Quibbling in The House.

Dr. Borden's Queer Answer to Col. Prior—Imported Iron Workers.

Mining Shares Facing Heavy Tax in London—B. C. Alien Law.

Yukon Management Claimed to Be Best Government Could Do.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, April 17.—Dr. Borden is generally fair to his opponents, but in answering Col. Prior to-day it looks as if the minister of militia was guilty of subterfuge. Col. Prior asked if it were true that Mr. Ludgate had handed back the lease of Deadman's island, to which Dr. Borden replied simply that the lease had not been handed back to him. Now the statement current is not that the lease was handed to the minister himself but to the department, or in other words, to Col. McDonald, superintendent of military stores, and it was therefore a matter of surprise to many to hear the answer which the minister gave.

Imported Laborers.

Col. Prior will ask if the government is aware that men from Pittsburg, Pa., have been imported to work on the construction of a steamer at Lake Bennett. He desires to know if the alien labor act has been put in force in British Columbia.

Tax on Mining Shares.

Sir Charles Tupper has done good service to the mining corporations of Canada who are looking for capital in England by calling attention to the effect of the proposed imposition by the Imperial government of a stamp duty upon colonial as well as foreign bonds, stocks and shares negotiated in England. He pointed out that this question came up on a former occasion, when a proposal was made by Mr. Goschen, then chancellor of the exchequer, to increase the tax on colonial bonds from 2s. 6d. to 10s. per £100 share. Sir Charles was high commissioner at the time, and in conjunction with the agents-general from other colonies at once made remonstrances to Mr. Goschen, with the result that the clause was amended so as to exempt the colonies. He thought it would be well if the attention of Lord Strathcona were drawn to the matter.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said he had been looking into the matter and had read the report sent by Sir Charles Tupper on the occasion alluded to. He had been expecting to hear from Lord Strathcona and had no doubt he would look after Canadian interests without delay.

Sir Charles Tupper left for Brockville this afternoon on a few moments' notice to speak at a meeting which he was announced to address.

Queer Vindication.

Mr. Fielding resumed the debate on the address to-day. He claimed that every charge made against the minister of the interior had been fully met, and that the administration of his department had been clearly vindicated by the discussion which had taken place. (Ironical cheers from opposition). He went over the ground taken by the government speakers, claiming that Mr. Sifton had acted promptly, had appointed the best men available, and had done everything possible to have the affairs of the Yukon fairly administered.

Dr. Sproule commented upon Mr. Sifton's absence from the house. He asked for specific explanations of the limitation placed on Mr. Ogilvie's enquiry. It was useless, he asserted, for the government to say that no specific charges had been made when the country had been ringing with them.

The debate was continued by Messrs. Flint and Mills, of Annapolis.

Trouble in the Camp.

The government is not very anxious to close the present debate, the report being general to-night that there is likely to be a big bolt of Western members when the division bells ring and the ministry are anxious to whip them into line.

Even when Mr. Bertram's amendment is disposed of the debate on the address will not terminate forthwith. Another opposition amendment will be presented expressing the advisability of a parliamentary investigation being held into Yukon affairs.

Japan Getting Restive.

Mr. Nosse, Japanese consul-general at Chicago, arrived here to-night to interview the government on the subject of the anti-Chinese shrdlu 5V. mnY; O,r(the anti-Japanese legislation passed by the British Columbia legislature. He will also see the ministers in connection with the rumored imposition of a duty upon tea.

Job for a Member.

Another of the faithful is going to his reward. It is reported that in a few days Dr. Godbout, M. P. for Beauce, will resign his seat and accept the position of medical superintendent of the quarantine station at Grosse Isle.

Mr. Foster Laid Up.

Mr. Foster met with a serious accident on Saturday evening. He had been talking to a workman who was employed in an outhouse, and after giving some instructions Mr. Foster turned to leave. In doing so, he did not notice a projecting beam, which struck him a severe blow on the temple, cutting an artery and making an incision four inches long. The ex-minister will be confined to his house for several days.

TIRED OF SOLDIERING.

American Volunteers Have Had Enough of Service in the Philippines.

St. Paul, April 17.—Governor Land today sent a message to the legislature urging some action looking towards the speedy return from Manila of the Thirteenth Minnesota volunteers. He stated that all appeals to that end addressed to the President and to the war department have been ignored, "save in few individual cases that were influenced by partizanship." He asserts that the volunteers are being held contrary to law and that he has been notified by Colonel Ames that the regiment desires unanimously to return home.

