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BITRATION SCHEME.

Grecian and Servian Dele-
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The Torture of Dreyfus

Half the Cruelties Inflicted Have Not Yet Been Told.

Story of His Treatment on Devil's Island Will Soon Be Published.

M. Zola is Holding Himself in Reserve For a Great Effort on Behalf of Prisoner.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, July 20.—The most contradictory statements of all kinds continue to appear regarding the Dreyfus affair. Thus Major Esterhazy, over his own signature, reiterates the guilt of Captain Dreyfus, without, however, offering any proof and charges several generals with various grave offences. At the same time Major Esterhazy's nephew accuses his uncle of being the worst sort of a "black leg," whose word is utterly worthless.

The same sort of contradictions appear concerning the treatment of Captain Dreyfus on Devil's Island. One side holds that the prisoner was dreadfully tortured, the other that he was treated with humanity, but it is said by a person in a position to know the whole truth that not half the cruelty inflicted on Dreyfus is yet known. His friends are evidently keeping back the complete story until after the verdict, when all will be revealed and universal indignation and deserved punishments will follow.

M. Zola's powerful pen will be resharpened on these points, and just before the opening day of the trial will appear in a grand article with the aim of winning the favor of the military judges. After the verdict he will address an open letter to the President of the Republic, a sequel to the famous "I accuse" addressed to President Faure. This will be triumphant in tone, vindicating his cause and confounding his enemies. Then, when the country shall have recovered from the first excitement of the verdict, which Zola is convinced will be acquittal, he will address his final message to the country, designating by name those who are guilty and boldly demanding punishment.

Zola is holding himself in the strictest reserve in order that his re-appearance may produce the greatest effect.

"Not the least striking feature of the whole affair," remarked one of Zola's friends, "probably, will be the final act of the great novelist, who has lost health and money in this noble crusade."

Dreyfus's lawyers have applied to M. Ducrais, Minister of the Colonies, to see all their clients' intercepted letters. Among these letters are many urgent appeals for justice, addressed to the presidents of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies.

KRUGER'S CONCESSIONS.

New Franchise Law May Prove the Settlement of Difficulties in the Transvaal.

(Associated Press.)

London, July 20.—Replying to a question in the House of Comons to-day regarding the relations between Great Britain and South Africa, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Chamberlain, said that the modifications made in the franchise law of the Transvaal lead the government to hope that the new law may prove the basis of a settlement upon the lines laid down by Sir Alfred Milner.

The government, however, Mr. Chamberlain added, observed that the Volksraad had still retained a number of conditions that might be interpreted so as to take with one hand what was given with the other. It would be easy by subsequent legislation to alter the whole character of the concessions, but, Mr. Chamberlain continued, the government feels assured that President Kruger, having accepted the principle for what the British government contended, is well prepared to consider any details of his scheme, which might possibly hinder the full accomplishment of the object in view, and that she will not allow it to be nullified or reduced in value by subsequent alterations of the law or any act of administration.

GERMANS IN SAMOA.

They Are Pleased Over the Successes of Baron von Sternberg.

(Associated Press.)

Berlin, July 20.—The Colonge Gazette's Apia correspondent cables that the Germans there are highly pleased over the successes achieved by Baron von Sternberg, of the Samoan commission, against the opposition of the commissioner of Great Britain, Mr. Eliot.

The German commissioner, the despatch adds, yielded to the demands of the United States commissioner, Mr. Bartlett Tripp, for the confirmation of Chief Justice Chamber's decision, merely as matter of form and in order to preserve American friendship.

Germany's influence with the natives, according to the despatch, is stronger than ever. It is added that Samoans demand special privileges for Mataafa.

FEVER AT SANTIAGO.

(Associated Press.)

Santiago de Cuba, July 20.—Notwithstanding the fever epidemic only sixteen death from all causes were reported last week. This is the lowest mortality record the city has known. No new cases of yellow fever have been reported for five days, and nearly al the patients in the hospital are convalescent. Medical officers claim that the danger is past. Gen. Wood, who expects business will soon show a great improvement, says good reports as to the state of affairs at various points of the province have been received. The Cubans, generally, are accepting their shares of American money, surrendering arms and returning to their homes.

