proper relations between the accused and the deceased's brother-in-law, and it would be a cruel thing to assume that there was. On the other hand, it should not be necessarily assumed that accused is an innocent, unsophisticated girl. Notwithstanding the evidence of Mr. Paul and Miss Cameron that four years ago she was a gentle, obedient girl, it was made plain by her own evidence that she had since then encountered evil associations, as was evidenced by the language she used. Whether she did or did not refuse to help the deceased woman when she was in flames his lordship expressed no opinion upon, and it was something with which the jury had nothing to do, except as it affected the evidence of accused's disposition. Mr. Helmcken's appeal for mercy was, his lordship said, something with which the jury had nothing to do. It was for them only to consider the evidence and to do justice to the accused. They had nothing to do with the consequences.

The jury then retired to consider their verdict at 2.45.

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The Nichol case was called immediately the jury in the Wolf case retired this afternoon, and the reading of the indictment, including the Province article complained of, occupied nearly a quarter of an hour. Mr. Archer Martin, for the defence, then proceeded to address the court on his motion to quash the indictment.

Mr. Martin proceeded to read an affidavit by W. C. Nichol complaining that he had been prejudiced by the avowed partisanship of the foreman of the grand jury, Mr. W. F. Bullen, who is a government candidate for Esquimalt, basing his motion to quash the indictment on the grounds that defendant had been prejudiced, and secondly, that the grand jury had brought in a true bill without having had any evidence of witnesses. Counsel quoted from several authorities, but his lordship said on the first ground he should over-rule the motion and called upon Mr. Wilson to argue the second. This done, his lordship added that if it became necessary to allow the motion on the second grounds he would simply summon the grand jury and instruct them to have the witnesses before them. He reserved his decision on the point until to-morrow at 10 a.m. and gave instruction to Mr. Wilson to have a new indictment framed so that it might go to the jury with his instructions if he so decided.

ORIENTAL NEWS

A Hurricane Brings Death by Drowning to 1700 Fishermen More Missionaries Murdered.

A Girl Burnt to Death by Her Parents —Prince Henry to Visit Japan.— Cruiser in Collision.

Chinaman Buys a British Warship— British Capital for Formosa— Did Thibetans Torture Landor?

News is brought from the Orient by the steamer Victoria of a terrible hurricane which swept the seas off Miyake on the night of May 11th. About 200 tunny boats, manned with 1,500 men, 7 boats from Omoto, and 16 boats from Shimakeshi with crews numbering, collectively, about 127, encountered the violent storm, and are missing with all hands. In consequence the governor and the chief of police have left for Miyake. The warship Amagi has been despatched to search for the boats by the naval department.

The Shanghai Mercury publishes a rumor to the effect that three missionaries of the International Missionary Alliance have been murdered in the province of Hunan, the names of one of the victims being given as Mr. Chapin, son of a former missionary of the American board. The report is from Chinese sources. The Echo de Chine also announces receipt of a telegram to the effect that a French priest missionary, Pere Bartholet, was murdered by bandits on the 4th instant at Kuaiyum, Kuangsi.

In Nishi Matsura Gori of Saga prefecture there yet lingers the barbaric fanaticism of old Japan. A little girl of 13 years of age, the daughter of a farmer, was subject to occasional fits of the blues. Her parents, being devout followers of the Tenrikyo religion, consulted one of the monks who doled out Tenri advice and ministration at so many rin per prescription. After a careful diagnosis of the case the devout lunatic arrived at the conclusion that the child was possessed by a fox, and recommended exorcism by fire.

According to his advice the girl was placed on a stake and a fire burnt underneath. Thus she was burned to death. The father and the monk have been arrested.

