AVAL BATTLE.

ng at Rio Ordered to e From Present Anchorage.

rt Villegagnon—Admiral Issues an Import- nt Manifesto.

, D.C., Dec. 11.—The Navy received a cable dispatch iero that indicates prepara- nt Peixoto for a big battle rces and those of Admiral patch is from Capt. Picking, he U. S. naval forces in substance is as Brazilian Government has n consuls to warn vessels to present anchorage and has hin which it will be danger- This will prevent the load- g of cargoes."

IRO, Dec. 11.—On the night ack was made by a large s men in launches upon Fort hich had been so badly the incessant fire from batteries that Peixoto ight be taken by as- garrison gave his men resistance that they were off, while many of their num- When the Aquidaban and rned from their trip to the red of Ilha de Grande, the on, a force from Mello's ships nches kept there for quaran- ok all the provisions in the d the money on hand for the quarantine staff, seized nch, cut the cable between and Rio and took the tele- nt aboard his own flagship. an and Esperanza were run- untlet of the forts at entrance, the Esper- pressure cylinder was t and one of her engineers board the Aquidaban five lled by the explosion of a l. There is no news of the Tichteroy. Mello is said to warm reception for them. ent has received a telegram stating that important events ere shortly. President Peix- ed Admiral Concelves, com- Tiradentes and Bahia, now at cause of doubts in regard to en. Saraiva has sent to Peix- from Soroocaha, December 1, hear news from there shortly. Gama, commanding the in- in Rio harbor, has issued a is fellow-countrymen, saying the ranks of those fighting ntry from militarism and a with the influence of sectari- l exert every effort to rescue from the anarchy and ich her present rulers have and restore the Government eat of national stupefaction as overthrown November 15, anifesto closes:

victory is certain. Hasten every possible moral influ- our cause. I call on all the lasses of Brazil to cast off yoke of slavery imposed by of 1889. I hope to fulfill my azilian, though the end be hers do the same.

"SALIENHA DA GAMA."

medical staff of the navy, herto maintained a neutral y joined Admiral Gama at d.

ADIAN NEWS.

al to the COLONIST.)

Dec. 12.—The tug Douglas H. d in port this morning. She nion Coal Company's barges e off Greyon Island at 11:30 e hawser parted at the bow It was blowing a gale at the ow squalls and a heavy Captain Nutter laid by until orning, but could see nothing He left when the weather earch of them. There is a n in each barge.

Dec. 12.—The Star editori- ges the Government to ap- ter Mitchell as Governor of k. It believes that while ther aspirants to the office, one whose claims based on es rendered to his native the Dominion will compare r. Mitchell.

Dec. 12.—T. Rutledge, a ner of the Virden district, he hospital, last night, from juries received in a scuffle, e coming down on the train

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ec. 12.—Frank Taylor and ilson, while driving home, a Grand Trunk train and in-

Dec. 12.—William Hooper, alleged wife murderer, was yesterday to nine months in on for theft.

Dec. 12.—The funeral of the olphe Laflamme was one of most representative ever al. The chief mourners were two sons, Leopold Laflamme, nd Mr. Justice Jette, his The pall-bearers were Chief , Sir Joseph Hickson, Judge everal other members of the

GAGE SALE

TENDER.

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any tender not necessarily ac-

H. O. WELLBURN,
Duncan's,
Agent for the Mortgagee.

The Weekly Colonist.

THIRTY-SIXTH YEAR. VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1893. VOLUME XXXVI. NO. 1

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Official Administrator Appointed—Meeting of Nanaimo Board of Trade.

Prospectors Already Gathering at Alberni Preparing for the Spring Rush.

[Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 14—As soon as a proper drill is obtained the arms, accoutrements and 46-pound gun will be sent over to Vancouver from Victoria for Capt. Townley's battalion.

The Arawa will probably not be able to leave on Saturday, the advertised time. Lumber and lime will be the principal items of cargo.

