Arrested An Editor

Albert Cartwright of the South African News Charged With Sedition.

His Paper Stated That Kitchener's Orders Were "No Quarter."

Extensive Movement to Catch the Enemy Between Two Fires.

Capetown, Feb. 7.—Proceedings were instituted to-day against Mr. Albert Cartwright, editor of the South African News, for criminal and seditious libel, contained in a letter under the nom de plume, "British Officer," which said that Gen. Kitchener had secretly instructed his troops to take no prisoners. Mr. Cartwright is under arrest.

Before the attorney-general instituted the proceedings, he wired Lord Kitchener the substance of the letter, and asked if there were any foundation for it. Lord Kitchener replied that the statement was a base libel, devoid of foundation, adding:

"Dewet was never surrounded in the position mentioned, but had his retreat to the north open. Instructions in the nature reported were never given or thought of. We treat enemies we have surrounded with every consideration."

The official report of the invasion says: The anticipated invasion by Dewet has not yet occurred, but it may be only delayed. Although there is no considerable movement, small bodies of men continue to dribble across the Orange river. The largest of these, 200 strong, crossed near Bangor station five days ago.

News four days old from the Doorn river country, shows that the Boers have a base at Calvini. From that point they have sent patrols far and wide. Col. Delisle is moving toward them. He lost Lieut. Clowes and one man killed in a skirmish with a Boer patrol. The country is wildly mountainous.

British horse buyers have secured 4,000 good horses and 3,000 mules in the Colony. It was not suspected that there were so many animals available.

It is understood that the British are trying to sweep the enemy towards Cape Colony along an extenive frontage, with cavalry at each end, clearing everything in their advance, and it is said that Gen. Kitchener is personally directing the operations. From the southern districts troops are moving northwards in hopes of catching the Boers between two forces.

NOT A PRIZE FIGHT.

Defendants in Jeffries-Ruhlin Contest Say It Was Only a Boxing Match.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 7.—Hearing was continued to-day before Judge Holister on the application for a permanent injunction against the Jeffries-Ruhlin contest on February 15. The court room was crowded. After submitting copies of various contracts petitions and other documents including the Marquis of Queensbury rules, the plaintiff rested.

The defendants called as their first witness W. N. Hobert, former president of the chamber of commerce, and president of the Cincinnati May Music Festival Association for many years. Hobert testified to all the proceedings and contracts and insisted that the promoters never contemplated doing anything unlawful. Their sole desire was to raise the debt of $65,000 on the Saengerfest building. Judge Harmon, counsel for the plaintiffs, read accounts of the previous fights in which Jeffries and Ruhlin had participated, and asked Hobert if he thought they were not such as to indicate a prize fight instead of a boxing contest. Hobert said he relied on the statement of Mayor Fleischman, that nothing brutal or unlawful should be allowed. Judge Harmon brought out the fact that Hobert was a member of a church and superintendent of a Sunday school and asked why he did not listen to the appeals of the Ministerial Association.

Hobert said the ministers were mistaken. They thought there was to be a prize fight, when the Saengerfest Association had the mayor's permit for a boxing contest.

MILLIONS IN IT.

An Immense Railway Deal Before the Courts.

New York, Feb. 7.—Justice Fitzgerald, in the Supreme court this afternoon, reserved decision on an application of Richard P. Coffin to restrain the Erie railway from consummating the agreement to purchase the Pennsylvania property and two railroads in connection therewith for $37,000,000. It is alleged by the plaintiff that J. P. Morgan & Company obtained the controlling interest in the properties for $27,000,000, and induced a majority of the directors of the Erie railroad to purchase it for $37,000,000, leaving a profit of $9,400,000. The allegations are denied. The defendants say that the profit will not exceed $2,300,000, which, it is said, is only a fair one.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Train Derailed on a Bridge But Nobody Hurt.

Easton, Pa., Feb. 7.—The Lehigh Valley Mail and Paper train, from New York, had a narrow escape to-day from total destruction at Green's bridge, while running sixty miles an hour. An accident to the engine derailed the train, which went bumping across a bridge one hundred feet high, in danger of precipitation. One milk car fell and smashed to splinters. Several cars telescoped, and one hangs over the bridge in such a manner that it probably will fall at the first effort to recover it. The engine and the other cars got safely across. No one was injured.

