided to advertise the possibilities of the country that he has.

As previously recorded in the Times, the company propose to commence this season the putting in of a system for providing a permanent water supply independent of that obtained from means of dams which convert the natural precipitation. This latter work will involve an expenditure of about \$250,000.

Mr. Hobson will leave for Bullion earlier than usual this year in order to superintend this work. He will not, therefore, take up his residence at Glenora, the beautiful home in this city, purchased by him last year.

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SHOT BY HOLD-UP MAN.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 7.—The announcement of the departure of M. Bezobrazoff has been classed as the power being held in the Russo-Japanese negotiations for Switzerland may be secured as an indication that the intention of the Russian war party is being. This view is strengthened by failure to hold any meeting of the committee on the Far East. Such a meeting is considered unlikely while the position of war or peace is in the balance. The diplomats also regard the fact that the crown council was called for Jan. 3rd and January 5th as being favorable signs.

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OTAWA, ONT., JAN. 7.—Mr. D. H. S. Canada's commercial agent, writes from Melbourne, Australia, says the air of imperial feeling is indeed strong. Phenomenal harvest means renewed activity in imports, and preferential duties looms largely on the Australian official position. He asks that Canadian firms doing business in Australia should their catalogues to him. In this way will be able to quote prices.

NITRO-GLYCERINE EXPLODES.

Four men instantly killed and several injured.

Pennance, Eng., Jan. 6.—Four men were killed and several were injured by explosion at the nitro-glycerine department of the National Explosive works, eight miles from here.

ALLEGED FORGERY.

Banker Taken Into Custody, and Bank Has Closed Its Doors.

MEET NEXT MONTH.

San Francisco, Jan. 7.—Wm. Rothell ("Young Corbett") and James E. McCall have agreed to fight in this city next February. They will weigh in at 160 pounds. The fight will probably be under the auspices of the Yosemite Club.

INDIRECT ANSWER.

Seren—"Do you believe that suicide is a terrible sin?"—"Well, in your case I think would be permissible."

BOHN.

RD—On the 4th inst, at 24 Henry street, the wife of A. H. A. Bird, of a son.

MARRIED.

HILPOTT-SAVAGE—At Westham Island on Dec. 30th, by the Rev. Thom Oswald, Wilfred Hilpott and Margie J. Savage.

DIED.

EDHAM—At Vancouver, on Jan. 6, Donald Needham, aged 45.

MARRIED IN VANCOUVER.

Mr. S. D. Schultz, of This City, Takes Into Himself a Bride.

A well known Victorian became a benedict in Vancouver on Tuesday last, when Mr. S. D. Schultz was married to Miss M. Squireberry, for some time past a nurse in Burrard Sanitarium.

MEMBER FOR NELSON.

DOWNS HON. R. F. GREEN

The Candidate of the Provincial Government Defeated in the Conservative Convention.

(Special to the Times.)

Nelson, B. C., Jan. 7.—The Conservative convention to nominate a candidate to contest the Dominion electoral district of Kootenay was held here yesterday.

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GOVERNMENT APPOINT EXPERT

TO INQUIRE INTO THE FINANCIAL SITUATION

The Vancouver Board of Trade Requests Commission to Report Upon the Assessment Act.

With respect to the financial position of the country the government is understood to be contemplating the appointment of an expert to go fully into the situation. Whether this will be done or not is yet a matter of conjecture, the government not having decided that this is essential. In this connection the Assessment Act may be gone into, but this is doubtful, as the working of it is not yet understood.

A special dispatch to the Times from Vancouver says: "There was a lively session of the Vancouver Board of Trade Tuesday with reference to the Assessment Act, and to the request of the Victoria board that the local board take action." After a long discussion it was moved and carried "That the communication of the Victoria board be received, and that this board take action thereon. It was also moved and carried: "That the Vancouver board requests the government to appoint a commission to inquire into the question of assessment, with as little delay as possible, and that a copy of this section be sent to members of the House." A special meeting to discuss the act will be held on January 10th.

The members of the executive of the Provincial Mining Association, who waited upon Premier McBride, as minister of mines, felt assured that in the new measure which the government will introduce dealing with the mining laws, that the wishes and recommendations of the association will be very favorably considered. They have long been anxious to see the amendments along the lines suggested by the Mining Association. In this respect they believe that provision will be made for the granting of a better title for placer claims.

Regarding the question of taxation, the Premier showed a disposition to be ready to meet the views of the mining men, and is willing to substitute the 2 per cent. tax with a more equitable one.

LOTS OF TROUBLE.

A Bluejacket Resisted Arrest and Fought an Axe Wednesday.

It was only after a desperate struggle that two bluejackets of the Victoria, who planned to desert to the United States, were captured by the police Wednesday.

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SPORTS

HOKEY.

AT OAK BAY.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

THE LEAGUE STANDINGS.

Only three more games of the city league remain to be played. These will take place within the next month. Although so near the finish it is impossible to tell which team will win out.