Prince Henry of Prussia, now staying in China, is said to have applied to Marquis Saigo, minister of the navy, through Count Leyden, German minister, and Baron Nishi, foreign minister, for sanction to cruise along the coast of Japan. The Prince's request having been granted by the authorities, the Gefion, with the Prince on board, the Deutschland, and the Kaiserin Augusta will shortly enter Japanese waters. They will, we understand, visit the ports of Nagasaki, Ujiina, Kobe and Yokohama, and sail along the Pacific coast and those of the Japan sea.

On May 6th the Japanese cruiser Saien ran into a sailing vessel named the Eitoku Maru in a fog off Himeshima, Bungo province, and the latter sank almost immediately. The crew of the sailing vessel were picked up by the Saien and sent to Moji. It is reported that the two vessels signalled to one another when approaching, the man-of-war sounding her steam whistle and the Eitoku Maru blowing a trumpet, but they appear to have been unable to avoid a collision.

H.M.S. Victor Emmanuel has been sold at auction at Hongkong as she lay in the harbor, with the exception of the anchors, mooring gear, boats, and boat gear. The biding was started at $10,000, and the price quickly rose to $45,000, and she was knocked down to a Chinaman for $46,000.

A Japanese paper announces that the promoters of the Formosa railway have entered into negotiations with Messrs. Peacock & Co., of England, for a loan of fifteen million yen. Mr. Fetten, representing the latter firm, has arrived here and everything indicates the consummation of the big transaction.

A private letter just received from Yatung in Tibet says that the Tibetnans declare that they have heard nothing of the capture and maltreatment of Mr. H. Savage Landor.

—Mary Smith and Louisa Smith were brought up in the police court this morning charged with stealing one velvet pannel and a pocket handkerchief case. They were remanded until Monday.

Among the arrivals from the Sound this morning by the City of Kingston were Pat Galvin, the millionaire claim owner of El Dorado, A. S. Going, the surveyor, and J. Boscowitz and G. H. Cross.

MORE TRAGEDY

News Comes From Skagway of Another Murder—A Negress Robbed, Then Strangled.

An Epidemic of Robbery—Raising the Clara Nevada—Stikine Trail in Good Condition.

There were two arrivals from the far north last night; the big steamer Tartar reached port fully a day before she was expected, about 6:30 o'clock, and several hours later the Norwegian steamer Tordenskjold steamed into port. The Tartar brings news of another tragedy at Skagway, a negress named Ella Wilson, whose character was not above reproach, having been murdered by some person unknown. Early on Saturday last a man who had been in the habit of visiting the woman went to her cabin, and finding the door open, walked in. He found the woman fully dressed with the exception of her shoes and stockings, lying cold in death. She had been bound, gagged and strangled with a piece of cloth, which was still fastened tightly to her neck, knotted behind the ears. Notwithstanding the fact that the portion of the town where the murdered woman's cabin is located is thickly populated, no one heard her make any outcry during the night. The house was ransacked. It seems that there has been an epidemic of robbery in the "tenderloin" part of Skagway of late, many of the women being robbed. It is thought that those guilty of the crimes are thugs and gamblers driven to desperation by the absence of subjects for their sure thing games.

The Tartar also brings news of trouble among Collector of Customs Ivy's forces. He has dismissed Alden and McConnell, said to be in league with the whiskey smugglers.

While passing Seward City the Tartar saw two scows and a tug engaged in raising the wrecked Clara Nevada.

Seven bags of mail from Bennett and one from Dawson were brought in by the Tartar. She had 32 downward passengers.

The Tordenskjold, from Wrangel, reports that Frank Callbreath has returned from a trip to Teslin Lake with a pack train of 60 mules. Callbreath says the trail is in good condition. On the way down the Tordenskjold passed the following steamers: The seven river steamers built by Moran Bros., which left Seattle for St. Michaels two days ago. They had reached Comox and each was taking on 75 tons of coal; the Islander on Tuesday last at Stanhope Island; Princess Louise next morning at Mary Island; the Iskoot near Lowe Inlet; the Amur in Llama passage; sternwheeler McConnell at Alert Bay and Spratt's Ark in tow of the Mystery at Malcolm Island on her way to Wrangel with coal.

