# BALFOUR MEETS CABINET

## SECRETARY EXPECTED TO BE PRESENT

### Satisfactory--British Fleet Available for Coronation Year Again.

—The premier, Hon. presided to-day at the the cabinet meeting of coronation. The colonial chamberlain, was suffering from the effects of the disabled him, to be though he discarded his of a more luxurious pale, but otherwise of his injuries.

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—The meeting of the impetus to the reforms. One of these is the Duke of Marlborough Lord Curzon of viceroy of India. But possibility of any It appears very Curzon wil come home on of his term of fact there is no could be offered him, office, which would the viceroy of India indication that Lord intention of retiring circumstances, however, Marlborough be given post as India, though succeed Earl Cadogan Ireland. All suggestions appointments are tative character.

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ARY DEAD.

17.—Very Rev. General of the of Nebraska, Hospital.

# THEY ARE HERE TO FIGHT DUNSMUIR

## A WELL KNOWN ACTRESS WANTS HER "RIGHTS."

### Edna Wallace Hopper Arrived in City Yesterday Accompanied by Her New York Attorney.

Edna Wallace Hopper, the well known actress, is in the city. She is accompanied by Judge E. P. Coyne, of New York, her attorney, and they come not with olive branches, but to declare war legal war. She is about to enter action against Hon. James Dunsmuir for her mother's share of the late Alex. Dunsmuir's estate, of which it is understood one-third is claimed.

As will be remembered, the late Alex. Dunsmuir's widow, Miss Hopper's mother, received the San Leandro farm, and in pursuance of an agreement entered into between her and James Dunsmuir, a certain annuity. She died about a year ago, and now her daughter intends to make a vigorous effort to upset the agreement, and as residuary legatee secure what she claims should have been her mother's share of the estate. What reasons will be urged it is impossible to say, but it is reported that the validity of the agreement will be attacked on the ground that at the time of its execution Mrs. Alex. Dunsmuir, owing to illness was not in complete possession of her faculties.

Miss Hopper was seen at the Driard by a Times representative this morning. She handed out a bouquet to Victoria in her first few sentences, eulogizing it as a very beautiful place indeed.

She is a very bright, vivacious little woman, is Miss Hopper—just such a personality to lend irresistible charm to Florodora, or any other production with which she has been identified. She is also very versatile, and has certainly a well developed business instinct, as she is in supreme control of a little Eden at San Leandro—a farm of 350 acres, which she runs with profit.

"This is my first visit to Victoria," she said this morning, "and I am charmed with the city. Why, I have great difficulty in keeping away from the window, and it takes me a long time to prepare to go out in consequence."

Continuing, she said she had seen very little of the city attractions, as she only arrived yesterday. Her stay here would be short, as she had to resume her engagement with Florodora in New York by August 4th. "I'm here on business—important business," she added significantly, and a decided intonation, accompanied by a flash of the eyes, and tightening of the lips indicated that Miss Edna Wallace Hopper meant business, and would put up a hard fight.

"Is not this carrying war into the enemy's country somewhat audacious?" she was asked.

She smiled a trifle defiantly. "I intend to fight for my rights, and we'el bring the case on as soon as we can," she replied.

Miss Hopper attended the performance of the Pollard prodigies at the Victoria last night. She expressed herself delighted with the great talent shown by the little ones. "Why, that mite Daphne is nothing short of marvellous," she said with great professional pride and enthusiasm. "I never saw so much ability displayed by one so young." This from a star of the magnitude of Miss Hopper is worth something.

She then extended her complimentary references and embraced British child entertainers in general. They are much brighter in their parts than American children. In England children in the theatrical line are vastly superior to those in the States. I formed this opinion from what I saw there and last night. Take dancing for instance. The ballet by some English children I have been can't be surpassed anywhere."

Miss Hopper has been two years with the Florodora Company. Her summer engagement in Chicago was for three months. She played two and a half and left the understudy to do the rest while she came here. She plays the part of "Lady Holyrood," a role in which she achieved the greatest success in a very successful career.

"Everybody said I would fail," she remarked this morning. "They all felt that it wasn't my line, and so the general curiosity was great. The performance was closely watched, and all were very much surprised. I felt confident, however."