ROSSLAND'S OUTPUT GROWS.

But Two-Thirds Crosses Boundary on Corbin's Railway—Toronto Lawyer for Mining Suit.

Rossland, April 15.—The output of the camp for the week just closed has reached 3,539 tons. The War Eagle only commenced shipping in earnest on the 12th, but sent to Trail over 1,000 tons during the week.

The famous lawsuit of the Iron Mask Company vs. Centre Star Company will open on Monday before Mr. Justice Walkem. E. P. Davis, Q.C., of Vancouver, and A. H. McNeill, Q.C., of Rossland, will appear for the Iron Mask, and E. V. Bodwell, Q.C., of Victoria, T. P. Galt, of Toronto, and Alex. Galt, of Rossland, will act for the Centre Star. The case will possibly last for three weeks, and is exciting very general interest among mining men all over the country. A large number of expert witnesses are on hand.

Jay P. Graves, director and Western manager of the Big Three Company, inspected the Mascot this week and reports very good progress. During March working one drill for twenty-six days 174 feet were driven in number two tunnel. This is a record for driving in the camp.

The British American Corporation has ordered new plants for the Josie and Number One.

Ore shipments for the week were: Le Roi to Northport, 2,488; War Eagle to Trail, 1,015; Iron Mask to Trail, 36; total, 3,539 tons.

BANDITS ROB AND KILL.

Ten Miles From Havana the Scene of the Desperadoes' Operations.

Havana, April 15.—News has been received from Mariano that 12 or 15 mounted bandits, one dressed as a woman, raided the Pinollos plantation, owned by Senora Puri, two milts south of Caimito and 10 miles from Havana, at daylight yesterday and took $100 in silver from the owner's residence, and afterwards burned the house of the overseer and warehouse, containing $5,000 worth of tobacco.

The bandits rode into Caimito, where they plundered two dwellings and then went to a third, where a dance was in progress. A captain, a sergeant and two Cuban soldiers were present at the dance and went out of the house to see what was the matter and other persons crowded to the doors and windows. The raiders fired a volley at close range, killing the captain and one soldier and two other men who were also inside the building. The bandits then galloped away.

IN BOILING TAR UP TO HIS KNEES.

Awful Accident to Vancouver Workman--Chinese Doctor Illegally Practising.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, April 17.—William Davenport fell into a vat of boiling tar at Morrison & Armstrong's foundry to-day and still lives. Davenport was dipping water-pipes into the vat by machinery, when he slipped and fell. Realizing that he could not save himself, he jerked his body into an upright position and this saved his life. He was immersed up to the knees. He was lifted out immediately and sent to the hospital, suffering terrible agony. His life, however, will probably be saved.

Chase of a Murderer.

Casimir, the Indian who murdered Philip Walker at Kamloops on Saturday, apparently without a motive, is still at large, according to advices from Kamloops this evening. Armed men have been scouring the country without success. Notice of $200 reward has been pasted up in the Indian rancherie, in hope that the Indians will betray his hiding place. Casimir is a desperately bad Indian and may not be taken alive, or if he is will attempt to kill his pursuers.

Shorthand Writers' Union.

The stenographers of Vancouver are now organized with Mackenzie Urquhart as president; May Cliff, vice-president; Sadie Pittipas, treasurer; and Kate Layland, secretary.

Against Chinese Doctor.

An attempt is to be made to prosecute the Chinese doctor in Chinatown for practising without a license.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

No Agreement on Clayton-Bulwer Treaty Revision—Subsidies to Auxiliary Cruisers.

London, April 17.—Answering a question regarding the Clayton-Bulwer treaty in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Broderick said: "Communications regarding the proposed modifications of the treaty have been exchanged between Washington and London, but no agreement has been reached. Under the circumstances it is impossible to present the papers on the subject."

The first lord of the admiralty, Mr. Geo. J. Goschen, on being questioned respecting the subsidies to be paid auxiliary cruisers, said notice had been given to terminate the agreements with the Cunard, White Star, and Peninsular & Oriental steamship companies in order to place the admiralty in a position to review the conditions of the contracts and the selection of the vessels subsidized. There was no intention, he added, of abandoning the subsidy policy. Mr. Goschen declined to give particulars regarding the proposed armaments of auxiliary cruisers.

