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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Fire at Nanaimo—The Tapley Suite at Vancouver—The "Ermine" Performance.

Accidentally Shot—Westminster's Liberal-Conservative Association—Doings at the Mines.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER. Feb. 17.—On Saturday \$8 was offered for two \$1 seats for the Ermine performance. The Ermine Company, to whom the offer was made, declined to consider the proposition, as they wish to discourage speculation in seats. Owing to the many hundreds who did not get seats and want them, a third performance will probably be given, and in all probability performance in Nanaimo and Victoria.

Mrs. Tapley has been prostrated with grief since the suicide of her son, and is practically helpless. Yesterday the poor old lady fell down stairs and severely injured herself, aggravating her serious condition.

Mr. Aubrey Rounsell is leaving Vancouver to go on the American stage.

WESTMINSTER. Feb. 17.—An Indian named John Sparrow shattered his hand and arm by the accidental discharge of his gun when out shooting at the North Arm. He was taken to St. Mary's hospital and a portion of the hand amputated.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Liberal-Conservative Association on Saturday night: President, T. A. King; vice-presidents for Westminster, W. B. Townsend, S. A. Fletcher, W. H. Gordon, R. McBride, Dr. Boggs; for the district, the district presidents; secretary, P. M. Watson; treasurer, O. S. Keath.

An accident happened at Port Haney on Friday to a young man named Frank Haney. His leg was broken by a heavy timber falling on it.

NANAIMO. Feb. 17.—The Nanaimo Literary and Athletic Club have appointed a committee to interview Mr. S. M. Robins regarding the early use of the old court house as gymnasium and club headquarters. It is also expected that the city will grant the club financial assistance towards the purchase of needed apparatus.

A few charred and blackened timbers are all that remain of Mr. Dunbar's comfortable home, which was burned down on Friday night. The loss is variously estimated at from \$1,200 to \$1,300, while the insurance amounts to \$300, \$500 on the house and \$300 on the furniture. The brigade did everything that could be expected. In the absence of a proper fire alarm system much time was lost in telephoning for a team for the hook and ladder wagon, while the men had to make the best time that they could on foot with the hose cart.

MIDWAY. (From the Advance.)

The Cariboo company will not allow anything to stand in the way of proving the enormous extent and value of their property at Camp McKinney, and they are now dropping a shaft at the end of the drift recently run on the ore body, and by following the vein down will soon determine just at what depth to start the next drift on the lead so as to give them plenty of stopping ground. Another drift on ore started 60 feet below the present one would give them 120 feet of stopping, which extended at 300 feet in length, which would insure the ore for a four or five years' run with the mill's present stamping capacity. For nearly two years the Cariboo has held first place as a free gold quartz producer, and by present indications the mine will hold the position for many years to come.

John Weir, who was here in connection with the Thompson and Fowler deal, left on Wednesday last for Spokane, after having made arrangements with the owners of three of the properties included in the deal for the transfer of their interests.

ROSSLAND. (From the Rossland Prospector.)

A. B. Irwin returned Thursday from Chicago, where he met the members of the Trail Creek Mining Company, owners of the Columbia, Kootenay, Copper Jack, Tip Top and other properties on Columbia Mountain, one mile northeast of Rossland. While at Chicago Mr. Irwin saw the machinery which the company expects to send here and use in honeycombing Columbia Mountain.

The records show that considerable assessment work is being done in camp. Twenty-five assessments were recorded last month, and a number of claims were located in February last year, and 85 in March, it may be presumed that nearly a hundred assessments will be recorded in the corresponding months of this year. In speaking of the remarkable Recorder Kirkup cites the fact that while the receipts of his office for the month of January, 1895, were only \$283.75, the receipts for January, 1896, were \$2,014.15, or nearly ten times as much.

The future looks rosy at the Crown Point. A rich ore body has been struck in the south level at the bottom of the shaft, which went over \$50 to the ton. On the Pittsburg group of claims, lying between the Crown Point and the Occidental, six men have been at work on the properties all winter sinking shafts and running tunnels, with only partial success. A quantity of mineralized rock

is encountered, but the ore is not solid. A compressor, drills and boiler for the Cliff mine have been ordered from the Rand Drill Company, and will be shipped at once.

The Homestake is shipping ore, about twenty tons being the daily output. This can be done, as soon as the tramway is in operation.

"In solid ore" is the most common expression used describing the work now being done on several Champion Creek claims.

CURLING BONSPIEL.