After a smart passage from Yokahama, breaking all her previous records, the Northern Pacific liner Victoria arrived from the Orient last night. She brought the following passengers: Capt. H. Busbee, of the British customs at Shanghai; F. Dodwell, brother of one of the managers of the firm of Dodwell, Carlill & Co., and wife; Rev. and Mr. M. C. E. Price, and Miss Loomis, missionaries, homeward bound on furlough; A. E. Standford, a jockey; Mr. J. T. Swift, a prominent Y. M. C. A. man, and wife; J. Mur, a marine engineer; Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. Poole, R. Wattock, E. Kochen, J. Le Wancher, R. Range and F. Lainell. None of these debarked here. In her steerage she had 140 Chinese, 41 Japanese and 2 Coreans. The Japanese, the Coreans and 66 of the Chinese debarked here. After landing her Victoria freight the liner continued her voyage to Tacoma this morning.

According to the report of the Japanese sealing schooner Setoku Maru, which arived at Muroran on May 14th, the sealing schooner Director, belonging to this port, has taken so far 302 skins. The Setoka Maru report's a number of Japanese sealers. All have small catches, only two exceeding 200 skins.

GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT.

The Ancient and Honorable Body Criticises Local Nuisances and Abuses.

"To the Honorable Mr. Justice McColl:—

"May it please your lordship,—We, the grand jury now assembled, wish to make the following presentment, viz.:

"1st. That although the late Mrs. Marsden lived for a fortnight after the sad occurrence which caused her death and was, during that period, in a critical condition, yet her deposition was not taken, we are strongly of the opinion that it is the duty of the police in all cases of a serious nature, such as this, to take the deposition of the injured person without delay.

"2nd. That more stringent measures should be taken by the police to prevent gamblers and other worthless and disreputable characters from frequenting saloons.

"3rd That the police should exercise more supervision over the disreputable portions of the city, notably the houses in the neighborhood of the Albion Irion works company. Particularly should they see that boys do not continue to frequent adjacent streets after dark, as at present. In this connection the grand jury wishes to draw attention to the fact that children are allowed to roam about the streets at night, and urge that rigorous steps should be taken to put a stop to this growing evil.

We consider that the public streets and thoroughfares are not the proper places for wood-sawing machines to be operated, and we are at aloss to understand why any exception should be made in favor of these machines, especially in view of the fact that they are a menace to the safety of the public.

We would further recommend that the regulations governing the speed of tram cars be rigidly enforced. The tramway company runs its cars at an excessive speed in some portions of the city, with the result that serious accidents have already occurred. We are also of opinion that the attention of the tramway company should be drawn to the objectionable practice which at present exists of permitting intoxicated persons to enter their cars to the annoyance and discomfort of other passengers.

We are of opinion that the rifle range at Clover Point, adjoining a public highway, being a menace to the safety of the public, should be closed immediately, especially in view of the recent grant by the Dominion government for a new range.

"The grand jury beg to report that they visited the city lock-up, the Provincial jail and the Reformatory, all of which places were found in exceedingly creditable condition. We are of opinion that the fire protection of the Provincial jail is inadequate and that this could be remedied to some extent by the erection of a large tank at the top of the building or by the procuring of a chemical engine.

"(Signed)
" W. FITJHERBERT BULLEN,
"Foreman Grand Jury.

"June 4th, 1898."

RIDER.

"We, the members of the grand jury now assembled, desire to draw attention to the following statement contained in part 4 of the affidavit of Walter Cameron Nichol, sworn on the second day of June instant:

"'And that the said William Fitzherbert Bullen has not been indifferent between Her Majesty the Queen and me the deponent, but on the contrary, has strongly, unduly and unlawfully exercised his influence with the said grand jury to the detriment of me, this deponent.'

