The days of publication of the Twicea-Week Times will be changed after this issue from Tuesdays and Fridays to Mondays and Thursdays. By this arrangement the Times will reach a majority of its subscribers much quicker than at

THE LIBEL SUITS.

Somewhat more of courtesy to the of-

were more becoming in the Colonist in treating upon the subject raised in Hon. Mr. Speaker Higgins' letters. A journal that has so recently discoursed with dogmatic vehemence upon the subject of personalities should set a better example. As dean (self-elected) of the press of the province, the Colonist should certainly be more of a pattern of that high courtesy and dignity which distinguish the best newspapers from those our contemporary quaintly, though expressively, terms "scrubs." Certainly Hon. Mr. Higgins has dealt very severeby with the Colonist in his second letter to that newspaper this morning-the letter will be found in another columnbut no one can say that any of those reflections are unjust. Even the gentleman to whom they are addressed will be among the first to admit that. Not to weary the patience of our readers with lengthy dissertations upon this matter. we may say that the matter simply stands thus: The Colonist is straining every In the first place be is far too astute a nerve to prejudice public opinion against | man not to see what the consequences of the defendants in the pending libel suits; such an act on his part would be; and in it has already tried the case in its own the second place the trade-mark of the columns, and this is its finding: "As to pure canard is carried in the statement the libellous character of the articles in that the British Columbia government has question there can hardly be any doubt." Just the language of a judge charging portation Company a permit for the sale what is, after all, a magnificent advera jury strongly against the defendant. of 50,000 gallons of whiskey. That is tisement for his company's whiskey, No language would be too strong to condemn such foul play, but we do not intend to use what is popularly known as "strong" language; facts, logic, truth, report, and no doubt there is very keen | Colonist not aware that the same disjustice require no such language to establish their case. The public who have privilege of selling whiskey in the Yukon newspaper in Canada as coming from followed the evidence given in the police district, but what authority the writer court during the recent trials and who of the telegram had for using Sir Charles makes us fatigued when discussing with witnessed the behavior of the presiding Tupper's name as he has done will not the Colonist—we have to tell the curmagistrate on those several occasions, be clear until fuller reports arrive. It is mudgeon so much it ought to know. are not to be influenced by the imper- probably either a joke or a mistake, and tinences of the Colonist or by its daring it is to be hoped for Sir Charles's sake perversions of the facts. The evidence it is one or the other. of their own eyes and ears is too strong to be overset by anything the Colonist can say. Bilt those who were not there: those are the ones the Colonist seeks to prejudice against the defendants. The Mr. Pooley in allowing their names and Colonist is even now trying to pack a jury. That journal, with characteristic fatuousness, cites the cases: Tarte-Grenier, Tichborne, Parnell and Dr. Jameson, to prove that unbridled comment is permissible while a case is sub judice. It is absolutely appalling to see of London Truth devoted to stocks and an eight-page morning newspaper pub- shares-"Moses Moss to Benjamin Boss" lished in a city of twenty-five thousand |-Mr. Labouchere, week by week, is inhabitants, in 1898, displaying ignor- strongly warning his correspondents ance so astonishing. The writer of that against the British Columbia investments article in the Colonist seems to be total. handled by the aforementioned company. ly unacquainted with the British law of The answers run something like this: nalism. True, to take the Jameson

Turner, shortly after the Times published the startling facts connected with his and Hon. Mr. Pooley's name and official titles appearing on the directorate of a Klondike company, said in the course of an interview in the Colonist that his name and that of Hon. Mr. Pooley had been used improperly without their consent by the promoters in London. This admission by the premier, it will also the recollected caused a most painful condescending to consultate the ministers are pleased to bestow upon their ministers carry a serious and not an ironical meaning. We have advised those ministers to sever all connection with that company and so save their own credit; there is yet time; a cablegram peremptorily severing all connection between the ministers and a company that was unscruptions a use of the makes in the ministers and a company that was unscruptions a use of the ministers and Marrir all in a lump, just like a bloomin' piknik!

