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ELECTRICAL CURRENTS AND CONSUMPTION

Series of Experiments in London Have Given Remarkable Results—Royalty to See "Sherlock Holmes."

New York, Jan. 25.—According to the London correspondent of the Herald the first members of the Royal family to attend a theatre not incognito since Queen Victoria's death are the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, who will occupy the Royal box at the Lyceum theatre tonight to see Mr. Gillette in his production of "Sherlock Holmes." Nearly all the members of the Royal family have already seen this play, but hitherto have attended incognito on account of the court being in mourning.

Experiments are being made on a most elaborate scale in London, with a modification of Tesla's high frequency electrical currents in the treatment of consumption. It is stated that some remarkable results have been achieved, says the London correspondent of the Herald. These experiments for the most part have been quietly conducted by Dr. T. J. Bokenham, an eminent West End surgeon, in the course of his private practice, but with the knowledge and approval of leading consumption specialists. Dr. Bokenham has had fitted up a most elaborate apparatus for the production of electricity in the particular way in which it is used, of such high frequency, and administered in such small quantities that the consumptive patient may receive it without the slightest injury. The awe inspiring force of the voltage may be best appreciated when it is remembered that only 500 volts are employed for driving trains on a railway. Yet the patient is not conscious of the enormous electrical pressure.

Dr. Bokenham's experience is that in very bad cases of consumption the cough has been greatly reduced, night sweats have disappeared, the appetite has improved and there has been a great gain in weight and general health, so that even if the consumption bacilli have not been destroyed it is certain that their virulence has been much decreased; that they have been brought under control, and that the patient has f[illegible]ered.

A doubt entertained by [illegible]cialists who do not questi[illegible]porary improvement is [illegible] anything but a mere exhil[illegible] Bokenham, however, has [illegible] the future of the system.

TORONTO NOTES.

Old Man Dropped Dead in Street—Northwest Sheep Trade.

Toronto, Jan. 25.—At the annual meeting of the Dominion Sheep Breeders' association yesterday it was decided to send a special agent to the northwest to open up a trade in thoroughbred sheep similar to that already so profitable in cattle.

An evening paper says Walter Cassels, K.C., of the firm of Blake, Lash & Cassels, of this city, will likely succeed the late Justice Gwynne on the Supreme court bench, should Hon. David Mills decline the position.

Robert Gray, aged 65, evidently in hard luck, stopped a policeman and asked for advice as to how to get to work in the snow-shovel gang. He was told where to go and started off, but dropped dead before he had gone many feet. Death was due to general collapse.

RODERICK ROBERTSON KILLED IN NEW YORK

Victim of Dynamite Explosion Which Caused Five Deaths—Seventy-Five Persons Injured.

New York, Jan. 27.—A quantity of dynamite, stored in a temporary structure at Fortieth street and Park avenue, which was used by contractors on the rapid transit tunnel, exploded to-day. Five persons were killed and at least 75 others were injured.

One of those killed was J. Roderick Robertson, of Nelson, B. C., who was in his room in the Murray Hill hotel when the explosion occurred. Robertson was killed by a piece of iron which was hurled through the window.

The shock of the explosion was felt in all the large buildings in the neighborhood. All the windows in the south side of the Grand Central station were broken, as were those in the Grand Union hotel, the Manhattan Eye and Ear hospital for ruptured and crippled children, all of which are near the place where the dynamite was stored.

Every private house in the neighborhood felt the shock. Lamp posts were knocked down, pedestrians were cut by falling glass and cab men and cab horses were thrown to the ground.

The Murray Hill hotel suffered most of all of the neighboring buildings. Through the windows huge pieces of timber known as "needling" beams were sent as if they had been arrows. All of the workmen within several blocks of Fortieth street were hurt. One man, Hamilton Jones, was blown nearly 350 feet, but was not killed. He was rescued by a fireman, who found him badly cut and bruised but able to talk. Only a few of the injured were badly hurt. Many were cut by falling glass and were able to go to their homes after their wounds had been dressed by ambulance surgeons.

The news of Mr. Robertson's death came with a great shock to-day to the many men in town who were familiar with the big, jovial president of the British Columbia Mine Owners' association. Mr. Robertson was a familiar figure in Victoria, where he was a frequent visitor.