WINNIPEG. Feb. 17.—(Special)—The Winnipeg curling bonspiel was practically concluded to-night as but one event remains, the Royal Caledonian, which will be pulled off during the week by the city rink. The final games today were all scientific exhibitions of curling. For the grand challenge cup Rochoon, of Port William, defeated Hartstone, of the Winnipeg Granites, by 7 to 0. Dunbar, of the Winnipeg Thistles, won the Walkerville final from Clarke, of the Winnipeg Granites, by a score of 14 to 12. Henderson, of Brandon, defeated Smith, of the Winnipeg Thistles, by 13 to 9, in the Patterson consolation cup final. The Dolge International trophy was between Hartstone, of the Winnipeg Granites, and Smith, of Regina, Hartstone winning by a score of 12 to 11. Dr. Jamieson, of the Winnipeg Thistles, is high in the points competition with 39. It has been a most successful bonspiel.

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NEWS FROM LONDON

British Marines Landed to Protect the Legation in Korea—Russia Encouraging Revolt.

Horrible Accidents at a London Fire—Another Armenian Blue Book—Victoria's Thanks.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The officials of the foreign office this afternoon confirmed the newspaper reports saying that a detachment of British marines, among others have been landed at Chemulpo, and sent to Seoul, the capital of Korea, in order to protect the British legation there.

The Times prints a dispatch from Kobe, Japan, which says: News from Seoul, Korea, proves that Russia made a remarkable coup on the night of February 10. On that night 200 Russian marines with a field gun were landed at Chemulpo and marched to Seoul. The King's secretary in the palace, a Russian legation, whence he proclaimed his ministers guilty of treason. Two of the ministers were arrested and executed and the other fled. The Tai Won Kung (father of the King) is a permanent Russian legation. An anti-Japanese ministry was then formed. A bitter feeling has been aroused in Japan. A council was held, attended by the military officials. It is reported that the Russian minister declared that Russia was not responsible, and that she merely afforded protection at the King's request. But it is believed this precludes a Russian protectorate over Korea.

A dispatch from Tokyo, Japan, says: There is great activity among all the naval forces. The Japanese government is confident that Russia is encouraging the revolt in Korea, with a view to the early establishment of a Russian protectorate over the kingdom. The seat of the Korean government is now in the Russian legation at Seoul, where the King remains guarded. It is said the King of Korea authorized the outbreak in revenge for the murder of the Queen. The Emperor of Japan suspended the sitting of parliament in the midst of the opposition attack on Premier Ito's ministry.

The manifesto of the Chicago international arbitration committee, the result of the simultaneous movement in that city, New York, Philadelphia and other cities of the United States to consider the subject of a permanent court of arbitration between Great Britain and the United States, was published in London this evening.

The Peruvian government is manifesting the utmost vigilance against all threatened uprisings. The government notified a hundred Cacerist officers at Arequipa that they had their choice of exile or going to prison.

Sir Edward Clarke, Q.C., the distinguished criminal advocate, has been retained for the defence of Dr. Jameson on his trial in England.

Baron Blanc, the Italian minister of foreign affairs, has stated that there is no need that President Cleveland having decided to accept the position of arbitrator to settle the questions in dispute between Italy and Brazil, a protocol has been signed, referring to the arbitration, which states that there is no business was done for India, chiefly for anger grades, like dhoodies, which were fanned ahead. Shirts were fairly bought. Many looms have started up again. The home trade was good. The eastern trade was much assisted by the rising exchange rates.

A number of horrible accidents occurred at a fire in London early on Sunday morning at a tenement house at No. 7 Church street, behind the Palace theatre of varieties. Five children and four adults were burned to death. One man jumped from a window and was impaled upon the railing of a fence. He was removed to a hospital in a dying condition. Several other persons escaped from the burning building with the greatest difficulty.

A Cape Town dispatch says: Major Nidley and several Hussar officers have left Pietermaritzburg, Natal, for Rhodesia, it is understood to assume command of the Chartered South African Company's police.

There seems to be a prospect that motor cars will soon be seen in the streets of London in practical use. Hitherto the so-called autocar has been able to pay a heavy penalty, according to antiquated laws, unless it was preceded in the streets by a man carrying a danger flag. But the Prince of Wales earnestly interested himself in the cause of the autocar, for which he is known to have a decided predilection. In fact, only the other day the Prince of Wales was seen at the imperial institute engaged in making a personal trial of a new and highly improved autocar. The prince drove it up and down a steep grade, and seemed highly pleased with his work. There was no hitch in the performance, and it raised the stock of the company way above par.

News of the autocar on Armenia has been published. It contains dispatches covering the period between September 3, 1895, and February 11, 1896. It also contains a table prepared by the committee of the six powers, showing the total number of persons massacred, and concerning whose fate there is accurate information, is 25,000.

