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Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist March 29.

THE D. T'S.

Exciting Scene at a City Hotel.

Boarders Driven Out---The Police at Bay.

A man named D. M. Steeves, who arrived from Eastern Canada about three months ago, has been drinking heavily since he came. His carousing terminated yesterday in an attack of *delirium tremens*, and at 9:30 last night he came from his room in the Cosmopolitan Hotel, Fort street, attired in his coat and undershirt, and armed with a Smith & Wesson six barreled revolver, threatened to shoot any one who came near him, as he was under the impression he was to be lynched. He dragged his fellow-lodgers to stay by and protect him, but one by one they crawled through windows, scantily attired, with a few garments on their arms, on to the veranda and "shinned" down the posts; others sneaked down the back stairs. Efforts were made to induce the madman to give up his weapon; but he would allow no one to come near him, and kept the whole upper floor to himself.

The police were whistled for, and came from all directions; but could not be induced to tackle Steeves, who is a six-footer and a powerful man, while he held the revolver in his possession. A glass of drugged whiskey was sent to him, but he would not drink it. The news spread. A large crowd gathered outside, and a ladder was placed against the roof of the verandah, but all this infuriated the man more, as he said they had a rope and were going to hang him. At last a lady went up and endeavored to convince him that no one would harm him, and he retired to his room and bolted the door. From the window he saw the large crowd below and became more than ever crazed with the idea that he was to be strung up. Meantime the police held a consultation on the stairs, deliberating on each step they ascended. A few spectators at the foot put their heads inside the hall door, but ventured no further. The loud times of the man could be heard all through the house, and at one o'clock this morning he still held the fort.

The lodgers were at a loss what to do and dozed and shivered in chairs in adjacent saloons, while the crowd in the bar below the man at intervals ordered drinks and discussed the situation. The probability of a war with Russia and the Northwest rebellion were forgotten in the excitement of the Cosmopolitan Hotel siege. More police arrived, and about 1:30 o'clock the madman's voice stilled and he seemed to have fallen asleep, as no sound issued from his room. Sergt. Flewin then determined to break into the room. Officer Shepherd went out on the verandas and the sergeant, with two policemen, gathered outside the room door. At a given signal Shepherd burst the window and Flewin and the others attacked the door. They had much difficulty in forcing their way in as the bedstead was rolled against the door; but the bedstead was on castors, and was at last rolled back, and the policemen rushed in. Steeves showed fight, but Flewin and the others "downed" him, and soon had a pair of handcuffs on his wrists. The pistol, which was empty, was found on the floor. He was then taken to the barracks and placed in a cell. On his person were found thirty odd dollars in money and some small articles. Officer Shepherd's wrist was badly cut by the broken glass.

OMINOUS NEWS ABOUT THE RAILWAY.

No Further Aid—No Further Work.

The Government Afraid to Help the Company.

(Exclusive to The Colonist.)

NEW YORK, March 28.—A Montreal special reports that the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. has sent an ultimatum to the government at Ottawa to the effect that if aid is not given further construction of the road will be suspended. Seven million dollars of the company's paper is maturing between now and next June and the company has no money to meet it. La Minerve, the government paper, says to-day that if the government does not come to the company's aid the result will be little short of national disaster. The government's chance to advance anything more for fear of defeat in the house.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Hayward, Capt. Troup and Mr. Justice Walkem were passengers by the Princess Louise from New Westminster yesterday.

Mr. S. T. Macintosh, day operator at the New Westminster telegraph office, is in town.

Mr. A. D. Edgar, assistant general freight agent of the Northern Pacific, who has been ill since last fall from an attack of paralysis, is rapidly recovering, and will likely be able to resume his duties in the course of a few months. This will be welcome news to the employés of the line, who have a great personal regard for their chief, and also to the mercantile public generally among whom Mr. Edgar is deservedly popular.

Mr. Andrew Onderdonk, contractor of the C. P. R. in British Columbia, and Mrs. Onderdonk, returned from an extended trip to the east and California yesterday.

Dr. and Mrs. Robotham and Messrs. Bell and Patterson were passengers from Cowichan yesterday.

Mr. Stramberg, principal of the high school, Mr. Wilson, principal of the public school, and Mr. J. C. Armstrong, were among the arrivals from New Westminster yesterday.

Mr. J. T. McKinnon, division superintendent of the C. P. R., Mrs. McKinnon and child, are at the Driard.

Stamping Coal Oil Cans.

The latest peculiar freak on the part of the Ottawa authorities is that requiring all coal oil cans to be stamped. It is probably for the purpose of benefiting eastern Canada coal oil refineries, and is one of those orders that cause the British Columbia importers great amount of annoyance, with no benefit to the province, Dominion or any one else. The greater part of the coal oil used in this country is that put up in cans, which are shipped here two cases each, in a wooden case. To stamp these it is necessary to break open the box. This injures the box for shipping and also delays forwarding several days, while the cost per case will be about 3 cents. Mr. Thos. Earle was the first importer who was compelled to affix the stamp on an import of 600 cases.

