realized that they were to contribute to the revenue of the country.

Mr. Semlin had no intention of supporting this bill, although from very difmotives to those the premier agined. The premier had said that the bill needed very little said in explanation of the measure, and he ceretainly had not deviated very much from that course. But he had omitted one point, and that was to show some reason why it was proposed to put this additional burden on the people. In any measure of this kind introduced in any assembly during Mr. Semlin's recollection, the introducer had endeavored to convince the members why such a course was necessary; the taxpayers should know of some reason, but the premier had given none either to the house or to the taxpayers. A few days since Mr. Semiin had asked to have this bill laid over until the estimates had been submitted to the house, and if the government had acceded to that request the house would have known what the government were going to do with the money proposed to be raised by this bill; but they would not do that; they said they must have this bill passed before they could bring down the estimates. It was safe to expect, however, that, as the government had done in the past, they would do in the future. Mr. Semlin recollected his hon. friend the attorney-general, at a meeting up country, boasting that he was proud of belonging to this government, and saying that they were going to pursue the policy they had been fol-lowing. Therefore, if that was the fact what confidence could the house have in their making a right use of the additional powers proposed by this bill. There were many things to be considered. For instance, there was the agent general in London: it costs considerable to keep that official, and with what benefit to the province? Do the hon. gentlemen composing the government propose to increase the burdens of the people in order to retain that official At least it would not be known whether it was intended to abolish this expensive office until the estimates were brought down. Then there was this board of health, which was very ex acting, or would be if it is carried out There is also no mention of that being abolished. No one objects to the expenditure of money in public works, but gentlemen opposite when they began retrenchment made public works suffer; they cut at the roots instead of lopping off the useless branches. The country is not in a position to bear any increased burden. The government had been increasing the salaries of civil servants and ministers, and going into all sorts of fancy missions on the supposition that the country was able to stand it with their expansive revenue and expansive treasury; but conditions had changed since five years ago. And now, when we see that the country is in anything but a prosperous condition; when the mortagee is foreclosing on the mortgagor: when the debtor is unable to pay his creditor, the government comes down with a proposal to increase the taxation. This increase of taxation is equivalent to another loan, and it is safe to say that, if the government have shown that they have not judgment to spend the proceeds of the last loan shown that they had not judgment to spend the proceeds of this increased taxation properly. If they do not propose to change their course of conduct, Mr. Semlin was not prepared to entrust the government with this new charge. There was an instance of the untenable nuin the matter of the land laws. So that, supposing. when the estimates are brought down. there is shown a desire to retrench can the government be trusted to stick to it? Mr. Semlin had some recollection of a similar retrenchment on a previous occasion, and hardly had the members turned, their backs on the legislature before a number of clerks were at once taken back. There were the buildings

Hon Mr. Turner-the buildings are going on all right; aren't they? Mr. Semlin-The buildings are going on all right, but can the country afford those buildings? Continuing, Mr. Semlin said that without further delaying the house he would express his intention of voting against this bill, not perhaps because it was inequitable, and there was a great deal of inequitable ness in it, but because he had no confidence in the gentlemen opposite to justify his putting this trust in their

Hon. Col. Baker said that no one likes to be taxed and it was certainly a sign of courage on the part of the government to bring down a bill providing for an increase of taxation. The leader of the opposition had asked for a reason of this increase. All would acknowledge that with the increase in population it was necessary to increase the burden of taxation. Then, as Mr. Turner had said. the per capita taxation here is iess than in many other places similarly situated, such as Washington, Oregon, California and other places. The necessity of developing the resources of the province called for this increase of taxation. It would be very easy, by a parsimonious policy to carry on the affairs of the province, but that was not the intention of this government; they wanted to develop the country. As to the accusation of extravagance, every other province is paying very much more for their agent-general's office than British Columbia. Col. Baker defended the policy of having an agent-general in London. If the hon, gentlemen opposite had only been to London and seen the good that this office can do, they would certainly have a better idea of

Mr. Semlin-You want a microscope to find it out. Col. Baker proceeded to show that immense good had been done by Mr. Vernon in lecturing in places in England. The work on the parliament buildings was a great help to the working people these hard times. As to the mining tax, Col. Baker considered the tax a fair and easy one. In view of the fact that the government had considerable work to do, he would move the adjournment of the debate. The house then adjourned.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Mr. Macpherson-To introduce a bili ot amend the benevolent societies act,

