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## CONVICTS ESCAPE.

Evans, the Train Robber and Desperado, Breaks Jail and Escapes.

The Guard Forced to Unlock and Marched out at Pistols Point.

FRESNO, Dec. 28.—Ben Scott was in charge of the jail about 6:30 to-night, when a man named Ed. Martell, a waiter, brought Convict Evans his dinner. He was in the jail about fifteen minutes. Evans had asked to be removed from his cell to the large central enclosure. Scott went and unlocked the door, when Martell presented a pistol and told him to open the doors. Scott thought he was joking, and did not make any attempt to open the door, but Chris Evans, who has always been a pretty good friend of Scott's, stepped up and pulled a gun out of his pocket and said: "That's right, Ben; throw up your hands. Then Chris stepped up to push. Scott opened the door and Martell went with him, and Evans followed about six feet behind, walking down to the outer door, and Evans said to Ben Scott, "Hold up your hands while we search you." Martell searched him while Evans held a gun on him. Scott asked them to wait till he had locked the door. Evans said "Yes, we want it to get out of here." Scott's story is substantially "I looked the door and they walked me a block and a half towards Mariposa street to the alley between O. and P. streets, and as we went along we came across another man and Evans told him in a threatening manner to come along with us. The fellow picked up was so frightened he could not walk and we had to carry him and I was afraid he would shoot both of us if we did not bring him. When we got to an alley this man started running and left us. Evans told me (Scott) to walk away but not to run. Chris, hollered not to run and I said I am not running and walking away. Evans fired a shot at me presumably to incite respect for him, so I stepped back to the side of the fence, which is in the shadow, and then turned and ran down town and gave the alarm."

The delivery was effected just after Under Sheriff Berry had left his dinner at everything was supposed to be quiet and secure. This had been the custom of the jail. It seems that Mrs. Evans had ordered Evans dinner from two or three restaurants outside, that being a privilege accorded to Evans because of his invalid condition. She had been ordered to deliver the dinner which sent dinner this evening, Joseph Stock is proprietor of one. He returned with the dinner in his basket, as Evans had already had his meal. There was great excitement in town to-night. People gathered in front of the jail, and the news of the escape was rapidly spread. Evans was dispatched from the sheriff's office in every direction, some on horseback, some in carriages and some on foot. They started within an hour after the escape.

## FRISCO'S UNEMPLOYED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Hugh Craig, of the Commission appointed at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon, to devise ways and means to relieve the unemployed of the city, said today that copies of the circular will be sent out inviting members of the Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade of San Francisco, the Produce Exchange, Manufacturers' Association and Bar Association, together with the heads of several departments of Commerce, on Friday at 2 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting is to act in the direction of raising a fund for employing permanent residents of San Francisco who are out of work. "It is estimated," said Mr. Craig, "that there are at least 2,400 permanent residents and citizens of San Francisco, not a floating population, who are out of work and who need immediate employment. Of these 2,400, 900 are married and 1,500 are single. It is estimated that it will require \$1 per diem to sustain the 1,500 single, and \$1.50 per diem for the 900 married men. In round figures it will cost \$3,000 per diem for 100 days to carry on our own work by the laboring class through the winter, or \$300,000 in all."

## SOUTH AFRICAN COMPANY.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The attacks made by Henry Labouchere in Truth and in his Parliamentary speeches upon the conduct of the South African Chartered Company, in their campaign against the Matabele, have moved the company to provide the House of Commons with a list of its shareholders. This list will be issued soon as parliamentary paper. Contrary to general expectation, it contains the following names of members of Parliament: Sir Charles Dilke, Radical; Thomas Gibson Bowles, Tory; Ashmead Bartlett Burdett-Coutts, Conservative; Chas. V. Conybeare, Radical; Sir Thomas Sutherland, Liberal-Unionist; and Alexander MacArthur, a government whip. Together they have but £8,000 worth of shares. Most of the shareholders have invested only small sums. Among them are Mr. Schnadhorst, the great Liberal organizer, a host of Jews and not a few foreigners. The Duke of Abercorn and Duke of Fife are among the heaviest shareholders. Premier Cecil Rhodes, of Cape Colony, has £20,000 worth of shares. Formerly his holding was £45,000 worth.