STORM-STAYED.

Seven Iron Horses Are Now Blocked In Near Altoona.

Malone, N. Y., Feb. 6.—Seven trains on the Ogdensburg & Champlain railway are now stalled at Ellenburgh cut, near Altoona, owing to the storm on Monday night, and all efforts to get them out have availed nothing. For two days trains from Ogdensburg have run east only as far as Malone. New York Central trains through the Adirondacks also have been delayed.

NANAIMO POULTRY SHOW

Is Proving a Success in Number and Quality of Exhibits.

Nanaimo, Feb. 7.—(Special)—The first annual exhibition of the Nanaimo Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association is proving a grand success. The number of birds present is the largest in the history of the province, and according to Mr. Down, the expert from Oregon, who has done the judging, it would be hard to match and impossible to beat the quality shown. In all the principal and popular classes, like the Plymouth Rocks, Brown Leghorns, Langshans and others, the representation may be safely said to beat anything ever seen in the province at least. The show of White Rocks particularly aroused much admiration among the throngs who attended the show. The work of judging has been one of great difficulty, so close were many of the birds in points. Unfortunately the recent fine weather set a good many of them to laying, with a consequent loss of weight. Dr. Walkem had no easy task in judging the pigeons and other pet stock, but general satisfaction has been expressed both at his awards and those of Mr. Down. The show will close on Friday night. Mr. Down was entertained by the association this evening.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Nanaimo hospital have had a very satisfactory year, and wind up the business of 1900 with a handsome balance on hand, amounting to $293.99. The largest donation of the year was received from the proceeds of the Hull-Baer debate in the opera house—$572.80.

J. H. Ferguson arrived last night to take the management of the branch of the Royal Bank of Canada here. The present manager, J. W. Fulton, leaves for Montreal on Saturday to take charge of the West End branch there.

The intermediate football team of the Nanaimo Thistles won the championship in a match this afternoon against Cumberland, by 5 to 0. It was a fast game all through. The victors were banquetted by the vanquished to-night.

The Native Sons to-night initiated a large number of members from Comox.

Notes From The Gazette

Exchequer Court of Canada to Hold Sessions Here in April.

Appointments to the Civil Service and Company Notices.

Yesterday's issue of the provincial Gazette contained notice of the appointment of Seymour Hastings O'Dell to be a clerk in the treasury; Peter A. Barnhart, of Kamloops, to be a member of the board of directors of the Royal Inland hospital, vice G. C. Tunstall; H. McIndoo and George Cassidy, provincial police constables, to be deputy immigration officers, under the British Columbia Immigration Act, 1900, at Nanaimo and Ladysmith, respectively; and David Whiteside, barrister-at-law, of Phoenix, to be a notary public for and within the province of British Columbia.

The following companies have been incorporated: Cassiar Shipping Company; Johnston & Co., Limited; Metropolitan Gold and Silver Mining Co., of Lardeau; and the Riowelabi Mines, and Kaslo Smelter Co.

John Unsworth, hotel-keeper, of New Westminster; the Lost Mountains Mines, Limited, of Vancouver; and Dan Stewart, tailor, of Vancouver, have assigned.

The trustee upon the estate of D. L. Bettchen, watchmaker and jeweler, of Moyie, B. C., will proceed to distribute the assets of said estate on March 1 next, having regard only to the claims of which he then has notice, and will not be liable after said date for the proceeds of said estate, or any part thereof so distributed, to any creditor of whose claim he was ignorant at said date.

The British Columbia Consolidated Gold and Silver Mining Company, and the Lardeau Gold Mining Company are in liquidation.

Special sittings of the Exchequer Court of Canada, for the trial of cases, etc., will be held at Victoria and Vancouver this year, provided that some case or matter is entered for trial or set down for hearing at the office of the registrar of the court, at Ottawa, at least ten days before the day appointed for such sitting. The court will sit at the court house, Victoria, commencing on Tuesday, April 9, at 11 a.m.; and at the court house, Vancouver, commencing on Thursday, April 11, at 11 a.m.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Fern Gold Mining and Milling Co. will be held at Nelson on March 6, to authorize the directors to execute a mortgage of the assets of the company in favor of C. R. Hosmer, of Montreal, to secure him repayment of the sum of $5,000 advanced by him to the company on August 22, 1900, with interest thereon at 8 per cent. per annum; and also, in and by said mortgage, to secure the said C. R. Hosmer repayment of moneys advanced by him to the company, and expended by the company in caretaker's salary, insurance, etc.; and to provide a scheme for conserving the assets of the company and paying caretaker's salary, insurance, etc.