Mr. Forster-For a return showing all the evidence taken at the inquest beld on the body of John Rowe, who was killed by a fall of rock while in the employ of the Union Colliery Company. Comox, together with all papers and correspondence in connection with the same, and the verdict of the jury. Mr. Helmcken-To introduce a bill to

Major Mutter-For a return showing all timber leases granted in Cowichan-Alberni district to date, with acreage, and duration and terms of lease; also how far each lessee has carried out the

erms of lease. Dr. Walkem-For a return showing the fees and emoluments of sheriffs for

Dr. Walkem-For a return respecting the appointment of guardians re the estate of H. M. Cooper, and the amount of security demanded from each.

Mr. Graham-To insert in Columbia and Western Railway Company bill: "Provided, however, that should any other company build a line from Pentic ton so as to intersect this company's line at any point, this company shall allow them running powers between the point where such intersection takes place and the eastern terminus of the road. on such conditions, including reciprocal concession as to running powers, as may be agreed upon; or on failure of agreement between the two companies, on such conditions, as to facilities and compensation, as may be determined by arbitrators, 'to be appointed according o the provisions of the 'Common law rocedure act, 1854.' "

Capt. Irving-To insert in the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited, bill: "4. On making application for leases, the company shall not be limited or confined to any area, and gold commissioner to whom any such application is made may, with the approval of the lieutenant-governor-inouncil, grant such application, notwithstanding that the lands so applied for may exceed in area the number of acres to which such leases are now lim ited by law."

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT. Mr. Sword-Do the government take any precautions to see that the average actual daily attendance at the public schools in cities, on which the government pay the per capita grant, is confined to the actual daily attendance of pupils of school age?

> TWENTY-FOURTH DAY. Wednesday, March 4.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock, prayers being read by the Rev. Ralph W. Trotter. Petitions were presented by Mr. Mc

Gregor and Mr. Walkem in favor of the Alberni Water, Electric & Telephone Co. bill and praying that the bill be passed. Mr. Williams moved that an order of

this house be granted for a return showing, in detail, the amount of money charged as travelling and incidental expenses during the last year by members of the provincial cabinet and members of the civil service and employes, giving names of such ministers and employes, and the amounts in detail expended by each and paid by the government. Pass-

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS. Mr. Sword asked the hon. the chief commissioner of lands and works for what reason did the government reserve 480,000 acres at the south-east corner of the province on 12th August, 1890, and 240,000 acres at Elk river. Mitchell Creek and Coal Creek in East Kootenay, on 25th February, 1890? Hon. Mr. Martin replied: For gove-

rnment purposes in connection with the railway reserve. Mr. Walkem asked the hon, the attorney-general: 1. Is the government aware that County Court Judge Bole is at present absent from the and that he has gone to Ottawa? 2. When did he go, and did he obtain leave of absence before going? If so is the government aware of when he left and whether he is absent on business connected with his judicial duties? Who is providing the inhabitants of New Westminister and Vancouver with judicial service in his absence? 4. Does he intend to return?

Hon. Mr. Eberts replied that the govbeen out of the province, but they have no information, except through the cuary he requested leave of absence for three weeks to attend to urgent private volver and in her breast was the ousiness and leave was granted in so far as the provincial government was concerned. It was stated that Mr. Justice McCreight would attend to Judge Bole's duties in his absence. He was shrubbery on what is known as informed that the judge would be back Ciff at Tacoma.

in Westminister to-morrow. PRIVATE BILLS. following bills were passed a third time: New Westminister and Burrard Inlet Telephone Company; Vernon and Nelson Telephone Company; and the Biritsh Columbia Southern Railway

Company. The house then went into committee on the Columbia & Western railway bill, Mr. Forster in the chair, and a long discussion ensued in the course of which amendments were proposed and lost. Mr. Williams eventually moved to insert the following, and on the discussion of this the committee rose and reported progress:

Provided, that in the event of the road Penticton not being completed within two years from the date of this act oming into force, at any time prior to ompletion of such road to Penticton, that then and in such event it shall be lawful for any other company now or hereafter incorporated for the construction of a railway from, at or near Penticton to Trail, or within twenty miles thereof, to construct such railway from Penticton, or any point near thereto, and to join and unite such railway with the Columbia & Western railway at any point on its route, and upon the lands of such latter railway, with power to use the road, stations and terminals of such latter road from such point to Trail or any other point on said road as such other company may desire, with right to eceive and discharge passengers and freight along the line of the said Columbia & Western railway, on such terms such use and powers as respective companies may mutually agree upon, and in default of such agreement, such terms and compensation shall be determined ing to the provisions of the "Common week. law procedure act, 1854," such terms and compensation to be fixed immediately upon any company as aforesaid giving notice after expiration of such two years to said Columbia & Western Railway Company of its intention to take advantage of this provision. Hon. Mr. Turner presented a petition

from the municipal council of Kaslo pro-

testing against the proposed tax on the

The Ashcroft & Cariboo railway bill

output of mines.

amend the liquor license regulation act, was committed and subsequently report-ed complete with amendments. pices of the Degree of Honor, will be complete with amendments.

NOTICES OF MOTION. Mr. Sword-For a return showing for what reason 480,000 acres were reserved in the southeast corner of the provnce, and 240,000 at Elk river, Mitchell Creek, and Coal Creek, in East Koo tenay; what the government purposes in connection with the railway reserves and what the railway reserves, were referred to in the hon. the chief commissioner's answer to a question on the 4th March; also the authority under which

such reserves were made. Hon. Col. Baker-To move on consideration report on education act amendment bill to insert the following in place of the present section on the same subject: "Any person, being a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years, who is a resident householder or a resident freeholder in a school district. and who is otherwise qualified by this act to vote at any election of school trustees in the said school district, and the wife of such householder or holder, shall be eligible to be elected or to serve as a school trustee; provided always, that the wife of an acting school trustee shall not be eligible for

Hon. Col. Baker-To introduce a bill ntituled "An Act relating to gold and other minerals, excepting coal.'

LOCAL NEWS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Tuesday's Daily. -Death yesterday claimed one of the oldest residents of Happy Valley, Mrs. Julian Piaggio, who died at the age of 85 years. Deceased came to the province in 1858 from Piedmont, Italy. She leaves a husband and one daughter, Mrs. J. Rhode. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 1:15 from Hayward's undertaking parlors and later from St. Andrew's R. C. Cathedral.

-It is understood that a company of British capitalists are prepared to take hold of and work the Daisy mine, located on McCallum Point, Esquimalt, by J. Sandercock and J. T. Pearse. An assay made by W. Pellew Harvey in July, 1895, of a small piece of ore from the mine went over a thousand dollars a ton. Of course this was a very small Samples of the ore are on view at the Driard. Mining men say it resembles very much the Trail Creek ore.

-Mr. George Clifford, the bartender of the Queen's hotel, was this morning fined \$10 and costs for assaulting the clerk of the same hotel. What promises to be a sensational case was remanded until the 6th. Mrs. Levy whose hushand is suing her for divorce, charges Arthur Brakes with assault. Brakes was placed in charge of the Levy residence by the husband, and he claims that Mrs. Levy went to the house and struck him with an umbrella. He conequently pushed her out of the house.

-Col. Turner and F. C. Loring, of Spokane, and W. J. Harris, of Rossland, all of whom are interested in the great Le Roi mine, arrived in this ity he members of the legislature by John government as an executive meeting was being held. They have, therefore, decided to wait until the other delegates arrive from Kootenay before meeting the government. Delegates are coming from all the mining camps in Kootenay.

-The body of Mrs. A. B. Cody, who disappeared from Tacoma some weeks ago, and for whom the police and detectives have been searching the country, ernment are aware that Judge Bole has was found yesterday not far from her former home, by her father and a friend. The poor demented woman had press, of his present address. On Feb- taken her own life. In her right hand was found an American "bull-dog" wound inflicted by the bullet. She was evidently on her knees when she killed herself and had fallen forward on her face. The body was found in some

From Wednesday's Daily -The Victoria Stock Exchange will be opened in the Board of Trade rooms on April 15th, after which stocks will be called daily.

-It is announced that Robt. Ward & Co., Ltd., intend opening a branch of their business at Vancouver, corner of Hastings and Homer streets.

-R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., have agreed to purchase the Vernon flour mill from Ellis & Co., provided a by-law assenting to the sale of the property is passed by the ratepayers.

-The storms which have prevailed in Victoria for the past week have not been confined to this locality. The storm has been felt as far south as Los Angeles, where snow fell for the first time in nine years.