THE REDISTRIBUTION BILL.

(Special to the Times.)

Otawa, July 20.—The redistribution bill was defeated in the Senate by 36 for Sir Mackenzie Bowell's amendment to 14. Majority against 22.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, July 20.—Hon. G. E. Foster has returned from British Columbia and was in the House to-day.

At a meeting of the privileges and elections committee to-day a discussion took place about 14 ballots which were in the box at poll No. 4, Colborne, in West Huron, and which did not correspond in appearance with the other ballots in the box.

Grand Master Malone was re-elected Grand Master Mason in the Grand Lodge to-day.

Preferential Trade.

Ottawa, July 18.—There was a slim attendance in the House when it met this morning. Without any preliminaries, the debate on the preferential trade resolution was resumed by Mr. Davin. He proceeded to sketch the growth of imperial federation from its inception until the present time.

Mr. Bell, P.E.I., was speaking when the House rose for recess at 1 o'clock.

The Mails.

The department of trade and commerce has made provisional arrangement with the Elder Dempster Company for carrying the British mails this summer, but no contract has been entered into. The government is determined that when a contract is made there must be a faster service.

JOINT HIGH COMMISSION.

Will Not Reassemble in August, but the Members May Meet Late in the Fall.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, July 20.—The return from Alaska of Senator Fairbanks, head of the American section of the Anglo-American commission, has brought to a decisive issue the future of this body, not only as it relates to the Alaskan boundary, but the entire scope of its work.

Following an extended conference between Mr. Fairbanks and Secretary Hay, as well as with the president, despatches have been exchanged between the British and Canadian authorities and those in Washington. Already it is assured, practically beyond a doubt, that the commission will not resume its sessions at Quebec on the 2nd of next month, to which time it was adjourned, but that its reassembling will be late in the fall, if the negotiations reach a stage that a continual commission seems desirable.

ALGER'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.

United States Secretary for War Leaves Office on August 1st.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, July 20.—Secretary Alger has received from President McKinley a letter accepting his resignation from August 1st.

Among the many names mentioned as a successor, the most prominent is Gen. Horace Porter, ambassador to France. Nearly every general who figured in the recent war has been mentioned, that of Gen. James S. Wilson being the most prominent in this class.

Secretary Alger will turn the war department over to Assistant-Secretary Meiklejohn on Monday next.

GRAIN ELEVATOR DESTROYED.

(Associated Press.)

New York, July 20.—A fire, the origin of which is unknown, destroyed a large eight story grain elevator, two grain storehouses and contents at Brooklyn last night. They were the property of the Brooklyn Wharf Warehouse Company, and were located on the water front near Atlantic basin. The loss is estimated at $300,000. The property was well insured.

A SCHOONER WRECKED.

(Associated Press.)

Gloucester, Mass., July 20.—The schooner Hattie E. Worcester, reported wrecked on Sable Island on Monday night last, was under the command of Captain Crowell, and carried a crew of 18 men. It is believed most of the members were natives of the provinces. The schooner, which was 117 tons register and was built ten years ago at Essex, Mass., was valued at $9,000, and was protected by insurance of $7,500.

HEIRESS MARRIES A COACHMAN.

(Associated Press.)

Sampscott, Mass., July 20.—Abbie Phillips, aged 17 years, niece of Warren W. Phillips, was married yesterday to Bernard B. Kennedy, who is employed by the family as coachman. The girl's parents died when she was about 12 years old, leaving her a fortune of $2,000,000 in trust until she became of age. Miss Phillips is a graduate of the high school, and is prominent in the best circles.

ACCIDENT TO EMPRESS OF GERMANY

(Associated Press.)

Berlin, July 20.—The accident to the Empress on Tuesday last is more serious than at first stated. One of the bones in the lower part of Her Majesty's leg is broken. The swelling is decreasing and the general condition of Her Majesty is satisfactory. Complete recovery, however, can scarcely be expected in less than six weeks.

EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENTION.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 20.—The attendance at the Fourth Biennial International Convention of the Epworth League, opened to-day, will be in the neighborhood of 12,000.

THE FRASER.

Lillooet, B. C., July 20.—The river has risen slightly since last evening. The weather is cloudy and cooler.

Quesnelle, B.C., July 20.—The river is about at a standstill. The weather is cloudy and it is raining.

Dewey and Presidency

Will His Name Be Submitted as a Candidate For Nomination.

Mr. Whitney Leaves New York For Europe to Meet the Admiral.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, July 20.—Oliver P. Belmont, of New York, was asked last night if William C. Whitney's sudden departure for Europe was in the nature of a mission. He said he understood Mr. Whitney meant to see Admiral Dewey and persuade the seaman to let his name be presented to the National Convention as a candidate for nomination. "Not that I believe Mr. Whitney will succeed in his object," continued Mr. Belmont. "I do not think the admiral would consent to become a candidate."

"Do you think if the admiral were brought to consent he could beat Mr. Bryan in the convention?"

"Candidly," replied Mr. Belmont, "I do not think he could." Mr. Bryan, so far as I can fathom, seems well nigh the unanimous choice of the whole party. Assuredly to-day he is invincible."

The Admiral at Trieste.

Trieste, Austria, July 20.—The United States cruiser Olympia, with Admiral Dewey on board, arrived here this morning. The principal paper, the Picolo, has a flattering article welcoming the admiral to Austria. The Olympia will remain here about two weeks. The admiral's health is perfect and he has not decided whether he will go to Carlsbad, as has been announced, but it is not probable he will do so. The admiral intends to visit Vienna. The foreign consuls were received by Admiral Dewey on board the Olympia during the forenoon.

SHOOTING AT NANAIMO.

Annual Meeting of the British Columbia Rifle Association--A Victoria Marksman Scores a Possible.

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, July 20.—The 26th annual prize meeting of the British Columbia Rifle Association opened under very good auspices as regards the attendance of competitors and spectators.

The Wakesigh range was in excellent condition, and great trouble had been taken by the Nanimo Rifle Association to put the range in shape for the meeting.

The morning was taken up chiefly in practice at 800 and 900 yards, these ranges being placed in use for the first time. This, with some extra series shooting at 500 yards continued until 1 p.m., when the Tyro match began. This match is now in progress, and a Victoria man, G. ... Winsby, has put on the possible score at 500 yards, 35 points. There are upwards of 25 competitors in this match.

The matches were opened at 1 o'clock by Mrs. Pittendrigh, wife of the popular secretary of the local association, who scored a bullseye amidst the applause of the competitors.

The register keepers are in charge of Sergeant-Major Cornish, and the markers under Sergeant-Major Mulcahy. Major Bennett, of Vancouver, is the range officer in charge of the meeting, and as usual is most acceptable to the competitors.

Lieut.-Colonel Gregory and Major Williams arrived this morning to swell the Victoria contingent.

THE SILVER MEDAL.

Shooting in the Second Stage of the Queen's Competition at Bisley Begun To-day.

(Associated Press.)

Bisley, July 20.—The principal event here to-day was the shooting in the second stage of the Queen's Prize. The conditions were 10 shots at 500 yards and 15 shots at 600 yards, the winner taking the silver medal.

At the first distance the Canadians scored as follows: Crowe, 44; Fleming, 44.

The Graphic Cup was won by Sergeant Dalgetty, of the Northumberland Fusiliers. Rennie, of Canada, also made the highest possible score, but in shooting off the tie Dalgetty won, adding 15 to Rennie's 13.

The Gregory prize was won by Carrwright, of the Canadian team.

In shooting for the Ladies prize, Simpson, a Canadian, secured the only highest possible score thus far made.

The Winner.

Later—Color-Sergeant Matthews, of the Civil Service, won the silver medal and the silver badge for the highest aggregate in the first and second stages of the competition for the Queen's Prize, scoring 218 out of a possible 230.

