# Inquiry Continued

## Exhaustive Examination of Fire Chief Last Evening—Wide Field of Questions.

## Adjournment Taken Until Next Tuesday Evening—Considerable Interest Manifested.

There was another session of the fire inquiry last night which lasted until nearly 11 o'clock. It comprehends everything connected with the Victoria fire department, and as an educational factor it stands unrivalled. Judging from last night's session it is quite safe to assume that when the inquiry is finished, if there be any survivors, the aldermen will know more about this important department than they ever knew before. Whether any further progress toward a satisfactory outcome of the trouble was made last evening is a point for debate. At any rate there is no doubt that the witness was considered by some of the questioners as a hostile one, despite their admission that the council was sitting

To Impartially Investigate

and as impartially to decide.

There was a large attendance, which attested the interest taken in the matter.

Before the proceedings were resumed the mayor referred to the communication from H. McDowell, and the petition from W. Smith and others, asking for an inquiry into the deposition of the former and the appointment over his head of Mr. McDougall. In consequence the mayor pointed out the present inquiry was convened, and he asked that it be confined exclusively to the subject matter set forth in the communication referred to.

Chief Deasy was then called, and his examination continued. He was taken in hand by Ald. Yates, whose interrogations covered a very expansive field from the conduct of the chief at fires to the inspection of water tanks. In reply to the Central Ward father the witness said that the inspection of the hall

Required Considerable Time.

At times he included all the halls in one inspection, and sometimes made the round once a week, and sometimes oftener. He had occupied one hour and a half in inspecting one hall. He inspected horses, apparatus and the hall in general. He explained also that at times the hall at Oaklands was included in his itinerary of inspections.

This did not satisfy Ald. Yates. He thirsted for more complete information. He wanted an approximate idea of the time spent by the chief in inspecting the halls during the month. The witness pointed out in reply that it was impossible to give an answer offhand. He finally estimated the time at about four days.

Continuing, the witness, in reply to the same alderman, said that there was an electrician in the department to attend to the fire alarm system under his direction. The alderman, who was evidently not in a hurry, was proceeding exhaustively to inquire into the duties of this electrician, when he was interrupted by Ald. Cameron, who inquired pertinently what this inquisition had to do with

The Question of Inquiry.

The present procedure he characterized as extremely monotonous.

Ald. Yates replied that he was endeavoring to ascertain whether there was any necessity for the appointment of an assistant chief.

Finally it was decided, after some debate, that the chief give a routine of his daily duties, and this he did. He outlined the number of hydrants requiring inspection, the number of men under him, the number of fire halls, the amount of apparatus, number of horses, clerical work, such as making out duty cards, roll book, certifying to vouchers, inspection of furniture and bedding, making out permits for rubbish fires, of which 500 had been made out this year, attend to all alarms, details, make out orders for supplies, monthly and annual reports, inspection of washhouses and other buildings, prosecution of cases in police court and the investigation of suspicious fires and

Other Duties

that he was unable to remember offhand.

Ald. Yates—"Well, I don't think we are any further ahead than we were before. I know that we have wasted fifteen minutes."

Mayor Hayward—"Do you think, Ald. Yates, that a man who attends faithfully to all these duties could have little spare time on his hands?"

The alderman rejoined that it depended upon how the duties were attended to. He then projected another gamut of questions, covering the number of beds in the hall and the making out of the duty cards, and various other points that the exigencies of space forbid recounting.

This drew forth another protest from Ald. Cameron, who failed to see what relevancy this had to do with the question.

Ald. Yates retorted that there seemed to be a disposition on the part of some of them present to burk the inquiry, but he would not submit to this.

Ald. Cameron pointed out that the

Fire Wardens Were Also on Trial.

They made the appointment complained of on the chief's recommendation, and the latter body were prepared to stand investigation. This minute inquiry was wholly unnecessary. If the chief said that his duties occupied all his time this should be sufficient.

Ald. Stewart, who had been getting restive under the rather abnormal aspect of the proceedings, then took a hand. He explained that if the aldermen had manifested sufficient interest in the department as to visit the hall occasionally these questions would not be necessary. At present they did not know anything about it, and he considered the questions as "humbug."