"We desire most emphatically to state that the charge of undue influence on the part of Mr. W. F. Bullen as above sworn to by the said W. C. Nichol is absolutely untrue and without foundation, the said W. F. Bullen having been most careful to act impartially and to abstain from expressing any opinion whatever when the matter in question was under consideration.

"Signed: Geo. Gillespie, A. Holmes, H. M. Grahame, E. H. Burns, William Humphrey, A. K. Munro, George Jaques, A. McKeown, Wm. Munsie, E. J. Eyres, Thomas Hooper, J. Braverman, A. J. W. Bridgman, Edward S. Wilkinson, John G. Elliott, R. L. Drury, W. J. Stephens, L. Goodacre."

SCHLEY'S LONG VIGIL

West Indian Hurricanes May Effectually Raise the Blockade of Santiago Harbor.

Commodore Is In Serious Danger— Importance of Military Co-Operation.

Madrid, June 2.—Official circles ridicule American pretensions and treat the Santiago affair as a sample reconnaissance. They point out the likelihood of four vessels being employed in reconnaisance leading to a combat of five hours' duration. The truth is, as official circles se it, the Americans tried to force an entry to the bay and were repulsed. It is held equally improbable that the American squadron destroyed the batteries at El Morro, which are situated at a height of 62 metres (about 200 feet), commanding the sea.

Cape Haytien, Hayti, June 2.—The condition of the population of Santiago since the beginning of the blockade has grown rapidly worse, and is now said to be nearly desperate; food is very scarce, poor people finding it almost impossible to obtain any, provisions running to enormous prices. The expectation is general that Santiago must soon fall into the hands of the Americans.

Kingston, Jamaica, June 2.—A despatch from Port Antonio says the British second-class cruiser Indefatigable returned there from Santiago de Cuba yesterday, the cruiser having been ordered to Santiago to assist the wounded in the expected naval battle. The ship's surgeon was on leave of absence, and a government medical officer was taken. From the bridge of the Indefatigable 47 ships were counted through binocularsin Santiago bay. This is supposed to be the full strength of Cervera's fleet, and some of the seventeen are probably merchantmen. Six American ships lay off Santiago harbor and were circling around. Commodore Schley has moved the blockading fleet closer to the shore. On Sunday Admiral Cervera sent out two torpedo boats, one of them the Pluton. After exchanging shots with the Brooklyn, Commodore Schley's flagship, and the battleship Texas, they returned into the harbor.

Will Sue for Investigation.

London, June 2.—The Madrid correspondent of the Morning Post says Leon y Castillo, Spanish ambassador to France, at a recent conference with the Queen Regent and Senor Sagasta, was officially charged to ask the powers to intervene to obtain peace on such terms as would protect the honor of Spain. The ambassador will urge for a reason for such intervention the danger of loss of trade to the powers themselves in the event of the continuance of the war. In political and diplomatic circles in Madrid it is believed Castillo will succeed.

New York, June 2.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says Commodore Schley's reconnaissance before Santiago bay, as far as its results are known to the authorities here, has fully confirmed General Miles' and other military and naval officials' statements last week, that the moment Cervera's squadron entered the harbor the co-operation of American land and sea forces would become imperatively necessary to conducting an effective campaign against him, unless he undertook to force his way out of the trap before he was overwhelmed. It is true Commodore Schley's squadron exchanged shots with the shore batteries, which has demonstrated that they are weak affairs at best, but it is not believed he would attempt to send his ships in single file up the narrow, tortuous channel, thoroughly mined, in order to destroy the Spanish cruisers, when the result may be accomplished in an infinitely less hazardous manner. The authorities have informed Schley that vessels to be used in the obstruction of the channel are already on the way to him, and should arrive in a day or two.