## NORTHFIELD SHUT DOWN.

NANAIMO, Dec. 28.—(Special)—This afternoon the meeting of Nanaimo and Northfield miners was without result. The question of the proposed reduction at Northfield was discussed at great length. The delegates reported that the result of the various meetings with Superintendent Robins was practically that the reduction must be accepted or the mine shut down. The object of the meeting was to decide what action should be taken. The general opinion was that the matter should be treated as one affecting the whole district, that the Nanaimo men should support the Northfield brethren in whatever stand was taken. The proposals made by the speakers differed widely, but only three suggestions of any importance were made. The first

was that instead of the proposed reduction, amounting to 104 per cent, being borne by Northfield alone it should be shared proportionately by the district; second, that the management be solicited to shut down the Northfield mine and allow the men thus thrown out of employment to go to work at the Protection Island shaft, and the third, that a vote be taken for or against the acceptance of the proposed reduction. If the adverse vote carry all the miners in the employ of the New Vancouver Coal company will quit work should the management adhere to their declared intention of shutting down the Northfield mine if the reduction be not accepted. No definite conclusion was come to on either of the above suggestions. It was finally decided to appoint a committee to wait on Mr. Robins. A committee was appointed, but the meeting broke up before any instructions were given. Another meeting will be held on Saturday morning. The miners realize that they have taken a difficult question to hand. It is said that the Northfield men cannot stand the proposed reduction, still the Nanaimo men are not, it is believed, in a position to support them in their demands for better terms. Among the most intelligent of miners it is thought that the first of the three suggestions, if acceptable to the management, would best meet the necessities of the case, for the time at least.

## CAPITAL NOTES.

Judge of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick—Newly Made Queen's Counsel.

Official Analysis of Canadian Honey—Parcels Post Service With Australia.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—At today's Cabinet meeting Dr. Barker, Q. C., of St. John, was appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, vice Fraser.

Thirteen Manitoba and North Western barristers were appointed Queen's Counsel today.

The laboratory branch of the Inland Revenue Department proposes making an analysis of the samples of honey put up by Canadian bee-keepers, which will have the effect of demonstrating not only its purity but its value as an article of food.

The Post Office Department have opened negotiations with the Australian Colonies and Hawaii with a view to the establishment of a direct parcel-post service, which has been rendered possible by the establishment of the direct steamship line. Parcels from Canada to Australia at present are sent via London.

## THE INDIAN BRIDGE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—By Dr. Samuel Lewis, a young Rabbi, from Charleston, S. C., was transferred this morning from Bellevue hospital to Bloomingdale insane asylum. He had suddenly shown signs of dementia while on his wedding trip, and his pretty bride had hurried him back to this city to have him treated by competent specialists. Mrs. Lewis herself was nearly wild with excitement when her honeymoon came to an abrupt end. Dr. Lewis was not at all violent, but he had the delusion that he was being persecuted and that a conspiracy had been formed to kill him. Mrs. Lewis tearfully listened to his ravings, unable at first to understand the change in his manner. When told by the physician that his mind had given way, she immediately notified her relatives that she was coming back to them. Dr. Lewis was taken to the insane asylum at Bellevue hospital to-day, and was removed to more comfortable quarters at Bloomingdale. His marriage occurred just one week ago. The bride was Miss Clara Dry, Dr. and Mrs. Lewis spent last Tuesday night at the Hotel Savoy, and started for the South the following morning, intending to take a brief vacation before Dr. Lewis resumed his labors in Charleston.