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ly in the London Times: "Sir,-In a prospectus issu Klondike Gold Mining & Trading Com rany, Limited, the names of Mr. E. Strachan Cox, of Toronto, Canada, as local secretary, and of Lieut.-Colonel Tisdale, M.P., Joseph E. Seagram, James Carruthers, W. B. McMurrich, Q.C. John Foy, Auguste Bolte, William J. Clarke, H. A. Ward and C. Kloeffer, as a Canadian local board of directors, were

fice, if it cannot show any to the man, as their solicitors, I am instructed to say that their names were used wholly without authority, and that they knew no-thing of the company, its prospectus, or "FRANCIS E. HODGINS.

"Grand Hotel, Charing Cross." Mr. Turner said practically the sam then does he not publish in such a paper as the London Times a note like the

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not vet too late

If the statements contained in the Ottawa despatch, which will be found in another column, prove to be correct. Sir Charles Tupper will certainly occupy a curious position before the people of Canada. But it is improbable that he has committed himself in any such manner. granted the Klondike Trading and Trans-

WIDESPREAD MISCHIEF.

One of the very worst results of the

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which came under the ban of the London and Canadian press so soon as its real character was disclosed, is this. In the answers to correspondents in that section ilibel and with the ethics of British journalism. True, to take the Jameson raid case, comments were published, but could the Colonist find among that ocean of comment one line, one word in the least resembling that which we have quoted from its columns in regard to the libel suits? If the Colonist thinks it could it betrays lamentable unacquainfance with the cast-iron usages of British newspapers. The very best thing the Colonist can do in this matter ust a suit and discreetly eschew this matter until a little more experience, a li Columbia shares after all the warnings To the Heditur:-We are 'avin' a norful

IS IT A SLANDER?

As has often been remarked, there is nothing more calculated to drive away the blues and bring the glad sounds of mirth to the streets of this sober city than the Colonist in a passion, "When anger's in wit's out," says the old proverb, and never saw we it more charmingly exemplified than in the case of the local morning newspaper. But the Colonist tears a passion to tatters; the itch to go on and on and say some-"As representing these gentlemen and thing harder and bitterer is irresistible; so, it ends by making a grotesque exhibition of itself where it might have carried the matter off with a high handsomeness that would leave an impression and earn, perchance, a "bravo!" or two. Let us take the adjectives employed by our tempestuous contemporary this mornthing in his Colonist interview: that his ing in its article saying no to the Sir name was used without authority. Why Charles Tupper whiskey case. They are: "base, gross, ill-conditioned, contemptible, low, etc." And the substantives foregoing, and so set himself right be- are even more "strong." They are: fore the people of the province? It is "slander, scandal, rubbish, scandalmong er, sensation," etc. And yet the Colonist will persist in talking to the Times about its "langwidge." After this the Colenist should let that well-worn pleasantry severely alone. As for the assertion that the dispatch is a slander, time will show whether it is or not. The Colonist probably on account of its towering passion obscuring its naturally restricted clearly discrediting the dispatch. However, little things like that go for nothing with the Colonist. The company mentioned includes, it is understood, a gentleman closely connected with the Colonist, therefore it is difficult to see why he should kick up such a dust over nonsense and, as the common phrase is, which we feel sure is of first class qualthere must be some foundation for the for contumely so "langwidgy?" Is the competition among the companies for the patch would appear in every evening the Associated Press? This is what

> Mr. Bell, of the Winnipeg Nor'Wester was defendant in a criminal libel suit. Mr. Peebles, the magistrate ruled: "The Nor'Wester was published by an incorporated company, and the proprietor was the company. Section 297 of this code could not apply to Mr. Bell, but to the company. It appears that the matter was inserted without knowledge or negli gence on the part of the defendant, who himself swears that he had no knowledge that the articles were to be inserted. The evidence shows that he did not write the articles, and appears to show that he had no knowledge of their publication, and also that he had nothing to do with the editorial department of the paper. therefore dismiss both cases."

We do these things differently in Vic-

POLLYTICKS UP COUNTRY.

OPPOSED TO ANNEXATION.