Ald. Yates replied that the council should get down to the gist of the matter. The question was a serious one and required fullest inquiry. It may find that the chief frittered away his time, or that his duties, as he said, took up all his time. The alderman then said that the chief, in his desire to inaugurate a full paid fire department, had been antipathetic to the call men. He was prepared to prove that such had been the case, and that the chief had told some of them that they kept good men out of jobs.

The Chief—"Why don't you lay charges of dereliction of duty? I would rather you did that than throw out insinuations."

Ald. Yates—"I will if you want me to."

Continuing, the alderman predicted that all the men who signed the requisition would be compelled

To Leave Their Places

if nothing was done, and he mentioned one instance in which he declared the signer had been discharged.

The Mayor—"You are not giving evidence, Ald. Yates."

The latter replied that he desired to warn the council, while Ald. Brydon wanted to know if the fire wardens were going to run the council with the assistance of the fire chief. This precipitated a wrangle utterly foreign to the matter under consideration.

Ald. Stewart characterized a statement of Ald. Brydon's as absolutely untrue, which drew from the mayor the admonition to "keep cool, gentlemen."

Finally the subject of inquiry was found, the garb of irrelevancy torn off it, and Ald. Brydon proceeded to catechize the witness.

In reply to Ald. Brydon the witness said he was allowed an assistant to assume control of the department when he was absent. As a call assistant Mr. McDowell was

Qualified for His Position.

But he maintained that a man with other occupations could not give the same attention to his duties as a permanent man. He was then questioned at length regarding the custom house fire, and during his examination stated that it was the duty of the chief to see that all the details of a fire department were in working order at all times.

In reply to Ald. Brydon's question as to whether he did not appoint men to inspect tanks he replied that he did sometimes. He sometimes accompanied the electrician to inspect fire alarms.

In reply to Ald. Cameron, the witness said that ordinarily the number of men in the fire hall was eight or ten, and there were ten horses and five or six pieces of apparatus. In his absence there was no one in authority, and this he considered detrimental to the efficiency of the department. According to rules no apparatus could be called out without alarm or unless he was present. All his officers were call men. He was then taken in hand by Ald. Yates and questioned closely as to whether he endeavored to intimidate one of the men to prevent his signing the requisition. This he denied. Asked why McDougall was not appointed from the post of third to second engineer, he replied that he required him to

Assist Him in the Office.

There were no grades, all the engineers receiving $70 per month.

In response to a question by Ald. Yates as to whether witness had told Engineer Middlestaet that if McDowell were reinstated he would have to go, he said he had told Middlestaet that if McDowell were placed back again as engineer, the last man on would have to go, and Middlestaet was the last man.

The examination was continued some time longer, when, on a motion of Ald. Stewart, the meeting adjourned until next Tuesday.

## PRIZE LIST ALTERED.

### Meeting of British Columbia Agricultural Association Held Last Evening.

Last evening at the city hall a meeting of the British Columbia Agricultural Association was held, when the prize lists again came up for discussion and amendment.

A communication was read form J. R. Anderson, in which he offered a prize of $5 for the best collection of grasses. He stated that the grasses would have to be correctly named, that they could either be cultivated or native, and that they should consist of not less than 30 varieties. The offer was accepted with thanks.

A committee, including Chief Cooper, of the Songhees tribe, was appointed to look after the Indian work exhibit in connection with the exhibition. The exhibit will include carvings in wood, silver, bone, etc, totems and mats.

Dr. Newcombe and Mr. Fannin, who went North on the steamer Tees yesterday for the purpose of making a tour of the West Coast of Queen Charlotte island, have promised to make the Indians aware of the nature of the exhibit and to do their best to get them interested in it.

The Local Council of Women, who have the art exhibit in hand, were last evening granted $350 to aid in the work.

The amount placed on the list for poultry prizes was increased $250.

## PREVENTION OF CRUELTY.

### Statement of Work Done In This Direction During Past Year.

In its first annual report for the year 1900, which has been issued in neat pamphlet form, and which is a compendium of information showing much care and thoroughness in its preparation, the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals presents a splendid showing of the work it has accomplished. The society has been deluged with letters from all parts of the province, pointing to the necessity of immediate action being taken to prevent heartless cruelty, especially to horses and cattle, and the executive of the society has received $500 assistance from the provincial government to help in opening up branches in the various cities, towns and districts for the furtherance of the work. In addition to this substantial contribution, the treasurer reports having a balance of $430.10 in hand for the purpose.