In a special supplement to the Gazette, published Sunday, is printed the following letter from the Queen, dated Osborne, Feb. 14: "I have, alas, once more to thank my loyal subjects for their warm sympathy in the fresh and great affliction which has befallen me and my beloved daughter, Princess Beatrice of Battenburg. This new sor-

row is an overwhelming, and to me, a terrible one; for I lose a dearly loved and helpful son, whose presence was like a sunbeam in my home, and my dear daughter loses a noble and devoted husband, to whom she was united by the closest affection. To witness the slightest happiness of the daughter who has never left me and has comforted and helped me, is hard to bear, but the feeling of universal sympathy so touchingly shown by all classes of my subjects, has deeply moved my child and myself, and has helped and soothed us greatly. I wish from my heart to thank my people for this as well as for the appreciation manifested for the dear late Prince, who laid down his life in the service of his adopted country. My beloved child is an example to all in her courage, resignation and submission to the will of God.

In the German reichstag yesterday the minister for foreign affairs, Baron Marschall von Bieberstein, reviewed the events in the Transvaal, and in so doing stated that the government knew nothing about a request from President Kruger for the intervention of Germany in the affairs of the South African republic. Baron Bieberstein added that the British government had with the utmost care considered the necessary measures after the unlawful incursion of Jameson and that no responsibility rested on Great Britain for the bloodshed. Continuing, the Minister for Foreign Affairs stated that the relations between Germany and Great Britain had not ceased to be normal and friendly, and he repudiated the insinuations that Germany had designs against the independence of the Transvaal, adding: "No policy would be swept away before the indignation of the people."

Sir J. Gordon Sprigg, premier of Cape Colony; J. Hofmeyr, leader of the Afrikaner party, the chief ministers, and other influential persons here have signed a declaration to the effect that the alleged Boer outages on British subjects are mischievous fabrications.

The British and Foreign Arbitration Association has delegated one of its presidents to visit the United States in order to obtain matter to report to the association upon the Venezuela boundary dispute and its outcome.

As evidencing the feeling in Egypt concerning the British occupation, it is to be admitted that there has been disquiet amounting almost to a panic for the last three days, as a consequence of rumors pointing to an evacuation of the country by the English. Lord Cromer, the English minister, states positively that no alteration will take place. With individual exceptions, people of all nationalities desire the retention of the British troops.

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date originally set down for the convention, February 25, was such as to render his visit impossible, and he suggested that he might be able to attend about three weeks later. The date of the meeting of the Provincial Conservative Association has accordingly been postponed from February 25 to March 17. Sir Charles will receive a warm welcome here.

Sir Donald A. Smith left Ottawa on Friday en route for Winnipeg, and will arrive here by to-morrow's Pacific express. His trip is purely on business connected with the Hudson's Bay Co.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—There has been considerable comment in several circles over the announcement published in various Canadian newspapers that the Prince of Wales would visit Canada in 1897, in order to preside at the meeting of the British Association held in Toronto at that time. A representative of the Association has accordingly been sent to the leading officers of the Association who made the following statement in regard to the matter:

"It is as yet too early to determine just what arrangements will be made for the Toronto meeting next year. The association is making every effort to make the occasion a success. It is probable that if the Prince of Wales is unable to accept the presidency of this meeting it will be offered to the Duke of York. Failing him, either Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour or Mr. Joseph Chamberlain will be asked. Mr. Griffiths, secretary of the association, will start for Canada in May, and on his return we shall be able to announce something more definite. We are extremely gratified at the success the association has enjoyed in the past year. The attendance at the meetings has been largely the highest. Capt. Sir Douglas Gallon has taken an immense interest in the work."

BIG GUNS FOR CANADA.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—(Special)—The sum which the Dominion government will ask for the purposes of national defence will be \$3,000,000. The new rifle with which the militia will be provided will be the Lee-Enfield, a combination of the Enfield barrel and the Lee magazine. The total number of rifles to be purchased is 40,000.

For garrison defence, the Imperial authorities will supply 31 rifled guns, charging Canada the bare cost of manufacture. These guns will be allotted as follows: St. Johns and Three Rivers, Que., two each; Ottawa and Quebec, three each; Toronto, eight; Montreal, eight; Hamilton five. These guns will be of heavy calibre and will be worked by garrison batteries of the militia. Instructions from the British Royal Artillery will be sent out by drill the men, who will be recruited from the various city field batteries.

The field artillery will be supplied with new breech-loading guns of the same type as those used by the British artillery.

TROUBLE IN THE CAMP.

TORONTO, Feb. 15.—(Special)—The Mail-Enterprise Ottawa correspondent wires: "The trouble in the Liberal camp over the school question is now taking quite a definite shape. Mr. Lanier, who has been absent from the city for a couple of days, returned hurriedly this evening to make another effort to restore harmony. The last outbreak was followed by a party caucus, at which most of the recalcitrants were persuaded to fall into line, but since the remedial bill has been introduced the difficulty of holding them has again asserted itself."

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