The Royal Arthur concert, in which the combined City and Royal Arthur band took part, was very largely attended and a very successful affair.

Mr. J. D. Byrne has been appointed official administrator for the new county of Vancouver.

On account of the great distress among the poor of the city, the ministers of the different congregations have met and formed themselves into committee to act with the members of their congregations in securing relief.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 15.—On Monday the Council will probably investigate the charges brought by Ald. Franklin against City Engineer Tracy, and Col. Tracy will be given an opportunity to explain.

At a mass meeting to-night the citizens passed a resolution to ask for letter delivery from the Government.

The civic election by-laws and by-law to appoint three water works commissioners at a salary of $100 have passed at a special meeting of the council.

The steamer Comox, from the North this morning, brought the halfbreed detective Moon, who says he has located Lynn and the halfbreed negro Indian, who are suspected of the Savary Island murder.

Ss. Empress of India is due on Tuesday with 30 saloon and 200 Chinese passengers and 2,000 tons of freight.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 14.—Seventy-five inmates of the Insane asylum were present at concert given for their entertainment last night, and hugely enjoyed it. The programme was provided by the very best talent in the city.

Two carloads of salmon from the Richmond cannery were shipped to Toronto by the C.P.R.

Twenty-five thousand pounds of pottery clay were brought down from Mount Lehman yesterday and shipped to-day to Calgary, consigned to Bourne & May. This clay is said to be the finest of the kind on the Pacific Coast, and is to be used in the manufacture of statuary.

Westminster and Ladner's Landing were brought within speaking distance of each other this afternoon. It was accomplished by the successful laying of the Westminster and Burrard Inlet Telephone Co.'s cable across the Fraser river from a point a short distance above the feed mill to a point directly below the Brownsville wharf. The cable is a metallic circuit submarine cable, 3,000 feet long and an inch and a half in diameter. It was made in Germany to the special order of the company, and cost a great deal of money. There are three circuits in the cable, one of which will connect with Ladner's Landing. The other two will be held in reserve.

Work commenced this morning on a short canal which will connect the Brunette and Fraser rivers above Laidlaw's cannery. The enterprise is undertaken by the Brunette Saw Mill Company, and Pyke's dredger is doing the work. At present the mouth of the Brunette river is usually blocked by the company's booms, and the intention is to open a new boom yard in a little bay above the cannery at the mouth of the canal, from where the logs can be easily floated to the mill. This will leave the mouth of the Brunette free at all times for log driving from Burnaby Lake.

Robinson's pork packing establishment was burglarized last night, and a large quantity of pork and ham stolen.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 15.—Duncan Gray Turner, one of the heroes who assisted in the memorable defence of Lucknow, died of la grippe at his residence in this city at an early hour this morning. The deceased was born 61 years ago in Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland, and enlisted in the famous Forty-second (Black Watch) in 1856. After a brief stay at Malta in 1857, the Black Watch was ordered to India, and it was not long until the young soldier had received his "baptism of fire." During the gallant defence of Lucknow, Turner was seriously wounded in the breast by a musket. He received his discharge from the army in 1861, and wore the mutiny medal with Lucknow clasp. Deceased came to New Westminster ten years ago, and was respected by all who knew him. A wife and large family mourn his loss. The funeral will take place to-morrow.

The laying of the Westminster and Burrard Inlet Telephone Co.'s cable across the river yesterday afternoon occupied exactly fifteen minutes and twenty-five seconds. Directly after the steamer carrying the cable left the city side and connection had been made, Mr. Burr, of Brownsville, and J. C. Armstrong, president of the company, spoke with the central office in the city. A few minutes later Manager Kent had a chat with Vancouver. Considering that 3,000 feet of cable was laid the time record is remarkable.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Dec. 14.—A successful masquerade ball was given in the Co-operative hall this evening by the Diamond dancing club.

A shoot for live turkeys takes place on Saturday at the Beaven park ranges.

The funeral of the late John Prout took place this afternoon.