Rod. Tolmie, secretary of the association, who is now in the city, was dumbfounded when told the news. He had a letter from Mr. Robertson a few days since dated Nelson, January 11th, in which he stated he was about to start to New York.

Mr. Robertson was originally a financial agent in New York, representing big English capital. At the time of the failure of Baring Bros. he came to California and then came up to Victoria. Here he was advised by W. C. Ward, of the Bank of British Columbia, to look at the Kootenays. He went there and soon interested English capital in the mines there. He took an active interest in the Nelson Mine Owners' association, and when the associations of the province were united into one last session he became its president. His wide knowledge of mining and financial matters made his advice valuable in the highest degree. He was connected with the 80-stamp Ymir mine, the largest in the province. He was general manager of the London and British Columbia Goldfields and connected with the Cascade Power & Light company and other concerns.

He was a Scotchman by birth. He has a family of five children at Nelson, the eldest about 13 years of age. His widow also survives him. He was about 45 years of age.

STEAMER GROUNDED DURING SNOWSTORM

Steamer Mainlander Ashore—The Passengers Were Landed Safely—Fisheries Commission.

Vancouver, Jan. 25.—To-day's Pacific express was cancelled on account of two days' snows in the mountains. The mail is expected through to-morrow.

Much damage was done by the storm up the coast. Shoal Bay wharf and other buildings have been carried away and other damage done.

No evidence was taken this morning at the meeting of the fisheries commission. The fishermen are waiting for the canners to submit evidence, and the canners are waiting for the fishermen. When the session opened this morning no witnesses were ready, and after talking informally for half an hour the commission adjourned. Prof. Prince referred sarcastically to the position taken, saying it had been stated that the grand[illegible]ge of fishermen would meet to-night [illegible] decide a course of action, and he sup[illegible]sed the "grand lodge" of canners [illegible]uld also meet and do the same thing. Dispatches from Seattle state that the [illegible]eamer Mainlander, which went ashore on St. Clair island on Friday morning in a blinding snowstorm, was not badly injured, and it is expected she will be got off without delay. All the passengers were taken ashore in the state of Washington, and arrived safely in Seattle. It was impossible to keep the course in the storm, owing to the heavy wind.

FIGHTING CHEN PI.

Prince Ching Will Ask for Better Treatment for Pekin Industrial Institution.

Pekin, Jan. 25.—As the result of pressure brought to bear upon him Prince Ching will memorialize the throne asking that more liberality be displayed in the treatment of the Pekin industrial institution, which the court recently ordered to be closed on the suggestion of Chen Pi, the reactionary governor of Pekin.

Prince Ching will also ask that the institution be allowed to revive its paper, The Common People, which Chen Pi succeeded in having suppressed. Prince Ching says the paper can be issued subject to the inspection of the censors. The institution has been compelled to remove from its former quarters and its promoters say that this means the court intends to strangle it, though a modification of the order of suppression may be issued. All the foreigners here and many officials, including Viceroy Yuen Shih Kai, are favoring the promoters, but as yet they have been unable to defeat the pernicious influence of Chen Pi.

It is reported that a son of Prince Ching has been appointed Chinese envoy to attend the coronation of King Edward. The appointment has not yet been confirmed by an edict.

THE IOWA DISASTER.

Bodies of Victims Were Mangled Beyond Recognition.

Desmoines, Iowa, Jan. 25.—Twenty-one dead bodies were to-day taken from the improvised morgue in shaft No. 2 of the Lost Creek Mining company of this place, as the result of the worst mine disaster ever experienced in the history of Iowa. When brought to the surface they presented a horrible sight. Some of the bodies were terribly mangled and beyond recognition, and could only be identified by some trinkets found in their pockets. The 11 injured are improving and no additional deaths are anticipated.

EXPLOSION ON GUNBOAT.

Two Men Killed and Nine Injured on Spanish Ship.

St. Vigo, Spain, Jan. 25.—The obsolete Spanish gunboat Condor has been towed into this port in a damaged condition, due to an explosion of her boiler, which killed two men and injured nine others, including the commander of the vessel.

DIED FROM WOUND.

Montreal, Jan. 27.—Geo. W. Smith, the negro groom, who was shot by Edward Taurin yesterday, died in the Hotel Dieu this morning.