Her success was so immediate and signal, that a well known English manager made her a liberal offer to succeed the great Miss Ada Reeve. She hasn't become tired of Florodora. She likes the music, the clever dialogue and the stir it creates wherever it goes.

"Havn't you heard it?" she inquired of the scribe. The latter mournfully confessed that he had not.

"Oh, that's a pity," she replied sympathetically. If she had only warbled a few bars, she would have had one of the most appreciative audiences ever entranced by that captivating musical caprice of Leslie Stuart.

Although the change was somewhat startling, still it was not a great leap from matters theatrical to farming, as a topic of conversation after all. Miss Hopper is a farmer, and a successful one. That place of hers at San Leandro, under the direction of the late Alex and Mrs. Dunsmuir, is probably unequalled for beauty and situation in California. The three hundred and fifty acres comprising it are all under cultivation, peaches, apricots, cherries, pears, plums and rhubarb being grown extensively. A practical man is now in charge, but its energetic little owner is consulted in everything. A considerable quantity of the fruit is shipped East, while San Francisco also is a profitable market.

There is a spacious residence, an engine house with a 45-horse power engine and dynamo for lighting purposes, stables and a park. These help to gobble up the income.

When the suit instituted by her comes to a close she expects to again come here, and there is consequently another transcontinental journey, perhaps several, ahead of her. In the meantime she will continue as "Lady Holyrood" in Florodora, until October 27th, when she appears in another of Leslie Stuart's productions, "The Silver Slipper."

Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Helmcken have been retained to prosecute in the local courts when the case is called.

### RHONE ON RAMPAGE.

Floods Extending in the Lowlands of the Swiss Cantons.

(Associated Press.)

Geneva, Switzerland, July 17.—The river Rhone has risen a few inches since yesterday, causing increased anxiety. The floods are extending in the lowlands. Part of the village of Hallau, Canton of Schaffhaus, has been destroyed. Engineers are repairing the river wall at Allaraaz, Canton of Valais, where the Rhone broke through on July 10th, submerging the plain between Fennaz and Vouvry.

### A DISCREET WARIOR

Fails to Meet a Man Whom He Had Challenged to a Duel.

(Associated Press.)

Stockholm, Sweden, July 17.—A great sensation has been caused in military circles here by the conduct of Captain Arvid Wester, who, after challenging an American, William Casper, to fight a duel, failed to appear at the spot selected for the encounter.

The trouble arose at a performance last night in the Grand Arena palace. Wester, who was in the full uniform of a captain of the general staff, and wearing his decorations, disturbed the seance of a mind reader named Ninoff. Casper, who is the manager of the establishment, remonstrated with the captain and demanded an apology. This Wester refused. Casper said the officer's conduct was ungentlemanly and disgraceful. The captain challenged Casper, who accepted. Casper repaired to the meeting place at 5 o'clock this morning with his seconds, including the secretary of the United States legation. Wester failed to appear, and as a consequence will undoubtedly be forced to retire from the army.

Capt. A. Wester, of the Swedish army, was the military attache to the legation of Sweden and Norway at the time of the outbreak of the Spanish war. He also went through the war between Turkey and Greece.

### THE PACIFIC CABLE.

Supt. Wilson in Nanaimo Making Arrangements to String Wire.

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, July 17.—Superintendent J. Wilson, of the C. P. R. Telegraph Co., is in the city in connection with the erection of the telegraph line across the Island to form the connecting link between the Pacific cable and the C. P. R. transcontinental telegraph line. A gang of 17 men are engaged erecting the necessary poles. These new poles will be put up as far as Parkhill, and will serve for carrying both the new line and the government line. Another gang of 11 men are at work at the Banfield end getting the line in shape.

Forty-seven miles of this new wire for the line has arrived here. The other 60 miles has been sent to be distributed along the Alberni canal. The line is to be first-class in every particular. Wire of No. 6 guage is used, which goes 550 pounds to the mile.

The work will be completed in good time for the cable laying. The cable steamer Colonier left July 11th, and should reach Victoria about September 20th, when the work will commence from Banfield creek.

### THE PRIESTS IN PHILIPPINES.

One of the Dominican Order Gives His Views on the Situation.