Ex-Mayor John Hilbert will, it is expected, be a candidate for the Mayoralty at the coming elections. He has not yet declared himself, but his friends are confident that he will stand. Most of the present Board of Aldermen will not seek re-election. It is said that George Baker will try again, and W. R. Leighton is another prospective Alderman.

The District lodge, C.O.O.F., meets here on January 18. The local lodges have arranged to banquet the visiting delegates.

Mr. S. M. Robins has donated a further prize of $25 to the Poultry Show for the best exhibit from occupiers of N.V.C. Co's land outside the city limits.

Messrs. J. Bryden, A. Sharpe and other Wellingtonians are subscribing for a $100 challenge cup to be won twice in succession at the annual shows of the Nanaimo Poultry show.

R. D. Bryden, a son of the manager of the Wellington colliery, has just completed a small electric dynamo, the whole of which he has made himself with the exception of the castings. It will be used to light the carpenter and machine shops in connection with the colliery, being capable of running sixteen lamps of sixteen candle power.

There is no shipping in the harbor at present loading N. V. C. Co.'s coal.

W. S. Chandler, of the East Wellington colliery, narrowly escaped serious injury yesterday afternoon at East Wellington. He was crushed between two coal cars which he was trying to couple. At first it was thought that his injuries were fatal, but later in the evening he recovered almost completely and will soon be about again.

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Trade was held this afternoon and endorsed the resolution of the Victoria board regarding the repeal of the mortgage tax and on the exhibit at the Midwinter Fair. A committee was appointed to deal with both matters. Another committee was appointed, including Mayor Haslam, A. R. Johnston J. E. R. Taggart, E. Pimbury, Y. H. Pleace, W. K. Leighton, M. Wolf and G. Norris to prepare an address to be presented to Premier Davie when he visits Nanaimo next week and interview him on matters affecting the welfare of the city and district.

Joseph Cliff, a bricklayer, was sentenced to six months at hard labor this morning for the theft of a dollar bill from Louis Reece, an old man.

At a meeting of the school trustees Mary G. Dobeson, daughter of Alderman Dobeson, was appointed teacher of the fourth division of the boy's school, in place of Miss Pool, resigned.

Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney has written to say that if at all possible he and Mrs. Dewdney will visit Nanaimo next week and open the Poultry show.

NANAIMO, Dec. 15.—The entries for the poultry show now number considerably over 400.

The public schools close next week for the Christmas holidays; the Girls' and Ward schools on Wednesday, the Boys' on Thursday, and the High school on Friday.

The installation of the newly elected officers of Nanaimo lodge, A.O.U.W., took place last evening.

Mr. J. J. Honeyman, the architect of the new fire hall, which was formally opened this week by a grand ball and supper, has presented the Fire company with a handsome flag, which will waive over the new building on public occasions.

The new Presbyterian church will be completed to-morrow, with the exception of the painting of the roof. The formal opening is to be deferred until the 15th January.

ALBERNI.

ALBERNI, Dec. 12.—The prospects as that the advent of spring will bring a genuine mining boom in and about Alberni. Miners and prospectors to the number of a hundred or more are already here awaiting the first opportunity to get on the ground, and in the meanwhile crowding the boarding houses and the homes of all the settlers who can be induced to receive them. Mr. Saunders' store is nightly converted into a big dormitory, a dozen or more old timers spreading their blankets on the floor. The work on the Golden Eagle claim shows it to be better than even the owners had anticipated.

There is now fully nine inches of snow on the level, with the usual heavier fall in the mountains.

The bachelors of Alberni are to give their annual Christmas ball at the Court House, on the evening of the 27th instant.

A court of revision is being held here to-day, Judge Harrison presiding. Numerous complaints as to over-assessment have been filed, and several reductions are promised.

NELSON.

(From the Tribune.)

Bridge work is delaying the completion of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard, and through train service is not likely to begin before the 15th. The depot at Nelson—the largest and best appointed between Spokane and Nelson—is nearing completion. The hitch over the road from the depot to the town has been straightened out, and by the time trains are running a good sleigh road will be completed.