BURGHERS WILL AID THE BRITISH

AN ADDITIONAL CORPS OF FIFTEEN HUNDRED

Gen. Vilonel Says Boers in Concentration Camps Are Tired of the Useless Struggle.

Pretoria, Jan. 25.—Lord Kitchener has authorized General Vilonel, a surrendered burgher, to raise an additional Boer corps of 1,500 men.

General Vilonel has written a letter to ex-President Steyn warning the latter of his intention to form such a corps, and adding that the Boers in the concentration camps are tired of the useless struggle, and are determined to help the British end it.

Sydney, N. S. W., Jan. 25.—The placing of contracts in Argentina by the British war office to supply meats and other produce for the troops in South Africa has engendered extreme irritation throughout Australasia.

The action of the Imperial authorities is regarded as evidence of indifference of the claims of the colonies as ill-according with the expressions of Imperial solidarity, as poor repayment for the sacrifice by the colonists and generally as grave injustice.

Most of the premiers of Australia and the premier of New Zealand have cabled to the Imperial government strong protests, on practically identical terms, saying that the two colonies are able to supply the war office requirements in South Africa three times over. Both colonies, it is pointed out, have more meat than customers.

London, Jan. 26.—A report from Lord Kitchener, from Johannesburg, gives the important capture of General B. Viljoen in the neighborhood of Lydenburg, Transvaal Colony, as well as the captures of small parties of Boers elsewhere.

Prisoners Escaped.

Pretoria, Jan. 26.—Col. Wilson last Saturday captured twenty Boers near Frankfort, in the Orange River Colony. He was preparing at dawn the next day to move away with his captives when a superior force of Boers made a desperate effort to recapture the prisoners. A hot fight ensued, in which all but three of the prisoners escaped and in which a few men were killed or wounded on both sides.

To Sail.

[illegible]an. 27.—Everything is [illegible]e embarkation of the [illegible]ounted Rifles on the [illegible] to-morrow. Lieut. [illegible] will be unable to go owing to [illegible]es sustained by falling off his [illegible]rse a week or ten days ago.

One of the discharged troopers of the Canadian Mounted Rifles consulted a lawyer on Saturday, and was given a legal opinion that the dismissals made so far by the commanding officer, without courtmartial, were illegal.

Plumer's Capture.

London, Jan. 27.—Lord Kitchener in a dispatch from Johannesburg, dated January 26th, announces that Col. Plumer captured 36 Boers last Saturday in the neighborhood of Spizkov, Transvaal colony.

DUFFERIN'S LETTER.

Denies He Was Party to Whittaker Wright's Speculations.

London, Jan. 27.—On the resumption to-day in the bankruptcy court of the inquiry into the affairs of the London Globe Finance corporation, the receiver read a letter from the Marquis of Dufferin, the former Governor-General of Canada, and British ambassador at Paris, denying that he had been a party to Whitaker Wright's speculations, which had resulted in losses amounting to £1,700,000. His lordship said he would have considered himself highly criminal had he allowed the shareholders' money thus to be gambled away, and he added that on his recovery from his present illness he proposed to offer himself for examination in order to confirm the above statements.

The receiver announced that he did not propose to trouble Lord Dufferin to attend the inquiry, as he did not think His Lordship could add anything to the information which he had already given to the investigators.

The examination of Lieut.-General, the Hon. Somerset J. Gough-Colthrope, one of Whitaker-Wright's company directors, furnished endless amusement. He said he had properly purchased his holdings in the company. He had such perfect faith in Whitaker-Wright that he followed him blindly. When the London & Globe lost £750,000 in Lake View speculation, the general knew nothing of it. When £75,000 was given to the British American corporation he thought the London & Globe was so wealthy that it could afford such a gift. The general did not consider it his duty to exercise control over Whitaker-Wright. The witness was principally occupied in so many thousands share certificates.

Lord Edward Pelham Clinton, one of the directors, who had just come off duty as groom-in-waiting to the King, also said he purchased his shares of the London & Globe with his own money, but knew practically nothing of Whitaker-Wright's speculations, but supposed they were safe in Wright's hands.

STEAMER WRECKED.

Antwerp, Jan. 27.—Steamer Australia, belonging to the Hamburg-American Packet company of Hamburg, from the West Indies for Hamburg, went ashore at the mouth of the Scheldt, and subsequently broke in two.