A DIFFICULT TASK.

The King of Italy Will Have Trouble to Select an Acceptable Premier.

Rome, Feb. 7.—The ministry resigned to-day. King Victor Emmanuel is confronted with a task of great difficulty owing to the chaotic state of the parliamentary parties. The majority which defeated the government yesterday consisted of a transitory coalition of the members of the right and of the left, only the Rudini group supporting the government. The Socialists opposed the cabinet because they considered it not efficiently practical; while the rightists accused it of lacking a coherent policy and yielding to the Socialists.

MEXICAN CENTRAL.

Denial That Rock Island Has Purchased Controlling Interest.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—President Warren, of the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific railroad, to-day made an absolute denial of a widely circulated report that the Rock Island system had acquired a controlling interest in the Mexican Central railroad, and said no such action is contemplated.

The Eve of Her Wedding

Queen Wilhelmina of Holland and Duke Henry to be Married To-day.

Large Number of Visitors Pouring Into the Hague for Ceremonies.

The Hague, Feb. 26.—The wedding eve of Queen Wilhelmina and Duke Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin shows a winter carnival holding sway over The Hague. Already 100,000 Hollanders, with many foreigners, have been added to the population of the city, and trains from all parts of this ancient kingdom are bringing thousands more. Queen Wilhelmina dined at the palace this evening with Duke Henry and the families of the two. Occasionally she appeared at an upper window to bow in response to a serenade. There are no cordons of policemen or soldiers to hold back the crowds. There are no swarms of detectives. There is no talk of anarchists. The Queen's constant escort is twelve young noblemen, riding bay horses with white saddles and clothes, and wearing maroon uniforms trimmed with black furs. Wherever the royal cortege appears the people good-naturedly clear the way. When crowds are thick the policemen and others clasp hands to keep them back.

Amsterdam's gift to the Queen, the magnificent gilded chariot originally built for her coronation, was formally presented on Monday. In it she will ride to church to-morrow. One of the richest presents is a great tapestry representing the garden of the Hesperides. This is from the French Republic.

The city has given a porcelain service of 300 pieces. From the ladies of The Hague the Queen received a silver mirror and a jewelled bracelet; from her ladies-in-waiting a silver centre-piece for flowers. Neat presents from the people of Holland, gifts showing the handiwork of humble housewives throughout the kingdom, take up the most space. These have been pouring in for weeks, so that there is a great display of silverware, porcelains, needlework, furniture and jewellery.

The most noteworthy gift is the carpet on which the Queen is to be married. It is an immense rug, the handiwork of 50 persons participating in the festivities. The design shows bands of country people in queer attire and wooden shoes, among them women in ancient lace caps and sleeveless dresses.

MURDER TRIAL.

Todd Will Likely Be Acquitted Unless More Evidence Is Forthcoming.

Winnipeg, Feb. 7.—(Special)—The preliminary hearing of Donald Todd, for the alleged murder of John Gordon in October, 1899, began to-day. Unless the Crown has more direct evidence of which the public has no knowledge, the general opinion is that Todd will be acquitted.

NANAIMO POULTRY SHOW.

Experts Declare the Exhibits of Birds Are Exceptionally Fine.

Nanaimo, Feb. 6.—The first annual poultry show of the Nanaimo society is a great success, and surprised visitors considerably. There is a specially strong showing of Langshans, Brown Leghorns and Plymouth Rocks. George Downes, the Portland expert, declared to-day that some of the birds are the finest he ever saw. Imported birds sent from Wellington were expected to carry off the first prizes, but so far have failed to beat the locally raised birds.

Quite a number of Native Sons are coming down from Comox with the Cumberland Intermediate Association football team on Thursday, for the purpose of enrolling themselves as members of Nanaimo post, Native Sons of British Columbia. The occasion is to be made memorable by special festivities. It is expected that in the course of time the Comox Sons will be able to start a post of their own, affiliating with the Nanaimo post.