At Colville, Wash., last week, died the boy that discovered the great Silver King mine, Billy White. For more than a year he has suffered from consumption, but when in Nelson last he expected to recover. He was aged 24 years.

Men have again been placed on the Poorman mine, six miles southwest of Nelson, in order to get ore on hand for a long mill run in the spring, when the water supply is ample to run the mill night and day. There is about three feet of snow at the mine.

"Phil" Aspinwall is in from Trail Creek and reports that district in a fair way to make a record for itself. The owners of the LeRoi have purchased a hoist, and intend sinking the 200-foot shaft to a greater depth. Work will also be continued in the drifts from the 200-foot station. Ore is being hauled to Trail, and it is understood that "Gib" Ide has a contract for hauling the output of the mine this winter. Charles Dundee is opening a hotel at the mines.

The lessees of Number One mine at Ainsworth are making preparations to build a concentrator at that mine. Lumber for the flume was shipped this week from Buchanan's mill at Kaslo, and it is understood the flume will be built at once.

(From the Nelson Miner)

If there is any particular satisfaction to be derived from the fact, the property owners of Nelson can congratulate themselves on being somewhat richer this year than last. The assessment roll shows an advance in total values from $252,000 in 1892 to $328,000, the figures at the bottom of the present list. The only appeals allowed at the Court of Revision and Appeal, presided over by Commissioner Fitzstubbs, were E. C. Arthur, income; A. H. Clements' assessment reduced on realty; J. W. Gallop, personal property, reduced, and F. J. Squire the same.

HAWAIIAN ISSUES.

A Thoroughly Partizan Debate Takes Place in the United States Senate.

Senator Vest on the Christian Pretensions of Stevens and Hawaiian Revolutionists.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Senator Frye, in discussing Senator Hoar's Hawaiian resolution, directed attention particularly to the statement made last Monday that the United States flag had been dishonored and made to cover an act of piracy. That statement, of course, Mr. Frye said, could only refer to the conduct of Minister Stevens. He said Stevens' history compared with that of Commissioner Blount, and declared Stevens, intellectually and otherwise, was in every way superior to Blount, and that no President, not even Cleveland with all his power, could change this condition. Senator Frye also declared that Blount in his report had not written one single unvarnished line.

At the conclusion of Mr. Frye's speech Senator Vest commented on the partisan speeches of Messrs. Hoar and Frye, and said in reference to Frye that on all party questions he (Vest) would just as soon trust him as he would a hungry wolf when the bleat of the farmer's lambs is heard in a yard in the immediate vicinity. He ridiculed the Christian pretensions of Stevens and the revolutionists of Hawaii. He said they had Christianized the natives out of their own country and taken possession of it in the name of God, then divided the lands amongst themselves under a law made by themselves. (Laughter.) He declared it was the policy of the Republicans to have, not a compact, continental republic, as the fathers of the republic established it, but to have a great, expansive territory always acquiring and its government extending to the islands of the ocean and to the utermost parts of the earth. He dissented from the views ascribed to Gresham and asserted that the Provisional Government of Hawaii was a de facto government, and that a de facto government had rights of a de jure government, so far as other nations were concerned. He added that any assault upon a de facto government by the armed forces of the United States would be an act of war, which alone could be brought about by an act of congress.

MEXICAN BORDER TROUBLES.

