

Not Very Promising

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U. S. ARMY SCANDALS

How Some of the Government Money Was Spent at Manila.

Manila, April 15.—The trial of Commissary-Sergeant John Weston, charged with conspiracy in the commissary funds is finished. No verdict was announced, and Weston's conviction is uncertain. Other trials of those implicated will follow. Capt. James C. Read, former depot commissary at Manila has been arrested. It is alleged that entries upon the books of Evans & Co., government contractors indicate that the commissary officers received the following sums: Major G. B. Davies, upwards of \$1,000; Capt. James C. Read, \$1,000; Capt. F. H. Lawton, \$750; Mr. B. Tremaine, Col. Woodruff's chief clerk, \$700. It also appears that Evans & Co. furnished the handsome residence of Col. Woodruff. It is also asserted that the commissary who is now under arrest, was notoriously lavish in entertaining commissary and other officers while the depot commissary was in office. He is alleged to have frequently visited the depot commissary's house at Pits house, and to have frequently visited the depot commissary's house at Pits house, and to have frequently visited the depot commissary's house at Pits house.

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Hospital Ball at Chemainus

The First Annual Dance of the Women's Auxiliary of the Hospital.

From Our Own Correspondent. The first annual ball given by the women's auxiliary of the Chemainus General Hospital which took place on Friday night at Chemainus hall—an ideal place for the pleasant function—was a most enjoyable affair, notwithstanding they had to go more than a hundred miles in order to take part, a number of Victorians participated in the event. The women's auxiliary had been hard at work preparing for the ball and the completeness of the decoration and equipment of the dancing hall, comfortable cozy corners, and supper room, attested to the splendid manner in which they had set out for themselves. When the closing bars of "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King" had been sounded, these ladies experienced the satisfaction which comes to those who accomplish the object of their endeavor. The evening's entertainment, which had been a success, and a brilliant success at that.

STABBED BY A SNEAK THIEF

Mr. Gus Borde and His Son Louis Wounded by Fred Plump.

Mr. Gus Borde's birthday party will long be remembered by the guests who were assembled round the hospitable table, and being longer than the evening's entertainment, furnished the necessary incentive to memory. A young man named Fred Plump or Plummer is now in the cells with the grave charge of stabbing Auguste Borde and his son Louis Borde, as well as the sensational features of a serious stabbing affray which was not down to the evening's entertainment, furnished the necessary incentive to memory.

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CUMBERLAND INVESTIGATION

Jury Not Agreeing Coroner Adjourned the Matter Till Nanaimo Assizes.

From Our Own Correspondent. The coroner's jury to inquire into the Cumberland No. 6 shaft disaster were sent out at 9:30 o'clock on Saturday night, and at 12 o'clock not having agreed, an adjournment was taken until 12:15 Monday morning. The coroner did not turn up then, and in answer to an inquiry at his residence, stated that he would not take the verdict until 9 o'clock on Monday. However, in answer to a summons from the jury, he received the jury at 3 a.m. without having any result as yet. The jury having announced disagreement, the coroner adjourned the matter to the next Nanaimo assizes, without inquiring from the jury as to whether they were agreed. The result is that the inquiry so far is wholly without result, as all available evidence, including that of several experts, has been taken, the proceedings lasting four days. The matter will now come before a Supreme court judge at Nanaimo assizes, on the 23rd instant.

ASK INTERVENTION

Bulgarians Ask Powers' Aid Against Persecution by Turkey. Sofia, Bulgaria, April 15.—At an open meeting held here to-day, at which 10,000 people were present, a resolution was passed protesting against the arrest of the member of the Macedonian committee and condemning the attitude of Russia on the Macedonian question. The meeting expressed itself as in favor of asking for European intervention against the persecution of Bulgarians by Turkey. The demonstration passed off quietly. Numerous similar meetings have been held in the province.

PROMOTING BUSINESS

United States Investigating the Conditions of Trade in Russia. St. Petersburg, April 15.—Mr. Frank A. Vanderbilt, formerly secretary of the United States treasury, is in St. Petersburg. He is investigating conditions with a view to promoting business relations between the United States and Russia.

Cool Steele Denies

Says Lord Strathcona Did Not Give Him Present. Montreal, April 15.—Cool Steele to-day denied the story that Lord Strathcona had given him \$25,000 for his services in South Africa with Strathcona's horse.

Up-to-Date Styles at WELLS BROS.

Latest Novelties From Paris, Berlin, London.

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MOUNT SICKER

Building Going on at a Lively Rate—More Improvements.

Mount Sicker, April 14.—A post office money order department is now established at the Mount Sicker post office, and the obliging postmaster, Mr. Ed. Kierstead, is jubilant over the prospects of the large mail he will handle. Mr. H. H. Fletcher, the post office inspector, was on the ground and instructed the postmaster in his new duties.