IMITATIONS ABOUND, but insist upon getting the genuine "The D. & L." Menthol Plaster. "The D. & L." has stood the test of years. It cures. Its imitations are impotent. "The D. & L." is made by the well known Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd.

WILL ATTACK COLON.

Colombian Liberals Awaiting Reinforcements Before Advancing on the City.

New York, Jan. 23.—A cipher dispatch received to-day by Dr. Bestopa, agent of the Colombian Liberal junta here, announced that Gen. Frederic Barrera was at Paraiso, awaiting reinforcements for the Nombre de Dios, Coole and Bocas del Toro, and that as soon as these arrived Colon was to be attacked. A detail of troops forming part of Gen. Sergin Perez's army was reported at Emperador, on the line of the railroad at Hatchin. A Liberal force under Gen. Victoriano Lorenzo was expected to effect a junction with the Perez detachment. Panama, it was said, was not to be attacked at present, but efforts would be made to prevent supplies reaching it.

In another dispatch received by the Liberals to-day Generals Colododomiro Castillo and Jose Maria Castillo acknowledged the receipt of 500,000 cartridges for Mauser, Remington and Mannlicher rifles, sent more than a fortnight ago. The brothers Castillo also announced that they had invaded the Bolivar province and held troops on the Magdalena river at Plato, Pivijar and Zambrano. The object of this expedition was to furnish the guerilla troops with ammunition. According to this dispatch, the Conservatives in this region were reduced to the towns of Santa Marta and Cienaga, the rest being in the undisputed possession of the Liberals.

TWENTY MILLIONS TO IMPROVE THE ROAD

GOVERNMENT SAFEGUARD THE PUBLIC INTEREST

Canadian Pacific Company Wishes to Increase Capital—Important Agreement Reached.

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—The Canadian Pacific railway has applied to the Dominion government to approve of a resolution authorizing the board of directors, with the sanction of shareholders, to increase the capital stock of that company to the extent of $20,000,000 for the purpose of enabling it to build new locomotives and cars, lay heavier rails, arrange, in due course, for the double tracking of certain sections and provide such other improvements as may be found necessary to cope with the large increase of traffic which has taken place, and which is expected in the near future. The twenty millions of dollars are to be expended as follows: New rolling stock, $9,000,000; double tracking, $6,000,000; new plants for construction of rolling stock, chiefly at Montreal, $1,500,000; new elevators and improvements of terminals, $3,000,000; miscellaneous improvements, $50,000; making a total of $20,000,000.

This is the first time in history of a Canadian railway having been financially strong enough to raise additional capital by selling its common stock, but to ensure that every dollar of stock issued shall be represented by a dollar of cash in the betterments of the railway, the government has stipulated that none of the stock shall be sold below par.

To further safeguard the public interest, the ministers have asked the company to agree, and the company has agreed, that in calculating ten per cent., which by the terms of its original contract with the Crown must be earned by the railway upon amount of its actual cash cost before parliament or the Governor-in-Council can interfere with its tolls, this new stock and the proceeds of it shall not be included in the actual cash cost of the railway. In this way the time is being hastened when the government will have the right to interfere and reduce the tolls of the company if found to be unreasonable.

Again, questions have been arising in parliament as to the exact meaning of this section which excludes the right of parliament to interfere with the tolls until ten per cent. has been earned upon the cost of road. The government and company have therefore agreed to submit friendly reference to the Supreme court of Canada, or, if necessary, to the judicial committee of the Privy Council, in order that an authoritative interpretation may be obtained without further delay.

The expenditure of $20,000,000 of United States and European money in Canada will no doubt be of great advantage to this country.

Senator Snowball May Be Selected

Senator Snowball is here. It is understood that he will be the next Lieut.-Governor of New Brunswick.

CHINESE EXCLUSION.

Evidence in Favor of Measure Submitted to United States Senate Committee.

Washington, Jan. 27.—The senate committee of immigration continued its hearings to-day on the subject of Chinese exclusion. The time was taken up by representatives of the Federation of Labor and of the state of California, who submitted arguments in the nature of a reply to John W. Foster, who spoke last week before the committee in opposition to the pending measures.

A LONG RECORD OF SUCCESS in curing cuts, burns and bruises, as well as all bowel complaints, is held by Pain-Killer—over 60 years. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis'. 25c. and 50c.