-Nelson Miner: The delegates from various towns have been busy at wires for the last few days and it has finally been decided to ask Mr. A. S. Farwell, who is now in Victoria, to act as the representative of the district to bring before the government the many objections to the bill and the universal dissatisfaction throughout Kootenay with its provisions as far as they relate to mines assessments.

A meeting of the creditors of Perry & Turner was held yesterday afternoon when the committee appointed at the last meeting to inquire into the matter of the creditors carrying on the firm's and subject to such compensation for contract at the parliament buildings reported favorably. The committee was instructed to carry out the necessary arrangements. It was also decided that the time for calling for tenders for the by arbitrators, to be appointed accord- stock of the estate be limited to one.

> -The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the A.O.U.W. will be held in the A.O.U.W. Hall beginning Wednesday morning, March 11. Delegates from all parts of the province will arrive in the city on Tuesday, March 10, and on the evening of the same date, a grand banquet will be given by the local lodges to the visiting delegates. On Thursday evening following an entertainment, under the aus-

-John Camp, keeper of an hotel at Saanichton, is to be sent to the asylum. He is now at the Jubilee Hospital. At Can he, residing in Alberni, have seen the city police station there are two lunacy patients, a man and a woman.

-A meeting of the school trustees will be held next Tuesday evening, when the communications between Hayward and Principal McNeill, of the North Ward school, will be read and final action taken.

-Robert Knott, a well known conractor, died at his home, No. 2 South Pandera street, yesterday, after a two weeks' illness. Deceased was 53 years of age and a native of Cornwall England. The funeral will take place tomorrow at 2:30 p.m.

-The funeral of the late Mrs. Piaggio took place yesterday afternoon from Hayward's undertaking parlors and St. Andrew's R. C. Cathedral where the services were conducted by Rev. Father Nicolaye. The pallbearers were H. Cogan, M. Gelarvi, N. Bercci, J. Sauer, N. Jordan and E. Sketch.

-W. J. Palmer, of Willow Beach Farm, Sidney Island, and Mary Jane Smith, youngest daughter of James Smith, contractor, were married yesterday afternoon by Rev. Dr. Campbell, at the residence of the bride's father, 29 Green street. The bridesmaids were Misses Ada and Ellen Palmer, sisters of the groom, Miss M. Field, and the Misses Williams. After luncheon Mr. and Mrs. Palmer left by the four o'clock train on the Victoria & Sidney railway for their home on Sidney Is-

The story told by the two fishermen. Melrose and Paveh. to the effect that they were inhumanly treated by officers of the dockyard at Esquimalt on Sunday last seems to be almost entirely without foundation. The Times learns on the very best authority that the men were not ordered to put to sea in the face of a raging gale, but on the contrary, did so of their own volition. When their boat upset they were rescued by men from the naval yard and received the kindest of treatment. Their circulation of a false report reflects any. thing but credit upon them.

sources we learn that the people of Victoria have gone crazy on Nest Egg divide it seems they must have lost their stock. When the first installment of these investors get to Rossland we ex- try to Teslin lake and following down pect to see them crazier still." The the Hootalinqua river, they struck anstock has been selling like hot cakes at other lake between Teslin and the div-10 cents a share, which is equivalent to a valuation of \$50,000 for the property. ting out from that. They had lost the The most sanguine operator in Rosslard Indians' trail and leaving their outfit never valued this claim at half that amount and as the title to the property is in dispute, no less than three adverses in their wanderings they lost their having been filed against it, we can see no good reason for this boom. It can it in a snowstorm. They landed at the only result in harm to the whole camp in our opinion.

-The reception tendered to the pas-Bay avenue, by the Ladies' Aid of that ing snowstorm to again look for their church on Monday night was a particularly happy one. After a very enjoy- There were some people at Juneau able programme of vocal and instru- who believe the missing men may be per cent. on the gross output of mines. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Forster with two They were this morning introduced to very handsome tables. After Mr. For-Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Forster with two in February. ster had, in a neat speech, thanked the the evening's entertainment was concluded by a good supply of refreshments. The rendering of the glee, "May Mr. A. Jones was excellent and called forth hearty applause.