MANITOBA ELECTIONS.

Starting the Voters' Lists in Preparation for Polling Some Time This Year.

Winnipeg, April 17.—(Special)—A revision of the Manitoba voters' list has been ordered, in preparation for a general provincial election, proclamations being issued to-day appointing registration clerks and revising officers. The revising officers will close their lists on May 16th and the lists are to be finally revised before the 13th of July. This step is necessary owing to the fact that the term of the present legislature will expire next February and the voters' lists must be prepared within a year before the date of general elections.

It is expected that the election will be held in November although it is possible the contest may take place soon after the prorogation of the adjourned session of the house in July. The registration clerks for the Winnipeg divisions are J. A. Davis, R. C. Macdonald and D. Forrester with Judges Walker and Prudhomme as revising officers.

Boss Croker Takes the Bit

"Tammany Right Through" His Programme for New York.

The People Voted for the Organization and Will Have It.

No Harm in Evading Civil Service Law Whenever Possible.

By Associated Press.

New York, April 17.—Before the Mazet investigation committee to-day Mr. Moss asked Mr. Croker how much he paid for his stock in the bond company and whether the stock was given to him upon the formation of the company. Mr. Croker refused to answer and Mr. Moss requested the committee to direct the witness to answer. Mr. Mazet so directed. "Will you answer, Mr. Croker?" "No, sir," said the witness firmly. Mr. Moss asked Mr. Croker again if he had given his son Frank $17,000 with which to buy stock in the Roebling Construction Company. Mr. Croker declined to answer. Chairman Mazet instructed him to answer, and he refused. The same thing occurred when Mr. Moss asked how much stock of the Auto-truck Company Mr. Croker held and how much he paid for his interest in that concern. Mr. Croker said these questions had nothing to do with city affairs.

Mr. Croker said he thought the city would be much better without a civil service law. Mr. Moss asked. "As the leader of the party, when I tell you that there are men, members of your organization, ostensibly laborers, a pointed by your heads of departments who are doing clerical work for the purpose of defeating the civil service law—what would you do about that, if anything?"

"I am not prepared to say what I would do. If I was commissioner I might take a different view than what I do now. I don't direct matters in the departments at all; I have nothing to do with them."

"You see no harm in taking a laborer and making a clerk out of him?" asked Mr. Moss.

"Not if he complied with the law," replied Mr. Croker. "If it is a convenience to them and for the good of the department, it is all right."

When Mr. Moss said that Mr. Croker had found that in business matters like that of Peter Meyer & Co., members of the organization could help each other, Mr. Croker said angrily: "You are trying to make us out a pack of thieves in one combination together, and you can't do it."

"And you think that these questions incate that persons who do these things are thieves," queried Mr. Moss.

"That is what you are trying to get at" said Mr. Croker, thoroughly aroused. "I say that the people of the city of New York, when they voted for our ticket, they voted to put in the organization and believe in the organization, believe that the organization should run this city, and when you were put out of the police board that is what you were put out for, because you were not an organization man."

Mr. Moss remarked that it was evident that Mr. Croker realized the "seriousness of the occasion."

The Tammany leader retorted: "Not very serious. I am not going away. I am going to stay here until the circus is over."

"You are not going to Europe," said Mr. Moss.

"You have interfered with it pretty much," was the retort.

Mr. Croker declared that he had not said that he would never resign from the leadership of Tammany Hall. He had merely stated that he would remain in Tammany Hall as long as he lived. Mr. Croker said he had not paid his last year's personal tax on $50,000 because the mortgage on his real estate amounted to more than the taxes.

"What personal estate did you have when you went to make your affidavit in the tax office?" asked Mr. Moss.

"Nothing," said Mr. Croker.

"That is what I meant when I asked you the question, perhaps by an objectionable term, whether you were not 'broke' when you came back from England," said Mr. Moss.

"No, sir, I was not," replied the witness, "and," he added, "I brought back some English money with me."

"You want a municipal gas plant, don't you?" said Mr. Moss.

"Yes," said Mr. Croker."

"With contracts carried out by members of the organization?"

"Yes."

Mr. Croker had never heard that when the Third Avenue Railway Co. received a permit to open the streets and instal their electrical equipment, there was a large payment made by some one connected with it, in the interest of Tammany Hall, to himself, to Mr. Freedman, to any commissioner or to any leader. He knew nothing about such a payment.