The importers have only one opinion in reference to it and that is that the requirement is an imposition and a nuisance. A protest has been forwarded to Ottawa in reference to it, and it is to be hoped that the order will be annulled so far as the province is concerned.

IMPROVEMENT.—The young people of the Methodist Church have formed a social and mutual improvement association and will give their first entertainment this evening at 8 o'clock. No admission fee will be charged.

(Columbian.)

The temperance convention to discuss the Scott Act will be held in this city next Monday afternoon, beginning at four o'clock.

Capt. Pittendrigh, superintendent of fisheries for this province, has been informed by the deputy-commissioner of the United States that his application for a supply of carp will be granted. The young fry will be delivered at Portland, and will be set free in provincial waters.

Our Port Moody correspondent mentions that Mr. Shannon has been appointed constable at that place vice Mr. Sharpe, who has gone to Ontario.

On Wednesday morning, in the police court, Mr. L. Gold appeared on a warrant issued at the instance of Mr. S. Trapp, on a charge of assault with intent to commit grievous bodily injury. Capt. Pittendrigh occupied the bench; Mr. Bole appeared for the Mosquito (Trapp), and Mr. McColl (Corbould & McColl) for Gold. On application of Mr. McColl the case was adjourned until Thursday morning.

Dandelions and peach and cherry trees are out in blossom.

Kerosene as Fuel.

Mr. H. R. Troupe has had constructed a small steam launch or yacht in which kerosene oil is used as fuel. The arrangement is very ingenious. Oil is injected against a diaphragm where it is consumed. The heat, which is intense, generates a full head of steam in 4½ minutes and the launch is driven through the water at the rate of seven miles an hour. All the arrangements are very simple. No stoking is required and the cost of running a one-horse power engine is only 30 cents a day. Mr. Troupe has in course of construction at Rock Bay a 24-ton steam yacht which will be propelled by a rotary engine and in which he proposes to circumnavigate the island and explore the inlets, bays and harbors during the approaching summer.

WAR PRICES.—The Seattle Post-Intelligencer says: "The advance in wheat is felt in Oregon and Washington Territory correspondingly with Chicago and New York. If English manufacturers are employed hereafter in making weapons of war and clothing for soldiers, our manufacturers will find less competition in the more orders in the making of tools, nails, cloth goods, etc. At the same time that our mechanics will have more work to do there will be higher prices for what they turn out, and the money will come from foreign lands. Our ships, our factories, our farms, our towns, our whole people, will immediately feel the exhilaration, and the commercial lethargy with which we have been plagued for eighteen months past will disappear in a day."

DAY after day the evidence accumulates that the "Myrtle Navy" is the people's favorite tobacco. The demand keeps increasing, and from every new circle of consumers who have been induced to try it the evidence is emphatic in its favor. Its genuine qualities always hold the friends they have once made. These qualities will be kept up to their full standard by the manufacturers of it. It is to these qualities and the reasonableness of the price that they attribute their marked success. To the quality they will adhere to at all cost, and add to the price if that be possible.

ANOTHER TRY.—The hand grenades were again tested yesterday before a large concourse of people, among whom were Mayor Bishop and the chief engineer. The exception was of boards covered with pitch and coal oil which, upon being lighted, sent up a heavy body of flame nine or ten feet in height, which was immediately subdued by an application of the grenades. The grenades are undoubtedly a success.

BLOOMING.—The great majority of the fruit trees in the gardens and orchards have burst into blossom, there being a beautiful crop assured if nothing interferes up to ripening the fruit from ripening. This is rather earlier than usual for the fruit trees to bloom, but the favorable weather the past month has hurried the trees into a new life.

TAR MURDER AT EAGLE PASS.—A few days ago a correspondent mentioned the murder of Walter Leonard at Eagle Pass. Yesterday Mr. Henry Saunders received a letter from the father of the murdered man, asking for information as to his whereabouts and enclosing an affectionate address to his son, who is now dead. Walter Leonard was formerly engaged in logging camps and a short time before going to Eagle Pass he was mate of the tug Pilot.

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Personal.

Messrs. W. C. Van Horne and D. O. Mills will arrive in the province shortly. There are several letters awaiting "C" at this office.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Onderdonk, Mr. E. A. Cunningham, and Mr. and Mrs. McKinnon left for Yale yesterday morning.

Mr. H. H. Dixon, assistant general passenger agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, paid a flying visit to Victoria on Sunday, accompanied by his son.

Mr. Moseley, of Bangor, Maine, was registered at the Driard on Sunday. He is connected with the Maine railways.

Capt. John Irving is expected home from Ottawa to-morrow.

Marine.

