Exhibition Now Open

Hon. R. McBride Formally Opens the Annual Fair at New Westminster.

Exhibits Better Than Ever Before and Largely in Excess of Other Years.

Nelson Lacrosse Team Goes to Pieces in First Quarter's Play.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, Oct. 4.—With grand weather and a nice crowd of about 5,000 people, the annual provincial exhibition was opened here this afternoon by the Hon. Richard McBride.

The crowd surged through the buildings admiring the exhibits and then went to witness the lacrosse match between New Westminster and Nelson.

The exhibits are better than ever before, the entries being 2,500 more than last year. In horses alone entries are over 200, and more sheds had to be erected to accommodate the overflow. The kennel show is first class, and although judging has yet to be advanced, it looks as if Victoria and Seattle dogs will be among the winning class. The fruit display is the finest ever made in Canada without any exception.

The trapshooting tournament continued all day, and tonight even all the results have not yet been made known. However, the Bellingham contingent will be among the leaders, for Frank Gotch, the wrestler, did some tall shooting. Ellis, of Tacoma; Dodge, Seattle; Miller, Bellingham, all did well.

The lacrosse match was won by New Westminster by a score of eight goals to three. The Nelson boys went to pieces in the first quarter, when New Westminster got a lead of four goals and were never caught up with. In combination the home team far excelled the visitors, but the latter bucked up in the last half and scoring was very even. There was no score in the last quarter. Sandy Cowan, a former local player, was playing for Nelson, but was so closely checked by his old team mates that he had no chance to be dangerous. McNab and Hatcher both played a grand game for Nelson. New Westminster's star player was Fred. Lynch, on the home, but Sandy Gray did yeoman work in the flags. George Oddy, who has been in Seattle and Portland, figured on the Westminster line-up in place of Cheyne, who acted as field captain. J. J. Cambridge was referee. The teams meet again on Thursday.

O'Neill, who managed Two Feathers, the Indian wrestler, is here with a Blackfoot named War Eagle, who is 22 years of age, has a 51-inch chest, weighs 253 pounds and is generally a skookum man. He has him matched for Thursday night against Charles Anderson, the Swede. O'Neill is to challenge the winner of the Gotch-McLeod bout tomorrow, and says his man stands a good chance of winning. War Eagle threw Two Feathers on the reservation in seven minutes.

VILLAGE DESTROYED.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 4.—The village of Glosk, in southern Russia, has been wiped out by fire. Five hundred families are without shelter or food, and an appeal has been made to St. Petersburg for immediate help.

A MULLAH BREAKS LOOSE.

Aden, Arabia, Oct. 4.—A Somali mullah is reported to have attacked and robbed the Ogadaian tribe, killing 600 tribesmen and capturing many camels and sheep.

They Dread Not Russian Raiders

Crew of Steamer Inverness Now Loading at Tacoma Unafraid.

Captain Thinks Cruisers Will Not Repeat Knight Commander Tragedy.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

Yesterday's Tacoma Daily Ledger said: The British steamer Inverness came in to the dock this morning and will begin taking her cargo of rails and lead this afternoon. The Inverness is a turret steamer and one of the best freight carriers on the Pacific. Captain Happer is master, and Mr. Liddle is chief officer.

"Of course we can deny that the rails and bridge timbers are contraband of war, but I suppose there is no question but pig lead is contraband under any ruling of any country," said one of the officers of the Inverness. "However," he continued, "I fail to see where there is much danger in carrying this cargo, even if it be contraband. By the time we reach the Orient the Vladivostock squadron will be tied up in the ice.

"To be sure there is no knowing what may happen. Russia may have some vessels on the lookout that we know nothing about, but what of it. If we are sighted and ordered to heave to by a Russian war vessel, there will be nothing to do but heave to. We can't run. They would be able to catch us. But if we are caught they can do no more than order our cargo confiscated. They will hardly do with us as they did with the Knight Commander's crew—give us five minutes to leave the ship and then sink her. I think the Russians have had enough of that sort of business. The Knight Commander had the same cargo that we are taking—railway material. At any rate our crew is British and none of the men are scared."

DIRECT FROM NOME.

The Nome liner Roanoke arrived in Seattle Friday morning from the North, bringing 117 passengers and only about $115,000 in gold, which was consigned chiefly to the Union Savings & Trust Company, the Scandinavian Bank and the Seattle National Bank. Very few of the passengers had individual treasure.

At the time the Roanoke left Nome no further news had been obtained of the mishap of the steamer Saidie. Wrecking apparatus, however, had been sent to her. The Duxbury was still hard and fast ashore at the mouth of Snake river. No more additional news had been received of the wreck to the Lily L., which was reported a total loss on the shores of Siberia.

THIRD JAPANESE WAR LOAN.

London, Oct. 4.—The Standard's Tokio correspondent reports that at a conference of bankers it was decided to issue immediately a third domestic war loan of $40,000,000, completing the loans for the current fiscal year.