Would Be a Source of Weakness

Chicago, Jan. 29.-At the annual banquet of the Commercial Club, which was held to-night at the Auditorium, Prof. Von Holst, of Chicago university, delivered the principal address of the evening, his subject being "The Annexation of Hawaii." His remarks which His remarks, which were greeted with every manifestation of approval, were in part as follows:

"As to the military side of the question, Capt. Mahan, our leading naval authority, has exploded the naive notion that islands confer by themselves control over a body of water. To be of military value, we must have an adequate navy, and to be adequate our navy would have to be much larger when Hawaii is ours; for it would have to protect not only our coasts and our shipping, but also Hawaii, which would surely be a principal object of attack in a war with a first class naval power. Now we are practically invulner-Is it rational to acquire without any need a spot at which an enemy can hit us infinitely harder than anywhere be a step that could not be retraced. To make the best of a bad job would be all nat is left to us. decorated with wre

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the nation has officially based its existence upon the principle that governments derive their just power from the consent of the governed. If annexation is effected in the manner proposed, this fundamental principle will be trampled under mental perceptions does not credit the foot. For the overwhelming majority of Times with its fairness last evening in the population has virtually had no voice in instituting this government; though not the lawful government it actually represents less than 4,000 out of about 110,000. Even if the remaining 106,000 were to pray as ardently as the 4,000 for annexation, we ought to shut our door against them, because according to the unanimous emphatic testimony of the small minority, posing as the Hawaiians. the 106,000 are utterly and permanently unfit for self-government, which is more than the life breath, which is the very structural principle of this republic.

Details of the Killing of Aranguren-Was Betrayed by a Negro Who Was Paid \$500.

The Killing Innocent Women and Children.

following details of the death of General Nestor Aranguren, who was killed Thursday last, have been received: It appears that the column under Col. ger, and along the right bank of the Ni-Aranjare, who had been operating in ger to Say. the neighborhood of Campo Florido, cap-For a long time the prisoner bore the torture and refused to make a statement, but finally, upon being promised, a. e. ward of \$500, he agreed to betray Aran-

Gen. Aranguren, the negro said, was

Col. Aranjare, with three columns. which was surrounded.

When the hut had been completely dered to advance cautiously, which they in the equatorial Hinterland in a manner did, arriving near the entrance before not interfering with the Anglo-Egyptian being seen. A child of about eight years plans. of age was playing outside the doorway when she discovered the soldiers, and, as a warrior, the agreement also contemscreaming in alarm, ran towards the hut to inform the inmates of the presence of try, and it is understood the British will the Spaniards. A volley from the squad acquire the right to traverse Abyssinia stretched her lifeless tong the ground; and other advantages, which will become Then a general firing was ordered by the Spanish commander, which resulted in the wounding of Aranguren in the leg, the killing of his servant and the mortal wounding of his sweetheart and another woman, the latter of whom fled towards the woods and fell dead a short distance away. Aranguren's sweetheart died from the effects of her wounds while being taken to Campo Florido.

Aranguren was in bed when the Spaniards arrived, and hearing the alarm given by the child; ran out of the hut, only partly dressed, cryings "I am Aranguren," apparently meaning that he ought to be killed. His captors seized him and made a close search of his clothing for documents relating to the death of Col. Ruiz, which they secured They also obtained a verbal declaration from their prisoner on the same subject, and then a bullet was fired through his breast and he fell, but, not dying instantly, a bayonet was thrust through his head, the weapon entering near the

mouth, ending his life. The Spaniards captured a man be lieved to be the dynamiter of Aranguren's band, and two boys, who said they knew the location of the grave of Col. Ruiz. The boys, in charge of the Spanish column, have left for the place where they say the grave is located.

While Aranguren's death is considered just vengeance for the execution of Ruiz, the killing of the women and children when they might have been taken alive is generally condemned.

A number of prominent persons attended the funeral of Gen. Aranguren, who was buried in the private tomb of his family. Among those who acted as es cort to the body were three generals of the insurgents in the last warm.

The horses and saddles of Col. Ruiz were seized when Aranguren was killed.

JACOBITES COMMEMORATE.

London, Jan. 29.-The anniversary of the execution of King Charles I. was commemorated to-day. The statue of King Charles in Trafalgar square was decorated with wreaths, etc., bearing the

Britain's Complications Straightening Out and War-Clouds Blowing Away.

The Friction Between Sweeden and Norway Is Said To Be Becoming More Marked.

London, Jan. 29.-After an unusually prolonged period of extreme tension, all signs point to an early improvement in, if not a complete solution of, the various international political problems agitating the nerves of Great Britain. The foreign and colonial offices are beginning to daylight through the darkness which has long been enveloping the far East, West Africa, the upper Nue and India. Unless signs fail and information from the best informed circles is faulty, the Marquis of Salisbury and Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, will divide the honors, and Great Britain will secure about all she asks.

