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Dominion News Notes

Recent Appointments in Militia Causes Some Discussion Among Officers.

Novel Scene in the Westmount Police Court Ends in Wedding in City Hall.

Former Office Boy From Belleville Now Manager of Royal Baking Powder Co.

OTTAWA, Feb. 14.—(Special)—Considerable talk has been created in militia circles over the official report in the current issue of the Military Gazette respecting the present status of officers in the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery. The department had been criticized for giving commissions in this branch of the service to British officers. The official reply, in substance, is that this has been done owing to the lack of qualified Canadian officers.

It is expected there will be nearly twenty tenders for the two sections of the national transcontinental railway now advertised.

An interchange of officers between the Canadian militia and India and Australia has been arranged. Captain J. H. Elmsley, R.C.D., Toronto, goes to India, and Lieut. E. Clairmott, R.C. garrison, Quebec, goes to Australia. An officer from India and another from Australia will be sent to Canada.

From Prisoner's Dock to Altar

Montreal, Feb. 14.—A remarkable scene took place in Westmount police court today, when pretty Miss Hilda Sjoberg, a Swede, who left her home in her native land on account of a rebellion, was arraigned before Police Magistrate McMahon for sentence for having stolen a few trinkets from her mistress, probably amounting in value to about $15. She admitted the theft, but said she did not know why she took them. Just as sentence was about to be pronounced, a young man named Brown, 22 years of age, employed by one of the largest corporations in the city, walked quickly forward and told the magistrate that he would pay any fine imposed if he would give Miss Sjoberg her liberty. He admitted being in love with her, and would marry her on the spot if the magistrate would release her. The magistrate assented, and the couple will be married tonight in Westmount town hall.

Wolves Plentiful

Toronto, Feb. 14.—Wolves are plentiful in the Rainy River district, and within two days fourteen were killed at Sahacushing Bay, Lake of the Woods, by Ernest Appleton of Kenora, who received $210 from the provincial treasury.

North Toronto Nominations

Ex-Mayor Urquhart was tonight unanimously nominated as Liberal candidate for North Toronto in the Ontario legislature. Eighteen others were nominated, but all withdrew in favor of Mr. Urquhart. The Conservative convention tonight selected W. N. McNaught, president of the Toronto exhibition, as their candidate.

Women Admitted to Practice Law

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 14.—The legislature yesterday passed a bill permitting women to practice law in New Brunswick.

Another Successful Canadian

Belleville, Feb. 14.—F. J. Bosally, formerly of this city, now of New York, has been appointed president of the Royal Baking Powder Company at a salary of $20,000 a year. He joined the company in 1880 as an office boy, and has worked his way up to his new position.

Western Immigration Association

Winnipeg, Feb. 14.—By the unanimous wish of members of the Western Canadian Immigration Association, composed as it is of representative business men of the country, it was decided at the annual meeting today to continue the work for two years more at least and to raise a fund of $60,000. Nearly everyone present spoke favorably of what had been accomplished, and substantial donations towards its fund were freely offered. Mr. George Ham, of the C. P. R. literary department, who was present, offered valuable suggestions for prosecuting the work in the Eastern States by means of excursions from there. At the luncheon which concluded the proceedings the speakers all took a sanguine view of the future. One gentleman complimented the C. P. R. cordially on the policy it had pursued in

Developing the Country

as being the one great factor which had made progress possible. The company's land policy had been particularly conducive to settlement in the liberality of its terms. Mr. Langan, president of the Calgary board of trade, told in glowing terms of the growth of Alberta. His city had nearly doubled in population in three years, having now 13,000 residents. He predicted that within 20 years the population of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta would be 25,000,000. All delegates present from western towns told the same tale of remarkable development.