(Associated Press.)

Rome, July 17.—Father Santiago Paya, provincial of the Dominicans in the Philippines, who is staying here, when informed by the correspondent of the Associated Press the result of Governor Taft's negotiations with the Vatican on the subject of friars and their lands, expressed satisfaction and acceptance of the first proposal of Cardinal Rampolla, the Papal secretary of state, that the matter be discussed at Manila between an apostolic delegate and the governor in Manila. When asked what was likely to be the outcome, Father Paya replied: "It is more important to know what will be the outcome of matters between the Americans and Filipinos. Although the war is almost over and the Filipinos now protest friendship with the Americans, they in reality dislike them just as they disliked the Spaniards. The Filipinos say they did not struggle against Spain to calmly surrender their independence."

Father Paya concluded with declaring that it was not true that the people were against the friars. The latter, he further asserted, were hated only by the native clergy and a fraction of the people.

### CHEMAINUS NOTES.

New Camp Being Opened by Lumber Co.—Personal Jottings.

(Special to the Times.)

Chemainus, B. C., July 17.—Capt. P. Jorgensen returned from Victoria yesterday, his vessel, the barkentine Aurora, will complete taking a cargo of lumber for Sydney, New South Wales, this week.

E. J. Palmer went to the city on business this morning.

E. H. Heaps of Vancouver, was in Chemainus yesterday on business.

The Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Co., who are extending their logging road all the time, are now calling for tenders for the erection of camp buildings for a new camp they are starting up on the last extension built, this is about ten miles from Chemainus, and about back of Ladysmith.

Mrs. James R. Robinson and family, of Victoria, are visiting Mr. L. G. Hill.

Miss McMillan, of Vancouver, is visiting Mrs. R. C. Redding.

### FOUR HUNDRED MILLIONS.

Canada's Trade Has Passed That Mark —It Is Increasing Rapidly.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, July 17.—Canada's aggregate foreign trade has passed the four hundred million mark. For the year ending June 30th it amounted to unprecedented sum of $414,516,763, a gain of nearly $37,000,000, as compared with the previous year.

The imports for the month of June amounted to $22,027,763, and the exports to $25,547,000.

Last year the imports for the four weeks totalled $19,022,835, and exports were $25,183,942.

### HONORS FOR SIR WILFRID.

Freedom of Edinburgh to Be Conferred on Him and Sir Robt. Bond.

(Associated Press.)

Edinburgh, July 17.—The municipality of Edinburgh has decided to confer the freedom of the city on Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada, and Sir Robert Bond, Premier of Newfoundland, on the occasion of their visit here July 24th to receive degrees from the university.

### WINNIPEG CLEARINGS.

(Associated Press.)

Winnipeg, Man., July 17.—The clearing house returns for the week are: Clearings, $3,444,350; balance, $545,990. For the same week in 1901 the clearings were $2,035,426; balances, $291,443. For the same week in 1900 the clearings were $2,350,632; balance, $464,387.

### NOTED MEMBER DEAD.

(Associated Press.)

London, July 17.—William Johnston, Conservative M. P. for South Belfast, died of pneumonia at Ballykilbeg, County Down, Ireland.

# LOCKOUT IN THE ESQUIMALT YARD

## A SETTLEMENT HAS NOT BEEN REACHED

### Nearly Twenty Carpenters Are Thrown Out of Employment—Cause of the Trouble.

Before the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council last night the matter of the lockout at the Esquimalt marine railway was introduced, and the action of the Ship Carpenters' Union in its attitude towards the management of the yard was endorsed. A committee was appointed to interview Messrs. Bullen, proprietors, and assist in bringing the trouble to an amicable settlement. There are between 16 and 20 carpenters who are directly interested by the lockout. Some few have gone back to the yard—men who have been working for monthly pay—but the representatives of the union have determinedly adhered to the stand they have taken.

President Kelly, of the union, when seen to-day denied that there had been any differences between the men and the proprietors of the yard. So far as he knew they were on the best of terms. The trouble was between Mr. Bullen and the union. There were rules of the union which were very stringent, and which they were forced by their constitution to abide by. One of these provided that no outsiders are allowed to come into a yard while capable men are locally available belonging to the home union. It is on this ground that the men are acting.