So far as China is concerned this view. connection with the speech of Mr. Curzon, the parliamentary secretary for the foreign office, at Bolton on Tuesday, and the reported acceptance of the British loan, is generally regarded as correct. Mr. Curzon foreshadowed the probable achievement of Great Britain's purpose in keeping the ports free to the whole world, and the maintenance of treaty rights whereby "spheres of influence are rendered imposible." The Russian pro-Great Britain was not taken seriously. It is understood that she had not the money herself without drawing upon her war reserve funds.

o burn her fingers in a game in which, even if successful, Russia would be the only gainer, while Germany appears to have set completely around to the British side. Throughout, the Struction has never been so alarming as sensationalists attempted to paint it. Hence the Czar's peaceful assurances and George Hamilton's statement in his speech on Tuesday, that relations with Russia were entirely satisfactory, are not

surprising.
Turning to West Africa an official of the colonial office informs the Associated Press that the impossibility of securing witnesses from the West Coast earlier is the reason for the delay in the Paris ne-Spanish Fired Into His Hut gotiations. Some of the most important witnesses arrived only last week, and they are now in Paris. Thus far, all the British demands have been conceded nominally and "provisionally, pending the result of the convention," Havana (via Key West), Jan. 29 .- The Chamberlain is perfectly satisfied that the British claims will be upheld, and that the French will be confined westward of a line prolonged from the pre-sent Lagos-Dahomey frontier to the Nisent Lagos-Dahomey

In the meantime he does not propose to risk being caught napping by a probable tured a negro named Morales, whom they adverse decision of the convention, so he icy fortured in order to extort from him is pushing troops and supplies to the front information regarding the insurgents, as rapidly as possible. A new regiment of 2,000 Hussars has been enrolled at Ibaden during the last few weeks, and detachments will be sent to the front as soon as the men become efficient. In regard to the Upper Nile, the interon Thursday to the effect that the ratiin the habit of visiting the house of a fication of the treaty between Great pacifico called Cajagal, who lived in the Britain and King Menelik of Abyssinia Papeste heights, between the town of have been exchanged and that the gov-Tapeste and Campo Florido, with his enment hopes shortly to accredit repre-

family, which consisted of his wife, a sentatives at the Abyssinian court, has grown daughter, of whom Gen. Arangu- given the greatest satisfaction as helping ren was enamored, and several younger to solve the question of the Upper Nile The terms of the treaty will not be divulged until it is presented to parliament numbering about a thousand infantry but the hints dropped at the colonial and cavalry, proceeded under the guid- office indicate that the agreement is ance of the negro Morales to the hut, based on the principle that friendly Abyssinia on the Upper Nile is preferable to hostile France. Therefore, King Menelik surrounded a squadron of men were or- will be allowed to gratify his ambitions

> As King Menelik is a trader as well plates assistance in opening up the coun-

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Possibly Mr. Cavendish may be able to take advantage of the new treaty with King Menelik and get a short cut through Abyssinia. While Mr. Cavenidsh is personally defraying the cost of the expedition, it is known that he has been in frequent communication with the Marquis of Salisbury through the Duke of Devonshire, so it is safe to say the expedition is under government auspices.

The news from Christiania on Friday last that the commission appointed to draw up proposals for the better regulation of the customs between Norway and Sweden has been unable to reach an agreement, indicates that the tension between Sweden and Norway is fast approaching the snapping point, and it is stated that on the frontier the arming of both parties is rapidly progressing, both sides preparing for war.

The Correro, organ of the Carlists, dissing the visit of the United States battleship to Havana, expresses the opinion that the Spanish would be justifiably alarmed, adding:

"As a fact, it is the government itself which is seriously alarmed, though every effort is madeto disguise it. In spite of posal of a loan on the same terms as the official statement of Admiral Cervaras, the admiral of the fleet, on Tuesday last, at a conference with the minister of marine, when he asserted that the recent evolutions had demonstrated the perfect condition of the Spanish fleet. France is daily showing less inclination Admiral Cervaras in reality reported that the vessels not actually in dry dock ought to be there, that many of the boilers were defective, that some of the ships were not yet armed, and that most of the vessels require cleaning. In view of the perfidy of the United States, it is not surprising that such neglect and helplessness create alarm."