The football game between the Cumberlands and Nanaimos, on the cricket grounds, on Thursday afternoon, will be one of the most hotly contested of the season. The Cumberlands beat the Nanaimos a couple of weeks ago, on the snow at Cumberland, and the Nanaimos are thirsting for revenge. The Cumberland team are a husky lot of young fellows, with fine staying powers.

Excellent skating is being enjoyed by crowds of enthusiasts. On Tuesday night a large party went down to the Beckley ranch, south of the city, and had a most enjoyable time of it on the beautiful surface of the lake. It was pure "glare" ice, unruffled by any breeze in the freezing and unencumbered by any snow. To add to the delights of the occasion, the broad, full moon came up just in time to provide very acceptable illumination. Other parties are being arranged.

The first annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Nanaimo hospital was held on Tuesday afternoon, when the following officers were elected: Lady patroness, Mrs. J. Pawson; president, Mrs. Ralph Smith; first vice-president, Mrs. George Norris; second vice-president, Mrs. G. M. Smart; third vice-president, Mrs. J. M. Donaldson; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Walter Campbell; secretary, Mrs. J. H. Cocking; treasurer (re-elected), Mrs. R. Gibson; executive committee, Mesdames W. E. Flumerfelt, G. L. Schetky, H. Stanton, J. E. T. Powers W. Lewis, L. F. Davis, J. Shaw, N. G. Foster, J. Reilley, W. F. Norris, H. Charman, W. Hunter, G. Campbell, J. Caldwell G. D. Barlow. The commitees' reports were all adopted.

A SECRET EDICT.

Why the Chinese Are Afraid to Punish Thung Fu Siang.

Pekin, Feb. 6.—The foreign ministers this morning gave out for publication a secret imperial edict handed to them yesterday by the Chinese peace plenipotentiaries, which pleads especially for the life of Thung Fu Siang, commander-in-chief of the army. It says the only reason is on account of the turbulent population of the provinces of Shen Si and Kan Su, who are devoted to him, and might rise and commit acts of violence against the missionaries and the Christians, which the court would greatly deplore. Consequently his punishment requires caution, deliberation and careful consideration. The Emperor, it is pointed out, even in the punishment of princes of the blood, has not been moved by motives for their protection. Why, then, should they do so in the case of Thung Fu Siang? What had already been done should be taken into consideration. His army had been reduced to 5,000 men, with the object of lessening his power and with the ultimate object of his future punishment, which will be promulgated in an edict, the language of which will not be too patent. After the deprivation of his official rank, the Emperor will hereafter decide on a heavy punishment. The ministers will meet again this morning.

Berlin, Feb. 6.—Field Marshal Count von Waldersee in a despatch from Pekin dated February 5 says the column of troops commanded by Gen. von Trotha has continued its advance on Tschana, northwest of Pekin. Heliographic communication between Pekin and Yang Fang has been restored.

JAP DETAINED.

He Could Not Pass the Educational Test—Vancouver Bicycle By-Law.

Vancouver, Feb. 6.—(Special)—The residence of R. R. Maitland was burned to the ground to-day. As Mr. Maitland's home was on Beach avenue, near English Bay, the firemen could not make the run in time to do any good. All the furniture but the piano was burned.

Immigration Inspector McAllister detained one Japanese passenger on the steamship Empress of China who could not pass the educational test. Four others who passed the examination were allowed to go.

Now that the new bicycle by-law is passed, owners of wheels must pay a yearly tax of $1, and those who rent wheels 50 cents. A brass tag will be placed on each bicycle. In addition to the well-known rules regulating cyclists, riders hereafter must keep both feet on their pedals and both hands on their handle-bars while in motion; they must not carry children; they must not ride on the strip between the two tram tracks; they must not ride more than two abreast; and must carry lamps after sunset. The proceeds from the sale of tags will go towards the construction and maintenance of bicycle paths.

All the Indians of the Fraser River district and the Coast have petitioned the Canadian government, through Mr. Maxwell, to set a fair price on salmon, that their living as fishermen would not be jeopardized, and to do something to keep the Japanese fishermen from overrunning the country. Mr. Maxwell, while promising to do what he could, told the chiefs who presented the petition that these very matters were now taxing the thinking powers of those who were in authority.