THE TRANSPORT SHERIDAN.

Had Much Sickness on Board on Arriving at Manila.

Manila, Jan. 27.—The United States transport Sheridan has arrived here from San Francisco, with much sickness on board, including thirty cases of measles.

FIRE FIEND RAGES AT RAT PORTAGE

ANOTHER DISASTROUS BLAZE OCCURRED TO-DAY

Fire in Monastery in Greece—The Prior and Nine Monks Burned to Death.

Rat Portage, Ont., 27, 3.15 a.m.—Fire has started in the Hilliard house, and it looks very serious for the town from Hilliard house east, on Second street, through to Matheson street.

Later—Besides the Hilliard house, the Queen's hotel, Ferrier's general store, and nearly the whole of the block in which those buildings were situated, was destroyed, as well as several adjacent properties.

Monastery Burned.

London, Jan. 27.—A dispatch to the Daily Chronicle says that the celebrated St. Paul's monastery on Mount Athens, Greece, was burned last Thursday night and that the prior and nine monks perished, while 20 others are seriously injured. The occupants of the monastery were sleeping at the time the fire broke out. The monastery itself was damaged to the extent of £80,000.

Block Destroyed.

Deer Creek, Okla., Jan. 27.—A block of buildings, including the town hall, were destroyed by fire here, entailing a loss of $60,000. It was fully insured.

Damage $100,000.

New York, Jan. 26.—Fire early to-day at Montclair, N.J., wiped out several buildings in the business section of the town and several other buildings were badly damaged. The loss is estimated at from $90,000 to $100,000, and the insurance at two-thirds that amount.

THE PRINCE OF WALES' VISIT TO GERMANY

There Have Been No Unfriendly Demonstrations Since His Royal Highness Arrived in Berlin.

Berlin, Jan. 26.—To-day passed without any disrespect being shown to the Prince of Wales, who arrived here yesterday evening to represent King Edward at the celebration of the anniversary of the birth of Emperor William next Monday. German crowds have a too deeply abiding respect for Royal personages, and are too thoroughly policed to openly show an unfriendly feeling towards them, but in a city where the lifting of one's hat is as universal as ordinary civility, it was singular to see the passing crowds with never a hat raised and to hear no murmur of applause.

The last experience abroad of the Prince of Wales was his departure, amid thunderous applause, from the shores of Newfoundland, while the streets through which the Prince was obliged to be driven to-day on his way to visit the British ambassador here were without one single British flag.

While receiving the most elaborate attentions from the family of the Emperor William and from German officialdom, the Prince of Wales must feel the chilling attitude of the German public. Almost all the newspapers refrain from editorial comment on this visit.

UTILIZING NIAGARA.

Additional Electrical Generators Are to Be Built on the Canadian Side.

New York, Jan. 27.—Another great step in the utilization of Niagara power is announced by Electrical World and Engineer. On the American side of the falls the Niagara Falls Power Company has long had in operation eleven dynamos, each driven with its own turbine and developing 5,000 horse power. A wheel pit, parallel with the first one, was recently built, and within the last year orders were given for eleven more water wheels. When these are installed the company will be able to supply 110,000 horse power in the from of electricity. Operations are now to be undertaken on the Canadian side.

The Electrical World and Engineer says that contracts have just been placed with the General Electric Company for the construction of three ten thousand horse power generators for the new plant, whose ultimate capacity it is estimated will probably reach 200,000 horse power. The negotiations have been conducted by the Canadian Niagara Power Company, which held the original charter for the enterprise, but whose rights have been acquired by the American company. These dynamos will be situated, like those of the Niagara Falls Power Company, at the level of the surface of the earth, while the turbines will be in a wheel pit directly underneath. Vertical shafts over one hundred feet long will connect the water wheels with the generators. It is asserted that these dynamos will be the largest ever built. The closest approach to them is made by those being installed in the power house of the Manhattan Elevated Railway Company, of this city.

KILLED ON THE TRACK.

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 27.—Charles Campbell, 21 years old, section foreman of the C. P. R., was struck by a train yesterday and instantly killed. He was walking on the track and did not hear an approaching train.

WHAT'S THE TROUBLE?—Is it Sick Headache? Is it Biliousness? Is it Sluggish Liver? Is your skin sallow? Do you feel more dead than alive? Your system needs toning—Your Liver isn't doing its work—Don't resort to strong drugs—Dr. Agnew's Little Pills, 10 cents for 40 doses, will work wonders for you. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—85.