THE LAST SERVICES.

Concord, Oct. 4.—The last services over the body of United States Senator Hoar were held here today in this town, the place of his birth.

MOORISH REBELS' SUCCESS.

Tangier, Oct. 4.—The forces of the pretender to the throne were victorious over the imperial troops in a severe engagement in the Oujeda district. The rebels captured the stronghold of Ain Muluk. A detachment of imperial troops was sent today from here to Oujeda.

DOG EAT DOG.

Denver, Colo., Sept 30.—A special to the Post from Silverton, Colo., says: "A masked bandit shot and killed John Loftus, a faro dealer, and seriously wounded Herman Stroble and James Bockwell in a saloon and gambling house early today and then killed himself. The dead bandit, a powerful man over six feet in height has not been identified. He was armed with two revolvers and on entering the saloon he ordered the dozen or more men in the saloon to hold up their hands. Instead of complying Loftus and the other man attempted to overpower the robber and the shooting ensued."

London Gossip By The Cable

Premier Seddon Urges the Establishment of British Commercial Bureau.

Writer in the Times Takes a Jibe at Rosebery's Ignorance of Canada.

London, Oct. 4.—Premier Seddon, speaking at a banquet to celebrate his silver jubilee as an M. P., urged the establishment of a British commercial bureau with branches in all the British possessions, to be maintained by Great Britain and the self-governing colonies. The president of the board should be affiliated with all colonial chambers of commerce with the special object of watching and reporting on trade requirements for manufactured goods and raw material and the products of the Empire. It would assist the extension of British and colonial markets in keeping with other countries.

Lord Strathcona had a lengthy interview with Lord Lansdowne at the foreign office, after which he returned to Glencoe.

Max Darewfki, the eight-year-old musical prodigy, is conducting the Kilties' band.

The president of the Associated Chamber of the Manufacturers of Australia, read a cablegram from Joseph Chamberlain which stated that Chamberlain was unable to accept an invitation to visit Australia now, but hoped before long to bring evidence to Australia of the readiness of the mother country to meet her half way towards closer commercial union.

A letter in the Financial News regarding the coal bill for the past half years incurred by the Grand Trunk says, with an increase of five and a half per cent. in train mileage, one could not expect to find an increase of 32 per cent. in the quantity of coal consumed. It looks as if there was lax supervision somewhere.

Referring to Rosebery's writing the preface to "Canada and the Empire," Richard Jebb, in the Times, says if the book has not served to remove his own wide misapprehension of colonial matters, then the sinecure imperialist who wrote it must have failed to get into touch with the national life of the Dominion.

Referring to Laurier's suggestion that treaties of commerce might be entered into between Canada and the mother country, the Speaker says that so far there has been no evidence that any influential opinion favors such a reduction of the colonial tariffs as would give British exports equal terms with their manufacturers.

THE COLORADO OUTRAGE.

Topeka, Kan., Oct. 4.—Robert Romain, who confessed to complicity in the Independence and Vindicator outrages, was taken to the Kansas penitentiary from here today. He will serve an indeterminate sentence for robbery. The Colorado officials have decided to drop for the present all notion of prosecuting Romain for his alleged part in the explosions, as they believe his confession is not true and made with the sole purpose of evading punishment for the Kansas crime and being taken back to Colorado.

KAISER AND HIS SONS.

Berlin, Oct. 4.—Emperor William, in fixing the course of study for Princes August, William, Oscar and Joachim, has prescribed a course of comprehensive lectures on commercial subjects. The subjects of these lectures will include industrial problems and technical questions in the railway business, embracing railway problems and progress in the United States. Further lectures will be given to elucidate the relations of great international financial and commercial houses.

NATIONS OF WORLD IN PEACE CONGRESS

General Supplication for Universal Truce Key Note of the Proceedings.

Boston, Oct. 4.—A general supplication, coupled with a demand almost, for the institution of peace by the nations of the world was the keynote today of the first deliberative session of the thirteenth international peace congress. Delegates from the great countries of the globe, all prominent in their home lands, engaged in the proceedings, giving to the occasion all the dignity and importance of a momentous international assembly.

A feature of the opening session was the receipt of an elaborate report from the international peace bureau for 1904, in which was reviewed what had been attained in the direction of peace by the peace workers of the world during the year passed, also was set forth the present war conditions of the world necessitating correctionary measures by those desiring the establishment of universal concord.

THE CLALLAM DISASTER.

'Frisco Inspector Confirms Finding of Seattle Officials.

San Francisco, Oct. 4.—United States Supervising Inspector John Birmingham today approved the decision of the local inspectors, Byron Whitney and Robert Turney, of Seattle, in the case of the steamship Clallam which sunk between Port Townsend and Victoria last winter with great loss of life. Captain Geo. Roberts is adjudged guilty of gross negligence and his license suspended for twelve months, while the license of the chief engineer, Scott A. Delaney, is revoked for gross negligence and incompetency. Investigation showed that a deadlight had been defective and that the engineer had not reported it for fear of being discharged by the company.