Officers Elected

Officers elected were: President, D. W. Bole, M. P., Winnipeg; first vice-president, W. Georgeson, Winnipeg; second vice president, G. F. Carruthers, Winnipeg; secretary, Theodore M. Knappen; executive, F. B. Lynch (chairman), St. Paul; A. D. McRae, W. J. Christie, William Pearson, A. L. Johnson, F. M. March and J. Haslam, Winnipeg, and the vice presidents. The district vice presidents are: A. O. Robertson, St. Paul; C. W. Rowley, Calgary; A. E. Doak, Prince Albert; J. A. Campbell, Dauphin; F. T. Fisher, Edmonton; G. H. Shaw, Winnipeg; F. T. Griffith, Winnipeg (C. P. R. land department); H. C. Beattie, Saskatoon; W. Trant, Regina; Hugh McKellar, Moosejaw.

Farm Superintendent Resigns

S. A. Bedford, superintendent of the Brandon experimental farm and one of the best known agriculturalists in Western Canada, has resigned, to engage in private business.

The school board will borrow two hundred thousand to meet current expenses.

Thos. A. Spin, Indian agent at Sintaluta Sask., is dead.

Carey's liquor store on Main street near Higgin's avenue was damaged four thousand dollars by fire last night.

Calgary, Feb. 14.—Calgary will ask Carnegie for a grant to a public library.

MISER STARVES TO DEATH.

Woman Dies of Starvation Leaving a Million Dollar Estate.

New York, Feb. 15.— Miss Maria Corsa, 56 years old, whose fortune is estimated at from $600,000 to $1,000,000 is dead at her home in the Bronx. Her death was caused by starvation and exposure, due to her life of seclusion and economy, says the Herald. She lived entirely alone in one room of the Corsa residence, denying herself even the necessaries of life and refusing the warmth of a fire which might have been built with coal which had been in the cellar for years.

KING EDWARD'S SYMPATHY.

His Majesty Acknowledges the Good Work of the Church Army.

London, Feb. 15.—King Edward said to the Rev. Wilson Carlyle, head of the Church Army, who was received in audience at Buckingham palace today, that he often worked twelve hours a day himself. He knew the blessing of work and greatly sympathized with the unemployed. Therefore it was a great comfort to His Majesty to know that the Church Army was furnishing work for so many. The King specially praised the immigration plans of the Army and said to the Rev. Mr. Carlyle: "Encourage your good immigrants, wish for them every happiness that God can produce. They will still be in my dominion and the immigration will not only benefit themselves and their families but the whole empire."

A Farmer's Strange Suicide

Well Known Resident of Comox District Blows His Head Off.

Alleged High Handed Proceedings on the Part of American Poachers.

From Our Own Correspondent.

NANAIMO, Feb. 14.—Word was received tonight of the suicide of Robert Duncan, a farmer living near Comox, who shot the top of his head off with a shotgun about 9 o'clock yesterday morning. As near as can be learned, there is quite a family of Duncans living close together at this point, a store and post office being conducted by one of the family, Eric, who has quite a reputation as a poet. Old Mrs. Duncan was absent at the store when the tragedy occurred, and when she returned home found Robert's dead body lying in a pool of blood on the floor. Examination proved that he had gone about the deed with the greatest deliberation, having tied the trigger of the gun to his foot with a shoelace, and then placing the muzzle to his forehead, pulled the trigger and

Literally Blew His Head Off

The family and friends are distracted with grief over the awful occurrence. Deceased was 33 years of age and formerly teacher at the Sandwick school. Of recent years he has devoted himself to farming, and was an exceptionally steady man, of good habits and level-headed above the average. Nothing unusual had been noted in his demeanor of late, except that he had complained of insomnia, and it is surmised that the awful deed was done in a fit of temporary insanity induced by persistent sleeplessness. He was well known in Nanaimo, where a number of relatives reside, William Manson, M. P. P. for Alberni, being a cousin. A coroner's jury was empannelled at once, and after viewing the remains adjourned until Saturday, when a thorough enquiry will be made into the case.