## MOB VIOLENCE.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—Wellington Bryant, M.D., national secretary of the National Citizens' Rights Council (colored), has issued an address from this city to the members of that organization and the negroes in general of the United States, calling attention to the passage of the Georgia legislature prescribing punishment for mob violence, which has been signed by Governor Northen, and concluded the address as follows: "Let our people, with manly courage, with a reliance in God and firm confidence in the patriotism and justice of American law and order, continue to appeal to the better class until mob lynchings and burnings will no longer disgrace our nation."

## A WINE GLUT.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A dispatch from Paris to the St. James Gazette says that the wine-growers in the South of France are so overglutted with their produce that they offer wine at one penny per quart, but fail to obtain that price. The splendid vintage has made wine a drug in the market. New casks more than the wine needed to fill them. The dispatch adds that there thousands of wine-growers in the Montpellier district are preparing a protest against merchants supplying the wine shops of Paris with manufactured wines when the genuine article is so cheap. A great meeting of the growers is about to be held at Nimes, for the purpose of calling attention to the scandal of selling counterfeit wines.

## COLD COMFORT.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A deputation of unemployed workmen waited upon Hon. W. E. Gladstone to-day and asked that the Government provide work for the unemployed by building light railways in London. Mr. Gladstone said the Government sympathized with the men in their distress, but could not go beyond its usual powers. To a certain extent he shared the desire for the Government ownership of railroads, but it was a question which could not be decided without mature consideration.

## BRAZILIAN REVOLUTION.

Insurgent Cruiser Wounded in an Attack on the Forts—Garrison at Baga Demoralized.

U. S. Monitor Under Orders—American Recruits for Peixoto's Army Being Enlisted.

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RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 28.—The Brazilian Foreign Minister, acting for President Peixoto, authorizes the representative of the United Press to send the following information: "The insurgent cruiser Almirante Tamandare was wounded today in an engagement with the Government forces at Niteroery. A heavy fire was maintained by the combatants, which finally resulted in the beating off of the warship, which was slightly damaged. The marksmanship of the Government gunners showed considerable improvement and comparatively few of their shots went wild. The Government has received advices confirming the report of the loss at Itajuba of the insurgent steamer Meteor, in a recent fight with the Government forces. The insurgents besieging Baga, in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, having assumed operations against the place, inflicted a severe repulse. Their loss in killed and wounded and prisoners was 600. The insurgents there are under the command of General Tahara. This is the second time this month that the loyal troops at Baga have defeated the insurgents. The previous engagement took place at the beginning of December, when the insurgents were defeated with heavy loss. MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 28.—The authorities in Rio have warned the steamship agents not to anchor between Cobras and Eschadras islands and the shore, as they do not want the rebel men-of-war to seek shelter from the fire of the land batteries by lying close to the foreign ships, in such dangerous proximity to the city. The Brazilian Minister of Finance, after a conference with the shipping agents, has promised that some safe method of landing cargoes in the city shall be devised by negotiation, if possible, with the rebel fleet. Word has reached this city from Rio Grande do Sul that the loyal garrison in Baga is being sadly demoralized by hunger, due to difficulties of getting provisions through the insurgents' lines. The insurgents are plotting against Americans. Reports are being received from Brazil that an American employed as a stevedore to get back to land, as they did not want Americans around there, and that they 'had better look out' and similar threats. The warship which ran ashore near Desterro on the 8th was burned on December 18, being set on fire by a shell from the Government battery at Gragoatás. The new steamer Itaja was also burned at her wharf on Moaanga Island, by Peixoto's orders, it is thought, to prevent her from being cut out by the revolutionists. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—With the departure of Mintonome, an agent from New York for Hampton Roads, interest in the Brazilian situation from a naval standpoint was given an impetus. Secretary Herbert said this afternoon that the monitor has received orders to proceed to Norfolk and that she would there await instructions. No orders for Rio had been sent her commander, the Hampton said. While at Norfolk and Hampton Roads, the Mintonomeah's men will be exercised in seamanship and gunnery practice. The Mintonomeah will be ordered to Rio unless something unforeseen occurs. She is ready for a long sea voyage. The trip to Rio, formerly a fortnight, will now take about thirty-five days, allowing the vessel's speed of eight knots an hour. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—Major Julius Rhodes, of Elmira, N.Y., who is enlisting men for Peixoto's army, has an agent in this city enrolling recruits. The agent is Harry Tatchell, formerly a sergeant in the British army and he claims to have secured a number of men who want to fight for the Brazilian Government. Tatchell says he intends to enlist about 35 men here, or rather take them to Brazil where the actual oath of enlistment will be administered. They are to receive \$50 a month, and rations, and are not to expect a pension in case of injuries. When the company is formed it will be known as 'Rhodes' Independent Shooters.' Only sober men who have seen service are being taken. Major Rhodes was formerly in the United States army; but latterly has been a pension attorney at Washington. BRISBANE, Dec. 28.—The latest reports from Rio Janeiro are to the effect that the city is being violently bombarded. A number of persons have been killed by shots from the insurgent vessels. Heavy firing is returned from the Government forts. All the shops are closed.