H. B. Co.'s barque Prince Rupert sailed from Gravesend, March 21st, for Victoria.

The Alexander towed the ship W. J. Rotch to sea yesterday afternoon loaded with Vancouver coal for San Francisco. She passed the barque Lady Head at Callum bay, for some days overdue, but she refused a tow with a head wind.

The Geylon will load coal at Departure bay for Honolulu.

The Belvidere is waiting coal at Departure bay.

The steamship Euphrates has taken in coal at Departure bay and awaits orders.

Theatrical.

While in San Francisco lately Manager Howe arranged for the appearance here of several first-class companies, among them the McKee Rankin company, one of the best travelling, noted particularly for their performance of "The Danites." They will probably show here on the last three days of April.

Baird's mammoth minstrel company are also booked to appear in Victoria shortly after. Those minstrels are the greatest rivals of Haverly's, and are probably without peers in their line.

Fred. Ward, a celebrated tragedian, will also appear here sometime in June.

Restriction Act Disallowed.

The lieutenant-governor has received a dispatch from Ottawa announcing the disallowance of the Chinese Restriction Act, lately passed by the legislature here.

The Dominion Liquor License Act.

The Dominion government have officially notified the local government of an appeal to the privy council in the matter of the Dominion liquor license act.

DEATH OF MRS. F. H. VERNON.—The death of this lady took place quite unexpectedly on Sunday morning. Although she had been ailing for a long time no immediate danger was anticipated by her friends, who are disconsolate at her loss. Mrs. Vernon, who came to this city when quite a child, has since resided here, continuously. She was a most accomplished amateur vocalist, and her services were always freely rendered in aid of good objects. The funeral will take place to-morrow.

ROYAL HOSPITAL.—A special meeting of the board of directors was held yesterday. A survey of the plot of ground now occupied by the hospital was ordered, and the visiting committee were instructed to have the land fenced and a plot laid off for kitchen garden use. Mr. E. A. McQuade was elected to fill the vacancy made in the board by the death of the late Mr. W. J. Jeffree.

THE NORTHWEST REBELLION.

Departure of Toronto Militia.

Immense Enthusiasm—Ringing Cheers.

(Exclusive to The Colonist)

TORONTO, Ont., March 30.—Never in the history of Toronto has there been such intense excitement as was shown this morning. Orders had been given for the troops to parade at ten o'clock in heavy marching order; but long before that hour the people filled all the street approaches. At 11:10 the doors of the drill shed were thrown open and the grenadiers contingent marched out, preceded by their band, playing "The Girl I Left Behind Me," the Queen's Own following, headed by the bugle band. Immediately on their appearance ringing cheers went up from the crowd along the route, and ladies waved their handkerchiefs. Along King street the wildest excitement prevailed, the cheering being continuous. At the Union station about 10,000 people assembled. The train left at 12:30 p. m. for the west. The two contingents number 580 men. It is reported the deputy adjutant general has received orders to call out the remainder of the Queen's Own and Grenadiers. This lacks confirmation, but it is generally believed such an order will come shortly.

HAMILTON, Ont., March 30.—Two companies of the 13th battalion have been ordered to be in readiness to proceed to the Northwest.

OTTAWA, March 30.—All is bustle and excitement in the militia department today preparing for the dispatch of the various corps to the Northwest. Sharpshooters, organized by Capt. Todd, of the governor-general's foot guards, met this morning at the drill hall, but owing to the lack of means of transportation, the company will not leave until Wednesday.

A MYSTERIOUS CASE.

Kidnapping a Child at Samish Prairie.

A party who arrived from Whatcom told the Seattle Chronicle of a rather mysterious kidnapping case that took place at Samish Prairie the early part of this week. The party could give no particulars, or was quite reticent about his knowledge of the matter. It seems some time ago, a lady and gentleman with a little boy about three years of age and a big black dog, went from Seattle to Samish, and thence proceeded to the prairie where they took up their residence. They had just come up from San Francisco. Soon thereafter a person by the name of Phelps, representing himself as a detective, by means of the dog trading the parties to their new home, appeared at Samish. He went to the residence of the strangers at the prairie, where he remained one day this week for dinner. In the afternoon, feigning a business errand, he suddenly snatched up the child, and mounting a horse near by in readiness for him, rode to Samish landing, where he made almost direct connection with the steamer for Seattle, whither he came. He told some parties that the child did not belong to the persons from whom he had taken it, and that he was going with it to British Columbia, where he would proceed by steamer to San Francisco, where he would restore the little fellow to his mother. He refused to state anything more of the affair, saying so soon as he arrived in San Francisco he would make public all the particulars of the mysterious affair.

A First-class Hotel.

It is reported that a first-class hotel will be erected on the S. W. corner of Broad and Fort streets, running through to Broughton, occupying ground about half an acre in extent. The building will be three stories in height and fitted with all the latest improvements. It will be leased by Mr. J. T. Potter, late of London, England.

Rumored Sale.