MANITOBA DAIRYMEN

Are Reaching After the Trade of British Columbia.

Winnipeg, Feb. 6.—(Special)—A petition from the dairymen of the province has been presented to the Manitoba government, asking that government aid be given in placing the dairies of this province on an equal footing with those of the Territories as regards the British Columbia market, which it is claimed is being monopolized by the Territories. The matter will come up for discussion before the Dairymen's Association and at the next session of the legislature.

INCIDENT CLOSED.

Herr Potts May Now Retire Into Obscurity.

The Hague, Feb. 6.—The incident caused by the withdrawal of the exequater of the consul of the Netherlands at Lorenzo Marques, Herr Potts, is closed. The Netherlands minister will shortly return to Lisbon.

ANNUAL REUNION.

Banquet at the Bishop's Palace to the Members of St. Andrew's Choir.

The annual banquet given in honor of the choir members of St. Andrew's R. C. cathedral took place last night at the Bishop's Palace. Rt. Rev. Bishop Orth and his clergy take a great interest in church music, and are making a strong and unanimous effort to bring its beauty and grandeur to a high standard. Gratefully recognizing the good and valuable services rendered by the choir in the past, the clergy, whilst treating thus right royally at the festive board, entertained them socially and merrily. Several happy speeches were made by the clergy and members of the choir. Bishop Orth closed the evening's entertainment with a short address, showing the excellency, beauty and grandeur of church music, and urging the choir members in the culture of their musical talent and to take a special pride in the efficient rendition of choir music.

The following is the list of guests present: Miss Burnes, Miss S. McNiffe, Miss Kerg, Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. McQuade, Miss Ellis, Mrs. Williams, Miss Sehl, Miss Weber, Miss N. Lombard, Mrs. Sehl, Miss M. Keefe, Mrs. Geiger, Miss Stewart, Miss D. Sehl, Messrs. J. M. Finn, C. F. Olivier, J. Lombard, E. Gieger, F. J. Sehl, C. A. Lombard, F. V. Austin and Mrs. Lombard.

WITH THE EAGLES.

Victoria Members Attend the Annual Ball at Seattle on Wednesday.

Victoria Aerie, No. 12, F. O. E., held no regular session Wednesday evening, the officers and a few members going to Seattle to be present at the annual ball of the mother aerie that night.

No. 12 has just closed one of the most prosperous months since its institution. No less than 20 more healthy birds were added to their number during January. All are looking forward to February 14, the occasion of the second annual masquerade ball, arrangements for which are now completed. The music will be furnished by Bro. J. M. Finn's orchestra, who will give among their music a new two-step dedicated to "The Eagles." The supper will be supplied by Bro. James Robinson. The prizes are better than last year, and there is every assurance that the event will be a success financially as well as socially. Quite a few visiting brothers are expected from Seattle, Portland, Vancouver and Nanaimo. A committee of award will be selected from visiting brothers. The public are invited, and a royal good time is expected.

WENT TO AUSTRALIA.

Missing Accountant of San Quentin Penitentiary Believed to Have Sailed on the Miowera.

There is a possibility that Waldon, the missing accountant of the San Quentin penitentiary of California, is in Australia, or at least on one of the islands of the South Seas. Mr. H. Glyde, the proprietor of the fruit and cigar stand at the terminus of the street railway near the outer wharf, says that a man resembling the missing accountant was in his store immediately before the Miowera sailed for the South Seas on January 11, and purchased two packages of cigarette tobacco. Mr. Glyde saw Waldron's picture in the San Francisco papers, and says he is almost positive that the man he saw here is no other than he. The man was accompanied by a woman and two children. The steamer was a little late in arriving from Vancouver, and the woman asked what time she would be in. They were not seen after the boat sailed, and although he did not see them board the steamer, Mr. Glyde is sure from their conversation that they were going on her. If they did, and they were really the parties the California police were looking for, there is no telling where they are, as the Miowera completed her trip on Tuesday, when she arrived at Sydney.