"Have you not during the last year received large sums of money from individuals which were not your profit or earnings from any business?" asked Mr. Moss.

"No," said Mr. Croker, and he repeated his answer.

Mr. Moss said that he had some questions that had been drawn up by lawyers who were taking an interest in the matter of judicial assessments, but he would defer them until a future time. "Mr. Croker has said he is going to stay with us, and we can give him a little rest," said Mr. Moss. "I think, Mr. Croker, we will subpoena you for the time being for a week from to-day, and if there be anything to change our plans we will let you know before that."

The committee adjourned to Friday morning at 10:30.

SWELL INDIAN'S CRIME.

Was Once a Judge in Texas but Now Has Killed Wife and Family.

Paris, Texas, April 15.—Solomon Hatoma, while intoxicated, shot and killed his wife, child and brother at his house, near here. Hatoma is a full-blooded Choctaw, and was for a long time judge of Klamiti county. He is under arrest.

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PETER WHITE'S COMPARISON.

Government Holding Office by Smaller Vote Than Was Polled on Prohibition Issue.

Brockville, April 17.—(Special)—Addressing a Conservative meeting here, Hon. Peter White, the candidate, said Sir Wilfrid Laurier had declared that the verdict of 29 per cent. of the electors did not enable the government to determine whether the sentiment of the people of Canada was in favor of prohibition, yet the government of to-day was holding office and administering public affairs on the authority of only 28 per cent. of the electors.

The present election he considered was especially important because it afforded the people an opportunity to say whether they believed the government had carried out its pledges or whether the ministers at Ottawa had violated every promise they had made. He contended that the latter was the case, therefore he confidently appealed to the people to give him their votes on Thursday.

TRADE OF THE WEEK.

Local Reports Among the Best in the Satisfactory Canadian Record.

By Associated Press.

New York, April 14.—Dun's Review says: Canadian reports for the week show no important change in conditions of business, though owing to more favorable weather on the whole trade has improved. At St. John trade is very fair in groceries and good in dry goods and clothing, with increased business in builders' materials, and fishing supplies. Spring trade is stimulated by favorable prospects, though collections continue slow. Weather conditions at Quebec are rather unfavorable in the city for trade and collections. Country roads about Montreal are unsettled, and some lines of business are hardly as active as they should be, but the general business tone is satisfactory and failures are unimportant. Seasonable weather at Toronto has helped the sorting up trade. Builers' supplies are in active demand, manufacturers are busy and prices are firm. There is a good demand in groceries and dry goods at Hamilton, with metals active and collections fair. Jobbers in groceries, dry goods and boots and shoes note improvement at Winnipeg, and retail trade steadily increases, though collections are only fair.

Trade at Vancouver is unchanged, but Northern shipments continue active, with regular business averaging well. Builders' operations are quite brisk and collections are easy. Trade at Victoria is in a healthy condition, with collections very good.

New York, April 14.—Bank clearances for the Dominion of Canada are as follows:

Montreal, inc. 71.3 per cent.	$14,942,050
Toronto, inc. 60.3 per cent.	9,821,563
Winnipeg, inc. 31.5 per cent.	1,654,717
Halifax, inc. 8.8 per cent.	1,209,519
Victoria	955,596
Vancouver	947,009
Hamilton, inc. 21 per cent.	737,865
St. John, inc. 31 per cent.	595,760

New York, April 14.—Bradstreet's of tomorrow will say: Real spring weather has improved the look of general trade, particularly at retail, and correspondingly helped distribution, but at the same time brought last winter's injury to the winter wheat crop more in evidence. The regular monthly government crop report proved rather more favorable than expected, foreshadowing on the basis of last fall's largely increased acerage a yield a little below that of last season. The unanimity of later damage reports would seem to point to full information regarding the crop not being obtainable at the date when the government advices were gathered. Wheat prices for the first time this season may be said this week to have actually reflected crop damage reports. Other cereals are but little changed, while the movement of our breadstuffs abroad at present seemed to be on a less scale. Among the favorable features coming to light this week might be mentioned the receipts of continued good railroad earnings reports, advices of widespread activity accompanied by rather less than usual friction as reflected in strikes for higher wages and a largely improvid distribution of wool which appears to have wakened at last from its long sleep. Sales of this staple indeed are the heaviest reported for many weeks past, mills inside and outside of the combinations having brought freely of territory and other domestic grades. Large quantities of wool, however, have been bought for re-export. English buyers bidding freely for high-grade American sorts. The strength of raw sugar has finally been reflected in higher rates for refined hard grades of which are firm at the advance, while softs have been shaded. Indications are the Cuban crop will be smaller than last year, and the weather in Louisiana is reported as still unfavorable to plant growth. The iron and steel industry remains firm, though the tone of the market is quieter. Iron production is increasing, out consumptive requirements are urgent. The lumber market is active at wholesale. Stocks are small and prices manifest aggressive strength. There is a fair demand for coal, but milder weather tends to discourage large stocks.