-A deal, which has been under negotiation for some time, was closed yesterday afternoon, by which the entire management of the Moodyville Saw Mill Company's business will be assumed by Robert Ward & Co., Ltd. Heretofore this extensive business was in charge of J. Wulffsohn, of Vancouver As stated in the Times a few days ago, this enterprising firm will open out a branch office in Vancouver, and with The Moodyville saw mill is running to drifts that it will be some time before its greatest capacity to supply seven it can possibly be found. arge vessels that are now loading there. Several vessels are also chartered to managers will keep the mill running day and night.

## LAW INTELLIGENCE.

In the county court to-day the Victoria Yacht Club House Association's case against Contractor T. P. West is being tried before Chief Justice Davic and six jurors with Mr. A. J. Weaver Bridgman as foreman. The defendant raised the plaintiff's club house, which had sunk, and had been paid \$100 on ecount when the house sank again. Plaintiffs now sue for a return of the \$100 and damages, as they employed another contractor to do the work over again. It is contended on behalf of the defendant that plaintiffs interfered with his carrying out the contract as they told him to leave the house as raised until they had settled on some changes they were contemplating. E. Mallandaine, Jr., soceretary of the Yacht club, was the first witness. He gave it as his opinion that the house sank the second cer come and take possession of it, says time because the pontoons were left until the Seattle P. I. Inspector Tom Delany covered and the water getting in caused left on the steamer Fairhaven last night it to sink. Plans and models prepared and will return to-night with the contra-Architect Lawrie were produced and | band goods. Diver John McHardy was recalled to testify to the condition of the house and surroundings after the house sank the which left Victoria last week, and which second time. Architect Lawrie is giving his evidence at the time of going to press, and it is not likely that the trial will be finished to-day. Mr. W. H. Langley appears for the plaintiffs and Mr. Irving for the defendants.

A PALPABLE FRAUD.

To the Editor: In the Colonist of this morning a correspondent, signing himself "Common Sense," takes in an indirect way the energetic senior member for Cowichan-Alberni to task in regard to an address to the Dominion government in respect to the improvement of the approaches of the Somas river. The

the ear marks of fraud and deception inasmuch as the writer (who pretends to have read the debates of the house in Alberni) states that he has read so and so in the Colonist of March 3rd. the issue of March 3rd? No. The Colonist would reach Nanamio the same date, which would be Tuesday, stageday to Alberni. That stage makes Alberni on following day, Wednesday, and returns to Nanaimo on Thursday. and any mail returning from Alberni would reach here Friday noon. How on earth under such circumstances could the communication referred to be published here on Thursday? I understand the whole matter. The Somas river improvement is a very much needed one and somebody appears to be remarkably "thrifty" that the senior member should be alive to the urgent necessities of Alberni. Major, you are on the right track. We have an eye on those who

AN ALBERNI RESIDENT. Victoria, 5th March, 1896.

## ALL PLEASURE

Some of the Fortune Seekers of the Far North Have Very Rough Experiences.

Canadian Mail Covered Under the Spow at the Summit of Chilcoot Pass.

The City of Topeka just down from the north reports having experienced very cold weather. She leaves Seattle his evening and will probably sail from Victoria to-morrow morning. All her cargo and passenger room has been engaged.

Juneau papers report the probable oss of L. S. Hodges and Ed. McNelis, who started out for the Yukon with Jimmie Jackson, the Indian mail carrier. Report says that while going up the Takou river, which was the route they had taken, the two white men could not keep up with the Indian carriers and dropped behind before the head of the river was reached. The In--Rossland Miner: From private dians went on and the white men followed their trail, but after crossing the trail and instead of taking across counide and followed down the stream put cached, started out to find it. They did not find the trail, and what was worse, cache through being caught away from Tagish houses on Tagish lake, where they were last seen on or about the 5th inst. by some Stick Indians, from whom tor's wife at St. Columba's church, Oak that the two men started out in a blindthe report comes. The Indians stated cache.

this morning to interview the governmental music was concluded, the friends the Thompson party who crossed the mental regarding the proposed tax of two