A Canadian, Bertram, tied for the second place with 216.

The scores of the other Canadians were: Crowe, 212; Fleming, 209; Huggins, 204; Wetmore, 199.

Bertram's last two shots were an outer and a magpie.

QUIET DAY IN BROOKLYN.

(Associated Press.)

New York, July 20.—There was a marked reduction in the number of passengers carried in the morning rush hours to-day, as well as a slight reduction in the number of cars operated by the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company. The elevated roads and Dekalb avenue and Smith street surface roads were taxed to their utmost carrying capacity in consequence. No disturbance beyond one or two assaults occurred during the night.

To-day opened in quiet fashion so far as the railroad strike in Manhattan Borough was concerned. Almost without exception the cars started from the barns on schedule time, and at 6 o'clock there seemed to be no indication of trouble at least in the early hours. When the first cars started this morning there were two policemen on each car, and the early trips were without incident.

THE TRANS-SIBERIAN.

Railway Will Be in Operation in Another Year.

M. Sergey Friede, an American engineer who has just arrived from Manchuria en route to New York, reports that since his last trip across Siberia, a year ago, marvelous progress has been made in the construction of the Trans-Siberian and Chinese eastern railroads. American tools, machinery and rolling stock have been introduced everywhere along the line, and while the Chinese coolies, and even Russian workmen struck when steam rock drills were introduced a few months ago, means were found to reconcile them, but they still imagine that the pumng, thumping drills are worked by devils.

"So marvellous is the rapidity with which construction is advancing," said Engineer Friede, "that it may be definitely stated that through trains will be running from Port Arthur and Vladivostock to St. Petersburg before the close of 1900. No one who has not been over the ground within the last three months can realize how near completion the road has been pushed. In fact by this fall, with the exception of a few hundred versts in the very mountainous parts of Manchuria, trains will be run on every section, and by winter, with temporary tracks across the frozen rivers, there will be but few, very short, if any, breaks in the entire distance of about 6,500 miles, and next summer most of the bridges will be placed in position. Then the work of laying permanent tracks will be begun, and in another year the road thoroughly completed and through fast trains running uninterruptedly from ocean to ocean."

Sporting News.

ATHLETICS.

GEORGE DAVIDSON'S GREAT FEAT.

W. McCombie Smith, writing in the People's Journal, Dundee, says: On 30th August last summer attention was drawn in "Athletic Notes" to a great feat by George Davidson, done a short time before namely, putting up two 56-lb. humb-bells, one in each hand, 50 consecutive times from shoulder to stretch of arm above the head. On the 8th October note was taken of a letter from Edwin Dinnie, in which he said his father, Donald Dinnie, hardly believed Davidson was capable of such a feat, as he (D. D.) had never done more than 40 times. I said I had no doubt Mr. Davidson would be willing and able to prove conclusively his ability to do what he claimed to have done. On the second night of D. Dinnie's entertainment in the Trades' hall, Aberdeen, George Davidson appeared, and after the dumb-bells had been made the exact weight by strips of lead put round the handles he put them up 52 times. It was a great feat—far greater than it appears at first sight. To run 100 yards under 10 sec. is about as rare as to run one mile under 4 min. 20 sec. Yet the first-class sprinter feels next to no strain in his 10-sec. burst, while the mile runner may be suffering agony from failing strength and respiration for some time before the finish. In addition to great strength, a feat like Davidson's requires extraordinary courage, and is a genuine test of a man's gameness. It often happens that in a long race or putting up weights a given number of times that the defeated athlete is physically capable of continuing longer, but has not the pluck to endure the bodily suffering that is entailed. To leave no doubt as to the genuineness of Davidson's record in every respect, the fact that "George Davidson put up two dumb-bells, weighing 56-lbs. each, simultaneously 52 consecutive times from shoulder to full stretch of arms above head," is attested by Donald Dinnie, referee; James G. Fraser, journalist; W. W. Kennedy, journalist; Nicholas Reilly, and Alexander Mackay. Mr. Davidson's record is important in another sense. So many famous athletes break down prematurely, or are mere wrecks of their former selves by the time they are 40, that the pursuit of athletics is denounced as detrimental to health and longevity. Yet here we have one of the most famous athletes of his time, after being in the front rank till well over 30, coming out after 10 years' retirement and making a world's record at the first attempt.