Poachers' High-handed Proceedings

Inspector of Fisheries Taylor leaves this week for Ganges Harbor to investigate a report, which is now confirmed, of the high-handed tactics adopted by American fishermen engaged in digging clams at that place. It is alleged that the other day, on receiving the refusal of a number of Chinese fishermen engaged in the same business to vacate a house-scow they (the Chinese) occupied, the American poachers turned a steam hose from the tug on the gang and forced them to get out, under pain of being scalded. It is further alleged that one Chinese was seriously hurt. Ralph Smith, M. P., has reported the matter to the department at Ottawa. Nothing is known here about the tug. Some time ago the tug Electrine, from Bellingham, applied to the customs authorities for the privilege of taking cargoes of clams from neighboring islands to the United States, clearing from Nanaimo, but this was not allowed.

THE SEATTLE SPIRIT.

John P. Hartman, counsel for the Washington Northern Railway, today closed a deal for 150 acres of land at Smith's Cove, including 5,500 feet of water front on Salmon Bay and 2,000 feet on Smith's Cove waterway, for a sum approximating $600,000. The Washington Northern is known to be a subsidiary corporation of the Harriman interests. The transfer, which was consummated today and which was handled by D. H. Gilman, representing the owners of the property, gives to E. H. Harriman a foothold on Smith's Cove and Salmon Bay of tremendous strategic importance.

Dominion News Notes

Four Official Heads Fall Owing to the Trent Canal Investigation.

Another of the Faithful Is Rewarded for Party Fealty.

Chief Engineer of the C. P. R. Resigns to Take Up Construction.

OTTAWA, Feb. 15.—(Special)—As a result of investigation made by Henry Holgate, C. E., Montreal into the alleged defects in the hydraulic lift locks on the Trent Canal at Peterborro and Kirkfield respectively, it will be intimated to four government officials that their resignations are in order. Those officials are R. B. Rogers, superintending engineer Trent canal system; R. A. Davey, resident engineer at Kirkfield; Augustus Sawyers, assistant engineer Kirkfield Lock, D. E. Bethune, inspector on the same job and Spence, assistant engineer to Rogers at Peterboro. Mr. Holgate's report indicates that certain concrete wall approaches of the Kirkfield lock were not built according to specification and not constructed with proper care. He blames the engineering staff for this.

During January the imports increased to the value of $4,518,428 and the exports of domestic produce by $5,652,427 and the exports of foreign produce by $4,309,567.

C. A. Douglas real estate agent of this city is a beneficiary by the will of the late Marshall Field of Chicago. Douglas was a first cousin of the late Mr. Field's first wife and the millionaire bequeathed $200,000 for distribution among her relatives.

As foreshadowed last week another Liberal member of parliament has received his reward, D. D. MacKenzie, M. P. for North Cape Breton having been appointed county judge Cape Breton county in succession to the late Judge Dodd.

Thieves got into the residence of J. W. Woods, the well known Ottawa manufacturer on Monday and secured jewelry to the value of four to five thousand dollars.

St. Lawrence Ship Channel

Montreal, Feb. 15.—Speaking in interest, L. O. Grothe, Liberal candidate in Maisonneuve last night Hon. T. P. Brodeur, minister of marine and fisheries said the channel between Montreal and Quebec would be completed to a depth of thirty feet by the first of next October. He said that last year eleven accidents had occurred in the St. Lawrence route, but not one of them he affirmed, was due to imperfections in the channel.

McGill Honorary Degrees

The corporation of McGill University has decided to grant the honorary degree of L. L. D. to Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance and Rev. James W. Barclay, D. D. of St. Paul's Presbyterian church this city.

Chief Engineer Tye Resigns

W. F. Tye, chief engineer of the Canadian Pacific railway has resigned his position. It is understood that Mr. Tye is to go into construction work. His successor has not yet been named. Mr. Tye has been chief engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway since May, 1904. Before that time he was assistant chief engineer and has also served with Canadian Pacific railway in the capacity of chief engineer of construction. He first joined the Canadian Pacific in 1882, but later left that company, only to return with them in 1897. He is widely known throughout American railway circles.