DEMING, Dec. 14.—A courier has reached Las Palomas bringing news from below to General Hernandez, in command of the Mexican troops, who has been at Palomas for some days making an official investigation of the troubles on the border. The courier reports that a battle was fought last Friday in the Sierra Madres near Colina Juarez, between the revolutionists under Santa Ana Perox and 600 troops. After making his report to General Hernandez, the courier returned with dispatches, and General Hernandez at once left for the scene with the soldiers stationed at Palomas. The custom house officials admit the report to be correct, but they refuse all information, and place under arrest all who attempt to talk upon the subject. This same course is being pursued by the officials in all towns near the scene of the battle, and the news is being effectively suppressed. Twenty-five rebels were killed and over 200 soldiers. The rebels were attacked in the mountains, where they have been encamped since the Palomas raid; but it is believed that the troops ran upon them unexpectedly while hunting for the camp. The battle began at 11 o'clock in the morning and lasted for several hours. The troops retreated in disorder. The rebels fought from ambush. Several officers are reported killed. Details of this affray will never be permitted to reach the outside world as the authorities have so intimidated the people that none of them will talk. The scene of the battle is about 200 miles south of this point, in the mountainous country, offering to the rebels a safe retreat.

GLADSTONE'S POLICY

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, leader of the Liberal Unionists, spoke at Braintree last evening. Home Rule was the sole aim of the Government, he said. British legislation was merely a counter with which Mr. Gladstone hoped to win the game. The Government did not mean that any British bills should pass. These bills were put in the window merely for show, and nobody should be sanguine enough to expect, if he should enter the shop, to obtain any of them. The promoters of the British Parish Councils bill had deliberately overloaded their vessel with the intention of sinking it. The Government had found it good policy to keep bills in suspense and thus supply a motive for quarrelling with the House of Lords.

RIGHT OF REFUGE.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—In the House of Commons to-day Herbert Knatchbull Hugessen, Independent Conservative member for the northeast division of Kent, asked the Government whether anarchists expelled from France were to be allowed to come to England. If they could not lawfully be prevented from landing under the present laws would the Government bring in a measure to save the country from becoming a refuge for avowed advocates of assassination.

Rt. Hon. Mr. Asquith, Home Secretary, replied that the existing laws did not provide for the prevention of anarchists landing in England. He also said that the Government was not prepared to alter the laws.

INFLUENZA IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Lancet to-day says: The influenza is increasing in virulence in Great Britain. It shows a special tendency to attack the pharynx, the larynx remaining affected after the other symptoms have passed off. There is a largely increasing death-rate in London, Liverpool and the Midland counties. The country school attendance has been lessened by the disease among children.

BRAZIL'S INSURRECTION.

The U. S. Will Protect Its Citizens—Rio Well Supplied With Provisions.

General Revolt of Troops Against the Government Expected—Insurgents Marching Northward.

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 14.—T. L. Thomson, U. S. Minister to Brazil, announces that whatever other nations may do, the United States will protect their commerce from all the encroachments of the insurgents' naval vessels. The action of the other nations in withdrawing the protection formerly afforded to merchantmen by war vessels at this port is construed as an attempt covertly to aid the insurgents in their efforts to restore the monarchy.

The United Press correspondent has not found a trace of many of the hardships which have been reported by persons in Rio since the insurgent fleet anchored in the harbor. Provisions are abundant; the streets are kept clean, and order is maintained without any effort. The government has designated a new landing for the launches of foreign warships. It is in the Lande district on the north side of the city, and near Morro do Gamboa.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Lisbon correspondent of the United Press obtained to-day a few additional facts as to the state of affairs in Brazil on December 5, when the steamship Nile sailed. General Gomercin do Saraiva, the insurgent general, was reported then to be marching northward from Rio Grande do Sul with 5,000 men whom he had gathered from the cattle ranches. His objective point is Rio Janeiro. He was expected to arrive in the neighborhood of the city about the middle of this month. Along the coast most persons thought that an important engagement would take place by Dec. 15. All the cities on the seaboard are infested with spies. Everybody fears to speak openly against the Government. Two of Peixoto's steam launches from the military school, say the officers of the Nile, stop all vessels entering Rio harbor, that the President's men may examine the passengers and crews. A general revolt of the troops against the Government was expected to take place on Dec. 15.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Ruy Barbosa, Admiral Mello's representative on land, telegraphs from Buenos Ayres as follows: "Do not believe the official Brazilian news assuring you that Admiral da Gama has issued a monarchical manifesto. Remember the report sent you about Admiral Mello favoring the placing of a son of Count d'Eu on the throne of Brazil. It is the same fiction in both cases.