The Record says that the news was Grant, ex-M.P.P., but could not see the friends on behalf of himself and wife, Rustler that Bill Stewart, who was takbrought down on the last trip of the ing in the Canadian mail for the Yukon express and transportation company, had been badly frozen while on the trail Day" by Mr. and Mrs. W. Jones and crossing the summit, which necessitated his return to Dyea. He was caught in a blizzard on the divide, in which he ost his mail sacks and came near losing his life. He cached his mail sacks and outfit on the summit of the range in the snow, where it is now so deeply covered up with drifts that it will be impossible to find it again until the snow melts off in the spring. It will be emembered that T. Constantine Healy and Fred Gasch, who are the mail contractors, reached Dyea some weeks ago and started out to cross the range, but they were unable to face the blizzards this object in view Mr. S. McClure, ar- then sweeping down from the north chitect, has been busy preparing plans and gave up the trip. After returning and specifications for a portion of the they turned the mail sacks over to Bill Metropolitan Club block, which is to be Stewart, who agreed to take them fitted out in a manner becoming the through to Forty Mile, with the result standing of the firm and the business to above stated. So the Canadian mail is be transacted. Mr. J. C. McClure will lost on the summit of the Chilcoot pass have charge of the Vancouver offices. and is so completely buried under the

> A snowslide recently swept down Snowslide gulch in lower Silver Bow load there this season and the new basin and carried away Harry Hill's sluice boxes, landing them some distance up the opposite side of the mountain Macross Gold creek.

Capt. Phillips of the revenue cutter Wolcott received orders from the department at Washington, through the mail which arrived on the Willapa, to proceed to Port Townsend immediately and report for orders, says the Searchlight of Juneau. It is probable that the orders will be to go into drydock for general repairs, for which the Wolcott is greatly in need. It is hoped that the Wolcott will return again soon.

SMUGGLER LOST. Victoria Sloop Believed to Have Been Wrecked on the Sound.

Edward Latour, a logger from Utsalady, came to the city yesterday morning and reported to Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue Gleason that 150 5-tael cans of opium had been washed on shore near his camp, and that he wished to have an offi-

From Latour's story it is probable that the opium was the cargo of a small sloop is supposed to have been wrecked in the severe storm on Friday night. The sloop came through Deception Pass and from all indications the adventurous smugglers are now at the bottom of the Sound.

When the opium was found it was, as usual in such cases, wrapped up in two sacks, each containing seventy-five cans, many of which were badly dented and in some cases broken. The price of prepared opium on this side is now about \$9 per pound, and as the value of the find will reach about \$1,000, Latour will receive from \$250 to \$500, at the direction of the Federal judge or the collector. Smuggling, it may be added, has greatly diminished since ector Saunders came to the Sound dis-

## THE NEWS SUPPRESSED

General Weyler's Press Censorship Works Perfectly in Havana-All Channels Choked.

Very Few People in Cuba Know the News of the Action of Congress.

And Those Who Do Dare Not Whisp. er It to Their Neighbors for Fear of Torture.

Havana, March 5 .- It is no doubt wondered why some demonstration is not being made here upon the announcement of the action taken by both branches of congress, but the truth is that the news has been suppressed b the Spanish general and his press cen sors. Gen. Weyler has so gagged and choked all mediums of conveying intelligence to the people of this island than not one in a hundred and hardly one in a thousand knows that the house of representatives has passed a resolution expressing sympathy for Cuba and ack nowledging her belligerency. The publication of this news would no doubt create a furore and such mad scenes would be enacted in the streets of Hay-

ana as to strike terror to the hearts of the boldest. The leading newspapers of this city to-day appeared without a line of news from Washington, and scarcely an item from the United States, except a lin announcing the indictment of the cap tain of the filibustering steamer Horsa The release of the Bermuda has been kept out of the papers. Nobody her knows of the congressional action e cept from private sources of informa tion. They dare not tell it, except confidence, for fear some spy would be tray them and they would be liable arrest, imprisonment, torture and co viction without trial for treasonable terances. There is no telling what w follow when the news does finally go noised abroad, for leak out it must will, though Gen. Weyler is doing in his power to dam the leaks. To insurgents, of course, this news wou bring encouragement at a time dearly needed. For, despite the success which these desperately determined mer have achieved, their ardor is somewha dimmed by the insecurity of their pos tion. With their knowledge of cruelty of the general with whom lave to contend, the long experience hardships borne in this war, and nemory of another war ten times