Besides containing the annual statements of the officers and the address of the president, J. C. Brown, the pamphlet contains the articles of incorporation of the society, a draft of the by-laws, and many valuable suggestions to individuals who see or hear of acts of cruelty to animals. It gives the total number of cases of cruelty dealt with during the year in Victoria as 316; in Vancouver, 103, and in Nanaimo, as 126. The total brought into court in this city was 30.

# The War Decorations

## Army Order Regarding Medals For Service in South Africa.

## Clasps Will Be Added for Various Engagements in Which Troops Participated.

The following army order has been issued:

1. His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to confirm the order given by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria that a medal be struck to commemorate the military operations in South Africa.

2. The medal, in silver, will, provided the claims are approved by the Commander-in-Chief, be granted to all officers and men of the British, Indian and Colonial forces, and to all nurses and nursing sisters, who actually served in South Africa between the 11th of October, 1899, and a date to be hereafter fixed; to all troops stationed in Cape Colony and Natal at the outbreak of hostilities; and to troops stationed in St. Helena between the 14th April, 1900, and a date to be hereafter fixed.

3. A clasp inscribed "Belmont" will be granted to all troops under Lieutenant-General Lord Methuen's command who were north of Witteputs (exclusive) on the 23rd November, 1899.

4. A clasp inscribed "Modder River" will be granted to all troops under Lieutenant-General Lord Methuen's command who were north of Honey Nest Kloof (exclusive), and south of the Magersfontein ridge (exclusive) on the 28th November, 1899.

5. A clasp inscribed "Paardeberg" will be granted to all troops within 7,000 yards of General Cronje's final laager, between midnight of the 17th and midnight of the 26th February, 1900, and to all troops within 7,000 yards of Koodoe's Rand Drift between those dates.

6. A clasp inscribed "Dreifontein" will be granted to all troops with army headquarters, and Lieutenant-General French's column, i.e., the left and centre columns, which advanced from Poplar Grove on the 10th March, 1900.

7. A clasp inscribed "Wepener" will be granted to all troops engaged in the defence of that place between the 9th April, 1900, and 25th April, 1900, both days inclusive.

8. A clasp inscribed "Johannesburg" will be granted to all troops who, on the 29th May, 1900, were north of an east and west line through Klip River Station (exclusive), and east of a north and south line through Krugersdorp Station (inclusive).

9. A clasp inscribed "Diamond Hill" will be granted to all troops who, on the 11th or 12th June, 1900, were east of a north and south line drawn through Silverton Siding and north of an east and west line through Vlakfont.

10. A clasp inscribed "Belfast" will be granted to all troops who, on the 26th or 27th August, 1900, were east of a north and south line drawn through Wonderfontein (the garrison and troops quartered at Wonderfontein on those dates will not receive this clasp), and west of a north and south line through Dalmanutha Station, and north of an east and west line through Dalmanutha Station.

11. A clasp inscribed "Wittebergen" will be granted to all troops who were inside a line drawn from Harrismith to Bethlehem, thence to Senekal and Clocolan, along the Basuto border, and back to Harrismith, between the 1st and the 29th July, 1900, both dates inclusive.

12. A clasp inscribed "Defence of Kimberley" will be granted to all troops in the garrison of Kimberley between the 14th October, 1899, and the 15th February, 1900, both dates inclusive.

13. A clasp inscribed "Relief of Kimberley" will be granted to all troops in the relief column under Lieutenant-General French who marched from Klip Drift on the 15th February, 1900, and all the 6th Division under Lieutenant-General Kelly-Kenny who were within 7,000 yards of Klip Drift on the 15th February, 1900.

14. A clasp inscribed "Defence of Mafeking" will be granted to all troops in the garrison of Mafeking between the 13th October, 1899, and the 17th May, 1900, both days inclusive.

15. A clasp inscribed "Relief of Mafeking" will be granted to all troops under the command of Colonel Mahon who marched from Barkley West on the 4th May, 1900, and to all troops who were under Colonel Plumer's command between the 11th October, 1899, and the 17th May, 1900, both dates inclusive, and who were south of an east and west line drawn through Palachwe.