It was rumored last night that the Dominion government have purchased Wilson Point farm, Cadboro Bay, for $30,000, with the object of transferring the Songish tribe from the west shore of Victoria harbor to the point.

THE CHINESE SCHOOL.—The evening school for the education of Chinese is doing satisfactory work. The public school readers are used and many of the pupils have advanced to the second readers. About 75 were present last evening, many of the faces among them beaming with intelligence and interest. The school is under the direction of Mr. Vrooman and several teachers. The pupils attend with great regularity and embrace among their number several of the Chinese merchants. On Sunday evening the room was literally packed as only Chinese can. It is the intention on next Sunday night to hold a special Easter service.

THE DUST.—The council passed a resolution last Wednesday evening ordering that the streets be at once watered and tenders called for the season. The dust is still flying but no water has been sprinkled to lessen the discomfort. Mayor Rithet drew attention to the matter, the resolution was agreed to, and the street committee might see that they have had the watering cart attending to the streets.

NEW FURNITURE FACTORY.—Mr. J. Sehl has bought a piece of property adjoining Laurel Point on the James Bay side with the water front and will erect wharves and establish thereon a large steam manufactory for the production of furniture of every description. His present premises on Langley and Government streets will be used as a warehouse and storehouse. The price paid for the property was $4,500, the seller realizing a profit of $1,900 in one year.

THE NEW THEATRE.—The corner-stone of the new theatre will be laid at nine o'clock this morning by Mr. R. Dunsmuir, president of the company.

THE THEATRE DRAIN.—A gang of men are engaged in constructing the drain from the theatre to connect with that at the west side of Government street. Considerable of it was constructed yesterday, and at 7 o'clock the whole gang was put on the piece crossing Government street, which Mr. Appony calculated would be laid and filled by 7 this morning.

ARCHBISHOP SEGHERS who will reach Victoria on Wednesday, will be received at the landing by a deputation who will escort his grace to the cathedral on View street where a reception will be held and an address presented.

POLITICAL.—Mr. J. P. Walls is suggested as a candidate to oppose Mr. Duck. Mr. Walls was concerned in the recent squatting affair at Bulrard Inlet. He would make a good member—for the squatters.

HARDEN HAND GRENADE.—There will be another public exhibition of the powers of the Harden hand-grenade at the corner of Government and Courtenay streets to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

GAOL SUPPLIES.—Tenders for supplying the gaol from May 1st, 1885, to April 30th, 1886, will be received by Superintendent Roycroft until Monday, the 27th of April.

SOOKE MAILS.—Tenders are asked by the postmaster general for the conveyance of Her Majesty's mails between Victoria and Sooke on a proposed contract for four years.

THE man D. M. Steeves, who terrorized the Cosmopolitan Hotel on Saturday night with an empty pistol, is still confined in gaol, his mental condition being most unsatisfactory.

What Some People Say.

That the result of the experience of the expedition up the Nile has proven conclusively that even the most formidable series of cataracts can be surmounted at almost the lowest state of the river by English built boats manned by soldiers. For all practical purposes it may be said that above Dongola the river and its shores were unmapped and unknown. The channels and proper pilotage of the river had to be discovered by the boats yard by yard as the force advanced, and passed defiles found out and explored by the cavalry.

That it is somewhat singular that a mulkman shakes hands as though he were working a pump-handle.

That the youngest shareholder in the new theatre is Miss Hope Apponyi, the little three-year-old daughter of the architect, who owns one share. Mr. R. Dunsmuir, M. P. P., is her proxy.

That thirteen is an unlucky number for a poor man to have in his family.

That the donkey who would deliberately kick a dude has lost all sense of feeling for his relations.

That a poet asks, "Why dost thou waken me?" Perhaps his wife imagines she hears burglars.

That a solid silver ballustrade that has stood in one of the Mexican churches since the time of Cortez, was torn down not long ago and taken to the mint and coined, producing 60,000 silver dollars.

That the total number of cigars produced in the United States in three billions annually. And yet when you ask a friend for a cigar he doesn't have one.

That the Chinese government have sent, through the Marquis Tseng, a contribution of £120 to the Gordon memorial fund, while Li Hung Chang has subscribed £200. It is stated that the sisters of Gen Gordon have declined to receive any public grant or pension in recognition of their brother's services to the country.

That as on the previous occasion that Mr. Forster voted against the government, the Bradford Liberal Association have lost no time in censuring the right honorable gentleman for his conduct. A meeting of the association was held on Monday, and the feeling of those present was strongly condemnatory of the vote given by Mr. Forster in support of the motion of the opposition. There was only one dissentient voice.

That an Irish laborer, who appeared to be slightly under the influence of liquor, attracted considerable attention while passing along Argyle street, Glasgow, on account of having in his possession the dead body of a child which he was carrying in his arms. The body was partially wrapped in a winding sheet, but the legs and feet of the child were open to view. The police arrested the man, and with his ghastly burden he was conveyed to the central police station, where he stated that the child had died in the Laigh Kirk Close, and he was carrying the body to his mother's house to wake it." The man was detained, and the body was placed in the mortuary.