THE STORY OF THE LATE MRS. BROWN.

It is admitted that her name was not Brown. For obvious reasons it is not wise to mention names in such a case. For the facts of this life story are so common that any woman could relate them to some of her married friends, and probably might do so, if the name happened to fit. Therefore, a real story is printed under a wrong name.

When Mrs. Brown married she was what every one called a remarkably fine girl. She was the very picture of health. She knew nothing about headaches or nerves, but enjoyed life thoroughly—working or playing. Everybody called Brown a lucky man, and Brown thought so himself. After the first baby came,

Mrs. Brown began to feel tired sometimes at the end of the day. Then there came another little guest, and the mother used to feel tired before the end of the day came. She knew now that she had nerves, and also had learned the meaning of headache. About this time people used to speak of Mrs. Brown's falling off in looks. Her figure lost its graceful lines, her cheeks their rosy plumpness. Mr. Brown wasn't losing anything, by the way. He was putting on flesh, and showed in every way the comfortable ease of a man who has a good home and a good wife to manage it. Mr. Brown believed in large families. Every visit of the stork was to him a cause of happiness. No man could have been more proud of his family. He didn't realize either his own selfishness or his wife's sacrifices. If he had seen a true picture of his family life it would have shown him in a cart surrounded by a happy family and his wife in the shafts wearily, but willingly, drawing the heavy load. They got just one too many on the load at last, and after that the neighbors spoke of the late Mrs. Brown

Fast-Living Women.

It is not only the women who turn night into day and sacrifice health to pleasure who live fast. The wife and mother who in household duties and maternal cares exhausts vitality more rapidly than it can be supplied, is also living fast, and fast living does not mean long living. In a normal condition of health a woman is equal to all proper womanly obligations. She can guide the house and rear a family, and as a grandmother still show the signs of womanly beauty and strength. But so few women are normally healthy. Their vitality is often lessened by unhealthy drains, by disease of the delicate womanly organs, while the household cares increase as the family grows. Every child gets its strength from its mother. As a fact, the prospective mother should be relieved from every possible burden and anxiety, instead of which she carries the household burden to the last. Is it any wonder that under these circumstances her strength fails, and she breaks down under a load which physical weakness can no longer sustain?

The conditions of our life are such that women do not have, as a rule, fit opportunity for rest and recreation. The necessity, therefore, is apparent for some strength-preserving and strength-creating medicine to cure the diseases that weaken women and to strengthen them for the obligations of maternity. That medicine exists and has been the means of restoring thousands of weak and sick women to lasting health.

"I had poor health for nine years (ever since the birth of my child)," writes Mrs. Armintie Watkins, of Acme, Kanawha Co., W. Va. "Had female weakness; was very irregular and would suffer untold misery. When I wrote I had no idea that I would ever get well, but when your letter reached me I began to have hope. I commenced taking Dr. Pierce's medicines as directed and began to improve in strength. I was soon able to do the work for my family of six. I have recommended Dr. Pierce's medicines to a number of my friends, and they think there never were such medicines in the world. I think so myself. I took eight bottles, three of 'Favorite Prescription' and five of 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and two vials of 'Pellets.'"

Women Lose Confidence

in medicines and doctors after they have been treated without benefit and taken medicines without cure. It is hard to persuade such women to make another trial, even of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, with the testimony of so many women to its cures. It is to such women, discouraged, sick, hopeless, that Dr. Pierce specially extends his offer of free consultation, by letter. Any sick woman is invited to consult Dr. Pierce, by letter, free. All correspondence is held as strictly private and sacredly confidential. Address Doctor R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

"When I wrote to you in March, asking advice as to what to do for myself," says Mrs. Ella Reynolds, of Guffie, McLean Co., Ky., "I was expecting to become a mother in June, and was sick all the time. Had been sick for several months. Could not get anything to stay in my stomach, not even water. Had mishaps twice in six months, threatening all the time with this one. Had female weakness for several years. My hips, back and lower bowels hurt me all the time. Had numbness from my hips down. Had several hard cramping spells, and was not able to do any work at all. I received your answer in a few days, telling me to take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I took three bottles, and before I had taken it a week I was better, and before I had taken it a month I was able to help do my work. On the 27th of May my baby was born, and I was only sick three hours, and had an easy time. The doctor said I got along nicely. We praise Dr. Pierce's medicine, for it has cured me. I am better now than I have been for thirteen years."