Three men were brought here from Vancouver, he said, to whom he, as president and executive officer of the organization, could not issue permits. These documents would recognize them as duly qualified, whereas the reverse is the case, they having been brought here and set to work in preference to men who have been here in some instances ten or fifteen years, and who are described by Mr. Kelly as being quite capable.

When the strangers discovered the position they were in, Mr. Kelly says, they had no longer a desire to remain in the yard under existing conditions. Refusing to return to work a conference between the management of the yard and the president of the union was arranged, and took place on Monday morning instant. Mr. Bullen pressed for the permits, but was refused. President Kelly explaining that in his official capacity it was impossible for him to accede to the requests, for by granting them he would be violating the fundamental principles of the union, which was allied with other labor organizations, and had to stand by the provisions of its constitution.

The upshot of the conference was a lockout. The union was given until noon on Monday to issue the permits or to leave the yard. At 1 o'clock, however, the men returned to duty, wishing Mr. Bullen to take the initiative, and this was done. Soon after the men resumed their labors Mr. Bullen entered the yard and raising a protest the men one and all knocked off duty.

Speaking of the capabilities of the idle carpenters whom the union wish to see installed in work in preference to outsiders, Mr. Kelly states that the question of competency would have been left in the hands of the manager of the yard. The union does not wish to be the aggressors in the unfortunate affair, he added, and they in no wise wished to do or say anything which might lead to a detrimental effect on the shipbuilding interests of the port or yard.

Asked as to the threats made of another ship yard being started here he stated that so far as the union was concerned they had no intention of such a thing. They had been asked for union support in the enterprise, but further than this had heard nothing of it.

Several of he carpenters who are now off work have been engaged in the building of the new steamer for the C. P. N. Company. The construction of which will now be delayed until such a time as terms of settlement can be arrived at. Up till noon to-day, however, no concessions had been made on either side.

### DESTRUCTION OF DEER.

Hundreds of Animals Being Killed for Their Hides by Indians.

Many complaints have recently been made concerning the wholesale destruction of deer on the Island by Indians and others, and Dr. Marshall has a gruesome story which he has brought down from Sidney Inlet.

A few days ago he went up to the river at the head of Sidney Inlet and noticed two fawns which were evidently dying of starvation. He went up to the little animals, which did not try to get away from him, and looking round he found the body of the mother, which had been shot. A dead buck lay close by.

Up at Nootka Dr. Marshall saw hundreds of carcases of deer lying on the beach stripped of their hides. The animals are, he says, generally killed by the iniquitous practice of "jik lighting."

The Indians fasten miners' lamps in their hats with a tin reflector behind the light and then go after the deer. The light shines in the eyes of the deer which seem to be fascinated and can be killed standing still without any difficulty.

Last winter the steamer Claequot landed a crew of Swedes who shot no less than 40 deer by means of this trick.

The skins are traded to storekeepers, and are forwarded down to Victoria on the Willapa and Queen City.

Dr. Marshall is quite indignant about this wholesale slaughter. "What I have seen," he said, "is only at one place, but goodness only knows what slaughter goes on along the west and the lonely coast. Unless something is done, there is every prospect of the deer on the Island being annihilated."

### VISITORS ENTERTAINED.

Tea Party Given in Honor of Japanese Students of Mission.

Japanese residents of the town entertained the party of Japanese students who just came down from S. S. Iyo Maru to a tea party at the Japanese Methodist Mission on Broughton street on Tuesday. The rooms were decorated very nicely with Japanese and English flags and some Chinese lanterns. There were speeches by A. Wanibe and other residents, and also by S. Katahira, the principal of the school. The principal said it was the first time Japanese students of the High schools in Japan have spent their summer vacation on this side of the Pacific ocean, although they had been at Corea and China several times. The party will go up to Vancouver, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and San Francisco, and thence to Honolulu, and expect to go back to Japan on the 1st of September. He also expects that some students of not only his school, but of many other schools, will come this way next year. Yesterday the party visited the parliament buildings, the museum and points about town. They were very pleased with what they saw.

