Allies Attacked

Engagement With Chinese, Which Ten Europeans Were Killed.

...undred and Fifty French ...d Thirty Germans Lost In Explosion.

...izumi Maru, which arrived from ...nt this morning, brought news ...e East up to the 6th inst. From ... received it is apparent that the ...apanese punitive expedition is ... with stubborn opposition from ...nese. An official dispatch states ... allied forces which were sent to ...-chien (30 miles north of Shan-...), occupied Taitoyei to the north ...former place, after a severe en-...t with the Chinese. The engage-...as resumed on the 24th, when the ...led into the mountains. Two Ja-... one French and six British ... were killed.

...h troops which left Shauhaikwan ...20th to suppress the mounted ... in the neighborhood have re-... after killing a number of bandits. ... reported that Viceroy Liu has ...is permission to a British com-... construct a railway from Nan-... Haifong, Honan province. ...German and French troops have ...rush with the Chinese troops un-... Liu Kwansai. The fight took ...at a place called Pailu. There ...ssualties on both sides.

...Kato, minister of foreign affairs ..., has sent two dispatches to Mr. ..., minister to Seoul, giving him ...ions regarding the loan affair. ...e purpose of the loan affair is un-...d to be that Russia and France ...to take joint action to bring about ...missal of Mr. McLeavy Brown, ... a Frenchman may be appointed ...ead. A candidate is said to have ...ready selected. The Japanese ...ment will not interfere with any ...ment arrived at by Corea and ... but will co-operate with Great ... in securing the position of Mr. ...y Brown. The loan contract has ...n ratified by the Corean Emperor ... and the instructions given Mr. ...i are understood to be to ...end that the Imperial sanction be ...d or that the contract be modi-...The Russo-Japanese convention ...Corea clearly stipulates that each ...two powers is to confer with the ...prior to any attempt to interfere ...prean finance; but it has no bear-...on a Franco-Corean contract. If ...panese government proposed to ...to protest against the contract no ...ould come of it, as Russia is co-...g with France.

...American minister to Seoul is ...to have lodged a protest aga... ...er of any mines as security ...n, but this hardly agrees with ...that the mines were purposely ...d when the subject of security ...cussed, in order to prevent a p... ...m the British and American go-...ts. It is confidentially under-...that the American minister will ...against the affair, even if he has ...e so already.

...s understood that Great Britain ...and aloof as long as the position ... McLeavy Brown is secure. The ...of this is said to be that so long ... customs revenue is not appropri-...r the refunding of the loan there ... cause for Mr. Brown to protest, ...hough the contract may stipulate ...e revenue is to be drawn upon ...certain circumstances. But the ...of Mr. McLeavy Brown will be ...d sooner or later.

...loan is reported to be intended for ...organization of the coinage sys-...he construction of the Seoul-Wiju ...y and the development of the Ping-...ollieries. It is known that France ...s to build the said railway for the ...of Russia. France also advocates ...funding to Japan of her debt of ...illion yen in order to prevent Ja-...rom raising any objection.

... foreign ministers to Pekin met ...on the 3rd inst. to discuss the in-...y. A series of discussions took ... The report of the committee ... to consider the country's means ...ing the money was not put in. The ...g was adjourned. Russia put in ...aim for 170,000,000 roubles, which ...es the damages in Manchuria. ...e has not presented her claim yet. ...rench minister proposed that the ... should be withdrawn from North ... and the British and American ...ers supported the French proposal. ...Tokio dispatch of the 25th ult. ...It is confidently reported that ...ayashi, Japanese minister to Seoul, ...t been received in audience by the ...n Emperor; but the Japanese au-...es state that even if Mr. Hayashi ...t been received in audience by the ...or it will not affect outstanding ...s between the two countries. A ... dispatch has been received here ... that the Japanese minister has ... a demand for the construction of ...ss telegraph stations and cables on ...orean coasts, and the extension ... Seoul telegraph with the Corean ...ment. The demand has no rela-...whatever to the recent loan affair, ...tions relative thereto having been ...Mr. Hayashi some time ago."

...ices from Tien Tsin, under date ...ril 21st, state that the German ... reported a large number of ...s assembled in Yanglusho, but this ...enied by the Japanese scouts, who ...hat no bandits had been seen at ...usho since a number of armed ...plundered the natives on the night ... 18th and then fled. A terrific ex-...n of powder was reported from the ...er of Shansi and Chili provinces, ...50 French and 30 German were ... or wounded.

... foreign ministers' meeting at Pekin ...day was very unsatisfactory. No ... was willing to accede to the Am-...s' idea of a reduction of the Chin-...ndemnity to £40,000,000 though ... Britain recognizes the advisability ...me reduction.

... the Hope homestead, half a mile ... Villiers, Ont., William Hope, aged ...as trampled and gored by a fer-...s bull, and died within a few hours.