16. A clasp inscribed "Cape Colony" will be granted to all troops in Cape Colony at any time between the 11th October, 1899, and a date to be hereafter fixed, who receive no clasp for an action already specified in the Cape Colony, nor the "Natal" clasp.

17. A clasp inscribed "Orange Free State" will be granted to all troops in Orange River Colony at any time between the 28th February, 1900, and a date to be hereafter fixed, who receive no clasp which has been already specified for an action in the Orange River Colony.

18. A clasp inscribed "Transvaal" will be granted to all troops in the Transvaal at any time between the 24th May, 1900, and a date to be hereafter fixed, who receive no clasp for an action in the Transvaal which has been already specified.

19. A clasp inscribed "Rhodesia" will be granted to all troops under the command of Lieutenant-General Sir F. Carrington and Colonel Plumer in Rhodesia, between the 11th October, 1899, and the 17th May, 1900, both dates inclusive, who receive no clasp for the relief of Mafeking.

20. A clasp inscribed "Talana" will be granted to all troops under Lieutenant-General Sir W. Penn Symons's command on the 20th October, 1899, who were north of an east and west line drawn through Waschbank Station.

21. A clasp inscribed "Elands Laagte" will be granted to all troops at Elands Laagte on the 21st October, 1899, who were on the right bank of the Sunday river and north of an east and west line through Buys Farm.

22. A clasp inscribed "Defence of Ladysmith" will be granted to all troops in Ladysmith between the 3rd November, 1899, and 28th February, 1900, both dates inclusive.

23. A clasp inscribed "Tugela Heights" will be granted to all troops of the Natal field force, exclusive of the Ladysmith garrison, employed in the operations north of an east and west line through Chieveley Station between the 14th and 27th February, 1900, both dates inclusive.

24. A clasp inscribed "Relief of Ladysmith" will be granted to all troops in Natal north of and including Estcourt between the 15th December, 1899, and 28th February, 1900, both dates inclusive.

25. A clasp inscribed "Laing's Nek" will be granted to all troops of the Natal field force employed in the operations, and north of an east and west line through Newcastle between the 2nd and 9th June, 1900, both dates inclusive.

26. A clasp inscribed "Natal" will be granted to all troops in Natal at any time between the 11th October, 1899, and the 11th June, 1900, both dates inclusive, who receive no clasp for an action in Natal nor the Cape Colony clasp as already specified.

27. No individual can have both the defence and relief clasps for either Kimberley, Mafeking, or Ladysmith.

28. The medal in silver, with clasps, will be granted to any native soldiers specially employed within the sphere of operations, who fulfil the necessary conditions.

29. Non-enlisted men, of whatever nationality, who drew military pay, will receive bronze medals, without clasps.

30. Commanding officers and heads of departments will prepare nominal rolls, in triplicate, of the individuals entitled to the medal and clasps, and forward them, as early as practicable, to the Under Secretary of State, War Office, London, S.W. A supply of printed forms of rolls will be sent to each unit concerned, and a supply will also be kept at the headquarters of each regimental district for the use of individuals detached from their regiments.

31. The names of officers and warrant officers will be entered in order of rank, and those of non-commissioned officers and men in alphabetical order.

32. The names of officers and soldiers, except staff officers, will be entered on the roll of the unit to which they actually belong when the roll is prepared. In the event of inquiries having to be made regarding any individual claims which cannot be certified by the officer commanding the unit, the roll should not be delayed pending the result of the inquiries, but these names should be excluded, and a supplementary roll rendered later.

33. In cases where it is known that individuals have served with more than one unit during the campaign, a note should be made in the column of "Remarks" on the roll showing the unit with which they previously served, and their rank and regimental number therein.

34. The names of individuals who, under Articles 613, 737, 1255, 1256, and 1258, Royal Warrant for Pay, etc., have forfeited the medal are to be included in the rolls, their names being entered in red ink, and the cause of forfeiture stated in the last column. The names of individuals who have become non-effective by death, transfer, discharge, etc., should also be similarly entered in red ink.

## QUARRELSOME CRIMINALS.

### Altercation Between Inmates of Provincial Jail Leads to Serious Results.

On Wednesday morning while working in the yard of the provincial jail John Rogers struck Fred Stoddart over the head with a shovel, inflicting a bad wound.