It is hardly thought possible the Spaniards will venture on an aggressive movement, but rather remain at anchor in the upper harbor, trusting to the scattering of Commodore Schley's vessels by the terrific hurricanes which are to be expected on the Cuban coast at this season of the year. Knowledge of this danger will probably hasten the placing of obstructions to navigation in the channel leading to Santiago harbor in order that the egress of the Spaniards may be completely blocked should the American fleet be forced to seek the shelter of Mole St. Nicholas, the nearest harbor of any security, on the approach of a cyclone. The necessity of speedily relieving Commodore Schley in his vigil is of incalculable importance in its effect on the military invasion, as it would be impossible to land troops at the most convenient coast point if the weather were stormy.

Whether the military force with which it is proposed to invest Santiago left Tampa or not the army officials at Washington declare they do not know, and with the rigid censorship now exercised at southern ports, which effectually checks the dissemination of the desired information, it is impossible to speak with certainty. It is strongly intimated that the first important news of the invading army will not come from Tampa or any other American point, but from Cuba itself.

He (just accepted)—I must go now and break my engagement with Helen. She'll make a row.

She (sotto voice.—So will you when I break our engagement.—Life.

LOCAL NEWS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Thursday's Daily.

—A fete champetre will be given on June 25th at the rectory grounds, Cedar Hill, under the auspices of the ladies of St. Luke's, St. Michael's and Colquitz churches. The proceeds are to be devoted to painting and renovating the churches.

—The receipts of the inland revenue department for the month just closed were as follows:

Spirits	$11,723 14
Malt	2,274 80
Tobacco	2,780 75
Liquors	868 70
Inspection Petroleum	25 25
	$17,672 64

—Yesterday afternoon at St. Barnabas' church was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Alfred E. Crickmay, of Vancouver, and Miss Agnes Dawson (L. R. A. M., London). Rev. J. B. Haslam officiated and Miss Dawson, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. The maids of honor were Misses Violet Powell and Olive Peters, and Mr. K. A. Roberts was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Crickmay will reside in Vancouver.

—Since the beginning of last week island strawberries have been coming in very freely, and there has been a brisk demand. Prices are now ruling at 12½c, although some specially fine fruit grown on the island commands double that figure. The present cold weather will adversely affect the crop and shorten the season and unless a change soon takes place prices next week will be firmer. Gooseberries are plentiful and a much better quality than usual. Plums are already coming in and may be expected to fall in price at the arrival of the next shipments.

—Mr. Justice Walkem is taking county court to-day. The trial of W. E. Losee v. Dr. T. J. Jones has been going on all day. The plaintiff claims $275 as money had and received by the defendant to the use of the plaintiff, being a half interest in a sale by Dr. Jones of the franchise of the Cascade Water Company. The defendant is not entitled to anything until the money that he (Dr. Jones) has expended in connection with the sale have been reimbursed him. W. H. Langley for plaintiff; A. L. Belyea and Frank Higgins for defendant.

From Friday's Daily.

—Mrs. Herbert, who disappeared from her home on Pandora street on Wednesday morning, was found last evening wandering about near Cadboro Bay.

—Robert Stewart, merchant, of Salmon Arm, has made an assignment of all his personal property and real estate to John S. Bennett, of Kamloops, for the benefit of his creditors.

—Dawson is to have its fire department very shortly. A steam fire engine, chemical engines and a hook and ladder truck are now on their way from the East for the residents of Dawson, who recently purchased them from Eastern manufacturers.

—Dr. McKechnie, of Nanaimo, states that while the proposal that he shall enter Dominion politics is being discussed, nothing has been decided, as the decision will be absolutely with the wish of the supporters, which will not be expressed until to-morrow evening.

—A special court of assize and general gaol delivery will be held at Glenora in and for the county of Nansimo on Wednesday, 15th of June. Courts of assize will also be held at Nelson and Donald on Monday, June 20th, and Monday, June 27th, respectively.

—At a special meeting of the celebration regatta committee, held last evening, the protest in the school boys' race was disposed of and the decision awarded to Messrs. White and Bechtel. The appropriation made for the regatta was not exceeded and the committee have now ended their duties.