Another Success

The Arion Club's Concert Last Night Augmented Its Previous Fame.

Miss Bradley's Finished Work a Marked Feature of the Evening.

The large audience assembled in Institute hall last evening, judging from the unstinted applause, was eminently delighted with the excellent programme provided by the Arion club. The gratifying attendance was a marked tribute of the lofty public esteem in which the club is held.

The club rendered two numbers, Lacome's "Estudiantiva" and Eisemhofer's "He Who Trusts in Ladies Fair," the latter being the more satisfactory in rendition. The "Estudiantiva" evinced effeminacy, there being a marked falling off from the spirit and dash of former presentations. Eisemhofer's was a distinct improvement, the various sections being admirably controlled, the resultant finished effect evidencing that the club is still as worthy as ever of the laurels gained by past meritorious work.

Miss Grace Helen Bradley, of Tacoma, gave three charming numbers, Chopin's "Betrothal," Hill's "If," and Walther's "May Day." The "Betrothal" was given with captivating piquancy, and a suggestion of coyness and disingenuousness well adapted to the vivid portrayal of the theme. "If" and "May Day" were lovely demonstrations of Miss Bradley's rare powers of casting each song in its most appropriate setting. Miss Bradley accomplishes all these splendid results without any sacrifice of the natural. There is not a trace of affection or exaggeration in her methods. The accompaniment of Miss Bradley's sister was most sympathetic, and revealed a complete accord.

Schubert's "By the Sea" was excellently rendered by the "Ladies' Chorus," though as a choral effort full advantage was not taken of the delicacy of shading and contrast furnished by the text. This "Ladies Chorus" possesses all the factors pointing to pronounced success, and it is hoped that such rich promise will speedily mature into golden fruit, thus providing Victoria with a ladies' chorus on a par with the recognized high qualities of the Arion club.

Mr. E. Howard Russell was not entirely happy in his two numbers, Colyn's "A Persian Serenade" and Bartlett "Come to Me Sweetheart." There is something suggesting constraint and contraction in his vocal production. True art consists in concealing art, but in Mr. Russell's songs, attention is focused to method rather than the result. It is the quality of voice rather than any defective reading which is open to criticism.

... Lehman's "In a Persian Garden," ...ned by Miss Grace Helen Bradley ...no), Miss Laura Loewen (contral-..., Mr. A. T. Goward (tenor), and Mr. H. Kent (bass), was the resplendent jem in the evening's coronet of jewels. The transitoriness of existence, the eternal rewards of soul development, the shallowness and superficiality of vaunted worldly wisdom, were the themes around which the composer has woven her gracefully fitting strains. Truth seems to leap with an added potency from the heaven-born lines when embellished by the vivifying power of music. Who that listened intently last evening did not catch new lights and new meanings in the old but ever-present mystifying problems of human destiny? "In a Persian Garden" preeminently calls for intellectual treatment. The singer to adequately depict the theme must be en rapport with the profound queries and been psychic analysis of the Persian philosopher-poet. That the singers last evening were able to bring out so clearly the subtle meanings of truths that in the poetic lines of the text were more suggestions than clear enunciations, reflects the highest credit. Miss Bradley was especially deserving of mention for the varying expression with which she executed the solos. It is idle to dissect Miss Bradley's finished methods by praising her enunciation, the individuality of treatment with which she invests her phrasing, all these indispensable elements are submerged in one's admiration for the composite effect. The highest art is reached when all the essentials of song are lost in the finished result of simplicity and naturalness, and no greater praise can be accorded Miss Bradley than the statement that she approximates to this ideal. Miss Laura Loewen also presents evidence of that critical discernment of motive in the text by which the best effects can only be reached. Her rich contralto lends itself easily to clear tone painting, in which the lights and shadows appear as deftly as in a vista of sunlight filtering through overhanging boughs, by which patches of gleaming silver strew here and there the otherwise shaded stream. Mr. Goward and Mr. Kent were singularly good last evening, the former's sweet tenor being much admired, though there is a tendency to monotony of delivery. Mr. Kent sang his bass solos very well indeed. Miss Loewen's accompanying was also a feature.

The cantata for mixed voices, "May Day," G. A. Macfarren, was a fitting climax to such an excellent programme. The chorus was particularly good, the volume, attack and ensemble of the final number, "The Revels," being noteworthy. The part song, "The Hunt's Up," also evoked flattering encomiums. Miss Bradley's singing of "The Queen's Greeting" served to enhance this vocalist's much appreciated contributions to the audience's keen delight. The cantata had the assistance of a stringed orchestra, whose performances materially aided in investing its renditions with sparkling revelry. Miss Russell's accompaniments to her talented brother's songs were given in the best taste.

The concert on the whole will long be remembered as one of the best ever given in Victoria, and the Arion club is deserving of the heartiest congratulations for making the public its debtor by such a classical entertainment.

Sporting News

THE WHEEL.