Politicians At Ottawa

Delay in Preparing Revising Officer's List Owing to Deer Hunting.

Anteroom of Prime Minister's Office the Storm Centre These Days.

Government Offers Five Thousand Dollars for Capture of C. P. R. Bandits

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Oct. 3.—There has been some delay in preparing the list of revising officers of the province of Ontario, due to the refusal of numerous men to act. This unwillingness is doubtless traceable to the fact that the election campaign interferes with the deer hunting season, which opens in Ontario on the first day of November and lasts until the 15th. The government will be lucky if the gentlemen who refuse to serve as returning officers even remain in their constituencies to vote. In Quebec most of the returning officers have been appointed. Sixty-nine Ontario writs went out to day.

Premier Laurier left for Quebec this afternoon. He will be in conference with his political friends there for some days and will address a public meeting in the ancient capital Wednesday night. The ante-room to the prime minister's office today was crowded continually by politicians and delegations. William Wainwright of the Grand Trunk, Archibald McNee, editor of the Windsor Record, and lessees of Hudson's bay fishing rights, Talbot of Bellechasse, Peter Ryan of Toronto and many other politicians from all parts of the country were about the corridors.

Toronto, Penetanguishene and Midland lumbermen waited on the Premier, seeking the imposition of a retaliatory duty on lumber coming from the states into Canada.

Earl Grey, the coming Governor-General, writing to the secretary of the Canadian Club, says he does not like to make any engagements for public functions in Canada until he arrives here.

MacIntosh, who is to run against Galliher in Kootenay, leaves for the west in a few days to commence his campaign.

The government is offering a reward of $5,000 for information leading to the apprehension of the bandits who held up the C. P. R. train near Mission September 10th.

EXPERT OPINION OF B. C. OIL FIELDS

Californian Says East Kootenay Has Most Flattering Prospects He Ever Saw.

John P. Bluff, one of the earliest prospectors for oil in East Kootenay, B. C., and H. Thompson of California, an oil expert, have returned to Spokane from a trip to those oil fields.

"We left the railroad at Belton, 35 miles east of Kalispell, Mont., where we took our guide, Thomas Jefferson, an old trapper, who discovered the oil seepages 18 years ago while trapping beaver," they said to a Spokesman-Review reporter. "We went to Upper Kintla lake, thence to Upper Kintla creek, which lies between four different oil seepages along the boundary line, which is slashed down 20 feet wide on the 49th parallel.

"At the Kintla creek seepages we collected oil, peat, muck saturated with oil, bituminous matter and rock saturated with oil. At this seepage the water was covered with oil, the strong odor of kerosene prevailing. On stirring the bottom of the springs more oil arose to the surface.

"We visited the Butte Oil Company's drilling rig at Lower Kintla lake, about half a mile from the seepage. The well is filled with water to within a few feet from the top of the casing, and is in constant ebullition from marsh gas. This is the well known marsh gas which, coming from great depth, is evidence of the presence of coal or petroleum. It is known to coal and other miners as fire-damp, and results from the decomposition of coal and oil when coming from great depth.

"Professor Joseph Le Conte, the great geologist, says concerning the signs of the presence of petroleum: 'The signs of their presence in any locality are iridescent scums of oil on the surface of water of springs and issuing of combustible gases.' Together, he says that, however formed, there can be no doubt that differences in the properties of hydrocarbons are formed from one another of subsequent natural processes. It is certain that from all reliables marsh gas is constantly passing off, and that the result of this, together with oxidation, is a slow consolidation. By this process the light oil as to gravity is changed to heavy oil, the heavy oil to bitumen, which changes to asphalt."

"Around the seepages we found abundant and large deposits of asphalt and bitumen. Ignition of the escaping gas from the well sent forth a flame 10 feet high from the mouth of the casing, and this well has not gained sufficient depth to reveal the immense subterranean oil lakes.

"We visited Kishenanah creek, where there is another abundant oil seepage. Thence we went to the head of Starvation creek and crossed over to Sage (or Oil) creek, which flows into the Flathead on the American side.

"We met prospectors for oil on their way to the same seepages, all pushing forward to establish locations that evening.

"The old trapper, guide and discoverer of these wonderful seepages took us to the edge of the south bank of the creek. Within 30 feet of the creek penetrating and strong odors of refined kerosene prevailed, and on the opposite bank, in pockets and fissures in a reef of blue shale, we found gas and oil bubbling, the oil collecting in pockets on the surface.

"The gas ignited, and the oil collected on the water was water white, with slight fluorescence, not unlike refined kerosene.

"It certainly occurs that this seepage is the most wonderful oil kerosene spring in the world, being the lightest ever known of crude oil. An analysis contains 60 per cent. illuminant.