The assailant belongs to the gang of Seattle thieves who were committed in the city police court last December upon the charge of having stolen goods in their possession. There were five of them committed, their sentences running from six months to twelve. Rogers was given twelve months.

The assault arose out of a quarrel between Rogers and W. S. Russwurm, who was sentenced on the 22nd of March to a year in the jail for stealing a watch. A gang was digging at the time, and as a result of an altercation over the work Rogers struck at Russwurm with the shovel with which he was working. Russwurm dodged the stroke and the blow was received by Fred Stoddart, alias Geo. Simpson, who was also committed in March from the city police court for stealing.

It is not yet known to what extent Stoddart is wounded. At first it was believed by the jail authorities that his skull was fractured. Dr. J. D. Helmcken was summoned and the authorities are awaiting consequences before taking action against Rogers.

## THE NEW OFFICERS.

### Executive of Victoria Liberal Association Elected Last Evening—Musical Programme.

The Pioneer hall was crowded last evening, the occasion being the meeting for the annual election of officers of the Victoria Liberal Association. The president, W. J. Hanna, not having arrived when the proceedings commenced, A. B. McNeill, second vice-president, took the chair, Jas. Murray acting as secretary pro tem. Subsequently Mr. Hanna arrived and occupied the chair. The election of officers was then proceeded with, resulting as follows: Honorary president, Hon. Senator Templeman; president, L. P. Duff; 1st vice-president, Jno. Taylor; 2nd vice-president, P. C. McGregor; secretary, A. B. McNeill; treasurer, Joshua Kingham; executive committee, John Jardine, W. E. Ditchburn, Ald. Brydon, T. W. Patterson, Ald. Cameron, Jas. Bell, Jno. Piercy, J. G. Brown, Jno. Bell, Dr. Lewis Hall, A. G. McCandless, Lieut.-Col. Gregory, A Sheret, Jno. MacMillan and A. B. Fraser.

The election was followed by a musical programme and social time, in which Bantly's orchestra played in their usual excellent manner. Vocal selections were rendered by Messrs. Douglas and Levoy, and other pleasantries terminated the proceedings.

## LIVE STOCK SALE.

### The Dairymen's Association Decide to Hold Such in Victoria at the Time of the Exhibition.

At the meeting of the directors of the Provincial Dairymen's Association, which was held in the department of agriculture on Wednesday, Major Mutter, president of the association, occupied the chair. There were also present Hon. W. C. Wells, G. H. Hadwen, secretary, Orion Bowman, C. R. King, H. J. Kirkland, W. P. Jaynes, W. H. Ladner, F. Turgoose, J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, W. H. Hayward, M.P.P., and T. Kidd, M.P.P.

The question came up for discussion as to the advisability of using the words "Creamery Butter" in labelling butter which had been manufactured by ordinary dairy methods, and also on pound packages which had been put up from packed creamery butter. In connection with the matter the opinion of the Attorney-General was asked, with suggestions as to preventing frauds in labelling packages. His suggestions were that at associated brand be adopted and registered. This should be advertised so as to enable the public to avoid being deceived in buying.

It was decided to hold the next regular sale of pure bred live stock under the auspices of the association in October. The sale will be held in this city at the time of the agricultural exhibition. F. W. Hodson, Dominion live stock commissioner, was notified of the matter so as to enable him to make arrangements for the selection of the stock during the summer, and shipped here when required.

The Kelowna ranchers sent a list of their needs in the way of live stock, which includes over a carload of pure bred animals. The secretary was instructed to visit the upper country, visiting Armstrong, Vernon and Kelowna, and find out what was required by the people of those districts. Upon receiving this information the association will decide upon the methods of meeting the requirements. It has been suggested that an auction sale might take place at some central point such as Vernon. It may be that a deposit will be asked from each prospective purchaser, and animals imported which will meet the requirements, making a direct distribution to those ordering the animals. The institution of this move to get pure bred stock for the upper country marks an extension of the work of the association, which, while it is provincial in its organization and character and the ultimate object has been to reach the whole province or the whole stock breeding community, hitherto the operations of the association have been confined practically to the Coast districts.

Reports of the two sales already conducted were submitted. The slight loss of the first one was made up in the profits of the last, so that the association stands nothing out in the sales.

A letter from F. W. Hodson advises changing the date of the annual meeting of the association from January to March. To do so will require an amendment to the statute of incorporation. The matter was left over.