## ATCHISON AND TOPEKA.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The financial editor of the Westminster Gazette says this afternoon, in an editorial on the affairs of the Atchison railway system: "All fully recognize that Mr. Reinhardt, as president of a railway company, standing in a precarious position, may find it necessary to be very reticent in dealing with an interview on the position of that company, yet we feel that a man making such misstatements as appear in the official report of the position of the company is not entitled to the confidence of the shareholders. We have the welcome information that steps are to be taken today to form a London committee to protect the interests of the bondholders. The names of those undertaking the task will represent the largest English interests."

## DEFEATED IN THE COUNCIL.

QUEBEC, Dec. 28.—The Provincial Government received a setback in the Upper House of the Legislature last night. The Beaubien Asylum bill, which had passed the Legislative Assembly by a substantial majority, came up for discussion in the Legislative Council and was opposed by Hon. Mr. Archambault for the Opposition. Hon. Mr. Chapais, Government leader, followed in its favor. A vote was then taken, resulting in a tie, ten against ten, and the Government was thus defeated on the measure. Premier Tardieu is furious at the action taken by the Council towards the Government.

## THE SALT MINES MASSACRE.

Trial of Frenchmen for the Horrible Murder of Italians Last August.

Strong Evidence Given Against the Accused by a Police Officer.

ANGOULEME, France, Dec. 28.—At the trial to-day of the prisoners accused of participating in the attack on August 16, on the Italian laborers employed at the Aignes-Mortes salt works, when ten men were killed and twenty-six wounded, a number of witnesses testified that one of the prisoners, named Constant, fired at the Italians who had been thrown into a pit. Constant denies that he did this. Baffat, another of the prisoners, admits that he struck some of the Italians; but pleads in extenuation that he was drunk and everybody was hitting them. Lantier, still another of the accused, admits that he took part in the attack upon the Italians, and that he struck a number of them who had been driven to bay against the door of a house, which the occupants refused to open. Gendarme Richard said that the prisoners were to blame for the massacre. One of them named Vidal savagely bludgeoned the Italians, and it seemed as though he wanted to crush them to a jelly. A police officer described his arrival at Aignes la Morthe after a ride of forty miles on horseback. He found the Frenchmen besieging the Italians in a bakery. He could not succeed in drawing off the attack until next morning. Learning that a band of the attackers were going to Fongouse, a suburb of Aignes la Morthe, he went there on horseback at full speed, and helped one hundred and fifty Italians to fortify themselves in a barn against the Frenchmen. The latter broke through the police lines and tore the roof off the barn, it being found impossible to force the doors. When the roof was broken the Frenchmen threw tiles and large stones upon the Italians within, wounding many of them. News was then received that a number of Italians were arriving at Peixoto, and that they were coming to the relief of their countrymen. The captain then sent a policeman to telephone for the soldiers, but the officer found that the telephone and telegraph wires had been cut. The situation was becoming extremely critical, and the captain parleyed with both sides. He finally persuaded the Frenchmen to let the Italians leave peacefully. He then left, thinking the affair had quieted down, but as he neared the village of Fongouse he found that the 300 men were arriving from Aignes la Morthe. These men were armed with rifles and bludgeons and pitchforks, and also carried flags and banners.