CHINAMEN ENTER RACE.

Ottawa, May 21.—Five Chinamen have entered for a bicycle race which is to be held on Victoria Day at 'Varsity Oval.

ATHLETICS.

OLYMPIAN GAMES.

Paris, May 21.—The committee having in charge the quadrennial Olympian games at its meeting to-day selected Chicago as the place for holding the contests in 1904.

THE RING.

WALCOTT v. MARTIN.

(Associated Press.)

New York, May 23.—Joe Walcott is matched to fight "Denver Ed." Martin to a finish for $1,000 a side in or near this city within six weeks.

ATHLETICS.

PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL RULES.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, May 23.—The Olympic games committee met at the Automobile Club this morning to discuss a proposal submitted by L. P. Sheldon, the Yale athlete, in behalf of an Athletic Union of America, that the committee draw up international rules for athletic contests to do away with the existing diversity in various countries and associations. The committee desired to take the matter under consideration.

YACHTING.

MAY DELAY RACES SIX WEEKS.

Southampton, May 23.—So far as can be ascertained, the hull of the cup challenger is not injured, but she will be docked for a thorough examination. Sir Thos. Lipton, Geo. Watson and W. G. Jameson visited the boat this morning and decided that six weeks were sufficient to put the crippled yacht again in racing trim, and that it will probably be necessary to ask for a delay in the date of the cup races for this length of time.

THE GUN.

CROSBY'S RECORD.

Springfield, Ills., May 22.—W. R. Crosby, of Alton, Ills., to-day won the championship shooting trophy and a purse of $1,000 on the grounds of the Illinois Gun Club, and established a record that is believed to be without precedent. Crosby killed 109 birds straight. The match, which began yesterday, showed three men tied last night, with 100 each: Gilbert missed his 100th bird today, while H. J. Sconce failed to get his 103rd. When Crosby killed the 109th, he was therefore declared the winner.

Members of the United States team participated in various matches, and showed excellent form. They left to-night for New York, whence they will sail at once for London to meet the crack English trap shooters on June 11th. Former Mayor Marshall, of Keithsburg, Ills., will captain the team, which is as follows: W. R. Crosby, Alton, Ills.; Fred. Gilbert, Spirit Lake, Ia.; Frank Parmalee, Omaha, Neb.; Rollo Kelkes, Dayton, O.; J. A. R. Elliott, Kansas City, Mo.; Jack Panning, San Francisco; C. W. Budd, Des Moines, Ia.; R. Morrill, Milwaukee, Wis.; C. N. Power, Decatur, Ills.; E. H. Tripp, Indianapolis, Ind.; and Ed. Banks, New York.

LACROSSE.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S CUP.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, May 23.—The Governor-General announces his gift of a challenge cup to be competed for by Canadian lacrosse clubs, and has appointed E. S. Clouston, Montreal, and P. D. Ross, Ottawa, as trustees.

His Excellency has also asked Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere to act as trustee, representing British Columbia.

THE GAME ON SATURDAY.

One of the principal events of the celebration will be the lacrosse match on Saturday at 3 p. m. between the Victoria and Vancouver teams. Owing to several of the Victoria boys being slightly injured at the last match, the team will very likely be changed considerably from what it was last Saturday. W. Lorimer will be playing again for the first time this season, and it is likely that G. L. Cullin will be on the field again. Although the team will be changed, it will be as strong as before, and the boys in blue and white will make a desperate effort to win. If practicing goes for anything, they will, without doubt, come out on top, for they have been out regularly every evening this week, and to-night will be no exception. They will have their last practice this evening, after which the team will be chosen. The Vancouver team, although they have several new players on, will make a good fight, and will try hard to down the local boys. The game will be called immediately after the May Pole dance finishes, and will, without doubt, be a game well worth seeing.

YACHTING.

THE CUP DEFENDER.

Bristol, R. I., May 21.—Up and down Narragansett bay the Constitution was put through her first paces, and acquitted herself most satisfactorily. Starting out this afternoon in a dying out westerly wind, she showed herself an excellent drifter, while in the afternoon a fine southwesterly wind sent her scudding about the bay in a lively fashion with little fuss, and scarcely any foam under her smooth bow or in her clean wake. Every point of sailing was tried. She was hauled flat on the wind, thrown about half a dozen times, given a good broad reach, and finally sent home before the wind with her boom off to port, and at no time did she act listless or show any lack of speed. It was a business trial, and confined entirely to six or seven miles deep water below Bristol harbor, no attempt being made to show her off.

EXPERT OPINION.

Ryde, Isle of Wight, May 21.—The trial of Shamrock II. and Shamrock I. to-day was in many respects the most puzzling that has yet taken place. Instead of throwing additional light upon the capabilities of the challenger, to-day's race makes it more difficult than ever to estimate her speed. The opinion of most experts who witnessed the race was that, had it been desired, Shamrock II. could easily have won.