It was resolved to ask for an amendment to the act by which the name would be changed to the Dairymen's and Live Stock Association.

A communication was received asking for amendments to the Animals Act so that goats should be included in the category of animals not allowed to roam at large. It was suggested that a petition should be presented from the residents of a locality desiring the change, which would be followed by an order-in-council remedying the matter.

## SMALL BUDGET.

### The Provincial Gazette Contains Little of Importance This Week—Companies Incorporated.

The Provincial Gazette issued yesterday contains the following appointments: Reginald B. White, of Fairview, M. D., to be coroner.

James Adams, of Port Essington, to be a justice of the peace for the counties of Victoria, Nanaimo, Vancouver, Westminster, Yale, Cariboo and Kootenay.

A court of revision will be held in the court house at Chilliwack, on Saturday, May 18th at 10 a. m.

The following companies have been incorporated: Flower Manufacturing Co., Ltd., capital $20,000; Lynn Creek Copper Gold Company, Ltd., capital $30,000; North Thompson River Exploration & Development Co., of B. C., capital $50,000; Robertson-Godson, Ltd., capital $100,000; Ship Drumcraig Company, Ltd., capital $80,000; Similkameen Company, Ltd., capital $25,000.

The Rossland Proprietary & Mining Co has been licensed an extra-provincial company with a capital of £10,000.

J. R. Randall and Lina Coleman Strachan, merchants of Trail, have dissolved partnership, and the business will be carried on by Lina Coleman Strachan, under the name and style of Coleman, Strachan & Co.

The head office of the Great Western Mines, Ltd., has been removed from Revelstoke to Ferguson.

H. E. T. Haultain, C. E., of Nelson, has been appointed attorney for the Hastings, British Columbia, Exploration Syndicate, Limited, vice Charles D. Mackenzie.

Jane Russell and Thomas Hardy, carrying on the Russell Hardware company at Greenwood, have dissolved partnership. J. A. Russell will carry on the business.

A number of claims owned by the B. C. Development company, in Lillooet district, are to be sold by auction on May 11th under a judgment in McDonald vs. the company.

A general meeting of the shareholders of the Vancouver & Lulu Island Railway company, is to be held at Vancouver on May 1st.

Apropos of firearm accidents, the Daily Telegraph tells an excellent story concerning the wife of a dramatist. She was a very jealous woman, and one day she determined to take vengeance upon her husband for a purely imaginary wrong. Passing a pawnbroker's she saw a pistol in the window. She went in and asked the price. "Ten shillings, ma'am," was the reply. "I'll give you five," said she. "Couldn't do it at the price," the pawnbroker answered. "Then," said the lady, "I won't shoot him; it's too dear." And she didn't.

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## SHIPPING TROUBLES.

### Captains Experience Difficulty in Getting Sailors at This Port.

A new chapter was added to the Senator story this afternoon, when five men came up before Police Magistrate Hall, the men having been arrested yesterday at the instance of Mr. Von Rhien.

The matter coming up to-day showed a very grave misunderstanding upon the part of many of those implicated in it.

The men did not come before Magistrate Hall upon any particular charge, having been detained simply at the instance of Mr. Von Rhien. The first three to come up were all members of the party that deserted from the Senator at Chemainus, and later at Esquimalt. They were arrested by Police Officer Munroe upon the request of Mr. Von Rhien, who claimed that the men had obtained money under false pretenses.

Mr. Von Rhien stated to the magistrate that he had obtained legal advice afterwards and found that there was little ground for taking the action. The men, he said, had been given money by him, and he had reason to believe they were going to leave for the Sound ports on the boats last night. He had therefore asked that they be arrested.

The men's statement was that they had been asked by Mr. Von Rhien if they would ship on the German ship for Europe. They said they would not. Mr. Von Rhien had then given them $3 each, telling them to go and have a "booze."

Magistrate Hall said there was apparently no reason why the men should have been arrested. The police officer, in acting upon Mr. Von Rhien's request, had simply done his duty, but he should never have been asked to do it. If the men's story was true the action of Mr. Von Rhien might have a very selfish construction put upon it, inasmuch as it might be suspected that he intended the men to get drunk and then he might ship them on the German vessel.

Mr. Von Rhien objected to this construction being put upon his actions. For fifteen years he had lived here, and he had never sent a man on board a vessel against his will or in a drunken state.