Women with pale, colorless faces, who feel weak and discouraged, will receive both mental and bodily vigor by using Carter's Iron Pills, which are made for the blood, nerves and complexion.

NEW RULE IN BERLIN.

Self Government to Be Taken from the City and Emperor Assuming Direction of Affairs.

Berlin, April 17.—The entire German press is greatly alarmed by the news that Emperor William intends to introduce in the Prussian diet a measure creating the city of Berlin and its suburbs into a separate province and largely destroying the present self-government of the municipality.

The Berliner Tageblatt publishes today further details of the plan, which it says has existed for some time. Der Reichsbote and other conservative papers approve of the project.

THE CUTCH RELOADING.

Another Crowd of Celestials Leave on the Vancouver Liner.

Steamer Cutch, which reached Vancouver from the North on Saturday, came down to Victoria yesterday to commence loading for the return voyage. She has already booked what will give her a good load. A large number of Chinese have been ticketed to travel on her to the northern canneries, and according to the purser nearly every berth has been engaged at Vancouver. Her freight from here consists mostly of cannery supplies.

TO MAKE DEAF HEAR.

Device for Augmenting Vibratioin Successfully Tried in Alabama.

Mobile, Ala., April 16.—Reese Hutchinson, a young electrician graduate of Auburn college, Alabama, is exhibiting here his apparatus for making the deaf hear. He augments vibration and enables deaf-mutes to hear words spoken in ordinary tones. The apparatus is the size of a pocket book, and is connected by wires with an audiphone, which is held at the ear. Two totally deaf men were experimented with. They stood fifty feet from the piano and marked the time of the music, laughing with delight over the novel experience.

CHINESE AND BRITISH SCRAP.

Villagers Resent Change of Masters and Troops Have to Quell Disturbance.

Hongkong, April 17.—The villagers of Taipoosu, one of the newly acquired places in the British territory on the Hongkong mainland, who broke out in rebellion Friday, burned some of the British mat sheds and then retired to the hills and fired upon the British troops who were sent to quell the disturbances. The British returned the fire, scattering the Chinese and killing some. The British suffered no casualties.

As the result of the conflict the governor of Hongkong went immediately in the cruiser Brisk with another regiment, landed and hoisted the British flag in the Kowloon extension. The Chinese head men sent deputation to apologize for the disorders.

BIG FIRE IN CLEVELAND.

Property Loss Three-Quarters of a Million—Many Lives in Danger.

Cleveland, April 15.—The immense wholesale millinery establishment of Hart & Co., occupying an entire block from Bank to Academy streets, was burned to-day, being totally destroyed, though twenty engines, a water-tower and two fire-boxes threw a deluge of water into it. The fire originated in the four-story brick building occupied by Comey & Johnson, hat manufacturers, and spread with lightning rapidity throughout the entire structure and to the adjoining brick block occupied by Hart & Co., wholesale milliners, and several other firms. Both buildings were crowded with hundreds of girls. Many of them were carried down fire escapes by firemen. About a dozen men were cut off from escape in the Hart building and ran to the roof and began to cry for assistance. The crowd below looked on, begging the unfortunates to wait for ladders. The firemen eventually succeeded in getting all safely to the ground. Harry Hyket was burned about the face and head, condition critical; and R. J. Rockert and three unknown men badly burned; while several firemen were slightly scorched.

The flames spread to the Franklin block, occupied by Reed Bros. & Co., wholesale millinery, and P. Black & Co., manufacturers of ladies' cloaks. The firemen succeeded in saving this building, but the loss on stock from smoke and water will be heavy. After two and a half hours the fire was brought under control. The total loss is estimated at from $600,000 to $700,000, partially covered by insurance.