CUP COMMITTEE MEETING.

New York, May 22.—The Evening Post says: "A meeting of the cup committee of the New York Yacht Club was held to-day at Commodore Ledyard's office. While all statements were refused, even as to the meeting itself, the following information was obtained from a member in a position to know what had taken place: The meeting was called to order to consider and settle all matters pertaining to the races, including the laws on controversy, and a practical result was arrived at, which will not be made public before Saturday or possibly Sunday. The objections of Mr. Lawson have been overcome, however."

Partially Submerged

United States Cutter Grant Has a Big Hole in Bilge—Her Nose Bruised.

The Steamer Garonne Reported to Have Withdrawn From the Nome Route.

With a hole in her port bilge and her nose sunk deep in the water at high tide, the United States cutter Grant is held hard and fast on a rock in Saanich Inlet. The crew of the vessel are encamped ashore about three-quarters of a mile from the scene. They have not abandoned the ship, but as a precautionary measure moved ashore an hour after the vessel struck.

The accident occurred about 8 o'clock yesterday morning. The Grant had just entered the Inlet, having come over from Bellingham Bay, to which port she cleared from Victoria on Monday afternoon. She was bound for Alaskan ports, where she intended to spend about six months in a cruse among the islands from Wrangel northward. What induced Capt. Tozier to turn aside to exploit Saanich Inlet has not yet become apparent, but a shrewd guess is ventured that it was for the purpose of looking for possible smugglers.

The cutter was proceeding up the Inlet at full speed ahead, Capt. Tozier himself being on the bridge, and no danger being apprehended as the chart shows 73 fathoms of water up mid-channel along which the vessel was proceeding. When opposite Cole harbor, however, she suddenly struck, and scraped forward over the reef, which the charts failed to locate, notwithstanding that a recent survey was made of these waters by H. M. S. Egeria. She stuck fast finally with her stern higher than her bows, and with the ship inclined forward.

Being an old vessel and with thin plates, the officers decided that it would be best to take the crew ashore pending assistance, as the tide was than falling, and the outrush of water in the Inlet is like a mill race. About 9 o'clock they were taken off and encamped as above described.

The point at which they landed was almost opposite La Poer Trench's ranch. Capt. Tozier directed the second lieutenant, M. Satterlee, to go over to the ranch, and, if possible, procure a conveyance with which to reach the city. Mr. Trench directed one of his assistants to drive into the city, which he reached about 2.30 yesterday afternoon.

When he left the scene the water was up to the middle deck forward, and the ship seemed to be taking water rapidly.

Immediately upon arriving in the city the second officer reported to Hon Abraham Smith, United States consul, and the tug Mystery was secured to proceed at once with divers and wrecking plant to the scene of the accident. Diver McHardy was secured and an effort made to communicate with his assistant, but owing to his being out of the city he could not be secured in time. Shortly after 4 o'clock the Mystery went round to the inner wharf, where the wrecking and diving plant was taken on board a scow with which the tug proceeded to the scene.

The contractors proceeded on the assumption that it would be out of the question to pull the vessel off, and Diver McHardy's theory is that if the engine bed of the vessel is not broken by the fall of the tide that he will be able to patch the rent in her hull and have her come under her own steam to Victoria, where her repairs, if she can be saved, will be effected. After plugging her fractures he will pump her out, a complete outfit for that purpose having been taken.

The Grant is a steam cutter of the second class and of 263 tons. She is an old vessel, having been built in Wilmington, Delaware, in 1871. She carries four guns, and is manned by seven officers and 34 men.

Owing to the accident to the cutter another vessel will have to be chartered to replace her. Her present trip was an important one, owing to the presence on board of Col. Cutchon, of the treasury department, who was on a tour of inspection of the Alaskan canneries and on his report the system of levying taxes will be decided.

IDZUMI MARU ARRIVES.

A voyage devoid of incidents of any special interest was completed this morning by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha steamer Idzumi Maru, which arrived at the outer wharf from China and Japan about 5 o'clock. The only vessels sighted on the way were a four-masted schooner and a large full rigged ship some thousand miles or so off shore. The steamer left Yokohama on the 6th inst. She brings a full cargo of general merchandise, and her freight for this port will be handled without any trouble between stevedores and longshoremen, as the latter have made no demand for higher wages, and the former were willing to pay former rates. The ship brought among her passengers from Kobo the crew of the oil ship R. D. Rice, which, as previously reported, was burned to the water's edge less than a month ago. They have been sent home by the United States consulate at Kobe, and leave here for San Francisco. Under recent new regulations of the United States law, the wages due to the crew were paid to the men at Kobe without deduction for the expenses of their voyage to America. Formerly the money due to crews in the position of that of the R. D. Rice was applied to the expense of sending them back to the port of their engagement, but this arrangement is now superseded by the regulations already mentioned.