LACROSSE.

SATURDAY'S GREAT GAME.

If ever a big crowd can be attracted to Caledonia Grounds by a lacrosse match that of Saturday between Victoria and New Westminster should be the game. The facts that the standing of the teams is in so interesting a position and that the clubs which will do battle are both determined to win, guarantee an exciting game. The Bays are practising every evening and the New Westminster team is said to be also working very hard to get into the best possible condition on Saturday. Some enthusiasts prophesy that the squabbles of the last few months between the players of the two cities will culminate in some "scrapping" on Saturday. Anything of the kind will be sternly repressed by the referee, however, the weight of public opinion being that if lacrosse is to continue to occupy a position in public favor, anything resembling rowdyism must be eliminated.

YACHTING.

SATISFIED WITH THE SHAMROCK.

(Associated Press.)

London, July 21.—Mr. William Fife, jr., naval architect, and designer of the Shamrock, challenger for the America Cup, in a letter to his father expresses great satisfaction with the result of the Shamrock's trials in the races on Tuesday and Wednesday last. Mr. Fife says the yacht was steered as easily as a rowboat and is undoubtedly very speedy, but adds that whether she is speedy enough to win the cup is another matter.

The upsetting of a canoe at Rat Portage yesterday caused the death of Frank Thorp, aged 14.

Admiral Dewey has accepted the invitation to the banquet offered to him on his arrival at Trieste, Austria, by United States Minister Harris, who has invited all the American consuls and vice-consuls in Austria and Hungary with their wives to meet him.

POLICE COURT MATTERS.

The Turkish Bath Case Now Going on--Smart Arrest and a Lenient Sentence--Chinese Cases Remanded.

The crowd of police court frequenters who expected to be regaled this morning with a repetition of the comical scenes of yesterday during the hearing of the Turkish bath robbery case, were disappointed. Immediately upon the opening of the court, Mr. Farquhar Macrae informed Magistrate Hall that the prosecutor, Catherine Lewis, had come to him at ten minutes before ten this morning and asked him to act for her. After hearing her story he consented to do so, but as he had not had time to go into the case, nor to read the evidence given yesterday, he would ask his honor for an adjournment until such time as would suit the convenience of the court.

Magistrate Hall expressed some surprise that the prosecuting witness should make such a request in view of the fact that yesterday morning she desired to have an adjournment to enable her to procure counsel, that an adjournment was taken in the forenoon, and yet she had made no effort to secure a lawyer until ten o'clock this morning. This, taken in conjunction with her demeanor in the witness box yesterday, encouraged the opinion that she was not serious in the matter.

Mr. Walls, counsel for the defence, said the request of Mr. Macrae was a difficult one to refuse on personal and professional grounds alone, but as far as the prosecutor was concerned he must say she was not treating the court as she should. He had five witnesses present and he would desire that the case be proceeded with as quickly as possible.

The magistrate again referred to the conduct of the prosecutrix yesterday, but Mr. Macrae said that it should be remembered that a witness might be unfortunate in her manner and yet be perfectly honest. Of course, counsel knew nothing of her conduct yesterday, not having been in court, but he hoped his honor would not allow any consideration of the witness' behavior to influence his decision upon the adjournment.

It being then apparent that all were willing to postpone the hearing, the question of what time it should be postponed to was taken up. His honor said it was of no use setting it down for to-morrow, as the adjourned Logan case will occupy the court all day. Mr. Walls said Saturday would be very inconvenient for him, and he would like to have the case settled before the end of the week. It was decided to take it at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and the prosecuting witness is being further examined as the Times goes to press.