Waldon, as accountant of the big California penitentiary, sold a lot of bags which were made by the prisoners, and failed to turn in the receipts to the warden. Rumor went that he was "squeezed" on a speculation late last year, and when he over-strayed his leave, the papers of San Francisco suggested that it might be as well to examine his accounts. But the prison authorities scouted the idea that there was anything wrong, until Mrs. Waldon and her children suddenly left the penitentiary town and were lost to view. Then a junk dealer who had bought bags from Waldon "squeezed" to try and clear himself, and an investigation of the books proved that other sales had been made by the missing man and that the receipts had not been handed over to the proper authority. Although Waldon has been missing for over a month and the papers published the exposure weeks ago, it was not until last week that the authorities took notice of his absence by putting the police on his trail.

SUCCESS OF DELTA CREAMERY

Dividend of Ten Per Cent Declared and Large Surplus Announced.

The sixth annual meeting of the shareholders of the Delta Creamery Company, Limited, was held at the town hall, Ladner, on Wednesday, about 75 per cent. of the stockholders being present, and the president, Mr. H. N. Rich, in the chair. The accounts for the year, as audited, having been read, together with a resolution from the directors advising a dividend of 10 per cent. on the capital stock of the company, it was resolved, after discussion, that the accounts be received and dividend paid as recommended, carrying forward a sum of over $200 to the reserve fund, which now amounts to $1,905.

The president in his address stated that the company now has a surplus over all liabilities of $2,218.10, and that every $10 share was worth $14.63. During 1900 the company had manufactured 75,820 pounds of butter, and sold it at an average of 28 cents per pound, nearly all having been marketed in Victoria, an increase over 1899 of nearly 6,000 pounds, and in price of 1¼ cents.

The president urgently requested the farmers to go more into winter dairying, as the supply was far below the demand in the winter months.

After discussing the president's address, a vote of thanks was tendered to him, accompanied by a donation of $15, as a mark of the shareholders' appreciation of his efforts on their behalf.

The directors for the present year having been elected—H. N. Rich (president), H. D. Benson, W. Pybus, J. A. Patterson and T. E. Ladner—the meeting adjourned.

Up-to-Date Styles at WEILER BROS.

Our first consignment of Fall Goods in the Upholstering, Drapery and Curtain line are now on sale, and we can only say that for coloring, artistic effect and value we have surpassed ourselves in these last purchasings.

Latest Novelties From

Paris, Berin, London.

WEILER BROS.'

ROYAL WEDDING AT THE HAGUE

Wilhelmina Queen of Holland and Duke Henry Are Married With Gorgeous Ceremonial And Brilliant Surroundings.

The Hague, Feb. 7.—Wilhelmina, the first ruling Queen of Holland, to-day married Duke Henry Mecklenburgh-Schwerin, who becomes Prince of the Netherlands by proclamation in the court Gazette this evening. The marriage was a series of brilliantly colored pictures, but the severe simplicity of the Dutch form of marriage, which was followed to the letter in the civil contract, before the minister of justice, Dr. P. W. A. Gort Vander Linden, and in the old-fashioned religious service in the Groote kerk, gave it a democratic spirit.

A happier surrounding no bride ever had. The weather was crisp, sunny and inspirating. Multitudes of country people, all prosperous and happy-looking, many of whom wore the gala costumes which their ancestors for several generations employed for like holidays, cheered the big black horses of the state carriages, with red and white liveried postillions, and the waiting escort of twelve noblemen in maroon and black, who were stigned on horseback, six on each side, at attention. The procession as a spectacle was noteworthy. Fifty Dutch Hussars rode ahead, then came a handful of court officials with the grand master of ceremonies on horseback, then a coach with the Queen and Duke Henry. The Queen's mother's coach followed, and the chief military officials of the place, the governor of the city, two adjutants on horseback, and lastly, a group of fifty mounted artillerymen. Green and gold and orange decorations, with thousands of Dutch flags hanging across the streets, gave the route a brilliant appearance. The costuming of the crowds was equally highly colored.

THE CIVIL CEREMONY.

At 11 o'clock the marriage party emerged from the palace, to proceed to the palace of justice. Wilhelmina passed down the steps on the arm of the Duke, with a train of her white wedding dress sweeping behind her; the Queen's mother in purple, the Grand Duchess Maria and half a dozen ladies of the court followed. The generals and admirals, fairly gleaming with gold lace and medals, and at the saute on both sides, made a truly regal picture. The gilded coach, presented by the people of Amsterdam, was drawn by eight horses bedecked with orange colors.