The only first class passenger on the Idzumi Maru was Geo. Carter, of this city, who has been over to India for the purpose of establishing trade relations between his firm here and firms in that country. Of the ship's Asiatic passengers ten landed here, four being Chinese and six Japanese. One European stowaway was discovered three days after the ship left Yokohama. The next N. Y. K. steamer due here will be the Kaga Maru, the new ship of the liner which when given her trial trip a short time ago developed a speed of 18 knots an hour.

THE NORTHERN FLEET.

The Bailey and Zealandian, of the British Yukon Navigation Co., Ltd., were launched at the foot of Labarge on the 17th inst., but owing to the low stage of water had not started to run up till the 15th inst. The Canadian, of the same company, was launched at White Horse on the 9th inst. The Yukoner was to have been launched on the 18th, the Sybil and Columbian on the 21st and the new boats of the company as soon as they are completed, which will be in a very few days.

The Ora, Flora and Nora, of the Klondike Corporation, are also at the foot of Labarge, and, according to a late report, were to leave for Dawson on the 16th inst.

The first boat to be dispatched down river from Dawson by the Northern Transportation Company will be the steamer Leon, which is now in winter quarters at the mouth of the Stewart river. This boat will be dispatched to the Koyukuk immediately after the opening of navigation, where she will connect with the City of Paris, a light draft boat, the passengers and freight being transferred at the mouth of the river. Capt. Hansen says that sufficient barges will be taken on the trip to accommodate not only a large number of passengers, but a volume of freight sufficient for the needs of the men for a long season.

FIRST SALMON ARRIVES.

The first spring salmon from the Skeena river arrived this morning on the steamer Boscowitz. The shipment is a small one, and comes consigned to Simon Leiser from Peter Herman, whose cannery leads all others on the Skeena in preparing fish for an early market. On the Skeena the fishing season proper was to begin on Monday last. Salmon were running, but as yet not very plentifully when the steamer left for Victoria. On the Naas and on Rivers Inlet the run would come later. The three river steamers on the Skeena were being successfully operated when the Boscowitz sailed, the Hazelton being run through frow lower to the upper part of the river, and the Hudson Bay vessels, one below Kitsilas canyon and the other above. Mr. Singlehurst and Mr. McGregor, foreman of the former's mine, were at Simpson, and were waiting to embark on the Queen City for Victoria. The Boscowitz brings news from the Naas that four more bodies of the Indian canoeing fatality of a few months ago have been found. This makes a total of six found in all, two being yet missing. The Indians had been accidentally capsized out of their canoe, eight in all being drowned. The Boscowitz will leave for the North on Monday. She brought down only two passengers, namely J. E. Elliott, a prospector, and T. Stephens, a commercial traveller from Vancouver.

THE GARONNE WITHDRAWN.

Owing to the machinists' strike the steamer Garonne has been withdrawn from the Nome run. The Post-Intelligencer says: "The withdrawal of the Garonne complicates the Nome transportation situation more or less. She had 125 passengers and a large amount of freight booked. Transportation necessarily must be furnished by the British-American line for both passengers and freight, and to this end negotiations are pending between the British-American line and the Pacific Coast Steamship company whereby the latter concern may handle the Garonne's business. The matter may result in the Pacific Coast Steamship company placing another vessel on the Nome run, as the steamship Senator's accommodations, both freight and passenger, have been disposed of at schedule rates. In the event that another vessel is added to the Pacific Coast Steamship company's Nome fleet it will be either the State of California or the former Alaska excursion steamship Queen, and will probably be the latter."

Another vessel tied up because of the strike is the United States cutter Bear.

DANGER TO NAVIGATION.

Capt. Walbran, of the D. G. S. Quadra, says that the rock on which the Horda struck, as heretofore mentioned, was unknown. He describes it as a very dangerous one and right in the fairway of the southern entrance to Captain passage, Ganges harbor. The least water found on this danger was two fathoms, with very deep water 20 to 30 fathoms close around. No warning kelp marks the rock, and the latest Admiralty chart No. 2,840 shows a depth where the reef has been located of 37 fathoms. This new danger to mariners in these waters, 500 feet in length, in an east and west direction, has been carefully fixed by angles, and the result of Captain Walbran's examination will be at once forwarded to the department at Ottawa, so that the Admiralty chart can be corrected without delay.

A black buoy has been temporarily moored on the eastern end of the danger.

MEMORIAL TO QUEEN VICTORIA.

The American Society in London has started a movement for the purpose of founding a memorial to Queen Victoria. The Americans resident in London desire to designate in some fitting manner the affection and reverence they have always felt for the illustrious sovereign who has so recently passed away.

The executive committee of the American Society for the Queen Victoria memorial is headed by F. C. Van Duzer, chairman; Messrs. J. S. Morgan & Co., treasurers, and R. Newton Crane, secretary, and among its members are Bret Harte, Col. M. Hunsiker, Isaac Seligman and sixteen other well known Americans who have resided in London for some time past.