—The police are on the lookout for a fishing skiff stolen from Cowichan Bay. It is 22 feet long, 6 feet 6 inch beam, whaler build, and painted grey, bottom and wash-board red. It has a new piece of wood, nailed on about low-water line. The mast, sail and anchor were aboard when the skiff was lost.

—The B. C. Gazette, issued yesterday, contains the official appointment of W. F. Robertson, of Montreal, to be provincial mineralogist, vice William A. Carlyle, resigned. W. Bennie Walker, J.P., and James Abrams, S.M., are also appointed to be members of the board of licensing commissioners for the city of Cumberland, V. I.

—Daniel Kelley, a prominent member of the Y. M. I. of this city, and for three years engineer of the steamer Boscowitz, died this morning in St. Joseph's hospital, aged 32 years. He was a native of London, Eng. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon from Hayward's undertaking establishment and later from the Roman Catholic cathedral.

—The two handsome bungalows now being erected for Sir Chas. Hibbert Tupper and Hon. Fred. Peters at Oak Bay are rapidly nearing completion, and when finished will make handsome additions to the group of residences in that vicinity. The two edifices are almost opposite one another on a bluff, overlooking the sea, and present a very attractive appearance from the water.

—A party of young men who are camping at Oak Bay took an involuntary bath in the waters of that inlet on Sunday. The young men in question had put out on an improvised raft, and the water in the bay being choppy the rude craft capsized. They all managed to regain the raft none the worse for their experience. The party went into camp at Oak Bay on the 29th of April, and intend to break the record by spending seven months under canvas.

—R. A. Laughlin, through Mr. Abraham E. Smith, United States consul here, is offering a reward of $200 for the recovery of the body (dead or alive) of B. S. Spencer, of San Francisco, who was lost with 33 others in the Jane Gray disaster. Spencer is described as follows: Weight, 185 pounds; height, 5 feet 7 inches; a very full, smooth face, with a marked dimple in his chin, thick black hair, grey eyes and heavy brows.

—The following companies have been incorporated in this province during the month of May: The Chartered Trust of B. C., Limited, capital, £100,000, office, Vancouver; New Jerusalem Mining Co., Limited, capital, $100,000, head office, Ainsworth; Klondike Pneumatic Caisson Mining Co., Limited, capital, $75,000, head office, Vancouver; London & Ymir, B. C., Gold Mining Co., Limited, capital, $750,000, head office, Rossland; Atlas & Huntingdon Development Syndicate, Limited, capital, $10,000, head office, Slocan City; Ymir Water Works Co., Limited, capital, $1,200, head office, Ymir; Victoria Shoe Co., Limited, capital, $50,000, head office, Victoria; Casco Trading & Transportation Co., Limited, capital, $100,000, head office, Glenora; Golden Rink Co., Limited, capital, $5,000, head office, Golden; Golden Fire Engine Association, Limited, capital, $5,000, head office, Golden.

—The customs returns for the month of May were as follows:

Duty collected	$ 92,667 76
Other revenues	9,470 34
Total	$102,138 10
Imports, free	$ 88,156 00
Imports, dutiable	314,854 00
Total	$403,010 00
Exports, produce of Canada	$ 96,849 00
Exports, not produce of Canada	3,604 00
Total	$100,453 00

—For several weeks past V. M. Ruthven, the ex-priest, who is lecturing on Sunday afternoons and evenings in A.O.U.W. Hall, has been distributing a series of dodgers, all making insulting allusions to Mr. S. D. Shultz, the Victoria barrister. The attacks were of such a character that Mr. Schultz had no recourse by law, for Ruthven knew just how far to go. This afternoon Ruthven was wandering around with an armful of his dodgers when he met Mr. Schultz. No sooner did the latter see the lecturer than he put up his fists and proceeded to punish the ex-priest. After a scrimmage they were separated, and at the time of going to press Ruthven was in search of an officer to give his assailant in charge.