Shew Sing, the Chinaman against whom a charge of obtaining money under false pretences from the manager of Yee Lick's business is laid, was a patient occupant of the dock during the discussion upon the other matter and when his case was called, the interpreter informed Mr. Macrae that the prisoner desired an adjournment to obtain a lawyer. Mr. Macrae so informed the magistrate, and it transpired that there was a conflict of statements between Shew Sing and the police. He said he had followed the advice of the commissong and 'asked a policeman," about a lawyer, but no officer could be found to whom the prisoner had addressed himself in that connection. The magistrate instructed the interpreter to inform the prisoner that unless he obtained counsel the case would proceed without when it was next called, and it was adjourned until Saturday.

"Adolph Kiminsky," called the clerk, and in answer, a boy apparently about fourteen years of age made his way around the court to the dock. The magistrate read the charge which was to the effect that accused had committed an assault upon a Chinaman, but before a plea was entered the boy's father asked for an adjournment, as some witnesses who had promised to attend were not present. The magistrate said subpoenas should be issued, and the case would be adjourned until Monday.

Mr. Maurice Hills said the Chinaman who had been assaulted was in his employ and had asked him to represent him. Mr. Hall suggested taking the evidence for the prosecution, but Mr. Hills preferred to wait until Monday to put his witness in the box. It seems that two other boys are alleged to have assisted Kiminsky in the assault, and they are the witnesses which will be called for the defence.

The only case disposed of this morning was that of a drunk, Thomas Mastill, who was convicted and fined $2.50 with the alternative of five days in jail.

The preliminary hearing of the charge of seduction laid against James Armour was completed yesterday afternoon, the accused being committed for trial at the next court of competent jurisdiction. Bail was allowed.

A very smart arrest was made last night by Officer Campbell of the provincial police force, which resulted in a hearing this afternoon by Magistrate Hall in the provincial police court. Edwin Everett Crow yesterday visited the Four-Mile House and bought a glass of soda water for which he paid ten cents. It is said he also visited the Four-Mile House yesterday afternoon and took out of the till a sum of money said by a witness to have been $25, but which the accused, in a moment of haste, is said to have stated at $24.25.

After taking the money it was further stated in evidence, that accused came to town, bought some new shoes, had his beard shaved off, visited the Delmonico and afterwards went on board the Utopia.

The principle witness was Mr. Calvert, the proprietor of the Four-Mile House, who described the first visit of the accused; his own absence from the house during the afternoon; his subsequent return and his missing the sack usually kept in the till and containing the money alleged to have been stolen.

Constable Campbell detailed being informed by Calvert of the circumstances and of seeing accused on the Utopia's deck. Witness afterwards went back to the Utopia and there found accused in the engine room of the steamer, where he was arrested. Witness cautioned him and told him not to commit himself. Witness asked Calvert how much was stolen to which the latter replied "twenty-five dollars." Accused said "No, it was twenty-four and a quarter."

After the evidence was put in the magistrate asked accused if he desired to have the case tried summarily by him or held over until the assizes. Accused asked to have it disposed of at once and in answer to the formal question of "guilty or not guilty," pleaded guilty.

Asked if he had anything to say he made a short statement expressing sorrow for what he had done in a moment of weakness, adding that he had been sick and was in destitute circumstances.

The magistrate asked Sergeant Langley if anything was known of the prisoner and was informed that he had worked last summer for the E. & N. railway and also for Mr. Barlow of Fort street.

The magistrate said he would take a lenient view of the case and impose a light sentence, three months with hard labor. The prisoner, who appeared to feel his position very acutely, was removed.

NOTES.

Chief Sheppard is on his annual vacation and Sergeant Walker appeared to prosecute on behalf of the city. The chief has not yet decided where he will go to recuperate during his holiday.

The police court presents some queer contrasts sometimes. There was one this morning when Rev. A. B. Winchester was noticed seated beside Catherine Lewis, the alleged victim of the Turkish bath robbery. The reverend gentleman was interested on behalf of the Chinaman who charges young Kiminsky with assault.