"The next day our guide brought us to a seepage on Sage (Oil) creek, about a mile east of the first seepage. The oil issued from the ground in many places, sand and gravel being simply loaded with oil; and 50 feet farther up the creek we found four holes in the rock containing oil, one of which had an overflow of yellow oil. All the stratified rock was saturated with oil, and dipping out the oil did not diminish the flow, it coming in as fast as it was taken up.

"At the big seepage northwest of Sage or Oil creek valley we found oil issuing from the banks of drift, which was thoroughly saturated with oil. There were several pot holes in this drift, most of which contained water covered with oil, and constant ebullition of gas.

"We discovered a large, strong sulphur spring about 20 feet distant, gushing from a hole in the drift, which flows by the oil seepage down to a small lake between the mountains and Sake creek. The lake is covered with oil, and all the boggy places smell strongly of petroleum. Our sample of a gallon of oil at this point was a light brown color.

"At these last points forest fires have prevailed, some of which were still smoldering. The drift had been covered with pure paraffine, most of which had been consumed by these fires.

NEW BROOM IN OFFICE.

Russian Minister of the Interior Takes Up Work Energetically.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 4.—Prince Sviatopolk Mirsky, the new minister of the interior, has already begun energetically the work of putting his published utterances into effect. The assistant ministers of the department who opposed the Zemstvos, have been transferred to the activity of the council of the empire, and half a dozen of the late Minister Plehve's other lieutenants have already been displaced. M. Bunakoff and Dr. Mortinoff, two members of the committee of rural industry of the province of Vorenetz, who were exiled into Siberia by Minister Plehve for having expressed liberal views, have been allowed to return to their homes. Prince Sviatopolk Mirsky has also issued an order permitting the Woschod (Sunrise), a Jewish organ here, which Minister Plehve suppressed, to resume publication.

OFF FOR OTTAWA.

Vancouver, Oct. 4.—Joseph Martin, K. C., left for Ottawa this afternoon to attend the session of the Supreme court. Owing to the elections being called earlier than expected, he regrets that business will prevent him from contesting the Nanaimo seat with Ralph Smith.

WAR SUMMARY.

(By Associated Press.)

Frequent fighting between Japanese advance guards and Cossacks on the south front of General Kuropatkin's army, reported in despatches to the Russian war office, is regarded as indicative of the near approach of a general movement by the forces of Field Marshal Oyama. It is stated that since the battle of Liaoyang 40,000 guards stationed in western Russia have been ordered to the far east. No more news has been received as to the condition of affairs at Port Arthur.

Ice Is Forming In The Yukon

Water is Low and Navigation Between White Horse and Dawson Interrupted.

Dolphin Arrives at Seattle With a Big Crowd who Hurried to the Outside.

Ice in distressingly large quantities is flowing into the Yukon from the Stewart, Pelly and other tributaries of the great river. The water, too, is low, and vessels leaving Dawson for White horse, or vice versa, cannot figure with the degree of certainty as to the time they will reach their destination.

Such are the advices brought by the officers and passengers of the Lynn canal steamer Dolphin, Capt. John Johnson, which arrived at Seattle on Thursday evening.

The Dolphin had the largest crowd, 241 passengers, yet returned this season from Southeastern Alaska and British and American Yukon districts. Of these, the Klondike aggregation numbered 196. They included James McNamee, an Eldorado creek operator, whose good luck has been to have wrested a princely fortune from the auriferous sands of that sensationally rich stream.

Those from the interior predict that the Yukon cannot much longer remain open, with ice flowing in from innumerable tributaries and the smaller creeks and sloughs freezing over. Then, too, the shallow water over the bars is liable to freeze any night and throw up a barrier to further steamboat navigation on the river until the opening of another season.

R. V. Jones, a hardware merchant and one of the heaviest losers by reason of the recent Dawson fire, came out as far as Skagway and had engaged passage on the Dolphin for himself and wife. But upon learning by telegraph of the conflagration and his serious loss, Mr. Jones returned to Dawson. Mrs. Jones, however, came on out. Mr. Jones had a treasure shipment of $40,000 on the Dolphin. The vessel brought $300,000 worth of gold dust for the Seattle assay office and local banks.

In individual pokes entrusted to Purser Morgan there was from $150,000 to $175,000.

Joseph A. Clark, a member of the Yukon council, returned on the Dolphin. Mr. Clark, who has long been conspicuous in the political, business and newspaper life of the Klondike since the earlier days of the district, is quitting the country for good. No man, perhaps, is better known in the Klondike than "Fighting Joe" Clark, as he is so often referred to in some of Dawson's publications.

Other well-known Klondike people on the Dolphin were: J. Miller, a Victoria gulch operator; E. A. Hogan, of Dominion creek; George W. Coffin, of Bonanza; Jack Faulkner and A. Fauspender, Dominion miners.

The interior crowd reports that fully as large an aggregation of Klondike people is following on the steamers Yukon, Victorian and Columbian, now about due at Whitehorse.