That scientists claim that cigarette smoking leads to idiocy. Another instance of getting the cart before the horse.

That U. B. Scott is about to bring round the propeller Fleetwood, now in Columbia river, to run between Victoria and Puget Sound.

That Beach has been challenged to row Jake Gaudaur of St. Louis.

That the Bank of France is said to possess an ingeniously arranged photographic studio concealed in a gallery behind its cashier, so that at a signal the portrait of a suspected customer may be instantly taken without his knowledge.

That a London firm of pencil makers manufactures its shavings and sawdust into an article which they call the "Dust of Lebanon." It is sprinkled upon the fire to remove the unpleasant smell of cooking noticeable in a room after a meal.

That Australia is preparing to give the Russians a hot reception; but no one seems to be interested in placing Esquimalt and Victoria in a condition of defence.

That a puzzle now troubling the people is simply that: Place eight checkers on a board so that no two will be either in a straight or diagonal line in either direction, if you can.

That during the last few days of February the British troops in camp at Korti were sweltering in the shade with the mercury at 100°. The wind was blowing at the time like a blast from a furnace.

That a nice distinction in terms is given by a financial paper which says that the word "point" in regard to English consols means a sixteenth of 1 per cent., while in American stocks it signifies 1 per cent., in grain it means 1 cent., and in provisions 2½ cents.

That the most comical incident thus far developed in connection with the skating mania comes from St. Louis, where a young girl stole her grandmother's false teeth and sold them in order to secure sufficient money to pay her way into the local skating hall.

That Prince Albert Victor is the seventeenth member of the royal family who has joined the Free Masons since 1737, when the eldest son of George II was initiated.

That before leaving Aub Klea Gen. Buller filled up the wells and destroyed everything useful about the place.

That after June 30 a two-cent stamp will carry an ounce instead of a half-ounce letter anywhere in the United States.

That owing to colonial annexations during the past year, Germans, like Britons, are now able to say the sun never sets in the German empire.

That there are 752 miles of street car lines—tramways, they are called over there—in England.

That the first Swedish lodge of Odd Fellows was recently instituted at Malm and named "Scania."

That in India a husband can cut his wife's ears off for certain offences. It is sometimes done, too.

That a French astronomer claims to have discovered that in Venus there is a mountain seventeen miles high.

That American apples sell on the street stands in London at from eight cents to twelve cents apiece.

That much progress is reported to have been made in Ireland of late in the study of the Irish language.

That in Turkey the taking of the census is let out to the lowest bidder. A census is about to be taken there.

That the tenants on the site of the hotel to be erected on Fort, Broad and Broughton streets yesterday received notification to vacate in one month from date.

That the proposal for doing away with the fortifications surrounding Paris is now meeting with a great many adherents.

That the Russian government is going to monopolize the pawn brokerage business of the empire—on the French system.

The telegraphic cable through the great Arlburg tunnel has twelve stands, six of which the government reserves for its use.

THE WHARVES.—The water front was almost deserted yesterday, the only sign of business being the loading of a large number of heavy castings on the Otter, for Burrard Inlet and Port Moody.

THEFT.—The police are hunting for a man accused of stealing a coat from the Railroad Hotel, which the thief disposed of to Wm. White, second-hand dealer, Johnson street.

E. & N. RAILWAY.—The work on the McLellan contract is progressing favorably, about 500 men being at work. In the course of a couple of weeks about 1,500 men will be distributed over the whole line of contract and work pushed rapidly to completion.

THE NORTHWEST TROUBLE.

Troops Pouring to the Front.

Blackfeet Indians Will be Peaceable.

(Exclusive to The Colonist.)

OTTAWA, March 31.—Excitement over the Northwest disturbance continues. This forenoon the sharp shooters under Capt. Todd, organized from the various corps in the city, met at the drill hall to make preparations for leaving for the front. Shortly after noon they left by the Canadian Pacific Railway. They were escorted to the station by a large number of citizens. The only news received here from the northwest is the fears entertained in Winnipeg that there will be trouble over the meeting of the Farmers' Union. It is intended to increase the mounted police by 300, making their number 800.

MONTREAL, March 31.—The 65th battalion mounted royal rifles leaves for the Northwest to-morrow. They number 250 picked men.

QUEBEC, March 31.—Peremptory orders were received to-day calling out the 9th battalion and cavalry school. The former goes to the front immediately, will number 300 and will be commanded by Capt. Amyot, M. P. In the event of the cavalry school leaving the 8th battalion will utilize for garrison duty.

OTTAWA, March 31.—In the house of commons to day Sir John Macdonald stated that news from the Northwest was favorable. Crowfoot, chief of the Blackfeet, had given assurances that his tribe will be loyal under all circumstances. It was also hoped that the attack on Battleford would be averted.