The Vancouver Province publishes an account of the adventures of Charles G. Neivill, who three years ago embezzled $11,000 from the Hudson Bay Company at Regina and gave himself up to the Spokane police last Saturday. Neivill, it is said, has a wife and child in Victoria, but nothing is known of her by the police. A woman called Gertrude Underwood is alleged to have been Neivill's ruin, and the proceeds of his embezzlement were expended in fast living in her company.

The provincial police were yesterday called upon for assistance in a peculiar case. Last spring Mr. R. H. Jameson, the Fort street grocer, lost a horse while some boys had charge of the animal at Sooke river. Yesterday the horse was seen on Government street ridden by a boy named Johnson, of Gorge road. Mr. Jameson recognized the equine, but its rider demurred when asked to deliver it up. Then the provincial police were called in and as Mr. Jameson's brother demonstrated the truth of the claim by putting the animal through some tricks he had taught it while in his possession, the horse was handed over to him. Mr. Jameson is happy in the recovery of his long lost Bucephalus, and the Gorge road boy went home on Shanks' mare.

DEATH OF DIXI H. ROSS.

A Well Known Business Man of Victoria Passes Away After Undergoing a Painful Operation.

Mr. Dixi H. Ross died at an early hour this morning at his residence, Hillside avenue, the immediate cause of death being an operation performed yesterday. The deceased gentleman has suffered for some time from acute kidney disease and a consultation of medical men was held a few days ago, as a result of which it was decided that the dangerous and difficult operation of removing one of the kidneys afforded the only chance of the patient's recovery. The operation was successfully performed yesterday by Dr. J. C. Davie, but Mr. Ross failed to rally from its effects and death supervened this morning.

The deceased leaves a widow and two children, son and daughter, to mourn his loss.

The funeral is arranged for Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence and at 3 o'clock from the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church.

Dixi Harrison Ross was a son of the late Hon. A. D. Ross, a native of Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, where he was born, March 11, 1842, and where he spent his youth and early manhood. In 1870, when he was twenty-eight years of age, the news of the Cariboo goldfields, where a mild excitement then existed, reached him and induced him to leave his native state and emigrate to the Pacific coast. He remained in the Cariboo country two years, mining and being also interested in the Cottonwood ranch. Returning to Victoria in 1872 Mr. Ross again engaged in the grocery business, in which he had been brought up. Very shortly afterwards he founded the firm of Dixi H. Ross & Co., now well-known throughout the province and which he placed in the front rank of Victoria mercantile firms.

A thorough business man and a good citizen, Mr. Ross was of that disposition which made public life distasteful and although taking a keen interest in all questions which affected the city and its commerce, he was never an aspirant for office. He was an active and valuable member of the Board of Trade and during the Klondike excitement rendered great assistance by many suggestions to the advertising committee of which he was a member, the work devolving upon that body being one which he had made a special study of and for which he had a distinct and unusual gift.

Mr. Ross was a member of the Masonic order and the funeral will be conducted under the auspices of the local lodge.

His untimely death, at a time when it is the lot of most men to be but just past the prime of life has been the most engrossing subject of conversation in the city to-day and on all hands are heard sincere expressions of regret and of deepest sympathy with the bereaved widow and children.

The Eastern Extension Telegraph Company has made an offer to the Victorian government to lay a cable from Australia to South Africa without cost to the Colonies. The company requires neither a subsidy nor a guarantee.

Gurney, Tilton & Co., More & Co., and O. Moore & Co., of Hamilton, Ont., have granted the stove moulders 10 per cent. increase. Other foundries in the city may follow.

Mme. Annette Howler has gone to Turkey to practice dentistry in the harem of the Sultan. She studied dentistry in America. Heretofore, because of the strict exclusion of men, the harem has had no dentist, and the ladies are reported to be sadly in need of one.

It is not generally known that Henrik Ibsen, the dramatist, was for many years a druggist, 50 years ago.

Critics are sentinels in the grand army of letters, stationed at the corners of newspapers and reviews, to challenge every author.—Longfellow.