## Legal Intelligence.

The trial of Dockings vs. B. C. Electric Railway Company, was not completed yesterday. The evidence had all been put in when the court adjourned. This morning the defendants moved for a non-suit, and counsel are this afternoon engaged in addressing the jury. R. Cassidy, K. C., for the plaintiff, and A. E. McPhillips, K. C., for defendants.

The sittings of the County court commenced this morning before Mr. Justice Drake. The trial of the first case on the list, Akiers vs. Moody, is not yet completed. J. P. Walls and G. E. Powell appeared for plaintiff; A. F. W. Solomon, for defendant. There is a long list of cases yet to be tried.

The following applications were disposed of in Chambers this morning by Mr. Justice Drake:

B. C. L. & I. Agency vs. Wilson. G. H. Barnard, for plaintiffs, obtained leave to amend reply. J. H. Lawson, jr., for defendant.

Booker vs. Wellington Colliery Co. A. P. Luxton, for defendants, applied for review of taxation of costs. Certain items allowed by the registrar were ordered struck out. C. H. Barker, of Nanaimo, applied for plaintiff.

# TRUE STORY OF POLLARD'S "KIDS"

## WHAT THEY DO ON THE STAGE AND OFF

### And How They Are Looked After—An Interview With C. A. Pollard, Director of the Company.

Everyone who has been to the Victoria theatre to see Pollard's "kiddies" is anxious to know a little more about them than is to be gathered from before the footlights; indeed, just now, the entertaining infants are the talk of the city. With a view to supplying some of the desired information a Times reporter went out in search of the company this morning. The search was at first futile. It is true that he caught glimpses, on two occasions, of carloads of future prima donnas being whisked along the streets in the distance, but the day was hot and—pusuit seemed injudicious—especially as he felt that if he was perceived making wild efforts to board these highly-honored cars he would lay himself open to the suspicion that he had designs up the young affections of some of the visitors. That would never do.

Inquiries at the Victoria hotel, where the company is staying, elicited the information that the "kiddies" were all out somewhere, and their management ditto. A visit to the theatre discovered that abode of the muses dark, silent, and in a condition of gloomy emptiness.

Retracing weary footsteps towards Government street, however, the tenacity of purpose, for which the Times staff is justly respected, was as usual rewarded. The figure of Mr. Chas. A. Pollard, director of the Lilliputians, hove in sight, and was promptly buttonholed.

"Tell me everything," said the reporter modestly. When Mr. Pollard had recovered from the effects of this sudden attack, he imparted as much as he could think of in the short time available.

"Well," he said, "we are a big family. There are 18 brothers and sisters, and the company is therefore largely a family affair. Some of the children here are my own, and my wife and two sisters are with us to take care of them all. This is our first visit to British Columbia, and we were all delighted to find ourselves in British territory again. We like Victoria very much; it seems a charming place.

"Something about the children? I am afraid I don't know where they all are, just now. Street cars? Very likely. You see they do not work in the mornings, which they have to spend out of doors or in some form of healthful recreation. It is their own time. In the afternoons they have school; for, of course, they must be well educated in other subjects besides stage craft. There are no rehearsals, for the children know their operas by heart, and almost any one of them could take any part in any piece at a moment's notice. They do play parts in turn, and they enjoy the performances immensely. The children are very good, and we have no trouble at all. If one of them calls for to be punished, he or she can be told not to take part in the performance for a night, and the children regard that as the worst punishment we can devise. But, I am glad to say, that we very seldom have to do it.

"The children have a very good time. They are often entertained in places we visit, and the constant change of scene is very interesting and instructive for them, as you can imagine. We were in South Africa during the war, and I, myself, got caught in Kimberley and had to stay throughout the siege, although we managed to get the children away in time. In spite of the war the company had a successful tour in South Africa, and were very well received everywhere.

"Yes, we have a school in Melbourne, in which the youngsters receive preliminary training. From the school they join this company, and when they are old enough they are drafted into our adult opera company.

"Daphne is certainly our star performer, and she is always popular. Needless to say she takes the greatest delight in her work. But that is true of all the children. If they were not fond of the work we could do nothing with them.