According to the same paper, great importance is attached to the conference between M. Patenotre, the French minister to Spain, and Senor Gullon, the Spanish minister for foreign affairs, who, it is said, discussed the action of the United States

"As it is well known that there is great alarm in France at the course of events, the fact that M. Patenotre is intimately conversant with United States affairs lends additional importance to the mat-

MR. SIFTON AND IMMIGRATION.

The Ottawa correspondent of The Owen Sound Advertiser writes: Since the Tory papers have discovered a mare's nest in the Hon. Mr. Sifton's printing contract with Hunter, Rose & Co., in respect to the publication of the Yukon report, they/have left off, for the time being, criticizing and condemning his policy in immigration matters for the more congenal task of abusing him upon the printing affair. Mr. Sifton's policy in regard to immigration is not only a wigorous and progressive one, but even at this early stage of operation is showing the wisdom of the Minister's plans to induce a greater flow of the permanent and most desirable class of settlers into Canada. In the 114,000 immigrants who came to this country during the eleven months ending November 30th last from Great Britain there is shown a large increase over the whole number for the previous year. whole number for the previous year. Immigration from the United States is rapidly increasing 'n volume. Active and intelligent agents, especially adapted for the purpose, have been appointed and are at work in nearly all of the states in the American Union, promoting not only the repatriation of Canadians who had left the Dominion during. Toward white the terms of the property of the states in the s repatriation of Canadians who had left the Dominion during Tory administration, but also including foreign settlers in those states to move across the border and appropriate the rich and fertile lands of our great Northwest. Their efforts, as the reports indicate, are meeting with signal success. It is the mean spirit of envy which prompts the uncompromising Tory press to belittle and denounce Mr. Sifton's methods. Past Tory methods only succeeded in promoting immigration, according to the natural inferences to be gathered from the last densus returns, over Canadian soil into moting immigration, according to the natural inferences to be gathered from the less densus returns, over Canadian soil into American territory. To remedy this evil and to bring back some of the thousands of Canadians who were driven under Tory rule to the neightoring republic in search of livelihood is the task which the Liberal Minister of the Interior has undertaken with such great promise of ultimate success. The prospect of this success has aroused the jealous are at the Opposition newspapers, which fly to arms immediately at every new move on the part of the Minister in his efforts to bring about the desired results. It is safe to say that never since the hauguration of an immigration policy has an Administration if Canada displayed such an intelligent grasp of what a live, energetic policy in this matter is as has the present Liberal Administration. The demands of our country are certain, as the years roll on, to become greater and larger in every branch of industry. While in all communities there will always be a growing residuum of the less effective and crowided communities, there seems very little reason to fear, at the present day, that in any branch of industry, under ordinary circumstances, the supply will be in in excess of the demand. The circumstances of the immigrant settler of chittle reason to fear, at the present day, that in any branch of industry, under ordinary circumstances, the supply will be in in excess of the demand. The circumstances of the immigrant settler of to-day are far more favorable, and the conditions of his permanent settlement far more assured, than those against which the pioneer settler contended. The latter had literally no market at all, now there is every facility afforded the settler to reach the markets of the world in the most expeditious manner, and with every means provided for the preservation of his perishable products during transportation from point to point. What has all along been needed and what Mr. Sifton is now providing is a steady, persistent but withal judiciors and discriminating agitation of the subject of emigration to Canada constantly kept up, and no patriotic Canadian should desire to see the good work retarded in any of the channels mapped out by the Minister of the Interior. A quarter of a century ago it was said that the Northwest would be the future right arm of Canada, and in looking toward that district we note its rapidly gathering strength, with its untold possibilities unfolding from the boundary to the golden frozen north. Nothing is needed but the settler.

DEFAULTS IN INTEREST. London, Jan. 29 .- The council of forign bondholders announced that it has been unable to obtain the installment due January. 26 by Venezuela for the service of the external debt of 1881.

THEY WILL MEET IN ST. LOUIS. Chicago, Jan. 28.— The board of directors of the National Federation of Musical clubs has decided to hold the next general meeting in St. Louis in the spring of 1899.

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