—A number of residents of Vancouver make declaration in this month's Gazette of their intention of forming a society under the provisions of the Benevolent Societies Act, to be known as the B. C. Chamber of Mines. The objects of the society, as set forth in the published memorandum, are to promote the best interests of the mining community in this province, by legislation, by collecting and circulating statistics and information, communicating with the other mining chambers, and government department of mines, establishing and maintaining a library and museum of models and specimens, etc. The names of the executive committee are: Dr. Selwyn, C.M.G., F.R.S., H. Abbott, A. St. G. Hamersley, W. Pellew-Harvey, Frank S. Taggart, C. C. Bennett, D. Bell-Irving, Barclay Bonthrone, all of the city of Vancouver, B. C.; H. Hirschel Cohen, of the city of Victoria, B. C.; William White, Q.C., of Revelstoke, B. C.

From Saturday's Daily.

—S. D. Schultz has been summoned to appear in the police court on Monday morning to answer to the charge of assaulting V. M. Ruthven.

—The writs for the provincial elections were to be issued to-day, nomination day being fixed for Saturday, June 25, and the elections on Saturday, July 9.

—The Ymir Waterworks company, capital $12,000, and the Casca Trading and Transportation company, of Glenora, capital $100,000, have been incorporated during the past week.

—The funeral of the late David Kelly will take place to-morrow afternoon from Hayward's undertaking parlors, and later from the R. C. Cathedral. The obsequies will be conducted under the local council of the Y.M.I.

—For the benefit of St. Luke's, St. Michael's and Colquitz churches, a fete champetre will be held on the 25th inst. at Cedar Hill. High tea will be served, and a sale of work will be one of the features of the entertainment.

—Rev. J. C. Speer, pastor of the Metropolitan church, has been granted a vacation of four weeks by the official board of the church, and will leave a week from Monday on a visit to Toronto and other eastern points. The board here made arrangements for the supply of the pulpit during his absence by other ministers of the province.

—The Corean, who landed "broke" in Victoria about a month ago, has at last secured money with which to proceed to Washington, D.C. He went back to Vancouver and the Japanese and Chinese colonies there wrote to his friends in Corea, who forwarded about $100 with which he proceeded to the United States capital last week.

—A party of American excursionists came over from Portland this morning and are spending the day in viewing the town under the management of Geo. H. Cross, of the Raymond-Whitcomb Excursion firm, of Boston, Mass., and have been making a tour of the coast. They will spend a few days here before returning east. The party are at the Driard Hotel.

—The fickle goddess has smiled on John Lay, proprietor of the Esquimalt Hotel. A rich relative of Mr. Day, resident at Malaga, Spain, recently died, leaving considerable money and a large estate to be divided between Day and three other relatives. Mr. Day has written to Malaga for advices concerning his legacy, and should he receive favorable reply, he will journey at once, notwithstanding the war, to the land of grapes and raisins to secure his share of the property.

—The usual weekly meeting of Sir Wm. Wallace society had a good attendance last night and pleasant and instructive time was spent. In the absence of the president, Mr. Fraser acted as chairman. Mr. Watt, an Aberdonian, gave an excellent reading from a Calcutta newspaper of how the Scotsmen in that distant portion of Her Majesty's dominions celebrated St. Andrew's day; Mr. Ross, a sturdy Highlander, favored the meeting with a choice selection on the bagpipes, including "The Campellton Loch," "Wha'll be King but Charlie," etc. One of the visitors, who had been for a time in Massachusetts, told how he had learned of the existence of Sir W. Wallace society from the pages of the "Scottish-American," and on arrival had visited the society here, which gave him much pleasure. The society's piper gave "Hey, Johnnie Cope," "Ghillie Callum," and "Pibroch of Donnel Dhu" in grand style. Mr. Maxwell Muir gave a couple of Scottish songs, and Secretary R. H. Jameson sang the favorite "Annie Laurie."

PLAGUE AT HONGKONG.