"We go to Vancouver from here, and then return to Australia, where we shall play for three months or so, and then start out again on the long tour, beginning with the Orient and South Africa. We shall also probably go to England, where we have not yet performed. I had made arrangements last year with George Edwardes for a season in London, but the war interfered with the business. We shall come here again, but not for some time, probably two years or more."

The company will play "H. M. S. Pinafore" to-night, which Mr. Pollard says is one of their best performances, and the same opera will be put on for Saturday's matinee.

### TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

Three train loads of home-seekers left Montreal on Tuesday for the Northwest.

William Christie, agent for the London Life Insurance Company, died Wednesday night from carbolic poisoning, supposed to have been taken in mistake for medicine.

Mrs. Elizabeth McCabe, who took paris green on Friday last, with suicidal intent, is dead. Deceased was 54 years old, and was considered to be of unsound mind when she took poison.

### CHEAP EXCURSIONS.

Reduced Rates Will Be Given for Many Trips of Rosalie and Majestic.

The Puget Sound Navigation Co., operating the steamers Majestic and Rosalie on the Victoria-Seattle route, has arranged to give many cheap excursions between here and Seattle during the balance of this month and August. Besides the dollar excursions from here on July 19th, 20th, 21st, 26th, 27th and 28th, the steamer Dolphin will bring the A. O. U. W. excursion from Seattle to Victoria on July 27th. On August 8th, 9th and 10th cheap excursions will be run on both the Majestic and Rosalie from Seattle, Port Townsend and Port Angeles to Victoria on account of the societies' reunion. From August 16th to August 31st inclusive, the same steamers will make a rate of $1.50 from Victoria to Seattle and return. Tickets on sale daily, good on either steamer in both directions for the entire time.

### PLEASURE OUTINGS.

Large Number of Excursions Arranged for Months of July and August.

July and August are months that, as a general rule are marked by a large amount of tourist travel and running of excursions. This year Victoria is getting her share of both. The number of pleasure seekers passing through this city is certainly larger than at any previous time, and the programme of excursions announced to take place between this city and other points on the Island, Sound and Mainland are also an exceptionally large number of these outings.

An excursion to Seattle has always been well patronized by Victorians. The trip to that place on Saturday, the 26th, to be made by the steamer City of Nanaimo, under the auspices of the Perseverance lodge, No. 1, I. O. G. T., will therefore be taken in by many. The boat will leave Janion's wharf at 6.30 a. m., so as to give a longer time in Seattle.

As announced in another column, the Alaska Steamship Company are making arrangements for cheap rates between this city and the Sound during the flower show under the auspices of the Horticultural Association and the societies' re-union celebrations. Excursions will also be run to Victoria on July 27th, August 17th and 24th. They are under the auspices of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Press Association and the Elks.

An excursion to Seattle is also being run by the steamer City of Nanaimo next Sunday. Indications are that this will attract many. Band concerts will be given by the Fifth Regiment band both going and returning, and two concerts will be given by Seattle bands at that city. A baseball match between Helena and Seattle will take place.

Next week a moonlight excursion similar to that of the Centennial church people last evening will take place under the auspices of the Spring Ridge Methodist church. That the outing will be largely attended there is no doubt. Quite a number have already signified their intention to be present, and those organizing the excursion are confident of its success. A good time is assured all. Notice of the time the train will leave the V. & S. depot will be given later.

The excursion held under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the Centennial Methodist church last evening was a success. There are, however, some qualifications. Although the outing itself was all that could be desired, the late hour at which a start was made resulted in the pleasure seekers not reaching the city until after 9 o'clock, which, for some especially, was not very agreeable.

The annual excursion of the Reformed Episcopal church will be held on Saturday, the 26th, at Sidney. Besides the pupils and teachers of the school, a large number of outsiders will attend, and a very pleasant day is anticipated. A programme of sports will be carried out, and refreshments will be provided on the grounds.