In the white hall of the palace of justice six high officials waited as witnesses; they, with the minister of justice, Dr. Vander Linden, were the only persons beside the Queen's mother and the Grand Duchess Maria and two or three clerks, who saw the signing of the contract.

IN THE CHURCH.

The religious edifice in which the final ceremonies were held is a great bare structure of Gothic type, with high vaulted arches. The body is filled with plain box pews. The scene when the wedding guests assembled, however, was most magnificent. There was an acre of many colored uniforms and beautiful gowns, with flashing jewels and glittering orders of the regal personages and feathers and flowers of the bonnets in the centre. On one side of the church was a space of about fifty feet square. From the back rose a big white column, with an ancient pulpit, which was built upon it ten feet above the floor. Banks of palms and lilies surrounded the pulpit and were arranged back of the railing. A plain red carpet covered the floor. On the space before the pulpit was a rug, presented by sixty noble ladies of Amsterdam, a square of crimson velvet and gold embroidery, with a border of the royal arms worked on white drapery, the dark blue emblazoned orange lion rampant of the Netherlands surrounding the square between the pulpit and the rug, was a stout oaken railing, with a small table, covered with green velvet. On the left side chairs reserved for the marriage party faced the pulpit beyond the rug. Behind them were 20 chairs for the ladies of the court, who wore gowns of emerald and orange pale blue, white and pink. It was a handsome array.

A GORGEOUS SCENE.

The section of the church on the right of the pulpit was occupied by burgomasters and aldermen of Holland cities, dressed in bottle green, with red and gold trimmings. Another section on the left held the members of the senate and chamber of deputies. Facing the left side of the pulpit, in front of the organ left, sat the diplomatic corps, the first two rows containing the ladies of the diplomatic circle. In the third row sat the United States minister, Mr. Sanford Newell, in plain evening dress. Gen. Porter, the United States ambassador to France, in the same attire, sat on the left, with the British minister, Sir Henry Howard, on his right. Dr. Leyds, representative of the Transvaal, had the most prominent place in the row, with only the Spanish minister, Senor Bogure, between him and the British minister. The galleries around the three sides were filled with guests, most of the men in evening dress. The ushers were court officials in blue uniforms with gold equilets and broad lacings of gold across their breasts and down their trousers, wearing swords and carrying chapeaus. The seats, excepting a few chairs within the altar rail, were filled an hour before noon.

From the organ occasional strains of music floated out—solemn hymns, with nothing of the traditional joyous wedding spirit about them. A roar of cheers announced the arrival of the bridal party at 12:30. They entered the main door, walking up the steps on a strip of red velvet and under a red canopy bearing the arms of Holland, and proceeded through a lane of palms to the aisle, 50 feet long, which was draped with blue, displaying the orange lion.

Before the wedding procession entered the church, the great congregation arose, and the choir of 100 voices sang to Hildack's music the words of the 16th and 17th verses of the 1st Chapter of Ruth. The blue curtains were held by the officials, and to this music the party slowly marched down the aisle.

THE ROYAL PARTY.

First came a dozen couples of royal and noble relatives of the bride, men in spectacular uniforms, women in rich-colored gowns, with a great array of jewels.

Then, on the arm of Duke Henry, walked the Queen, in white silver and green, a heavy diamond tiara on her head, a rich necklace of diamonds on her neck, with a big diamond brooch on her bosom, and white gloves to the elbow. In both hands she held a bouquet of lilies of the valley, and green, red and long white satin ribbons.

The Queen and the Duke bowed slightly to the right and left, acknowledging the salutes of the congregation. The groom wore the uniform of a Dutch admiral, and carried his chapeau.

More noble couples walked behind. When the party entered the chancel, the Queen and Duke Henry took the two central seats of six, with the Duke's mother on his right, gowned in white satin trimmed by broad fur and embroidered with gold. On her left sat Duke Henry's father, the Grand Duke Vladimir of Russia; the bridegroom's brother, also in uniform, sat on the Queen's right; on his right was the Queen's mother. The other members of the royal families were seated in rows of chairs to the left of the altar.