Mulock's Telephone Enquiry

Mr. Adam Zimmerman, M. P. for Hamilton, acting chairman in the absence of Sir William Mulock, of the telephone committee, announced today that the select committee appointed by parliament last session to inquire into the telephone question, would take no more evidence, and that a report would be made to parliament, during the early part of the coming session.

Miller's Tragic Death

Prince Albert, Sask., Feb. 15.—A horrible fatality occurred in the Hudson's Bay mill here today, A. S. Skead, assistant miller being the victim. He was caught in the belting in the basement and whirled to his death, one leg being torn from his body he died shortly after being taken to the hospital.

Royal Bank Annual Meeting

Halifax, Feb. 15.—The annual meeting of the Royal Bank of Canada was held here yesterday at which a resolution adopted instructing the directors to apply to parliament for an act authorizing the removal of the head office from Halifax to Montreal and the number of directors increased from seven to eight. F. W. Thompson, Montreal, vice president and general manager of Ogilvie milling company was appointed director. It was also resolved to issue about a million dollars of new stock.

Big Fire at St. John

St. John, N. B., Feb. 15.—A disastrous fire broke out here early today right in the centre of the retail business section of the city doing damage to the extent of $100,000. The fire originated in a large four-story brick block on King street corner of Canterbury, recently purchased by Royal Bank of Canada. This building which was soon to be remodeled is now a complete wreck. The bank had about $25,000 insurance. The building was valued at $38,000 and was occupied by the American Clothing company, Hobrook and Patterson, wholesale milliners, Frank Fales, commission merchant and John W. McDuffy, jeweller.

Messrs. Vassie and company, who had a warehouse in the building and Edward Sears had a lot of valuable oil paintings which were to have been auctioned. The adjoining buildings on Canterbury street were also damaged by water and smoke. The weather was bitterly cold, rendering the work of the firemen difficult.

Bishop of St. Hyacinthe

St. Hyacinthe, Que., Feb. 15.—His lordship, Manager Alexis Xiste Bernard was today consecrated sixth bishop of St. Hyacinthe as successor to late Monsignor Decelles.

Woman Killed at Crossing

Stratford, Feb. 15.—Mrs. John Wilson, fifty-five years old, mother of nine children was instantly killed by an express train at the Nelson street crossing yesterday.

Probably Fatally Burned

Toronto, Feb. 15.—Mrs. J. R. Hagens was probably fatally burned yesterday afternoon in an attempting to save her children from death by burning and her home on Sackville street from destruction by fire. Her two children, playing with matches set fire to the curtains. In extinguishing the blaze her clothes caught fire. She rolled over on the floor putting the flames out but not before she had been badly burned.

Realizing on Assets

The National Trust company has converted, through tender received, a lot of odds and ends in the building and paint line the property to the York Loan into about $16,000 of cash. A further remand was given yesterday in the charge of conspiracy against Joseph Phillips, late manager of the York Loan.

Nominations in North Ontario

Nominations for the vacant seat in the legislature for north Ontario took place this afternoon. W. McNaught, Conservative; Thomas A. R. Urquhart, Liberal and James Simpson, Socialist, were nominated.

British Emigrants

Rev. Dr. Robins, a chaplain to military forces at Shoeburyness, England, who is here in connection with emigration to Canada, under Baron Rothschild's plan says the first detachment of immigrants numbering 190, sailed from England on Lake Champlain on Tuesday. Dr. Robbins has arranged for all but six or seven, who are going to the northwest to be placed in Ontario.

Ontario Legislature Opens

The Ontario legislature was opened this afternoon by Lieut. Governor Clark. The speech from the throne mentioned the large amount of new legislation for the session relating to education, mining &c.