### LONGEVITY AND HABITS.

The Ghetto in Rome was the healthiest quarter of the city, and at the present day the Jewish quarter of New York, the most crowded and, until recently, the dirtiest part of the town, has the lowest death rate. Persons with such constitutions, being, in a large measure, proof against morbific influences, are generally injured only by their own excesses, and it will be found, as a rule, that centenarians have been persons of this class, who have seldom been ill in their lives, who have had the contagious diseases of childhood lightly, if at all, who have always been temperate in all things, light eaters and drinkers, slow to wrath, able to control their passions and emotions, and usually leading a placid, uneventful life. Such conditions can be brought about by sanitary laws only as a result of long-continued teaching and pressure extending over many generations, and may not be perceptible in the race for a hundred years to come. Our first parents were driven from the Garden of Eden for fear they would become immortal, and their descendants have lost so much ground that only one out of millions is able to reach the physiological limit of life, which certainly should be one hundred years, and possibly one hundrd and twenty.—The Century.

### STRANGE DISEASES.

Lombardy is the one place where pellagra is always prevalent—that mysterious modern ailment, due to eating damaged maize, which since 1833, when it was first noticed, is computed to have been responsible for the death of more than 500,000 peasants. Mandalay ringworm, again, is known and dreaded throughout Burma; but even the most ignorant Burmese is aware that it cannot be contracted outside the ancient capital. Similarly, "Rock" fever is confined to Gibraltar; although it is probable that the ailment known as Maltese fever, which can be contracted only in Malta, and there only in the spring and autumn, is closely allied to it. Aleppo evil, too, is unknown in any of the other cities of Asia Minor; just as the Delhi boil, so dreaded of our soldiery, is confined to Delhi.—Chambers's Journal.

### HE HAD TOLD A LIE

One of the little boys in kindergarten had been very naughty—he had told a lie. The teacher sorrowfully called her little charges together and tried earnestly to impress upon them all, as well as the offender, the enormity of the transgression.

"Johnny has told a lie," she said. "Now, how can we make him see what a wicked thing it was, so that he will never do it again? I want you children to think of some way to punish him, and make him a better boy, and also to warn you never to do what he has done. What shall we do to Johnny?"

There was long and thoughtful silence. At last another youngster in the back row, a close friend of the offender, but not disposed to temper with mercy his sense of justice or his orthodox convictions, raised his hearty hand.

"Well, Freddie?" said the teacher.

The answer came in a sepulchral voice: "Send him to Hell."

### MUSIC THAT SOOTHED NOT.

London Answers.

The guest came down to breakfast sleepy and wild-eyed, but the hotel proprietor cheerfully queried:

"Did you enjoy the flute playing in the room next to you last night?"

"Enjoy it? I spent half the night pounding on the wall for the idiot to stop!"

"Goodness! Why, Herr Wiffler told me that he played over all the tunes he knew four times because the person in the next room encored every one!"

—R. M. S. Empress of Japan sailed from Hongkong for Victoria at noon yesterday.

# AWFUL DEATH OF MISSOURI NEGRO

## BURNED AT THE STAKE BY THE POPULACE

### His Alleged Crime Is That of Assault—Kentuckians Hang a Wife-Killer.

Clayton, Miss., July 17.—William Ody, a negro, who last night attempted to assault Miss Virginia Tucker of this place, was burned at the stake at midnight. The assault was most brutal. The young lady was riding in the country, when she was attacked, and was so violently pulled from her buggy by the negro that both her legs were broken.

The scene of the assault was a lonely spot in a country road. Ody hailed Miss Tucker with the information that she had dropped a package. She stopped the horse, and the negro approached as if to pick up the supposed package. He seized the girl's wrists and dragged her violently from the vehicle, both her legs being broken in the fall. Miss Tucker screamed, and was found a few moments later by a doctor who was driving by. She is now said to be at the point of death.

After Ody's capture by the posse, a mob quickly formed and took charge of the prisoner, although he asserted innocence. Ody was taken to a spot in the country near the scene of the assault, and a bonfire was built about a tree. He was told to prepare for death. When the manner of his execution became apparent he begged piteously for mercy. He was securely bound, oil was poured over his clothing, and in a short period only his charred bones marked the spot of execution.

Wife-Killer's Fate.

Owensboro, Ky., July 16.—Joshua Anderson was taken from jail here early this morning by a crowd of men and hanged to the cross beam of the city scales. Thursday night Anderson went to the home of his wife, three miles below town, called her out, and shot her three times, instantly killing her.