Before the order of the day was called the minister of militia in answer to Blake confirmed the statement in the Times that ammunition for the use of the Canadian troops in the Northwest had been forwarded by American railway companies to Emerson and said that the thanks of the government had been forwarded to the managers of the railways there for prompt-ness. Troops were being conveyed over the Canadian Pacific railway at the rate of two special trains daily.

MONTREAL, March 31.—There is no abatement in the war excitement. Business has dragged during the past few days. The 65th battalion, 300 strong, drilled at the old city hall all morning. From them the surgeons selected 250 men for the front. The corps was addressed by Major Tugas who aroused great enthusiasm. Col. Quimet and other officers have great trouble in procuring chargers for the campaign. Assistant general manager Shaughnessy of the Canadian Pacific railway says the gap on Lake Superior section will be completed by the 10th April. Between Monday and Friday of last week twelve and a half miles were completed.

Coming on the Queen of the Pacific.

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SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—A. Robertson, J. B. Robertson, Mrs. J. A. Douglas and wife, Miss D. Heal, A. Heal, S. H. Frank, R. H. Alexander, Madame Rouhand, Loo G. Wing, R. E. Caruthers, Mrs. Richards and child, Mrs. Dupont, J. C. Richards, James Howe, J. W. Trutch, Mr. Bovill, Mrs. S. Mitchell, F. Podfried, Mrs. Steffens, M. P. Barnes and daughter, C. R. Winslow, Miss M. Beckman, Mrs. Steward, John Powers, F. Fawcett, I. Van Volkenburg and wife, Miss Bruce, Jas. Hope, wife and two children, B. F. Moore, E. A. Frenzell, H. F. Offarrel, E. Harrington and sister and 63 steerage.

Personal.

Mr. David Downs, chief inspector of the British Empire Mutual Life Insurance Co., is at the Driard.

Dr. and Mrs. Powell, Mr. G. A. Keefer, Mr. W. H. Hamilton, Rev. Mr. Dunn and S. Brighouse came down on the Princess Louise yesterday.

Mr. John Gilmore of Nicola is in town.

Dr. Walkem and Rev. Mr. Holmes came down on the Enterprise yesterday.

Mr. Justice Walkem returned by the steamer of to-day for San Francisco where he will meet Mrs. Walkem, who is on her way home from Honolulu.

Mr. Henry Irving returned from the east by the North Pacific yesterday.

Officer Stewart is progressing favorably at the French hospital, and will probably soon be convalescent. Officer Hough is no better, and very little hope is entertained of his recovery.

LIFE ASSURANCE.—David Downs, Esq., chief inspector for the Dominion for the British Empire Mutual Life Assurance company, of London, England, recently arrived here to establish an agency in British Columbia. A board of directors has been formed with Messrs. A. B. Gray & Co. as agents, and the company are now prepared to issue policies. We refer our readers to the advertisement in another column, and would congratulate the company on obtaining such a solid and influential management for this province, and which further testifies to the appreciation which a British life assurance company of thirty-eight years standing always commands. Our citizens will shortly be waited upon by Mr. Downs and Mr. Gray, and many would do well to take advantage of the present opportunity to guard against "the inevitable" by taking out a policy in the British Empire Mutual Life Assurance company.

CIVIL SERVICE.—Notice is given of the Civil Service entrance examination on May 19, in all parts of the Dominion except British Columbia, where it will be held on May 26. Applications to be in by April 15.

B. C. MILITIA.—No. 3 Battery, Victoria—To be Captain: Lieutenant John Nicholles, R. S. A., vice James Lawson Raymur, who is hereby permitted to retire with rank of lieutenant.

THE SCHOOLS.—We would suggest to the school board the desirability of closing the schools for several days during Easter as was done last year in order that they may be thoroughly cleansed, a most necessary thing at the present time.

MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT.—The young people's association of the Methodist Church inaugurated their society by an entertainment last evening. The society is for the mutual improvement of its members intellectually and socially, and no doubt will be productive of great good.

The funeral of the late Mrs. E. G. Yerdon will take place to day at 1:30 from the residence and at 2 p.m. from Christ Church Cathedral.

POTLATCH.—The natives of Cowichan propose to hold a grand potlatch and the the Indian department propose to prevent the affair coming off.

THE NEW THEATRE.—The corner stone of the theatre building was laid yesterday morning by Mr. R. Dunsmuir, M. P. P., and Mayor Rithet, in the presence of a large number of spectators. Mr. Dunsmuir officiated with a silver trowel. A number of documents, lists of names, coins and copies of the city newspapers were placed in a box and deposited beneath the stone. After the ceremony lunch was partaken of in the Driard.

BRICK-MAKING.—Mr. M. Humber commenced moulding brick on Monday, and has twenty men, five horses and five brick machines in working order. It is his calculation to make three millions of brick during the coming season, in anticipation of the large amount of brick blocks likely to be erected. He will add another yard and two machines to his present capacity, having the contract to supply the theatre building and also his own building with brick.