The band attacked the Italians returning from Fongouse. The latter attempted to make their way to Peixoto, but the attacking party and a butchery followed. When an Italian fell, he still breathed, the first Frenchman who passed him would hammer him on the head with a bludgeon until the man was dead. The crowd tried to intimidate the witness. He then ordered his men to fire with their revolvers. The crowd responded with the cry: "It's like a furnace!" "You assassins of your countrymen!" The Frenchmen themselves were threatened. The mob was finally held at bay, and the police escorted the injured and some of the injured Italians to a place of security. The police then returned to the scene of the attack and picked up seventy dead and twenty-one wounded Italians. The captain concluded his testimony by saying: "In my opinion the assassins intended to kill outright several Italians. One of the latter while trying to get out of a deep ditch, into which he had been thrown, was kicked back and hit on the head with bludgeons by men on the bank." At this point the court adjourned.

## WAITE'S RETORT.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 28.—Governor Waite yesterday wrote Richard Collins, of this city, in reply to a letter suggesting that profanity did not well become his Excellency's station. Mr. Collins had referred to the Governor's recent statement before a business men's convention, that he was in favor of keeping up the fight for free coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1 "until hell freezes over." The Governor's reply, which concludes "very respectfully yours," is as follows: "Profanity is to be condemned, and doubtless is, as a rule, in bad taste; though there may be cases where it is perhaps excusable. The word 'hell' is not necessarily profane. It is not considered allowable in polite society, and has been excluded, I am informed, from the modern version of the Scriptures, but it hardly comes within the prohibition of the decalogue. Christ himself was so outraged by the deeds of theurers and extortioners of his day—who don't deserve to be mentioned for iniquity and blasphemy of all that is holy, with that class in these days—that even He, the most gentle and meek of all creation, was provoked to say to them: 'Oh, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?'"

"It grieves me to learn that you are troubled on account of what you consider my profanity. Permit me to ask if your sleep is disturbed by any account of the servant girls and indigent poor who have lost their little all by depositing it in the savings bank of this city, or those who have been sold out of all they possess by chattel mortgage debts, or the starving poor of Denver, who almost daily seek refuge in soup-kitchens, or are those matters of so little importance that they vex not your righteousness?" "We read in the Scriptures of those who are 'clean outwardly, like the artistic sepulchre, but within are full with all manner of rottenness and dead men's bones.'"

## THE UNEMPLOYED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—There was a meeting of business men and representatives of the unemployed in the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon to devise plans of relief for the latter. After a number of speeches the sum of \$2,000 was subscribed. The meeting then adjourned until Friday afternoon. In the meantime the members of the Manufacturers' Association

## NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Settlers From Washington State—Fashionable Wedding at Holy Trinity Cathedral.