### ISLAND TRUFFLES.

A Find Which May Prove Existence of Valuable Fungi.

In yesterday's Times it was mentioned that E. J. Hewling, of this city, had found some truffles in the vicinity of Victoria, which truffles had been certified genuine by the Driard chef.

In the Year Book of the United States Department of Agriculture the following is printed concerning truffles: "The most expensive and highly prized of all fungi are the truffles, which grow buried in the soil, and in general appearance resemble small potatoes. The best truffles are black and have a warted surface. Some species have a strong odor of garlic, others a peculiar delicate perfume which cannot be described. Although in this country we have a species related botanically to the truffles of Europe, no one has yet discovered here the valuable species of France and Italy, which are the only truffles found in our markets; but it is not impossible that at some future day the same or equally good specimens may be found in hilly regions where oaks occur on poor calcareous soils."

The conditions mentioned above are precisely those prevailing at the place Mr. Hewling unearthed his specimens, and there seems no special reason to doubt that the truffles of the find are of the kind. Some of the specimens may be seen at Dixi H. Ross & Co.'s store, and at Erskine & Wallis.

### LOADS AT CHEMAINUS.

Fleet of Five Chilian Vessels En Route to British Columbia Waters.

The fleet of five vessels reported in special correspondence to the Times from Chemainus a few days ago as chartered to load at the big mill there for the west coast of South America, are now en route to this port. The fleet is composed of the Chilian barque Antofabasta, 1,030 tons, from the port of Antofagasta; the Chilian ship Antionetta, 895 tons, from Antofagasta; the Chilian barque Emma Louise, 1,470 tons, from Tal Tal; and the Chilian ship Lake Lemon, 1,033 tons, from Iquiqui. As will be noted, all are Chilian vessels, and so far as known are coming north in ballast. The fact that the Chilian flag is growing rapidly, and a good illustration of its size and importance is afforded in the five just named chartered to load return cargoes at the Chemainus mill. The demand for lumber in South America is steadily growing, the order now to be filled being perhaps the largest that has been filled for a number of years. At Guayaquil the market for lumber is particularly good. There is said to be a railway in course of construction at that point for which many ties and other building material are required.

### GENELLE CASE.

Fresh Warrant Issued and Genelle Comes to City to Meet It.

The Genelle case has taken a new turn. A fresh warrant has been issued for the arrest of Joseph Genelle, who, it will be remembered, is charged with complicity in the burning of a steamer at Dawson, and Genelle has come down from the upper country to be arrested.

He interviewed Supt. Hussey this morning, and as there is no one here at present to arrest him he intends going over to Vancouver for a few days and will return here on Sunday or Monday.

A constable of the Northwest Mounted Police is on the way down to arrest Genelle, and the new warrant is in the hands of Martin & Langley, solicitors for the Dominion government.

Genelle was arrested some time ago, but was released on habeas corpus proceedings, and the warrant held to be bad. It is possible that there are still some difficulties to be surmounted in the case, owing to the fact that in order to reach Dawson Genelle will have to be taken through Skagway, which is United States territory.

Mr. Genelle has considerable interests in the Kootenay country. He is quite confident as the result of the proceedings against him, his chief worry being the waste of time and money that the affair has cost him.

### READ NEWSPAPERS.

Williams H. Moody, secretary of the United States navy, contributes to "Success" an interesting article on "What a Young Man Should Read, To-day." Mr. Moody believes heartily in every man's accumulating a library of the best books. He strongly advises the perusal of a good newspaper every day, in the following words:

Every man should read one good newspaper every day. I do not mean, of course, that he should read everything in it; but he should go over the entire contents, carefully making his selections and reading attentively the articles which give promise of being helpful or instructive. The weekly, and, more particularly, the monthly reviews are also of great value, from the fact that they familiarize their readers with current history,—while at the same time possessing some advantages over the daily newspapers, because the editors are not compelled to accept first reports, and also have opportunity to correct any inaccuracies which may creep into hurriedly prepared discussions of subjects. Nevertheless, these reviews must over lap supplement the daily newspapers, for we are not content, in this age, to wait until the end of the month for our news.