ON SNOWSHOES.—Messrs. Cawston and Daly arrived at Hope yesterday from Semilkameen on snowshoes, having been four days on the way. They report four or five feet of snow on the summit.

BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH

EXCLUSIVE DISPATCHES TO THE COLONIST.

FRANCE.

LONDON, March 30.—A Paris dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company states that war with China will be officially declared to-day. Fifty thousand reinforcements will be forwarded and the army ordered to march to Pekin. It is expected that Admiral Courbet will bombard Canton. Figaro states the French killed and wounded in the fight at Langson numbered twelve hundred. Some papers favor impeaching the ministry.

PARIS, March 30.—There is intense excitement over the French defeat at Langson. The feeling against the government is so strong that an outbreak is feared. There is a report that France has officially declared war. This, with the fears of a serious riot, and the downfall of the ministry has caused a panic on the bourse. All the radical newspapers request the impeachment of the ministers. Rochefort demands the head of the French Premier Ferry, for the many blunders in Tonquin.

LONDON, March 30.—A dispatch from Paris says President Grevy presided at a council of ministers to-day. He insisted on immediate action being taken for the prompt and vigorous prosecution of the war with China. The cabinet decided to mobilize two divisions of troops to be commanded by four brigadier-generals for immediate service in Tonquin, also to send 10,000 men to reinforce Admiral Courbet.

Later.—The French cabinet has resigned owing to an adverse vote in the chamber of deputies.

PARIS, March 30.—It is generally expected that De Freycinet, at present senator, or Bibort, the great French jurist and non-member of the chamber of deputies, will be called on to form a new ministry. It is believed that Waddington, at present French ambassador to England, will be tendered the office of minister of foreign affairs in place of Ferry, and that Leon Say, the great political economist, will be asked to accept the post of minister of finance in the new cabinet.

PARIS, March 30.—Large crowds surrounded the French chamber all the afternoon, but at 6 p. m. no hostile demonstration was made.

PARIS, March 30.—The excitement caused by the French defeat at Langson grows apace. Rent's at once responded to the popular feeling. Soon after the opening of the bourse, they had fallen to 80 francs 32 centimes; the closing price Saturday to 78 francs 20 centimes. Shortly before 3 there was another sharp decline the price falling to 76 francs 90 centimes. This decline is due to rumors of popular manifestations made inside the chamber of deputies. Stocks declined more or less in sympathy with the downward movements of rentes. The action of the government is awaited with anxious suspense. Every rumor is eagerly caught up and repeated with additions.

PARIS, March 30.—Prior to the vote on the motion to appoint a committee on credit Ferry read yesterday's dispatches regarding the Langson affair. He added that the retreat of the French had been effected in perfect order. The troops found themselves confronted by Chinese forces whose numbers it had been impossible to forsee. The French general had been obliged to re-enter Red River Delta and maintain the defensive. Measures had already been taken to reinforce French troops. Tonquin would not suffice; it was necessary to avenge the Langson check for the honor of French. He therefore demanded a credit of 40,000,000 francs and proposed to separate the vote on this credit from a ministerial question. Ferry was frequently interrupted. Clemenceau approved of the credit, but condemned the policy of the government and demanded its overthrow. Duval and Rebolt declared they would be ready to vote any sacrifices when the ministry was overthrown. They reproached the cabinet for concealing the truth. The result of the vote on Ferry's motion was received with loud applause.

PARIS, March 30.—At the opening of the session in the chamber of deputies this afternoon Minister Ferry presented the government's request for a credit of $40,000,000 on account of military operations in China. Ferry at once moved for the appointment of a committee to examine and report upon the credit, and that the report be given priority. The motion was rejected by a vote of 308 to 61. Ferry immediately announced the resignation of the entire ministry.

LONDON, March 30.—A special from Paris gives the following account of the opening scenes at the meeting of the chamber of deputies to-day. Long before the hour for the convening of the chamber the streets in the vicinity were packed with crowds of excited men. It soon became evident that trouble was brewing for the government. A strong force of military was on hand to prevent trouble and preserve order in the chamber. Notwithstanding this precaution the galleries were crowded with people who plainly showed irritation over the French defeat at Langson by keeping up a noisy discussion and hurling denunciatory epithets at the members of the cabinet and their supporters as they entered the chambers. When Jules Ferry, the premier, arose to announce the decision of the cabinet council this morning he was loudly hissed by the galleries. He had hardly finished the declaration when a number of deputies of the right sprang to their feet, yelling "Down with the wretch," while above the din could be heard the voice of Clemenceau as he fairly screamed "Traitors." It was some time before order was restored and had it not been for the presence of the troops there is hardly a doubt that violence would have been done. During the scene in the chamber the crowd outside became a howling mob and made several attempts to pass the guard in order to get inside, but were kept back by the determined attitude of the military.