THE EMPRESS OF JAPAN.

Big C. P. R. Liner Left Last Night for the Far East.

Last night the R. M. S. Empress of Japan got off for the Orient. She has a full cargo and carries the following saloon list of passengers: L. W. Brown, of San Francisco, for Yokohama; H. Kamoda, Kobe; E. Dequicker, H. R. Hunt, Chicago, for Yokohama; J. Bullock, Chicago; L. E. Bohn, J. T. Lawrence, New York, for Yokohama; R. A. Ross, H. D. Morrison, Mrs. Reeves, Boston, for Hongkong; Mr. Cattley and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Pratt and party, Minneapolis; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hunt, H. Pauli, A. Goldman, San Francisco, for Yokohama; T. B. Blow.

NANAIMO NOTES.

Spring Assizes Opening To-day—A Nest of Eagles—Coal Vessels' Movements.

Nanaimo, April 17.—(Special)—The steamship Titania arrived on Sunday and sailed this morning for Port Los Angeles with 5,600 tons of coal.

The steamship Bristol arrived yesterday from San Francisco for a cargo of Wellington coal.

A local lodge of Eagles was organized here yesterday.

The Trent river bridge disaster is the only case to be presented to the grand jury at the spring assise court, opening to-morrow morning.

THE CITY AND SURBURBAN.

Montreal, April 17.—(Special)—A Star cable says: The City and Suburban handicap, distance 1¼ miles, will be run over the Derby course at Epsom on Wednesday. The latest betting on probable starters is as follows: Survivor, 7 to 1; Samaritan, 7 to 1; Wild Irishman, 8 to 1; Pheap, 8 to 1; Winsome, 9 to 1; Carteris, 9 to 1; Newhaven, 9 to 1; Tom Cringle, 12 to 1; Greenan, 14 to 1; Gaylothair, 14 to 1; Portmarnock, 25 to 1; Hearwood, 25 to 1; Sinopi, 25 to 1; Savory, 33 to 1; Sati, 40 to 1; Lifeshire, 40 to 1; Wolfshope, 50 to 1.

LONDON SWELLS SUFFER.

London, April 17.—The metropolis narnowly escaped a calamity to-day which might have rivalled the Windsor hotel fire in New York city. Hyde Park Court, Albert Gate, one of the finest of the fashionable blocks of residential flats overlooking Rotten Row, caught fire at half past nine this morning. The building, which is eleven stories high, was built by the notorious Jabez Spence Balfour. The fire broke out in the lower part of the building and spread up the elevator shaft with great rapidity. The people in the upper stories escaped with great difficulty. The flames were not under control until one o'clock, when the upper part of the structure was gutter.

STARVED NERVES.

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A GERMAN CAUGHT RED-HANDED.

Seen Directing Samoans Who Killed British and American Sailors.

By Associated Press.

London, April 17.—The parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, Mr. Broderick, replying in the House of Commons to-day to Mr. Davitt, said that the manager of the German plantation near Apia was arrested by the senior British naval officer on sworn evidence that he was seen directing the natives who ambushed the naval landing parties.

This action, Mr. Broderick added, was taken without the naval officer having an opportunity of communicating with the home government. In conclusion, Mr. Broderick said: "We are informed that he was handed over to the commander of the German warship Falke, on the promise that he would be detained on board."

Mr. Broderick said authority had been given the British representative at Apia to join if he should deem it advisable in a joint proclamation with the other consuls calling upon the inhabitants to abstain from hostilities pending the arrival of the Samoan commissioners. But he added Her Majesty's commanding officer would be bound to take measures for the protection of British lives and property should these be threatened by either of the rival factions. The telegraphic reports received did not afford sufficient materials in which to judge the cause of the recent hostilities, but so far as ascertainable, the action of the United States and British naval commanders had been caused by some aggression against British subjects or United States citizens or their property, which they were bound to defend.

DOMINION NEWS NOTES

Special to the Colonist.

Seven Locomotives Destroyed

Winnipeg, April 17.—A Fort William despatch says the large round-house of the C.P.R. was partially destroyed by fire to-night. Seven of the company's newest locomotives were destroyed, and the total loss will be over $60,000. A heavy wind was blowing, but a brick wall saved the machine shop from destruction. Several locomotives were taken out unharmed.

Safe Blowers' Hauls.