The British Preference

The executive council or the Canadian Manufacturers' Association met today and unanimously adopted a resolution asking that the government provide that the British preference be only allowed on goods entering Canada directly from the country of origin. This would cut off imports, from Great Britain and colonies enjoying the preference via United States.

Well Known Canadian Dead

London, Feb. 15.—John H. Minhinnick, ex-president of London Conservative association and one best known oil men in the Dominion, is dead of Bright's disease.

Winnipeg Wirings

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—Winnipeg clearing house returns for the week ending February 15th were $6,190,160, the corresponding week in 1905, $4,050,623; 1904, $3,975,927.

Farmed Burned Out

Pilot Mound, Man., Feb. 15.—David Christie, a farmer residing twelve miles south of here was burned out last evening his fine residence being completely destroyed; family all escaped but suffered greatly from bitter cold night before reaching shelter.

Destruction Done By Earthquakes

Great Loss of Life Caused by Disturbances in South America.

Many Towns Are in Ruins and Hundreds of People Have Been Killed.

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Feb. 15.—The first shock of the earthquake which caused so much damage and loss of life in the province of Esmeraldas was felt on January 31, the disturbance continuing until February 6. The inhabitants, panic-stricken, abandoned their homes, and families are still living in the open air, fearing a repetition of the shocks. A church in the city of Esmeraldas, a house occupied as a barracks and a boys' school, collapsed. Business houses suffered heavily, especially those of dealers in glassware.

At Porte Vargas Torres the panic was great, and several persons were killed under the ruins of falling houses. At La Tolatwenty three houses collapsed, and all the rest of the houses in the place were greatly damaged. In the neighborhood of Port Limores

Four Small Islands Disappeared

These islands were inhabited by fishermen, who escaped in small boats, in which they were at sea for three days until the water became sufficiently calm to enable them to reach the mainland. Esmeraldas was nearly inundated by a tidal wave, which entered the port, flooding the principal streets.

All the inhabitants ran for the mountains in the neighborhood. All the towns in the provinces of Esmeraldas and Manabi were greatly damaged and especially Rio Verde, Camerones, LaTola, Limones, Bourbon and Finguaigau with the most of the inhabitants are homeless. In the Colombian towns of Mosquera, San Juan and Domingeritz, more than three hundred persons perished. At Barbacoas a severe earthquake was felt. At Popayan several houses were badly damaged. At Toquerres five persons perished under the ruins of falling houses, but at Bugs and Carthage there was no damage done. Manizaless suffered heavily. At Periera the tower of a church fell.

BALFOUR'S HARD LUCK.

British Premier May Yet Have Contest For His Seat.

London, Feb. 15.—An urgent meeting of the city Liberal Association has been announced for tomorrow to reconsider the situation, consequent on former Premier Balfour's latest attitude regarding tariff reform. It is said that he may yet have to fight for his seat in the city of London which Alvan Gibbs resigned after Mr. Balfour was defeated for East Manchester in order that Mr. Balfour might be able to return to parliament.

Balfour Joins Chamberlain

Interesting Exchange of Letters Between Premier and Colleague.

Fiscal Reform Accepted as the Chief Item in Unionist Programme.

Honorable Joseph Pledges Chief His Entire and Hearty Support.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Former Premier Balfour finally has crossed the bridge which Joseph Chamberlain held out for him, and in correspondence published late last night he takes his position practically on Mr. Chamberlain's tariff reform programme. The fact is heralded in the Liberal newspapers this morning as "Balfour's Surrender." "Chamberlain's Victory," etc., while the Daily Graphic speaking on behalf of the Unionist free traders deplores Mr. Balfour's Journey to Canossa" as the price of his retention of the leadership of his party. The Chamberlainite journals express complete satisfaction and attach no importance whatever to the Balfourian limitations which the former premier places upon his acceptance of the proposed duty on corn and a tax on manufactures.

The Standard says that the agreement between the two foremost statesmen in the party is absolute and all embracing.