John Hilbert to Be Asked to Run for the Nanaimo Mayoralty.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—Several former residents of Everett, Washington, are settling here. The parish priest and Y.M.I. are not on friendly terms. The seven gentlemen objects to the young men reading their ball for dancing purposes. The young men set to be allowed to independently manage their Institute. Wm. Woodward, a native of England, who has been in the Province for twenty-one years, died at the North Arm yesterday, aged 78. Past Masters Rev. E. D. McLaren and P. M. McNaughton were presented with handsome diamond jewels by the Free Masons, last night. The charge of murder brought against Siwash Aleck and Tom was, it is said, an arranged affair to get him out of the way during a political. A sharper who rushes into small stores and tells the person in charge that the bank premises are on fire and then robs the till during the excitement is making matters lively here. VANCOUVER, Dec. 29.—Fred Williams, city editor of the Montreal Gazette, is here. He will be a passenger for Australia on the Warrimoo. Mr. Williams will write discursive articles for his paper on Australia and Fiji. A petition is in circulation asking for the establishment of a Mexican consul at this port. Four Mexican vessels have left here recently laden with four million feet of lumber. The horses are having a hard time on the asphalt pavement this winter. The slightest frost makes the roadway as slippery as glass. Several animals have been injured by falling or straining themselves. The city will probably sprinkle gravel over the streets. A Victoria man has purchased the lot on the corner of Hastings and Carroll streets for \$80,000. Charley Soo Lang laid information yesterday, against Chayo Wo, whom he accused of having stolen in Seattle, jewelry to the value of \$1,000, and of being at present in hiding in Vancouver with his booty. Chayo Wo was afterwards arrested. A very successful entertainment was given to-night for the benefit of patients at the City hospital. In Ward 1 and 5 no aldermanic candidates have as yet announced themselves. For Ward 2 Charles Queen and John McDowell are mentioned. In Ward 3 Ald. Cargill and Capt. McPhaden are mentioned, and in Ward 4 Ald. Hobson. J. P. Blake has started a cracker and cake manufacturing here. Two lumber vessels sailed yesterday; the Benjamin Sewell was bound for Cork, and W. H. Talbot bound for East London, South Africa. The Norwegian ship Germaltic sails for England to-day. E. J. McGarrigle has been elected president of the Y. M. I.; J. Holland, recording secretary; H. Fortin, financial secretary; F. X. Martin, treasurer. The applications for liquor licenses have been referred to E. Minaty, the Parliament; E. D. McLennan, the Cabinet, and W. R. Jones, the Terminal, saloons. Steps are being taken towards the appointment of a Chinese vice consul here.

PRINCE COLONNA. Statement in Behalf of the Son-in-Law of Millionaire MacKay of California.

General Denial of the Accusations and a Charge of Bad Faith Against the Princess.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Prince Colonna was asked by the United Press correspondent this evening to give his side of the suit for separation. He said that he must decline to imitate the Mackays by discussing family affairs in the newspapers. He was willing, however, to make a statement denying the falsehoods which had been circulated, he said, concerning him and his friends. One of these friends made this statement in the Prince's behalf: "The further adjournment of the suit is probable, in fact it is likely to be adjourned as long as Princess Colonna's lawyers has any pretext for delaying judgment. The Court's decision is beyond question unless the bench be influenced by personal regard for the Mackays. The judge must admit that they have no jurisdiction. "Prince Colonna," he said, "is a Lieutenant in the Italian cavalry, an Italian elector, and is an Italian landowner. He, doubtless, is actionable in the Italian courts but not here. The Princess having provisionally the charge of the children, whose guardianship really is the object of the litigation, is not desirous of hastening the decision of the French courts. The case could be tried properly only in Naples, where the tribunal certainly would refuse to deprive a Prince, highly esteemed in his country of the natural guardianship of his own children, in favor of a mother who is foreign born. This would be true especially in view of the present campaign which has been undertaken against the Prince and the stop short even of defaming his character. The attacks made by the Press upon the Prince have aroused bitter feeling in the official circles of Italy against the Mackays. As to the assertion that the Mackays paid the Princess's gambling debts, and that the Princess sold his wife's wedding presents to pay his living expenses, I can say that they never paid a single centime of the Princess's debts. He would not have permitted it. His wife took away with her the wedding presents, together with her every other possession, and having a separate estate and receiving allowance from her step-father. Prince Colonna has proofs that he drew the money from the bank and spent or invested it entirely by herself. The Prince sold from the Paris residence only his furniture, which he no longer needed here, and he was about to return to his ancestral palace in Naples. His personal estate is amply sufficient, and has been ever since his marriage, to cover his personal expenses. He inherited a large amount of property. The story that he is addicted to gambling is entirely unfounded. "The Princess's friend then rehearsed the Prince's grievances against Mrs. Mackay, whom the Prince evidently considers responsible for his marital unhappiness. He said that the Prince quarrelled frequently with his mother-in-law and eventually forbade her to cross his threshold. After alluding to the quarrel between the Mackays and Colonna regarding the future of the children, the Prince's friend continued: "Three months ago, therefore, the Prince decided to leave Paris, where his family were living in great style, and to return to Italy, reduce his household expenses and economize generally, so as to provide for the future of his children. The secondary reason for the change was that he wished to have his children educated in their father's country and learn its language, of which they were entirely ignorant at the time and the Princess was believed by him to be willing to follow out this course, although she later appeared to disapprove of it and finally persuaded the Prince to retain a foothold at least in Paris. The Princess packed and sent away several articles, including the wedding presents. At the Prince's suggestion certain articles in the house were selected as souvenirs while the rest of the furniture was to be sold. The Prince even discussed the possibility of establishing their household in Naples. The Prince, not suspecting the truth, went out walking one afternoon, and when he returned from dinner was astonished to find that his wife and children had vanished. On the writing table there was a note from the Princess saying that she had lodged a demand with the Courts for a separation."