The Dolphin had a pleasant return voyage.

AFTER BELLINGHAM BAY RAILROAD

Report That Rockefeller Has Secured Option on Coast Line.

San Francisco, Sept. 30.—H. H. Taylor, president of the Bellingham Bay road, said today: "I know nothing of any purchases of our stock by the Rockefeller interests. Our road, while it is a short one, holds a strategic position and would be a valuable acquisition for any line seeking to get to the coast." When questioned about the extensions of his road, Mr. Taylor said: "We have at present a connection with the Canadian Pacific at Sumas, but we have more surveys as far as Spokane. No right of way has been bought as yet."

It was reported today that the Rockefeller group had secured options on the stock of the Bellingham Bay & British Columbia railroad in order to use it as an outlet to the Pacific coast for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul.

PASSING THE BOSPHORUS.

Constantinople, Oct. 3.—The Russian volunter fleet steamer Nijini Novgorod has passed the Bosphorus homeward bound. The Nijni Novgorod was reported to have passed the Bosphorus on September 26th, carrying, it was said, soldiers, to relieve the Russian garrison at Crete. These soldiers, it was added, the Nijini Novgorod would convey to Port Said, where they would await orders.

Few Curious Appointments

Insane and Dead Men Given Jobs as Returning Officers at Election.

Official Returns Show an Increase in Number of Immigrants.

The Consumption of Liquor the Largest in Canada for Twenty Years.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Oct. 4.—Funny stories are going around with regard to the indifference of the Grit candidates to the selection of good men as returning officers. As a result it transpires that in the first batch for the maritime provinces there was one man selected who is an inmate of a lunatic asylum, while a dead person was also chosen.

Word was received at the department of marine today of the sailing on Saturday of the new ice-breaker Montlo, built for the lower St. Lawrence. The builders were Fleming & Ferguson, Paisley, Scotland, and the boat will reach Quebec within a fortnight.

An application of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association regarding rates on metallic shingles will be taken up by the railway commission October 18th.

The past fiscal year was the best for immigration in the history of the decade. The total immigration in ten years is given as 553,730. In 1854 the immigration was only 20,829, while for the year 1903-04 it was 130,330. This number is made up of 50,375 British, 34,785 continental and 45,171 from the states. The Quebec cases were taken up in the Supreme court today.

The consumption of spirits during the last fiscal year was 5,343,954 gallons, or .958 gallons per head of population. This is the largest consumption since 1885. Then it reached 1,126 gallons per head. Last year the consumption of beer was 27,608,518 gallons, an average of 4.918 gallons per head of population. The use of beer has been steadily on the increase since 1869. The consumption last year was the largest on record, except the year 1902, when it reached 5.102 gallons per head. The average since 1869 was 3.182 gallons. The consumption of wines remain about the same, 0.96 gallons per head. The average quantity of tobacco used per head per year has been 2.176 pounds for 35 years. Last year it reached 2.765, the largest on record.

OH, HALLELUJAH, POACHERS SAVED

Extraordinary Letter Received by Superintendent of Provincial Police.

Supt. Hussey, provincial police, yesterday received a somewhat peculiar communication, bearing the Washington post mark. In the left-hand corner of the envelope the printed advice was given, "Be not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord." It was directed to "Chief of Police Mr. Hussey," and its contents were as follows, the name of the writer and abode being here omitted:

"Have you the witness?

"———, Sept. 26, 1904.

"Dear Sir,—We wrote to you some time ago in regard to killing and selling deer in British Columbia. We were over there a year ago last winter, and killed and sold deer, contrary to the law, and since that time we got salvation and we desire to make all of our wrongs write. We went to ——— to review the offender, and he gave us your address, and we wrote you and did not get any answer. We thought mayby the letter was lost, and so I wright you again. We are guilty of breaking the law. If you desire to take us we are at the mercies of the law. If not, please let me know if you get the letter, so I won't write any more. If you want me, you will find me at a little place called ———, Washington. I am working on a ranch—and my Bro., that was with me is near ———, working in a revival meeting. He is easily found if you want him. Please let me hear from you. Yours resp.,

"———."

Mr. Hussey is considering what is best to be done with this extraordinary communication, and regrets that the writer did not "get salvation" before he killed those deer in the close season. The brothers are evidently much safer with salvation than with rifles. Nothing will probably be done in the matter until the one working in the revival meeting is through with his job.

ACCIDENT SPOILS RECORD TRIP

Chicago, Oct. 4.—A broken axle today frustrated the third attempt on the part of Bert Holcomb to lower the automobile record between Chicago and New York. Thirty-two miles out of Chicago an axle snapped in two and the vehicle overturned. The car was wrecked, but the occupants escaped injury.

GOVERNOR IN DISGRACE.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 4.—Lieut.-Gen. Kleigels, governor general of Kieff, has been granted leave of absence, and there is strong reason to believe that this is preliminary to his supersession, as he belongs distinctly to the Von Plehve regime. He was formerly prefect of police at St. Petersburg. The recent report that the battleship Orel was damaged turns out to be untrue. She touched a sand bar, but got off under her own steam. The admiralty says that not even a plate was injured.