No Diminution of the Disease—Many Europeans Attacked.

Despite the stories about the decrease of the plague at Hongkong, as officially told, there seems to be little diminution of the disease. Only a few days ago a European policeman was attacked and not long before a European boy succumbed to the pest. Sister Gertrude, one of the nurses at the government civil hospital, is lying ill of the malady, and in much danger. Another case is that of Mr. L. S. Crawford, a son of Mr. D. R. Crawford (Lane & Crawford.) The unfortunate young gentleman is only 20 years of age and his conidtion is very bad. Since the beginning of the year 733 cases have been reported, with 646 deaths.

A Hopeless Invalid.

SUCH WAS THE CONDITION OF MISS RODD, OF BROOKLIN.

An Editor Relates the Story of Her Illness and How a Remarkable Change in Her Condition Was Brought About.

From the Gazette, Whitby, Ont.

For some five years the editor of this journal has made weekly visits to Brooklin in search of news. One of his earliest recollections of the village was in noticing that Miss Levina Rodd was very ill. Miss Rodd was well known, and as week after week rolled round, it was natural to ask how she was getting on, and the reply always came that she was no better. Time went on and it became a settled fact that Miss Rodd was a confirmed invalid and that such she would continue until a kind Providence took mercy on her by allowing death to end her sufferings. None of the villagers anticipated any other ending. Our astonishment can better be imagined than described, therefore, when Mrs. Bert Wells hailed us one morning with "Well, editor, we have some news for you to-day." "What is it?" "Why, Miss Rodd has gone on a visit to Columbus friends." "Why, I thought she was a confirmed invalid?" "So she was, but she has been improving so much lately that she is now able to help herself a good deal, and it was thought a change of scene would do her good." "That is certainly news," replied the quill-pusher, "and good news, too; but what cured her?" "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills," replied Mrs. Wells. We then decided to ask Miss Rodd upon her return for an interview, but it was some time before it took place, owing to the limited time at our disposal between trains, and partly owing to a desire to wait and see if the improvement was likely to prove permanent. However, after many put-offs, we finally called at the home of Mrs. Doolittle, a sister of Miss Rodd's, who has carefully cared for her during the long illness. At the request of the editor Miss Rodd made the following statement: "I am fifty years of age and have lived in Brooklin ten years. Five years ago I was taken ill with acute rheumatism, and have not done a day's work since. The trouble began with my feet and the swelling extended to my arms, wrists and shoulders, and finally settled in my neck. I had such pain that I was obliged to use a walking stick to ease me in moving about, and two and a half years ago the stick had to make way for a crutch. At this time I used to get up a little each day, but it was not long before I was denied even this privilege, and the next six months I was perfectly helpless and bed-ridden. I could not even turn my head or put a cup of tea to my mouth. I got completely discouraged after ineffectually being treated by two physicians and trying the different medicines recommended for my ailment. While I was in this helpless condition my niece came in one day and prevailed upon me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. After taking two boxes I felt a slight change for the better, so I continued to take them, with the effect that I continued to improve slowly ever since. I now sleep well, have a good appetite, and have gained in flesh. I can stand now, walk about and even got in and out of the buggy upon the occasion of my late visit to Columbus. Since that time, too, I feel stronger and my reason for still using a crutch is on account of my knees being weak and a desire to not overtax my strength. Jubilee Day was the first time in twenty-one months that I was able to put my foot outside the door, and I am satisfied that I owed Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in the first place instead of the other medicines used, I would have been spared much suffering. I am sure I owe my improvement to these Pills alone." Mrs. Doolittle, who, as we have previously stated, attended her sister through her trying illness, was equally strong in her recommendations as to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills having effected the radical change, and the three of us agreed that it would be only just that this case should be brought to the notice of suffering humanity in the hope that it might prove a blessing to more than Miss Rodd, who still continues to improve and who hopes to again be able to do her full day's work at no distant date.

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