Winnipeg, April 17.—Early this morning the Massey-Harris office at Treherne was broken into and the safe blown open by gunpowder. About $400 belonging to S. A. Magaw, of Winnipeg, and $100 to the Northern Elevator Company was stolen. The office was badly shattered. There is no clue to the thief.

Montreal, April 17.—Burglars blew open the safe in Man's drug store on St. Antoine street this morning. The explosion wrecked the whole building.

The Oxford restaurant on University street also was robbed, the safe being blown open and $1,000 stolen.

Van Horne's Outing.

Montreal, April 17.—Sir Wm. Van Horne will spend several weeks in British Columbia on his forthcoming trip to the West.

Canadian Pacific receipts for the week ending April 14 were $525,000; for the same week in 1898, $451,000.

Drowned.

Brantford, April 17.—Thos. Lowe was drowned while crossing Grand river today.

Deseronto, April 17.—Three fishermen, Jacob Oak, M. T. McKittrick and William Vanwark, left here on Saturday night in a small boat for their home near Bowless Ferry. The boat was found drifting bottom upwards yesterday, and it is feared the men were drowned.

Horse Show Over.

Toronto, April 17.—The horse show closed Saturday night, after a very successful week. The Governor-General and party returned to Ottawa Saturday night.

Methodist Missions.

Toronto, April 17.—Rev. Dr. Sutherland, missionary secretary of the Methodist church, left to-day for the Northwest and British Columbia.

Backing Out of Philippines.

Americans Find It Impossible to Hold Territory Outside of Manila.

Hundred Thousand Men Would be Required to Subdue the Islands.

By Associated Press.

New York, April 17.—A World despatch from Manila says Major-Gen. Lawton to-day authorized the World correspondent to make this statement: "The present prospect is that 100,000 troops will be necessary to pacify the Philippine Islands."

Gen. Lawton's expedition has been ordered to Manila and is preparing to return there immediately. All territory he captured is to be evacuated, and all launches seized restored to their original owners, that is, they will be given back to the persons from whom Aguinaldo's soldiers took them.

After giving the opinion that 100,000 men will be required to subdue the Islanders, Gen. Lawton explained as follows: "The difficulties in the way are those of fighting guerillas in a tropical country. With my brigade I could force my way from one end of the island to the other, if I did not have to hold the territory traversed. By leaving garrisons behind it would soon eat up my whole force."

Gen. Lawton regretted exceedingly that he will be compelled to evacuate the territory captured.

London, April 17.—The Times, commenting editorially to-day upon Major-Gen. Lawton's retirement from Laguna de Bay district in Luzon, finds in it nothing surprising or discouraging. "British generals have often had to do the same thing," says the Times, "in similar circumstances. A much graver matter is the reported discontent of the American troops, but here also all countries pursuing a foreign policy have had the same difficulties to contend with, and no doubt the United States will soon find it advisable to enlist a regular force for the purpose of holding the Philippines. Foreign possessions cannot be held by volunteers."

OBITUARY.

London, April 17.—Sir Rose Lambert Price, Bart., the author and soldier, is dead. He was born in 1837.

Lady Frances Anne Emily, Duchess of Marlborough, daughter of the third Marquis of Londonderry and widow of the seventh Duke of Marlborough, died suddenly this morning of bronchial catarrh, after a short illness.

New York, April 17.—Robert Blizzert, who founded the Cenoral Labor Union in 1882, one of the best known labor men in New York, died at his home in this city.

Columbus, O., April 17.—Right Rev. John Ambrose Watterson, Bishop of the diocese of Columbus, died suddenly at his house here to-day.

THE RECORD TRIP.

Dawson to Skagway Recently Covered by M. A. Mahoney in Ten Days.

M. A. Mahoney, the Yukon mail carrier, is a guest at the Hotel Victoria, having arrived from the North on the steamer Laurada. In an interview he said:

"We left Dawson March 21, at 9 o'clock. Judge Morphet was my passenger, the contract being that I should land him at Skagway in fourteen days for $700, and pay $100 for every day over that time. When we pulled into Skagway on the afternoon of March 31, it was just 5 o'clock. I claim the record, having made the trip in ten days and eight hours.

"There is nothing new to say regarding Dawson. I made a trip to Eagle City, in Alaska, and heard the most favorable reports of the mines in the Forty-Mile Creek district. Discovery claim, on Chicken creek, and the one adjoining it, are paying the owners big mone—they will take out thousands of dollars."