The United States consul at Victoria has received a fac-simile of a letter from Lord Esher, the hon. secretary of the central fund, narrating the circumstances under which Americans are joining in this movement, and the feeling which prompts them to do so. Americans residing in Victoria who would like to subscribed have an opportunity to do so by calling at the American consulate, 43½ Government, where a copy of the circular referred to can be seen. All contributions which may be sent to the consul for this purpose, however small, will be gladly received and acknowledged, and duly forwarded to the honorary treasurer, J. S. Morgan & Co., London.

Provincial News

FORT STEELE.

On Thursday afternoon the bridge across Wild Horse creek near the Indian agency was carried away by the high water which now prevails. For the past week the creek has been rising rapidly, and owing to the nature of the bed of the creek, a shifting gravel, the centre foundation was undermined and two bents were destroyed.

GREENWOOD.

Miss Maude Hills arrived in Greenwood by the afternoon train on May 13th, and was met at the depot by Alex. Olson, of Phoenix. Later they were married in the Presbyterian church. She has been a nurse for Dr. Blackburn at Butte, Montana, from which town Mr. Olson also came. Next day they went up to Phoenix, where they will make their home.

SILVERTON.

Arrangements are now practically completed for the celebrating of Victoria Day here next Friday. There will be three football games and a baseball match, besides the regular series of athletic sports, a programme which will completely fill the day. One of the football games will be played in the forenoon as soon as the boat comes in. This will be the forenoon's programme. Immediately after dinner the second football game will be played; then the baseball players will go on and the footballers will rest for the finals. After the fans have won and lost the trophy, the winners of the two football matches will play off for the medals. Between these events the running and jumping contests will take place.

ASHCROFT.

Trooper Radwell, of Strathcona's Horse, has returned home to this district, after spending a short time in London, England, with his father.

A fall fair will be held here as usual this year, but it will only include fruit and vegetables. Horse racing, if any, will be separately organized, and not be aided out of the funds of the association.

The people of the town have resolved to appoint fire wardens, who will probably be chosen from amongst the members of the civic commission, which here takes the place of a town council.

Ashcroft was all excitement on Monday over an election for fire wardens. Nominations were held from 10 to 11, and a poll from 11 to 1. Wm. Crozier, Mark Dumond and William Lyne were declared elected and the announcement was enthusiastically received by their supporters.

REVELSTOKE.

It looks very much as if W. Mackie in his tramp through the woods on the west bank of the river on Sunday, May 12th, had stumbled on something more sensational than the mere discovery of the body of one of the numerous victims of the fatal Columbia, whose bones still lie unburied on some sequestered bar or hidden amid the thick foliage of one of the picturesque islets, which stud the rushing and deadly waters of the grim river in such numbers and beauty. It seems that the bones, among which was the skull, were not on a bar at all, as was reported, but in the woods on the bank at quite a distance from the edge of the river and in fact in such a place as to preclude all possibility of their having been carried thither by the water even at highest flood. Further than this, close by the mouldering remains of the unknown dead is situated a ruined and half burnt cabin and near by was three or four cords of fire wood cut and piled.—Herald.

SLOCAN CITY.

The Drill is very apprehensive of a serious summer flood. This is what it says in its last issue: "There can be no denying the fact that from present indications the Lake district is in for a flood higher than at any time since 1894, if not quite equalling that disastrous period. The waters will not cause much damage, excepting perhaps to the C. P. R. property here, but much inconvenience is likely to ensue. Springer creek has been running all week, and Wednesday night's rains largely increased the flow of water. The skating rink is in a dilapidated condition, as some of the supports have been washed out, and there is danger of the Fletcher avenue bridge across the creek being carried away. All the creeks on the lake are as high as they were last year, and the snow on the summits is beginning to melt in a rapid manner. The weather is mild and everything is favorable to a flood. In that case the C. P. R. track and ranches along the Slocan river will suffer considerably. Cool weather is the only salvation apparently."

NANAIMO.

McCulloch, the man arrested in Victoria on Saturday on a charge of firing a revolver at Robert Rivers in a brawl here, was remanded this morning until Thursday.

Geo. Pannell, for many years gardener to Samuel M. Robins, superintendent of the New Vancouver Coal Company, died suddenly of heart failure on Sunday. He was aged 57 years and a native of Sussex, England.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trade the following officers were elected: President, Charles E. Stevenson, re-elected; vice-president, W. T. Heddle, re-elected; treasurer, E. Taylor; secretary, George L. Schetky, re-elected; auditor, E. M. Yarwood. The council is the same as last year. The board decided to take active steps to place Nanaimo in direct and frequent communication with Texada island.

The funeral of the late George Pannell took place yesterday afternoon, and was attended by both lodges of Foresters and a very large number of old pioneers. Rev. C. E. Cooper, rector of St. Paul's, conducted the burial services.