While the court chaplain, Dr. Von der Vlein, rose in the regulation black gown behind the railing and offered a long prayer in earnest tones. The choir sang a Dutch hymn, "God bless you, blessed be your earthly and eternal portion."

The Queen bowed her head low, and the chaplain addressed the bridal couple for ten minutes earnestly and solemnly.

A DISTURBER.

The only sound which disturbed the impressive scene was the clicking of the photograph camera in the gallery, and the royal sextette, all of whom noticed the disturbance, looked annoyed. The Duke fidgeted nervously and blushed under the gaze of the congregation, hundreds of opera glasses being turned in his direction. The choir sang another hymn, during which the congregation stood, according to Dutch custom, as those present did during all the hymns.

After this the Queen and Duke rose, and the Queen removed her right glove, disclosing an immense jewelled bracelet on her wrist. The minister stretched out his arms and the couple stepped forward a few paces directly in front of the altar railing.

The Queen had handed her bouquet to an aged lady-in-waiting, who laid it on a chair and arranged the folds of her mistress' gown, which trailed across the velvet rug, with the gauzy white veil hanging over it. Duke Henry took the bride's right hand in his left hand, resting on the hilt of his sword while the deep, impressive tones of the chaplain's voice rang throughout the church as he repeated the marriage service.

THE NERVOUS BRIDEGROOM.

The Queen stood very erect, blushing; while Duke Henry shifted his feet nervously and played with his sword. The responses from the bride or groom could not be heard. Finally the minister held out a gold plate, from which the Duke took a ring and placed on the third finger of the Queen's right hand. The Queen took another ring, with a slight fumbling, and slipped it on the same finger of the Duke's right hand. Then, as the chaplain's arms rose in the attitude of the blessing, the couple sank on their knees, and there was a great rustle, after the tension of long listening throughout the church. The invocation was brief. The only words distinguishable were the names of Queen Wilhelmina and Duke Henry.

The ceremony had evidently not been rehearsed, because at its conclusion the Duke started to rise and was almost standing when the chaplain motioned him back, and he dropped on his knees again, turning very red and remaining kneeling while another hymn was sung. The words of this hymn were:

"Father, look upon them always in love:
Son of the father, grant them your grace;
The communion and the spirit of God
be their portion forever."

Queen Wilhelmina and Duke Henry rose as the wife of the chaplain handed them a large blue bound Bible, in accordance with Dutch custom. They then walked back to their chairs, and the audience resumed their seats with them. The chaplain again spoke briefly. The Queen and the Duke sat glancing at one another occasionally, while the choir chanted the last verse of the 133rd Psalm. Finally the royal couple rose for the benediction.

CONGRATULATIONS.

After the invocation of the blessing of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, there was a moment's hesitation, and the Duke stepped forward, grasped the chaplain's hands and shook them cordially. The Queen followed him and also shook his hands with a grateful smile. The minister bowed low over the hand of the Queen, who bowed lower, almost kneeling. After this, without any family greetings, the procession re-formed and passed down the aisle while the choir sang a hymn of Schiller's to Gluck's joyful music. Before the hymn was finished, the last couple of the royal family was gone from sight, and, with great chattering and handshaking, the congregation poured into the aisles and hurried to the doors for a sight of the procession returning to the palace.

Outside the big state carriage in which the Queen's mother rode, with six black horses drawing it, was just rolling away, and the military band was playing, while cheers and shouting filled the air.

ANNUAL PRACTICE.

Major Williams, commanding the Fifth Regiment, has issued the following regimental order:

"The annual practice of Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6 companies will be held at Rod Hill fort on Saturday afternoon, February 16 next, under the supervision of the O. C., R. G. A., at Esquimalt.

"In preparation for the above practice, Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6 companies will parade at the Drill Hall on Saturday, February 9, at 1:30 p.m., and proceed by steamer to Rod Hill fort.

"All officers, non-commissioned officers and men on the effective strength of these companies must parade on these two occasions, and officers commanding companies will give no leave of absence without the sanction of the O. C. Dress, clean fatigue.

"The attention of those officers commanding companies who have not sent in the list mentioned in paragraph 11 of Regimental Order No. 35, 7th January, 1901, is again directed to the terms of that paragraph."