Mr. Balfour's Surrender

though delayed till the eve of the Lansdowne House meeting quite evidently was arranged at the famous dinner conference with Mr. Chamberlain and enabled the latter to publish his recent repudiation of desire for the leadership which suddenly stilled the newspapers' attacks on Mr. Balfour. Although, to emphasize the fact that there will be in the future a dual leadership of the Unionists it is announced that in addition to the provision of the customary private room in the House of Commons for the official leadersop of the opposition only, a similar room has been allotted to Mr. Chamberlain. This is unusual if not unprecedented. Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain are still in negotiation with regard to reorganization of the party machinery. Mr. Balfour's conversation to Mr. Chamberlain is likely to be unpalatable to a large section of the Unionist party and the Lansdowne House meeting which the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Hugh Cecil and other free traders will attend, is likely to be the arena of some plain speaking on the subject.

Interesting Correspondence

The interesting correspondence between A. J. Balfour and Joseph Chamberlain is dated yesterday and was published on the eve of the Unionist party meeting at Lansdowne House. It disposes effectively of the report that serious difficulties exist between the factions of that party. Mr. Balfour's letter follows: "My Dear Mr. Chamberlain: The controversy aroused over the fiscal question has produced, not unnaturally, the impression that the practical differences of fiscal reforms are much deeper than in fact is the case. The exchange of views which has constantly taken place between us leads me to hope that this misconception may be removed and with it the friction which has proved so injurious to the party. My own opinion, which I believe is shared by the great majority of the Unionist party, may be briefly summarized as follows:

"Fiscal reform is and must remain

The First Constructive Work

of the Unionist party. The objects of such reform are to secure more equal terms of competition for British trade and closer commercial union with the colonies.

"While at present it is not necessary to describe the exact method whereby these objects may be attained, it is inexpedient to permit of differences of opinion regarding these methods to divide the party. Though other means may be possible the establishment of a moderate general tariff on manufactured goods not imposed for the purpose of raising prices or giving artificial protection against legitimate competition and the imposition of a small duty on foreign corn, are not in principle objectionable and they should be adopted if it can be shown to be necessary for the attainment of the ends in view or for the purposes of revenue."

Mr. Chamberlain's Reply

To this letter Mr. Chamberlain replied as follows: "My Dear Mr. Balfour:—I cordially welcome your letter of today in which you have summarized the conclusions we reached during our recent discussion. I entirely agree with your description of the objects we both have in view and gladly accept the policy you indicate as wise and desirable for the Unionist party to adopt in endeavoring to give effect to this policy and in defending all the Unionist principles. Any services I can render will be entirely at your disposal."

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

British Premier Receives Deputation Advocating National System.

London, Feb. 15.—While declining to make rash promises, Premier Campbell-Bannerman and Chancellor of Exchequer Asquith declared themselves in entire sympathy with a deputation which called on them to advocate the establishment of a national system of old age pensions.

The deputation urged that the scheme should be comprehensive and include all citizens, men or women, who at the age of sixty should receive at least $1.25 weekly pension, the annunity being found by means of imperial taxation. The Premier and Chancellor of the Exchequer in replying heartily approved of the suggestions. The only difficulty at present they pointed out, was the question of ways and means. They thought, however, that with greater care in the administration of the country's finances it would not be impossible to find money for such a beneficent scheme.

MINISTER TO CHINA SPEAKS.

Los Angeles, Feb. 14.—Edwin R. Conger for many years United States minister to China and who is staying at Pasadena for the winter, is quoted in an interview on the present anti-foreign attitude in China as follows: "The United States should warn China against a repetition of the terrible riots of a few years ago. A show of warships should be made to impress upon the government of China that the troubles must not be repeated and will not be tolerated. I am satisfied that serious trouble will come but do not expect that it will be directed specially against the United States but will be against the reigning dynasty.

The Manchurians Are Insignificant

in number and the present uprising is for the purpose of establishing a new dynasty and not to oust foreigners. The most violent disturbances will be in the southern province and will attack foreign interests.