ROSSLAND.

About 10 o'clock on Saturday morning John Deegan, a miner working at the 500-foot level of the Le Roi, sustained severe injuries from falling rock. Deegan was immediately removed to the Sisters' hospital and Dr. Bowes was called in and with the assistance of Dr. Campbell the injuries were ascertained and the wounds were dressed. The unfortunate man was resting easier in the afternoon, but his injuries are unusually severe. The left leg was fractured above the knee and the right was fractured at the knee. The left hip was dislocated and besides some scalp and head wounds the patient suffered some minor injuries. Deegan is an old Rossland man but has returned here only recently from Republic and was working on his fifth shift when the accident happened. His home is in Burke, Idaho, where his father resides. He is about 27 years old and is unmarried.

A quiet wedding took place at the Baptist parsonage on Saturday evening, when Alfred Anderson of this city was united in marriage to Miss Addie C. Hullquist. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. T. Stackhouse.

John Deegan, a miner at the Le Roi, was badly hurt on Saturday morning by a fall of rock in the mine. Deegan's right hip and the knee and ankle of the right leg were dislocated and the left leg broken above the knee, besides injuries to the chest and face. The injured man was taken to the Sisters' hospital, where Doctors Bowes and Campbell reduced the fractures and dislocations and dressed the other wounds.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Dr. G. F. Bodington, late medical superintendent of the provincial hospital for the insane, met with a painful accident on Monday evening. He had just returned from Vancouver, and was stepping from the tram car, when some person behind him, in the usual rush, trod on his foot, just as he had placed his other foot on the ground. The result was that Dr. Bodington was thrown heavily to the ground, and his left wrist was broken. He was conveyed to the asylum building, where the medical superintendent, Dr. Manchester, and Dr. Walker, attended to their confrere's injuries.

The Oriental commission has concluded its labors at the Coast. On Monday the commission went down the South Arm, on the fisheries launch Swan. At Ladner it stopped and heard the evidence. Then it was conveyed to Steveston. On Tuesday morning the sittings in the Court house were resumed. This concluded the business here, and the commission adjourned, to meet in Kamloops. After a week there, the commission will proceed to Revelstoke, Rossland and Nelson for its final sittings.

The funeral of Mrs. Loftus McInnes yesterday was largely attended. The burial was in the Masonic cemetery at the old camp, and the services were conducted by Rev. A. Sheldick, rector of Holy Trinity. Mrs. McInnes, who was in her seventieth year, was a native of Kent, England, and came to Canada when a young woman, settling in Ontario. Subsequently she was widowed, and in 1864 married Dr. Loftus McInnes, brother of Dr. T. R. McInnes. In 1872 she accompanied her husband to Nanaimo, where he had been appointed medical officer of the New Vancouver Coal Company, a position he held for ten years, when he removed to the Mainland, and became one of the regular practitioners of New Westminster.

NELSON.

Hon. J. H. Turner, minister of finance, is at the Phair. He is making a tour of the mining sections of the province before quitting office to take up the work of agent-general in London.—Tribune.

For the time being the dam and the C. P. R. track are safe, the Cottonwood creek danger having diminished durng the last twenty-four hours. The waters of the lake, however, are still rising at the rate of six inches during the last twenty hours, and the whole district in the vicinity of the old depot is a lake of a thousand islands. The water is now up to the railway track, but is four feet lower than it was on the twenty-fourth of May last year, and about sixteen feet lower than in the year 1894 at the time of the flood. Four years ago the boat going to Kaslo on the Queen's birthday took on her passengers at the city wharf, which will be far from the case this year. As a result of the freshet in Cottonwood creek, the course of the stream has been changed. Along the east bounds of the lawn tennis court the creek has taken a straight course for about twenty yards, which has left the bed of the stream under the bridge which collapsed the first day of the storm high and dry. From there it took a turn at an angle of about 45 degrees, and struck the west bank near the city bridge, threatening to carve out another channel in the direction of the new depot. It was checked by being sandbagged. On the north side, also, it has pursued the same course, by leaving the old ruts and starting out anew for the lake. The freshet has given employment to a number of men. All night long men were kept as watchmen to see that everything was all right, and to keep passengers from travelling on the dangerous part of the bridge.—Miner, May 17th.

Nelson began celebrating Dominion Day in 1891—ten years ago—and the celebration this year is expected to eclipse that of any former year, not excepting the dazzling one of 1899.—Tribune.

VANCOUVER.

It has been definitely announced that the Britannia mine deal has fallen through, the option not being taken up in London.

Mayor Townley's life is full of incidents these days. Saturday his life was threatened; yesterday he heroically caught a team of runaway horses, and was dragged a considerable distance before his efforts were of avail.