Certain prominent and wealthy Brazilians living in or near this city, who favor the cause represented by Mello in the combat now being waged in the South American republic, have united to obtain redress against the persons who have fitted out warships in this port and dispatched them to Brazil in the interest of Peixoto. This syndicate of Brazilians also propose to restrain if possible, the arming of other warships for this purpose in the ports of the United States. They assert that the United States Government in allowing such ships to be fitted out here has violated the law of nations and rendered itself liable to enormous damages. The spectacle of a neutral power permitting interested individuals to prepare a hostile fleet in its own waters is claimed to be unprecedented, and in violation of the statutes. It was impossible yesterday to ascertain the names of these gentlemen, but they are seven in number and they will test the soundness of their contention in the courts. Isaac Angel, a lawyer of high standing, as well as large experience in the United States courts, has been retained to prosecute the suits contemplated.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Another Government Steamer Like the "Quadra" for Atlantic Coast Service.

Thermometer Thirty Below Zero—Hon. Mr. Daly and the Thousand Islands.

(From our own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 14.—Messrs. Fleming & Ferguson, of Paisley, who built the steamer Quadra, have received a contract for a steel screw steamer for buoy and lighthouse service on the Atlantic. Her length will be 180 feet, breadth 31, and depth 16. Her speeed will be twelve knots at sea, and she will cost $88,000.

Ottawa to-day revelled in a temperature of thirty degrees below zero.

Hon. Mr. Daly is down with la grippe.

Sir John Thompson and Sir C. H. Tupper arrived home to-day.

Hon. Mr. Daly characterizes as an infamous falsehood the report that he had privately acquired certain of the Thousand Islands.

"PEACE AND ORDER."

LONDON, Dec. 14.—John Dillon, anti-Parnellite, M.P., said at a public meeting in Manchester this evening, that cruel and unjust evictions were still executed in Ireland. However, nobody could hold John Morley, Chief Secretary for Ireland, responsible for these abuses. It was impossible to undo in a year the evils of a century. The Irish people were wasting away. They were rackrented and oppressed. Still there was one bright spot in the situation. Peace and order had been maintained in Ireland, and thus the croaking predictions of her enemies had been justified.

ENTRAPPED.

CAPETOWN, Dec. 14.—A dispatch dated Buluwayo, Dec. 8, says: "Major Forbes' party have been obliged to retire on account of the strong resistance of Lobengula. Major Forbes is believed now to be in a perilous position. After crossing the Shangani river, the Major sent Superintendent Wilson forward to find Lobengula, who was believed to be close at hand. Mr. Wilson left camp late in the evening and reached the king's wagon at midnight. Thereupon he halted. Lobengula's men evidently were expecting the British, and attacked them hotly on both sides, firing from the bush. Capt. Wilson was greatly outnumbered, and retired fighting steadily. He sent a messenger to Major Forbes for reinforcements; but meanwhile the Shangani had risen, suddenly cutting off communication between the main and advance parties. It is believed that Major Forbes is trying to cross the river higher up. Much anxiety is felt for him and Capt. Wilson.

LUCKEY HANGED.

BROCKVILLE, Dec. 14.—(Special)—At exactly 8 o'clock this morning Charles S. Luckey was hanged here for the murder of his father, sister and step-mother. He went to the gallows, a primitive affair which was erected in the women's yard of the jail, with a smiling face, walking to his death as unconcernedly as most people would walk to the dinner table. To the last he protested his innocence, and to all outward appearance died perfectly happy. The execution was performed by Radcliffe, who hanged Birchall, Benwell's murderer, at Woodstock three years ago. Luckey's neck was broken and he died instantly. Luckey retired last night at 6:30 and slept soundly until about 4 this morning, when he was awakened by Jailer McDougall. Only once did he awaken, about 11 o'clock, when he immediately went to sleep again. Luckey proclaimed his innocence to the last. He said that he was innocent of the crime before God and man.