The other two men were arrested by the provincial police at the instance of Mr. Von Rhien upon the claim that they were properly articled sailors of the Senator. Superintendent Hussey, of the provincial police, wished the matter made perfectly clear. He would like to know whether the men were legally shipped before a shipping master. If such were not the case, the provisions of the Shipping Act were being violated, which was not to be permitted at this port.

Capt. Harrison said he had shipped one of the men before Capt. Lewis, the shipping master, and the other one had been shipped by special permit of Capt. Lewis. The men he said, were perfectly willing to go on board the vessel.

Questioned by the police magistrate the men said that they were willing to go before the shipping master and ship on the Senator. This simplified the matter, and the men left with Capt. Harrison with this purpose in view.

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## Russian Operations Again nese Who Are Holding tions Near Mukden

## In the Storming of Kulo, ing Party Lost Tairte Men Killed.

London, April 23.—A dispat St. Petersburg to the Daily M official information is received newed military activity is beg Manchuria. Chinese troops ar ly entrenched at three points Mukden. They are armed w rifles and have 30 Krupp guns. eastward of Mukden near Tu there are 12,000 men under t Boxer general, Lu Tanse. To t west, near Kulo, there are 6, nese under the former governor den. To the eastward in Mon near the Inshan mountain, t 9,000 more, under the Chinese Schu.

Admiral Alexieff has accordi ganized an expedition under G pinsky, consisting of two regim five sotnias of Cossacks, 16 gu body of volunteers, to operate the three points mentioned.

The first movement was suc carried out in the beginning Kulo, which is two hundred kilometres from Mukden, was and the ex-governor of Muk taken prisoner. In this action sians had 13 men killed and fou and 13 men wounded.

The advance towards the Tu position was then begun. Owin departure of most of the Russia from Mukden, the latter city come very unsafe. Almost Russians are found shot in the

The situation in Southern M is disquieting and another adv Russian troop will be necessar early spring.

According to Russian advices, St. Petersburg correspondent Times, Prince Tuan has failed duce a rising among the inhabi Mongolia, who are kept quie wholesome respect for Russia therefore declared to be untrue insurrection has broken out in M

## TROOPS FOR SAMAR

### Reinforcements to Be Sent to D Filipinos Who Refuse t Surrender.

Taclobin, Island of Leyte, A The session of the Philippines sion at Cat Balogan, Samar Is day developed the fact that the ants of Samar are still terrorize forces of Gen. Lukban, the rebe which consists of 600 rifles a Bolomen.

The only delegates present at sion were representatives from garrisoned towns on the east c they feared to give informatio Americans. The commissioners them that the increased Americ would cope with the rebels an vigorous campaign would be in Samar. The only America now in Samar are seven com the First infantry.

Previous to the arrival of the sion yesterday a party of i fired down from the hills bac Balogan. Some bamboo guns tured to-day.

The commissioners sailed to the southern Luzon provinces.

Surrenders.

Manila, April 24.—One hund fifteen officers and 2,157 Bolo surrendered and sworn allegian United States at Narvasacan, of South Ilolocos.

The commissary investigatio gressing. Several important in the Reed case have left Messr. Barry Baldwin, Thomas Fred Macondry and H. S. prominent merchants, supposed sess information concerning paid to commissary officers, are as witnesses under $2,500 bail arrests will be made. The trial tain James Creed, formerly de missary at Manila, has been te postponed.

## LEPERS IN PHILIPPIN

### They Will All Be Placed Island.

(Associated Press.)

Manila, April 24.—Major N jutant-general of the departme Visayas, has received the surr Quentin, Salas and three of his All the insurgents under Salas render soon. It is claimed terminate the insurrection in th of Panay.

It is estimated there are 25,0 in the Philippines, and it is p isolate all the lepers on on Major Mans, the medical i Capt. Ahern, of the 9th Infan Capt. Quartermaster Morton, the board of officers appointed a suitable island. They have Dusanga, Culion, Cogayan, De other islands, and have made but it has not yet been acted u

## SIXTY OUTLAWS KILL

London, April 24.—News has here of a severe battle in the of Fort Darwin, Mashonaland, a force of Charter Land police an from Chintsi, under the outlaw dara. Sixty of the outlaws we