A JAPANESE DENIAL.

London, Oct. 5.—The Japanese legation here has issued a denial of the statement that 57 junks carrying ammunition up the Hun river have been burned by the Russians.

BARTHOLDI ILL.

Sculptor of Statue of Liberty Suffering From Tuberculosis.

Paris, Oct. 4.—Frederick Augustus Bartholdi, the sculptor of the Statue of Liberty of New York harbor, is critically ill with tuberculosis.

PROSPECTS OF A RAID.

Report That the Vladivostock Fleet Will Make Another Round-Up.

Tokio, Oct. 5.—11 a. m.—The navy department discredits the report that the Russian cruisers Rossia, Gromobol and Bogatyr have been repaired at Vladivostock and are about to descend for another raid on the Japanese coast. The navy department further expressed the belief that the Bogatyr is completely disabled.

PEACE CONGRESS.

Russian Paper Sees no Prospect of Anything Being Accomplished.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 4.—The Novosti, speaking in a less hostile tone of the proposal to reassemble The Hague conference, sees no immediate prospect that anything will be accomplished should the conference be again assembled, but says: "The present war is a terrible object lesson to the people of the world, and, though nothing can prevent it being fought to a finish, the people of all nations are sicks of bloodshed and slaughter, and doubtless hereafter any country will think long and well before drawing the sword. Any suggestion of peace, therefore, ought to be welcomed, and, perhaps, the nations, at no distant future, will be able to realize, through the instrumentality of The Hague, that universal disarmament, which was the Emperor's motive in assembling the tribunal."

A VALUABLE SOUVENIR.

Mukden, Oct. 4.—Arrangements have been perfected for the issue of a specially illustrated Red Cross magazine at Christmas. All the war correspondents and artists, including the American correspondents, have agreed to contribute.

Liberal Corruption In The Yukon

Party Organization Swears Fealty to Laurier and His Government.

Roundly Censures Sifton's Pets For Scandals and Steals.

Dawson, Oct. 4.—(Special.)—At an enthusiastic meeting of the Dawson Liberal Club, held here tonight, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"That the Dawson Liberal Club hereby expresses its confidence in the general policy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's government throughout the Dominion, and feels assured that at the coming general elections the Liberal party will again be returned to power.

"That the association regrets that the administration of affairs in Yukon Territory, under Commissioner Congdon, has not only divided the Liberal party into two opposing factions, but has caused the greatest dissatisfaction amongst all classes.

"That the association condemns the Dawson charter steal, conceived and consummated by Commissioner Congdon as a political scandal and a blot on constitutional government.

"That the association recognizes the Dawson Sunday Sun as a Liberal newspaper and desires to, and does hereby, thank Editor Thompson for his valuable assistance through the medium of his paper in asserting true Liberal principles in Yukon and in condemning the Temple-Congdon administration."

COAL FOR BALTIC FLEET.

London, Oct. 5—The Times states that several Hamburg-American steamers are about to take Welsh coal at Aden, Zanzibar and Singapore for coaling the warships of the Russian Baltic fleet.

EGG TESTERS FORM A UNION.

New York, Oct. 4.—Egg inspectors, also known as egg testers, have organized and now have a union scale of wages here. The organization was named the Egg Inspectors' Union and has received a charter from the American Federation of Labor.

NEW CHILIAN CONSUL.

Washington, Oct. 4.—After a careful consideration of the international points involved, the state department has decided to issue a temporary exequatur to Geronimo Ossa, as consul of Chile in the Canal zone.

ANOTHER REPORT DENIED.

Paris, Oct. 4.—The Japanese legation has given out a statement denying the reports in French newspapers stating that the missing French and German naval attaches at Port Arthur, respectively Lieut. Decuverville and Capt. Von Gilgenheim, were assassinated by the Japanese while leaving Port Arthur on a Chinese junk. The statement says that no such junk has been captured and that the most careful inquiries at Tokio and Oiseng'ko have failed to disclose the whereabouts of the attaches. The Japanese officials, it is said, are using the utmost efforts to locate the two officers, but unfortunately without result.

DAWSON NOTES.

Dawson, Y. T., Oct. 4.—The steamer Anvik is still quarantined. Sixteen negatives are dead from diphtheria. Nine are reported to have died of diphtheria at Adreafski. Mrs. Ella Card, who was hurt in the Dawson fire, has recovered. N. A. Fuller, who was hurt in the same fire, will recover, but slowly. Former Governor James Hamilton Ross, of Yukon, was yesterday appointed a senator of Canada by parliament. Former Governor William Ogilvie leaves Dawson today for Seattle.

PROHIBIT SALE FOR THREE YEARS

Game Club Last Night Adopts Drastic Suggestion as to Vending.