SOCIALISTS ALARMED.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—A Socialist manifesto signed by the secretary of the Social Democratic Federation, has been issued. It says "the average anarchist has a holy horror of organization in any shape. We should well and carefully consider the effect that mad-brained bomb-throwing will be on Socialism. There is but one opinion among the Socialists respecting the harmful nature of these explosions in every country. The anarchists wilfully deceive themselves when they believe their cause will be popularized by such deeds. It was a recognized fact that there are certain times when assassination by means of bombs was the only weapon left to the cause of progress. Bombs were then used to break down the power of an autocracy which did not allow freedom of speech, freedom of the press or freedom of meeting. So great was the reaction from anarchical attempts that people were disposed to aid the passing of unusual laws which ordinarily they would fight against with tooth and nail. It is the duty of the Socialists in Great Britain to see to it that under the guise of stamping out anarchy, measures are not taken that will infringe upon freedom of speech and freedom of meeting."

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 14.—(Special)—Leblanc, condemned and sentenced to be hanged for the murder of Wilson, was notified at noon to-day by Sheriff Inkster that the Minister of Justice had seen fit to commute his sentence to imprisonment to ten years.

William White, Q.C., of Moosomin, passed through this city this morning on his way to Portland, Maine, and New York. Mr. White is interested in an Indian murder trial which takes place at Grenfell on January 22, and his business in Portland and New York is in connection with this case. In both these cities he will examine a number of witnesses under commission.

His Honor Lieut.-Governor Mackintosh and family arrived in the city this morning and shortly after proceeded en route to Regina. They were met by many friends.

Fred Plaisted, the well known oarsman, was assaulted by unknown parties last night, who struck him over the head with a frozen goose, inflicting a bad wound.

Henry Bird died this week, aged 91 years. He was born in the Northwest Territories, and was a brother of the late Dr. Bird, one of Winnipeg's medical practitioners.

The funeral of the late Capt. Rutledge took place here to-day, and was attended with military honors.

Senator Perley is here.

LONDON'S UNEMPLOYED.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Another of the almost daily meetings of the unemployed workingmen of London was held on Tower Hill yesterday. John Jewers, an obscure person, made an address, in which he said that a secret society was being formed. He warned the authorities that, unless the demands of the unemployed were satisfied by Christmas, there would be a reign of terror in London, the like of which has never been heard of in the annals of history. Deeds would be done which would have a greater effect and cause a greater sacrifice of life than the recent deaths in the French Chamber of Deputies and the Lyceum theatre at Barcelona. A Socialist named Williamson announced that there would be another march of the unemployed to Hyde Park on Friday.

PORT TOWNSEND.

PORT TOWNSEND, Dec. 14.—The Nicaragua bark Dominion, from Departure Bay, for San Francisco with coal, returned from sea this evening badly leaking. A survey will be held to-morrow when her cargo will probably be ordered to be discharged preparatory to her going into the dry dock.

R. J. Chard, vice-president of the State Farmers Alliance, is charged with selling liquor without a government license and is held for trial at the Federal court, Seattle.

EX-MAYOR HOWLAND.

TORONTO, Dec. 14.—(Special)—The funeral of the late ex-Mayor Howland took place from the residence of Sir W. P. Howland, father of the deceased, this afternoon. Notwithstanding the blinding snow-storm which prevailed the funeral was one of the largest ever seen in the city.

CLEVELAND AND HAWAII.

The London Evening Standard Warmly Praises the President's Course.

Official Dispatch to Be Sent From Washington by the Steamship "Alameda."