"Americans within the zone of rebellion are liable to be hurt before they can get out and that is why the United States should let China know that it will not tolerate for an instant anything inimical towards its citizens. If the Chinese can be impressed that we are on the alert and that we mean business,

Our Interests Will Be Secure

If China is permitted to think that it can ignore our interests, something terrible will happen. The trouble now will be a great struggle within the empire. I believe that boycott on American goods is now beginning to operate against the Chinese themselves. Chinese merchants long before this boycott was instituted had their establishments filled with goods from United States. When the boycott was declared thay could not of course sell their goods. We learned a lesson in 1900, and China learned one too. Our experience, however, compels us and will to take every precaution."

Pacific Coast Happenings

C. P. R. and Union Pacific About to Run Second Tunnel Under Seattle.

The American Minister to China Gives His Views on Present Situation.

SEATTLE, Feb. 14.—(Special)—Operating together, the Union Pacific and Canadian Pacific railway companies will build a tunnel under Seattle paralleling the big bore of the Hill roads, which latter will be formally opened some time this spring. In the interests of the Canadian Pacific James A. Moore will apply next week for a franchise for an electric road from Seattle to Vancouver, B. C. The Union Pacific last night, under the name of the Washington Northern Railroad, asked for a franchise permitting it to enter the city from the south. The two lines will co-operate in a fight against the Hill systems.

Valencia Investigation

Special commissioners of the United States government have arranged for a hearing of Valencia witnesses here for two days, after which they will leave Saturday evening to visit Cape Flattery and the west coast of Vancouver Island. On their return they will probably spend a day in Victoria. Evidence from three witnesses examined by District Attorney Frye today strengthened the conclusion that there was a lack of discipline as well as a panic on the ship.

Gold Mining in Alaska

R. C. Wood, cashier of the Fairbanks Banking Company, says it is estimated by the most conservative miners that the output for the coming season will double that of last year, and predicts an output of not less than $12,000,000. The development of the Tanana country during the last six months has opened up a great number of new creeks. Eastern capital is backing a project of digging an immense ditch to furnish water for mining operations up Chatinka River. Work has already commenced. The ditch, which will cost approximately $1,000,000, will be 80 miles long.

Vancouver Officials Seek Information

A cordial welcome was extended to Aldermen Williams, Stewart and McDonald, City Engineer Clement and Health Officer Underhill of Vancouver, B. C., by the city council last night. The visitors were extended the freedom of the city, and the legislative body was appointed to entertain them while in Seattle. Information regarding crematories was the principal errand of the Vancouver men. Engineer Clements proposed that an expert on crematory building be brought from England in order to construct buildings. It is not probable the city council will consent to such a move. The Vancouver men will visit reservoirs and standpipes of the city and inspect the water works system.

Anticipate Trouble in China

San Francisco, Feb. 14.—(Special)—Major C. A. Devol, general superintendent of the transport service in San Francisco, shares with many army officers apprehension of trouble in the Far East. In an interview today he said: "The awakening of China is here. There were the same rumblings heard previous to the late Boxer outbreak. Every army officer expects trouble in China. An officer who arrived here today from Washington, D. C., on his way to China said he knew the war department had received grave news from China, but was not making it public." The transport Meade is now on her way to Manila, loaded with troops. The transports Warren and Crook lie here ready to go into commission any time orders come from Washington to get them ready.

Convict Still at Large

Bellingham, Feb. 14.—Floyd Loomis, under sentence of 14 years in the state prison for criminal assault, who escaped from the county jail here last night when unguarded, is still at large.

Castellane's Liabilities

Alleged Indebtedness of Count Boni Reaches a Very Large Sum.

Countess Not Inclined to Be Niggardly in Order to Avoid Scandal.

Second Overture for Reconciliation Failed But "Negotiations" Proceed.