Last evening the regular meeting of the Victoria Game Club took place, Mr. Hall in the chair. There was an excellent attendance, and all present took a lively interest in the proceedings, which were of considerable importance. The committee appointed to revise the Game Laws submitted their report. The main feature of the report was the suggestion that the sale of all sorts of game, with the sole exception of ducks and geese, should be prohibited for three years throughout the province. The report was adopted, and the meeting resolved to endeavor to have this matter passed by the Legislature.

The fishery question came up and the point as to whether the Dominion or the provincial government had the power over the fishery regulations was discussed. The secretary was instructed to write the Dominion authorities asking that the trout fishing regulations be altered so as to extend the season from March 25th to November 15th, that being the time stated by the provincial government.

Another resolution was passed to the effect that each member of the club become a special constable for the purpose of enforcing the Game Act.

This was all the business of public interest.

CHINESE AIDING THE JAPS.

London, Oct. 5.—According to the Morning Post's correspondent at Mukden, Chinese bandits, organized into regular troops are fighting daily side by side with the Japanese on their west flank south of Sinmintin.

Skirmishes Along Front

Official Advices Show the Activity of Japanese in Seeking Russians.

Gen. Sakharhoff Reports Lively Brushes With the Enemy.

Special Messenger Reaches the Emperor With Full Accounts of Battle.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 5.—(1:15 a. m.)—Official advices from the Far East given out this evening describe a series of skirmishes on the southern front of General Kuropatkin's army, the only importance of which lies in the fact that the Japanese are showing a disposition to press forward and feel out the Russian positions. General Mistchenko's Cossacks in every case drive back the opposing forces. The activity of the Japanese outposts is doubtless intended to screen movements of their armies and therefore may be regarded as precursory symptoms of final preparations for an advance which probably will begin within a week.

A special messenger has brought the Emperor General Kuropatkin's full report of the battle of Liaoyang. The messenger, who submitted to an interview, declares that the main army is concentrated at Tie pass, and that it is not likely General Kuropatkin will make a determined stand at Mukden. It is understood that the third division of the Guards, stationed at Warsaw, is under orders to go to the front. This will make a together about 40,000 guards who have been ordered to the Far East.

There were recurrent rumors of the fall of Port Arthur, but they have not the slightest foundation.

The war office has received the following despatch from General Sakharhoff, dated October 3rd: "At dawn October 1st a squadron of Japanese cavalry twice attempted to break through the line of advance posts of Cossacks of the guard in the district between Kiauankhuadia and Fengtiapu. Both attempts were unsuccessful. Two sotnias of our cavalry reinforced the advance posts and the Japanese dispersed.

"Toward noon the same day one battalion of the Japanese advance guard with two or three squadrons of cavalry renewed the offensive movement against a regiment of Cossacks. The firing lasted until nightfall. General Mitschenko sent reinforcements to the aid of the Cossacks and toward evening the enemy was repulsed at all points, the whole line retreating toward Siaulionkhetzy pursued by our cavalry. Captain Tolstoukine, commander of a sotnia, annihilated one of the enemy's patrols at Kronschutzy. One Japanese officer was killed.

"In the positions abandoned by the Japanese our Cossacks found a number of cartridges and medical stores and also a few dead horses. We had two officers and two Cossacks wounded."

"The same day a Japanese force of one battalion and a half squadron of cavalry attacked, in three divisions, our outpost between the Hun river and the railway. Toward evening this movement was checked with the help of another company, which reinforced the outposts. One Cossack was killed and one wounded.

"One Russian patrol disposed of two Japanese patrols in the vicinity of Tchjantan, on the right bank of the Hun river, taking three Japanese prisoners.

"Another Russian patrol, sent in an easterly direction, discovered Tawanghun pass occupied by 200 Chinese bandits, commanded by Japanese officers. During the reconnaissance one Cossack was killed."

St. Petersburg Still In The Dark

War Commission Had no News From the Front Last Night.

Efforts to Retake Positions at Port Arthur Costs Russians Dearly.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 4.—(1:20 a. m.)—The war commission adjourned tonight without issuing of further news from the front. An Associated Press despatch from Mukden, filed there at 10:30 o'clock tonight, states merely that all is quite there. There is intense interest here in developments at Mukden, but the public, and, apparently, the authorities also, are utterly in the dark as to what is transpiring. The little news received from Port Arthur comes from abroad, but that little is satisfactory inasmuch as that it records the further repulse of the Japanese attacks.

Efforts by the Russians to retake the positions commanding the water supply of Port Arthur have resulted in hard fighting, the losses on both sides being reported to have been heavy. The Japanese retain the contested ground. It is said that heavy guns threaten the Russian warships in the harbor of Port Arthur, which may now be forced to go out. There is a report that a Japanese gunboat was sunk by coming in contact with a mine south of the Liaotieu peininsula, the report adding that a portion of the crew were rescued. The Japanese have completed the changing of the guage of the railway from Dalny to New Chwang and its equipment is nearly finished. This will be of great assistance to the armies in Manchuria.