Mahoney left Seattle January 15, with a contract to carry 2,200 pounds of delayed mail to the Yukon camps. This mail was handled by P. C. Richardson, the government mail contractor. It was turned over to Mahoney, who hired three men and purchased twenty-seven dogs. He left Skagway February 1 and reached Dawson February 26.

LOGS ARE SCARCE.

Sayward Mill Imports a Big Boom From the American Side.

Tug Hope came in yesterday with a very large boom of New Whatcom logs for the Sayward mill. There is said to be a scarcity of logs on the Canadian side, not that timber is lacking, but because of the loggers in many camps along the coast quitting their regular vocation and joining the throngs bound for the Atlin and Klondike districts. As for the wealth of timber in British Columbia, there are sections on the southern end of Vancouver Island which it might be said have never been touched. One who had just seen Otter Point for the first time, said the other day that the big cedars there were among the largest found on the coast, the measurement near the trunk of a stately-looking sky-scraper showing the giant to be 36 feet in circumference.

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By-Law to Shut Enjoyments Pass Reading

Movement Also to Suburbs by Water Sup

The longest meeting th cil has held in many we yesterday evening, wher items of business the Su law passed its second r first and principal claus the committee stage. the mayor to introduce tion a provision prohibiti ance of any work or labo for which wage or othe is received, was defeate ducers and friends of though Ald. Hayward action as the acme of in the adjournment, which until 11:15, the by-law consideration in committe ness of the long night in pointment of a special investigate the Craigflow tion and suggest a method termination—either by the road or through its repai aldermen dispersed, a qu Hayward elicited the inf the mayor that absolutely had been heard from Mr. of Toronto, the latest ap office of city engineer.

First in the order of was a letter from F. Elwo of the board of trade, copy of a letter from Martin of the Jarrah For Australia, in which wa trial here of the jarrah southern waters unsheat teredo. The city enginee matter dealt with under

TRAMWAY IMPRO

Local Manager A. T. British Columbia Electric formed the council of the company to improve the line by laying with heav asked that the proper s furnished.

This matter, the mayor already receiving the at engineer. In passing, would be well for the cou the desirability of havi placed in the centre of th the tracks were relaid.

This suggestion met wit the aldermen, and Mr. went on file, the engineer to give the required company being asked track in relaying.

A second letter from M nounced that his compa ready to commence work porary bridge over James cil having some time ago sion—as explained by t erect a temporary bridge promptly when a permane steel or stone bridge had by the city.

Considerable debate ar protest by Ald. Hayward care should be taken by this matter, in order that temporary bridge should with the construction of permanent bridge or roadway way management asked tion of their temporary b them by the engineer, and agreed that the engineer pr placing the proposed stru east of the street line—an the council next Monday, company making no mo plan has been approved manic board.

DRAIN NUISAN

F. B. Pemberton com health-destroying drain avenue running from Combe's residence, and that a box drain be substi open ditch. Chris. Morley tention to the dangerous Waddington alley. Both munications will be consi city engineer, who will als request from Isabella Spec on a portion of Cadboro B

LIBRARY QUART

Secretary Eaton of the b school trustees forwarded of that body, dated April that when the fire departm to the market hall and the is installed where the firem their home, the present libr be placed at the disposal board.

This letter was received the mayor remarking: "Thi the council." It was decid communication and inform that the council has no int ever of removing the librar quarters now occupied.

MODERN SEWA

Philip Fewster asked the by the council of the sup tages of the septic system o posal. He proposed visit shortly to study this and o questions, and asked if he any assistance to Victoria travels. He will be inform council does not propose at make any change in the sy in disposing of sewage, the tion being filed.

TO QUARANTINE M

Ian St. Clair offered th that the municipal health amended that measles be the same restrictions as di scarlet fever. The city m officer will be asked to rep desirability of adopting M suggestion.

OUTSIDE WATER SE

The question of the otherwise of supplying wat tic purposes to residents city limits was introduced from L. J. Quagliotti (for who asked that city water to certain property owned pen just outside the city, water she will be enabled tenant.

Another letter of very came from F. M. Ratte stated that he intends bui dence at Oak Bay, and asked to connect with the city wa

This was vigorously opp Humphrey, who urged the be granted those who go ou limits in erecting their r order to evade payment of His feeling in this mat