PARIS, March 31.—De Freycinet will appoint Billot minister of war, Rouvier the new minister of finance, and Constant the new minister of interior.

PARIS, March 31.—In a speech in Chambers yesterday, Clemenceau said members of the cabinet were not ministers but culprits, who ought to be dealt with by law.

PARIS, March 31.—Owing to a lack of transports considerable delay will occur before the necessary reinforcements for Tonquin will be forwarded. It is possible that the new minister of marine, when the new cabinet has been formed, may charter a number of steamers belonging to private parties.

LONDON, March 31.—A Paris correspondent of the Times says it is impossible for De Freycinet to think of a French advance to Pekin. The arsenals are empty and the state of the country unfavorable for such an expedition. He will only be permitted to send 50,000 men to Tonquin.

PARIS, March 31.—The chamber of deputies unanimously voted the first installment, amounting to 10,000,000 francs of the Tonquin credit of 40,000,000 asked by Ferry yesterday before the resignation of his cabinet. The deputies voted to reserve action on the remaining 30,000,000 until the formation of the new ministry.

PARIS, March 31.—The government has received a dispatch from DeLisle, commander of the French forces in Tonquin. He entreats the war office to send him reinforcements immediately.

PARIS, March 31.—Eight thousand men are ordered to immediately reinforce the French army in Tonquin.

The senate to-day adopted the Tonquin credit of 10,000 without debate.

A dispatch from Hanoi to the Temps, under date yesterday, says: In consequence of trouble in Commissariat General Negrier's brigade he was obliged to evacuate Langson and retire to Than Moi and Dongdang. Sufficient provisions are being issued and the morale of the troops is excellent. Reinforcements, however, are urgently needed to stop the Chinese invasion.

PARIS, March 31.—Much alarm is felt over the fact that no news has been received for upwards of 36 hours from the French army in Tonquin.

PARIS, March 31.—De Freycinet is trying to form a ministry to represent the democratic and republican unions and the republican left. The following cabinet is proposed: De Freycinet, minister of foreign affairs; Rouvier, finance; Pollieres, interior; Shuller, public instruction; Floquet, justice; Gen. Billot, war; Admiral Jouregiberry, marine.

Ten thousand men and four batteries of artillery leave Marseilles on Saturday. All available transports at Bordeaux, Havre and Marseilles are chartered by the government and are timed to reach Hanoi May 12th.

It is hoped the rains will assist Gen. De Lisle in his defence and permit the French gunboats to penetrate the canals of the Delta.

French troops in Formosa will evacuate the island and go to Hanoi. Advices from Kelung say the Chinese have completed the destruction of the coal mines near that place, having exploded the galleries with dynamite and flooded the mines.

MARSEILLES, March 31.—It is reported the vessels of the Tonquin fleet are in a critical condition and their boilers almost useless. It will be impossible to use a majority of the transports now at Tourcn for China service, because their draught is too much to permit them to enter the Suez canal; arsenals and provision stores are almost empty, and there is a dearth of officers.

PARIS, March 31.—The third edition of Soir, issued late to-night says, De Freycinet has asked President Grevy to entrust the task of forming a new cabinet to some one else.

ENGLAND.

LONDON, March 30.—A cablegram from Sydney states that Beach who defeated Hanlan is going to England at once. Hanlan returns in a few days. Beach will consider the challenges of Ross and other American oarsmen.

LONDON, March 30.—In the house of commons, this afternoon, the Marquis of Hartington, secretary of state for war, said the last advices the government had received from St. Petersburg were to the effect that a peaceful solution of the Russo-Afghan question was more promising than at any time since the difficulty arose. Additional extensive orders have been sent to Chicago meat packing establishments, as it was impossible for the English firms to compete with the Americans. The report that hundreds of tons of American meat had been found putrid was, he said, untrue.

PORTSMOUTH, March 30.—The corvette Bacchante, ordered to be ready to sail at a moment's notice is now ready for sea. She carries 25 guns and 36 torpedo boats.

LONDON, March 30.—Russian securities are much stronger. French rentes are falling rapidly.

LONDON, March 30.—In the commons Hartington stated that it would be prejudicial to the public interests to explain the negotiation with Russia. The latest from St. Petersburg strengthens the hope of a satisfactory solution of the difficulty. Concerning military preparations Hartington said that England was under certain obligations to the Ameer of Afghanistan, and the government thought it advisable to render ourselves able to fulfil those obligations if occasion arose.

Fitzmaurice, under-foreign secretary, said he was not yet aware of the exact contents of the latest St. Petersburg despatches, but understood they contemplated an early meeting of the boundary commission.

The Queen, accompanied by Princess Beatrice, left Windsor Castle this afternoon on a journey to Aix Les Bains, France.

LIVERPOOL, March 30.—Weather in England fine. Wheat quiet and steady and in fair demand; sup