Give It a Trial.

No matter how many medicines have been tried in vain, there's always a probability of a perfect cure for womanly diseases by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It establishes regularity, dries weakening drains, heals inflammation and ulceration, and cures female weakness. For weak, run-down women it is the best of tonics and nervines, restoring health and strength.

A Gift.

Dr. Pierce's Medical Adviser, 1,008 pages, paper covers, is sent free on receipt of 21 one-cent stamps to cover expense of mailing only. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

FISHERMEN AND CANNERS

Gave Evidence To-Day Before the Fisheries' Commission—Memorial From Canners.

Vancouver, Jan. 27.—Considerable interesting testimony was given this morning at the fisheries' convention by fishermen and two canners of the Skeena river. The cannerymen decidedly favored traps, and declared this province was seriously handicapped by American packers' advantages in the cheap salmon supply in this respect. The fishermen did not by any means fight shy of the trap question, but declared that if traps were inevitable they should be under government control, and not held by canners. None of the Fraser river canners gave evidence, but their solicitor, J. A. Russell, stated they were preparing a memorial of joint testimony on all questions. This memorial might also extend to be a joint memorial for fishermen and canners, as they had agreed on most questions, and only one or two unimportant ones were left yet to be decided by a committee representing both sides.

Great excitement has been caused during the last few days in the vicinity of Sumas, just on the Canadian side of the boundary line, by the discovery of gold. In Vancouver this morning fifteen licenses were taken out by men who are going to the new strike. A man named Davis, of Nanaimo, formerly from the Klondike, made the find in digging a post hole. He took out $100 worth of nuggets in two days, and the news of the find then leaked out. This was on the flats, and on the mountain side gold quartz, free milling, was found worth $500 to the ton.

CHINESE ARMY AND NAVY.

Yuan Shi Kai Will Engage British and Japanese Instructors.

Pekin, Jan. 26.—Chinese officials have found treasure to the value of over 100,000,000 taels in gold and silver which was buried in the women's quarters of the palace before they fled from Pekin.

The court has granted 5,000,000 taels annually to Yuan Shi Kai, viceroy of Chi, for the maintenance of an army of 100,000 men in Chi Li province. Yuan Shi Kai has been given practical control of the army and navy of China, and purposes engaging Japanese instructors for the army and British instructors for the navy.

TO COMPLETE WORK.

Messrs. Redmond and Devlin Sail For New York on Wednesday.

London, Jan. 27.—Steamer Cymric, which is to sail from Liverpool on January 29th for New York, will have among her passengers Wm. H. K. Redmond, member of parliament for West Clare, and Joseph Devlin, of Belfast, who are to make a tour of the United States for the purpose of completing the work of organizing the United Irish League in America.

RANSOM PAID.

Miss Stone and Her Companion Will Probably Be Released To-Day.

London, Jan. 27.—A Sofia dispatch from Sofia, Bulgaria, to-day says the ransom of Miss Helen M. Stone and her companion, Mme. Tsilka, has been paid to the brigands, and that the captives are expected to be released to-day.

COMPLAINT OF ILL-TREATMENT.

Kingston, Ja., Jan. 25.—Representations have been made to the governor, Sir Augustus Hemming, regarding the ill-treatment of the British subjects at Bay islands, Honduras, by soldiers with the connivance of the government, and complaints on the subject are being sent to London.

THE NEW SECRETARY.

Dsmoines, Iowa, Jan. 27.—Governor and Mrs. Shaw will leave for Washington to-night. Governor Shaw expects to assume the duties of secretary of the treasury on February 1st.

Lindsay, Ont., Jan. 27.—Andrew Carnegie has offered $10,000 toward a public library here.

HEART DISEASE RELIEVED IN 30 MINUTES.—Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart gives perfect relief in all cases of Organic or Sympathetic Heart Disease in 30 minutes, and speedily effects a cure. It is a peerless remedy for Palpitation, Shortness of Breath, Smothering Spells, Pain in Left Side, and all symptoms of a Diseased Heart. One dose convinces. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—83.