H. W. Meyers, of Gambier Island, whose sudden disappearance some time since caused considerable anxiety to his friends, and who was recently located at Kirkland, Wash., by the provincial police, has written stating that being in debt and seeing little chance of raising any money on the ranch he had gone south to work for wages for a few months to enable him to set things right again when he returned to the ranch. Mr. Meyers is now working in a logging camp at Juanita, Wash.—News-Advertiser.

Two men were taken over to the New Westminster asylum by the Vancouver police on Monday on medical certificates testifying to their insanity. They were Michael Golden, a German, who had been making himself a nuisance by his strange behavior around the city hall and adjacent streets, and Oscar Lewzey, a ship's carpenter, and old resident of the city, who has been unwell for some time past and was under the care of the sisters of St. Paul's hospital till his condition rendered his removal necessary.

The city council has decided to ask the C. P. R. to convey to the city a portion of land on Cordova street near the railway station for the Carnegie library.

According to Rev. Father Chirouse, the veteran Roman Catholic missionary, 2,000 Indians will assemble at Chilliwack from June 3rd to June 10th, to take part in a passion play similar to that held in 1894. The reason that Chilliwack is available instead of Mission, is that a larger site is available.

The city council met on Tuesday morning for the purpose of examining the plans submitted by the architects of the city for competition for two new fire halls and a city jail, and also for the purpose of hearing Thos. Hooper, the expert's report. Mr. Hooper recommended the acceptance of W. T. Whiteway's plans for the two fire halls and W. T. Dalton's for the jail. The No. 2 fire hall plans by Mr. Whiteway, are, according to the report of the expert, the most complete. Provision is made in this hall for the chief's quarters. A large hose tower is also a principal feature of this hall. No. 1 fire hall is designed much on the same lines as No. 2, and if erected will, no doubt, be a credit to the city. After carefully examining the plans the council decided, on motion of Ald. McDonald, to accept the report of Mr. Hooper, and also accepted the plans recommended by him.

Dr. F. E. Clarke, the founder of the Christian Endeavor movement, entertained a large number of young people and others interested in the work of the society on Tuesday evening in the First Presbyterian church. The first part of the evening was spent by the doctor in answering questions which had been placed in a question box by different parties present. The balance of the evening was spent by Dr. Clarke in relating incidents observed by him during his recent trip round the world and describing the methods adopted in connection with Christian Endeavor work in China and Japan.

William Schmehl, of the firm of Schmehl & Mueller, proprietors of the Palace hotel, was united in marriage on Tuesday morning to Florence, daughter of H. Avison, formerly park ranger at Stanley park, but now a resident of Dawson city. The bride looked very pretty in a handsome fawn travelling costume and carrying a bridal bouquet of roses. The bridesmaid, Miss Jennie Bonner, also looked pretty in a dress of pale blue, covered with white lace. Chas. Mueller, the groom's partner, was best man, and the Rev. R. G. MacBeth tied the nuptial knot.

Dr. H. J. Philpot delivered an interesting lecture in the rooms of the Art, History and Scientific Association on Tuesday evening upon the Pacific Ocean, with special reference to the Philippine Islands and the United States war which has been waging in that archipelago for the past two years or more. The ground and water covered by the doctor, in his remarks, had been personally travelled over and visited by him, and his descriptions were consequently most vivid and interesting, and were rendered even more so by the exhibition of a large number of curios, weapons, samples of clothing, woods, products, etc., of the countries, places and people referred to.

Archbishop Langevin, accompanied by his private secretary, arrived from the East yesterday, and took passage on the steamship Islander for the North, where he is going on a tour of inspection in Dawson before returning.

Walter Evans, of the firm of Dyke, Evans & Callaghan, and Miss Florence Johnson, daughter of Major Lacey R. Johnson, were married in Christ church yesterday morning.

There were but two cases at the assizes. Two Chinamen got 15 months for stealing. One of them on being asked by Mr. Justice Walkem if he had anything to say before being sentenced, asked the interpreter to say that he wished to be sent to the penitentiary, as the meals were better than at the jail. Malcolm and Scutto, charged with obtaining money from an old man under false pretences, representing themselves as cannerymen, received sentences of fifteen months in jail. In their presentment, the grand jury stated that the hospital was entirely inadequate to present needs, and should be entirely remodelled, and that the lockup in the court house should be made more secure.

Mr. Julian, the architect, has received instructions from the government as to the style of boys' reformatory desired for Vancouver. Mr. Julian says that he finds after exhaustive enquiries, that the plan of the reformatories at Lansing, Mich., are the best he has seen as to beauty or architecture, economy and convenience, and the Vancouver reformatory will be built on similar plans. The plan is what is known as the cottage style. One cottage will be built first capable of accommodating a governor, a teacher and 30 inmates; as the need for more room arises a second cottage will be built, and so on. The idea is to have half an acre of ground for each boy, so that starting of the 53 acres set aside for the reformatory is perhaps ample, but as the province grows more ground will be required. It is the purpose to teach the inmates farming, as well as the choice of two or three trades.

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