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Evening Standard, Conservative, says editorially to-day of the situation in Hawaii: "The knot of merchants, speculators and office-seekers, who planned the revolution in Hawaii, naturally are furious at Mr. Cleveland for declining to accept the Islands as the result of nefarious intrigue by American citizens. No other decision could have been expected from an honest and honorable man. The group of adventurers holding the government are defiant, but it can hardly be supposed that they contemplate resistance to any warship, American or other, which may be sent. Doubtless American cruisers will soon be at the scene. The British cruiser Champion is now at Hawaii awaiting developments."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14—No Hawaiian news is now expected before Monday next unless, perhaps, something may come by the Australia on Saturday, both houses of Congress having called on the President to communicate to them the instructions given to Minister Willis and Commissioner Blount.

It is now especially announced that a formal reply is all ready for transmission, but, on equally official authority, the statement is made that it was not deemed compatible with the public interests to give publicity to the official documents in time to have an unauthorized synopsis of their contents telegraphed to San Francisco by the Press dispatches, and so conveyed to Honolulu by the steamer Alameda, which, as originally intended, was to have sailed from that port for the Hawaiian Islands to-day; but has been delayed till to-morrow. Consequently, it is said, the message was withheld to-day, and as the Senate has adjourned till Monday, there is no probability of it being sent in till then, unless the President should accede to the House request alone, and should let it have a first glance at the papers, which is extremely unlikely.

TORONTO, Dec, 14.—(Special)—An Empire Washington special says: "An impression prevailed here that Hon. Mr. Bowell's mission to Hawaii was in a diplomatic capacity, and this Government may after all be met with the fact that the English flag will soon be unfurled on the government house of Hawaii."

WAR IN NEW BRITAIN.

Very disquieting news comes by the Arawa from the German colony of New Britain. It appears that a great number of natives resident in the villages situated inland from Ralum and Herbertshoh (the capital of the colony) have banded together with the object of exterminating the Government and destroying the settlement of Herbertshoh. The natives were encouraged in their purpose by the action of a native chief who professed to have become possessed of a "malira" (or charm), which he declared had the property of making its owner bullet-proof, and which was purchased extensively, not only by the natives in this particular chief's district, but also by others in the surrounding districts.

Thus rendered invulnerable, as they supposed, the natives assembled to the number of several hundreds, probably nearly a thousand, in the vicinity of Herbertshoh. They were fully armed, and kept the Europeans in a state of anxiety for several days, when the authorities decided to put an end to this state of things by themselves becoming the attackers. The Government party, consisting of a score or more of officials and the native police force, marched a few miles inland, when they encountered the natives and an engagement ensued.

The natives made but a poor stand against the Government force, and several of them were shot, the only casualty on the side of the Government being the wounding of a native guide.

Some days later a second attack was made, but with very little effect, only three of the natives being killed, and the Government sought to persuade the natives to cease hostilities and pay a fine of 400 fathoms of diwarra (shell money). These overtures, however, failed, and a further demonstration of force was made, an engagement taking place inland near the foot of Mount Vartzin.

In this battle the natives appear to have fought with almost fanatical courage, and at one time the Government force was surrounded and in considerable danger. The result of the conflict was the rout of the natives, with 140 men killed and a number wounded. The loss on the Government side was slight.

A fourth engagement took place a few days later, the natives again displaying considerable courage. They were again defeated with the loss of ninety killed and several wounded. Notwithstanding these reverses, the natives appear determined to continue the conflict. In some parts of the group there is a somewhat rebellious attitude on their part towards the Government, though the reason at present is unexplained. In the last engagement the inventor and vendor of the supposed bullet-proof paint or ointment was himself fatally shot.

METING OUT PUNISHMENT.

The torpedo gunboat Boomerang, of the Australian squadron, returned from the New Hebrides to her headquarters shortly before the R. M. S. Arawa sailed for this port. The Boomerang has been cruising since last April, and in company with the French cruiser Scorff, visited and fired the native settlements at the islands of Pentecoste and Aurore, laying waste the villages of the tribes known to have butchered white men and their black crews. Many of the islanders were also arrested and fined or imprisoned according to the extent of their guilt.

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