PARIS, Feb. 15.—The financial negotiations in the Castellane case do not relate to Count Boni's allowance after separation from his wife, formerly Anna Gould of New York as he has simplified this branch by stating that he does not expect a large amount. The Count's announcement was made to one of the lawyers of the Countess. It was most emphatic and is substantially in terms as follows:

"I declare and I swear to the exactness of my declaration that I not only do not demand but that I will not accept any sum beyond that small amount which constituted my income before my marriage."

The Count thus disposes of the statement to the effect that he refuses $300,000 a year on the ground that it was not sufficient for pocket money. The attitude of the Count leaves the lawyers of the Countess to consider all his outstanding debts.

Which Reach an Enormous Sum

The Castellane marriage contract gives the Countess her separate income not subject to claims for the debts of her husband. This contract ensures the protection of the Countess' fortune against being absorbed in the present controversy and also prevents the Count's creditors from taking legal action against the Countess. At the same time she does not appear disposed to exact the strict letter of the contract, and the financial negotiations are for the purpose of making some arrangement for a compromise with the Count's creditors. The amount involved has been swollen to enormous proportions by excessive charges for money advanced. One gentleman intimately familiar with every detail of the Castellane case said that when people sought advances of money lenders and these advances reached three years ahead of anticipated income the

Borrower Usually Got One-Tenth

while nine-tenths went to the usurers. This applies to the financial situation in the Castellane case. Comparatively small advances now reaching to gigantic aggregate through excessive charges. The extent to which the Countess will voluntarily liquidate these claims is the chief question under consideration and the determination of this will probably determine all the other proceedings. Although the lawyers expect the case to proceed to an early decree they recognize that a slight element of indecision remains on the part of the Countess due to her continued feelings towards her husband and her repugnance to involve her family in a scandal. The facts are from those directly in charge of the Countess' interests, thus showing their desire to testify to the Count's correct attitude. The Count has made a second ineffectual attempt to bring about a reconciliation. The next step will be the service of a writ upon the defendant, but the clerk of the court has not yet received orders to serve the document.

PREPARING FOR EVENTUALITIES.

San Francisco, Feb. 15.—(Special)—The United States army transport Sherman sailed today for Honolulu, Guam and the Philippines with 100 cabin passengers, a few troops and 4,000 tons of military supplies. Among the passengers were Majors-General Brooke and Weston, the latter going to Manila under sealed orders. In army circles it is surmised that he may succeed General Leonard Wood in case the latter should be ordered to China.

PRESERVATION OF GAME.

Nanaimo Free Press Has Something to Say of Interest to Sportsmen.

The Nanaimo Free Press in its issue of Wednesday says: "The organization of a district Rod and Gun Club is along lines that are being taken all over British Columbia for the preservation of game. It is not that game is of so much commercial value to a country, not that it enhances the province in the eyes of the tourist so much, inducing more travel and the attendant benefits to the community visited therefrom; but it is the fact that with abundance of game and having wise laws governing the same that are properly administered, hunting and fishing become a permanent source of pleasurable and healthful recreation to those living in the community where game abounds. Apart from our duty to science and natural history, we owe it to ourselves to see that game is protected. In the past, through wilful and wanton slaughter, some species of game in certain parts of the province have become almost extinct. All the laws in Christendom will not prevent this sort of thing unless enforced. And it is almost an impossibility for government officials to enforce the game preservation laws unless they receive the support of sportsmen. Much of the uncalled for slaughter of game has been not so much through wantonness on the part of sportsmen as thoughtlessness of the results. By example and educating every member of the Rod and Gun Club will bring these matters more prominently before the public and show the wisdom of exercising good judgment and foresight in the preserving of Island game. Each member will be a game warden, as it were, in himself. In the meantime there have been reported some cases of wilful destruction of game in the immediate vicinity that require immediate attention. The members of the new club are well aware of this, and in fact are in possession of the names of some of the miscreants, and it is understood propose to put a stop to the practice forthwith."