OPENING OF THE MANITOBA LEGISLATURE

Speech from the Throne—The New Speaker—Sudden Death at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Jan. 7.—Manitoba legislature opened this afternoon. It was the first one on record. Mr. James Johnson, Boissevain, will succeed Speaker Hespeler, who has retired.

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THE FIRST SCALER SAILS THURSDAY

TRIUMPH AND CASCO LEAVE THIS WEEK

Felous Arrived This Morning With a General Freight for Victoria and Esquimalt.

At the Victoria Sealing Company's wharf, the upper harbor, there is more activity these days than can be seen elsewhere on the water front.

The Triumph will head the fleet away, and the Casco will follow on Saturday.

Both, as already stated, will head for the Japan coast, and will carry a full complement of wharf hands.

THE KENNEL.

AN EVENING SHOW.

As previously announced, the last evening show of the season will be held by the entertainment committee of the Victoria City Kennel Club in the Philharmonic hall on Thursday evening, January 28th.

One of the principal classes will be that of cocker spaniels, and Dr. G. Milne has been secured as judge.

Dr. Milne is one of the oldest fanciers of the breed in the province, has always been a student of the variety, and should command the respect of all owners. Terriers of all varieties will be taken by Mr. Hodgson, who has already one officiated in the capacity of Judge in Victoria to the satisfaction of all who show terriers under him.

The remaining breeds (collie, St. Bernard and a miscellaneous class) will be taken by Victoria's veteran fancier, F. Turner. The arrangements for judges certainly leaves nothing to be desired, and it is expected that all dog owners and lovers will patronize this last show of the season.

Entrance fee will be the same as previously, 25c. per dog for each class entered in; exhibitors and members of the club admitted free, admission of 10c. charged for all other spectators.

The entry fees will go to the purchasing of a silver medal for the winner of best in each breed, after paying all expenses, and provided there are at least three entries in each class. The classes are to be for puppies and grown dogs.

Judging will commence promptly at 7 o'clock, and exhibitors are requested to have their dogs in the hall by half-past six, in order that everything may be in readiness and no delay caused to retard the judges in beginning their work on time.

As canine entries must be supplied with collar and chain.

MONTHLY COMPETITIONS.

The third monthly medal competitions of the Victoria Golf Club resulted as follows:

Ladies.

Name. Score. H.P.C. Result.

P. S. Lampman 106 30 76

H. Combe 84 2 82

H. Goldbach 82 8 82

W. F. Burton 95 15 84

Mr. Martin 108 13 85

H. Burroughs 105 20 85

Major A. W. Jones 90 14 85

C. N. Cobbert 86 8 86

St. Michaels 90 12 87

Capt. DeWitt 127 6 87

C. W. Rhodes 100 20 89

W. Ambery 114 24 90

L. Crease 116 25 91

W. H. Langley 112 28 92

D. M. Rogers 117 25 92

R. H. Pooley 107 14 93

V. F. Goward 111 18 93

G. O. Graham, H. Robertson, A. Crease, H. M. Lamb returned no scores.

A REMEDIAL MOVEMENT.

To the Editor:—In company with many others, I thoroughly enjoyed the lecture given last evening by Rev. Mark Guy Pearce. His fearful portrayal of the terrible conditions under which so large a portion of humanity are forced to exist (we cannot call it living) and his full revelation of the great danger of a popular upheaval, reminds one of the condition of affairs previous to the French revolution.

While one cannot but admire the spirit of love and brotherhood that impels many to go and work among these people, and wish they could not rest to a thinking mind, the question naturally arises: Would it not be better to change the conditions that produce such evil results? It is just here that the Christian Science comes in between. The first endeavor to palliate or relieve, and does not go to the root of the evil and stop it at its fountain head. The latter, the cause of economic, social, and political evils and its remedy. The competitive system has had its day, and we are fast recognizing its evils are so apparent that the public mind is forced to think and reason from effect to cause. Labor, the producer of all wealth, is rapidly realizing that it is being fleeced out of a large share of the wealth it produces. It is now endeavoring through trades unionism to assert its rights, and through pull-power lessons realizing how small is the power of boycott and strike. The only remedy is to change the ballot box, and all wage earners should be fully class-conscious as are the rich and work together to remove the cause, which they can only do by making new laws suitable to new conditions. I trust that you will give full report of lecture, for Mr. Pearce certainly gave some side-hammer blows at those whose ideas of the teachings of Christianity consist in being slavish followers of their own particular form, and not in carrying out its practice in work for humanity.

W. H. MARCON.

THE HOUSEKEEPER'S PLAIN.

L. M. M. in Toronto Star.

Oh, I am tired of "the daily round, the common task."

I hate it so: I am so dead tired of it—

Must needs be done—o'er and o'er again.

No rest to let—

Oh, to get away from this eternal same-ness—

Oh, to be where things once done.

Would I say, perchance, forever—

Where days are ages long—

And then to try to get a breath—

Time to "let things go" awhile.

Without the double task of catching up again.

But, alas, we can only "grin and bear it,"

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