Rushed A Laager

Rawlinson's Columns Surprise Boers and Make Important Capture. London, April 15.—The War Office has received the following despatch from Lord Kitchener dated Pretoria, April 15: "Col. Sir Henry Rawlinson's column rushed the south laager, northwest of Klerksfontein at daylight. Six Boers were killed, two wounded and twenty-three taken prisoner.

Twelve Pounder Besides Pom and Ammunition Among the Spoil.

"He captured a 12-pounder, one pom-pom complete and two ammunition wagons with ammunition. Our casualties were three wounded.

Col. Plumer captured a field cornet and seven men, with ten wagons and eighteen mules.

Dunlop Col. Pilcher's Operations in Orange River Colony seven Boers were killed."

The British newspapers and magazines, commenting upon the alternating periods of hope and apprehension which characterize the late stages of the South African campaign, compare these with the later stages of the United States War of Independence, as though to emphasize these fluctuations.

While the letters of responsible correspondents in Pretoria depict the situation in a rather despondent mood, the Victoria representative of the Daily Mail sends to-day a despatch of the most hopeful character.

"The next few weeks," he says, "will see a resumption of active campaigning. Lord Kitchener will resume his sweeping operations. He has an army of 200,000 efficient troops, including 60,000 mounted men, with a good supply of stores, 10,000 mules having been secured in Cape Colony alone.

"The army is in good spirits and Lord Kitchener is confident with the progress of events, slow though it seems."

PROBATION

General Public Not Interested in Closing Ontario House. Toronto, April 15.—(Special)—The ceremony of proroguing the legislature this afternoon was witnessed by a bare score of spectators. The speaker, Mr. J. M. Stewart, was instructed to counter with general public. Lieut.-Gov. Sir Oliver Mowat was in good health and performed the duty.

Six thousand dollars was paid to-day for a seat on the Toronto Stock Exchange. The last seat, sold about six weeks ago, brought \$4,000.

STATE OF SIEGE

Odesa and Other Russian Towns Prepared Against Riots. London, April 15.—Until after the Russian Easter, says the Odesa correspondent of the Daily Express, the town of Odesa, Kiev, Kharkoff, Ekaterinburg, Ekaterinoslav and Nikolaijev will be held virtually in a state of siege.

All the public buildings are occupied by the troops. The streets are patrolled by Cossacks and assemblages are forbidden. These conditions result from a fear of the renewal of the student riots.

SILVER BARS STOLEN

Taken from a Steamer Lying at a New Jersey Dock. Newark, N. J., April 15.—It has been discovered that forty bars of silver bullion, valued in all at \$1,200, have been stolen from the steamer Lido, now lying at the New Jersey dock. The bars, valued at \$200 each, were secured by the watchman on the deck when engaged in dragging boxes containing the bullion into the yards.

WATCH CASE STRIKE

Men in New Jersey Factories Walk Out. Newark, N. J., April 15.—Over 500 employees of the watch case factories of the Crescent Watch Case Co. and the Concourse Watch Case Co. are on strike to-day. The men are demanding a 10 per cent increase in wages. The national engineers and watchmakers' association has been notified when informed this morning that their unions would be no longer recognized by their firms, immediately left their work.

COMING TO CANADA

English University Athletes to Meet McGill and Toronto. Montreal, April 15.—A letter was received to-day from the management of the Oxford-Cambridge track team, which is expected to compete with McGill and Harvard in September, asking if a meeting could not also be arranged with representatives of McGill and Toronto universities. The Canadian universities are willing to do what they can.

Piles

To prove to you that Dr. Chase's Ointment is a reliable and absolute cure for each and every form of Piles, we have prepared a circular containing full particulars of the Ointment, and a list of the names of the Druggists, Chemists, and Dealers in the various parts of the Dominion of Canada, who sell and dispense it.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

A Business Meeting—Interesting Discovery at Cowichan Lake. There was no paper read at the meeting of the Natural History Society on Monday, but a large amount of business was transacted, it being the first regular meeting after the annual meeting, and the recent conversations of Mr. Crane submitted specimens of petrified coral, taken from a reef on the south side of Cowichan Lake, opposite Ootouwano point, which were interesting as belonging to the carboniferous age and revealing a new stone of the geological formation of the latter period.

The treasurer's report showed an available balance of about \$200 in the treasury. The annual report of the Vancouver Historical and Science Association was read and received. A long discussion ensued on a list of place names submitted for consideration. Mr. Anderson reported on a rare insect found at Chemainus, which Dr. Fletcher thought was a new species. Mr. Anderson also brought up for discussion a theory of the propagation of the cutworm, so numerous last year.

COAST LEGISLATION

You Must Pay a License in Arkansas Before You Drink. Little Rock, April 15.—This state passed a bill making it unlawful for any person to drink intoxicating liquor as a beverage unless he or she shall have first obtained a license—a dram drinker. The license is fixed at \$5 per annum.

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Petition from Vancouver Forwarded to the Government.

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