The Russian admiralty has decided to despatch the Baltic fleet in the direction of the Far East within a short period of time. Events are expected, however, to determine whether the vessels shall proceed to their destination or return to Russian ports to await reinforcements.

MANY MARRIAGES.

New York, Oct. 4.—With an estimated record of nearly 15,000 marriages, the 56th anniversary of the Church of the Transfiguration, in New York, known far and wide as "the little church around the corner," has been celebrated. Special services were held and a large congregation was in attendance, including many theatrical persons, among whom the church is particularly popular.

FLOODS IN TEXAS.

Fort Worth, Tex., Oct. 4.—A special to the Record from Pecos says: A message was received here from Carlsbad at 3 p. m., saying eighty feet of the McMillan dam and all bridges, the power dam, electric light plant, and a cotton gin were washed away today by the big rise in the Pecos river caused by heavy rains in the mountains north and west of Roswell. All bridges between Carlsbad and Portales are washed out on the Santa Fe. The total damage to the railroad and irrigation company will exceed $400,000.

"Greatest That Has Been"

A Well-Known Victoria Business Man Analyzes Mulock's Surplus.

How to Build up a Handsome Business by Neglecting Obligations.

Instances in British Columbia Where Post Office Service Inadequate

In conversation with a prominent merchant in this city yesterday, a Colonist reporter learned a few pointers about popular feeling on the post office surplus question.

"Since the announcement made a few days ago that the Dominion post office, or, in other and plainer words, 'Ill William Mulock' had achieved a surplus on the year's business," said this gentleman, "Liberals of varying degrees of grittiness have been congratulating themselves on the luck of Canada in possessing such a treasure as Sir William, who can earn surpluses where none are wanted, if one regards the matter in its proper light. Sir William complacently points to this post office surplus, but how was it gained? It is too bad to say nasty truthful things when so many first-class Liberals are expressing their joy and admiration for the wonderful management of the postmaster-general. If the question were asked of the people of British Columbia: Is your postal service all that you would wish? There cannot be a doubt that the answer would be, full chorus: Not by a long odds.

"To begin as near at home as possible, what is the condition of the post office service between Victoria and contiguous places on the island and the mainland? Take the service to Nanaimo and all along the line of the E. & N. railway. Can a service be called even decent which cuts off from that large population, those flourishing towns and cities on the east coast of Vancouver island, all mail communication with the outside world from 9 o'clock on Saturday morning until 9 o'clock on Monday morning? Through the meanness the niggardliness of this surplus-earning postmaster-general and his colleagues all sorts of difficulties have been thrown in the way of improved mail facilities for that portion of the province; a portion of British Columbia which has the largest pay rolls on the coast. Those people have to be content with a service that cuts them off on Saturday mornings until Monday mornings from communication by mail even with Victoria. But then, Sir William must have his surplus, and the congratulations thereupon from the large and influential body of those who do not think for themselves.

"Take now the service to the mainland. To the intelligent stranger who may come from the United Kingdom, say, where the post office business is carried to a perfection unheard of in any other country in the world, it must seem extraordinary that Victorians who write business or urgent personal communications to correspondents in New Westminster, posting the letters on Monday afternoon, should have to wait until Thursday following for an answer. The distance is trifling, only about eighty miles, yet as much time must elapse as would suffice to take a letter from Victoria to San Francisco, eight hundred miles.

"Then, if the correspondent resides in Ladner's Landing or other down river port, the time for reply must be extended probably another day, perhaps two more days. The astounding thing about this is that steamers pass those Fraser river points from Victoria every day, yet no attempt is made by the surplus-crazy government to improve the mail service.

"The public be ahemmed; we must have a surplus to dangle before the electorate on the eve of election; that's the thing to catch the unthinking; they will be sure to say that a government that can clear a surplus off the post office must be a wonderful government.

"A very wonderful government indeed, especially when the methods whereby this surplus is gained are laid bare. The Liberal government refuses to give a mail carrying contract for the lower mainland that would provide reasonable facilities for the people there, because in the first place, 'it is only British Columbia,' and in the second place it is necessary to have a surplus.

"Then, the service to the Sound. In pleasant contrast with the Liberal jubilation over this surplus earned out of the pinching of the service here and the skimping of it there, is the ridiculous break in communication with the American side on Thursdays, when the steamer belonging to the line which has the contract does not run. No attempt has been made by the Dominion post office authorities to fill this hiatus, although another steamer runs regularly between Victoria and Seattle, including Thursday nights. If this break came on Sundays when nobody particularly wants mail, it would not call for notice, but that 25,000 people should be deprived of perhaps important mail on a week day simply because the mail steamer takes her lie-over on that day, is not creditable to the intelligence of the Dominion post office department. This is another instance of the parsimonies which go to swell the surplus.

"Again, why is it