long, unsuccessfully ended, it is no easy matter to keep one's courage always the sticking place when being push ither and thither by n of far greater numerical strength, w equipped, provisioned and recruited. The prospect of getting more recruits, more money and more ammunition, to equa ize the strength of the opposing f would be so inspirating as to make these brave fellows fight with ten times mor urdor than ever. The effect on the cit zens of Havana would be not less trical. Those who now sympathize the rebels, but dare not express feelings, knowing the surveillance them, would come out into the such numbers as to appal the ish officials. These who are in and hesitancy which cause to would waver no longer. They are haps the largest proportion of the ulation, anxious to be on the triu side, and ready to swell the choru the Cuban or Spanish victory, ever it may be. A third class, who are Spaniards by birth or a them in interest, all are of one and who sincerely believe that the ed States has a selfish motive ing the rebels, desire to tear Cuba the arms of Spain and to adopt he her own child. They cannot be con ed that the United States cares Cuba except to annex and conquer tax her. The action of congress thus explain itself to them, and in

other way. Captain General Weyler has take reasures to protect the American mlate, in this city, though with discretion, he has done so withou ing attention to the fact. This was through abundant caution, though demonstration was feared agains consulate, because the suppression the facts might tend to lead theret The Spanish colony in the cit Mexico have cabled expressions pathy to General Weyler and test against the charges made him in the United States. The Qu Regent has cabled her congrat to Brigadier General Bernal brilliant engagement at Mamey venerable mother of General Garcia, who was arrested in N n connection with the Bermud tion, left Havana to-day on

steamer Olivette for Florida. Garcia is 75 years old, and he not safe here. Generals Prats olas report having fought the f der Maximo Gomez yesterday a bana, on the borders of Matan vince, including the band of La others. These forces, the official says, were routed and the leader Castillo wounded se Twenty-five prisoners of war arriv Havana to-day. London, Mar. 5.-The Times

es a dispatch from Madrid, say French ambassador at Madrid mitted proposals for a large the support of France on the question in return for commer cessions by Spain, and her prom she will not contract other allian give guarantees concerning French naval operations on the Spain, Prime Minister Canovas Castillo conferred with the opposition A Paris syndicate will take £25,000 of Cuban bonds held by Spain, the ter granting a prolonged concess Spanish railways to French holders.

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ett, and Peter ok, the residence The ceremony ter. The bride was Miss Jack and Miss Georgeson, nied The bridegroom was her-in-law, Mr. The happy couple we many useful and h After the wedding was in order and Mi George Demain deli with some songs, in the taste and style. The present. At dayligh wharf, where t the Princes Louise minster amid shower "He's a Jolly and Mrs. Garrick esidence in New ENGLISHMA

From our own Englishman's Rive rday, the 22nd, a the school house to done about clearing James Craig was Trustee Geatchen s had been sent to th tion in Victoria, and that the settlers mi Trustee Morison ac had said, although able money this next, and advised necessary be done Lee proposed that school lot. Trustee the motion, and day be chosen for and do the work. that in the event ed by the settlers guaranteed maps Mr. Bob Craig wa scription, and havi contract. Mr. Har carried, and Tuesd wet, the settlers v about creameries, the settlers should the bonus given by see what could be one started here. this a move in the Mr. Pellar, Mr.

committee to look the district. It is reported lier is to run as porter of the gove coming Dominion

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Golde We understand has disposed of his copper property of Mr. Harry Syr gary, who was her procuring bonds after obtaining -sailed for Engla Mr. McNeish is the Hidden Treas machene and is tention to the rather than of de Mr. B. Able. town last week the carrying out Swansea claim

is a copper prope ates and oxides o The amendment -if made enforce calculated to disc opment of our r is to be hoped th West and East provincial legislat reconsider the me not the effect wi

to us here, where fancy. TROL Koote

The Trout Lak the Slocan and producer and will line from this time shaw completed ver Cup last wee are busy rawhidi Trout Lake. Th carrying gold, sil short time we e tons of ore piled ing for the steam Hugh McPhers to be showing t

ever sixty tons o dump at present. The Abbott is of men and, from to develop one of tenay. They are tap the lead at a low the surface.

The Miner has thority that all C. Corbin and F. right of way for have been amical The No. 2 tun s now well into in the No. 1 tuni large stoping are up, but owing to roads no ore can It is announce tract is to be le tinuation of the e put down 100 drift from the I Ore which looks Charlie Bates

Creek camp on Columbia river. sessment work and is now about He has some fi cre and reports tunnel in the sam A contract wa for the extension 100 feet and soo work they for et of good ore The Highland