Post Intelligencer, Colville correspondent: E. E. Crossdale, of Victoria, has sued the Hall brothers of this city for \$15,000, claimed by him as commission for sale of the Silver King group of mines, which he assisted in making for them to an English syndicate for the princely sum of \$1,600,000. The transfer was made last August, though the trade has been on for a period of a year or more. "Negotiations are proceeding for the conclusion of a commercial treaty between Argentina and Chile.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 28.—A large and fashionable audience was present at Holy Trinity Cathedral this afternoon to witness the marriage of Dr. R. E. Walker and Miss Helen M. Homer, fifth daughter of the late J. A. R. Homer, M. P. Miss Lillie Corbould and Miss Marjorie Homer were bridesmaids and H. F. Clinton best man. The honeymoon will be spent in California. The steamer Yosemite took 6,000 cases of salmon to Victoria to-day, to be shipped on the bark Harold. P. Peebles has invented an ingenious lifesaver for skaters. It weighs less than two pounds and contains fifty feet of strong cord. Another pork packing establishment has been opened here by a Winapeger named Moyle.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 29.—Rev. E. B. Chestnut, of Knox church, Sapperton, returned from St. Catherine's to-day with his bride. Nicholas Mears, brother of Jack Mears, alias Ben Kennedy, comes up to-morrow on a charge of intimidating Steve Hinckley, a witness in the O'Connor murder trial at the Assizes. Judge Bole gave judgment for the defendant today in the case of Chillyback vs. Bellrose, a suit to recover certain assessments under the Big Prairie Drainage By-law. The judge held that in framing the by-law the conditions of the Municipalities act had not been complied with.

NANAIMO. NANAIMO, Dec. 28.—W. K. Leighton has been appointed returning officer at the forthcoming municipal elections. Rev. Mr. Cairns was elected president of the local branch of the Gospel Temperance Union at the last meeting; E. W. Feure secretary, and E. W. Chambers and J. W. Jones, managing committee. At yesterday's Licensing court, Commissioner J. P. Plants, S.M., gave the licensed victuallers notice that the Liquor Regulation Act of 1891 would be more rigidly enforced in future, and warned them to adhere strictly to the regulations therein contained. Arthur Emory, charged with attempting to break into the Britannia hotel, has been released on bail, to appear if called upon at the next sittings to answer to any charge that may be preferred against him.

In spite of John Hilbert's announcement that he does not intend seeking election to the mayoralty, a unanimously signed petition is being circulated through town to request him to do so.

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