

OPERATION CHAPMAN'S IDEA

LAND PUBLICITY
EXPERT VISITS CITY

Coast Cities Should Unite for
Best Benefit—Praises Van-
couver Island

Want to see all the cities of the coast on both sides of the national boundary forget their petty jealousies and sink all prejudices in action for the benefit of the said C. C. Chapman, the Portland publicity expert who is well known here for his work in forming Vancouver Island Development League. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman arrived in Victoria on Saturday afternoon and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. McCaffrey until yesterday, when they left for Portland.

Mr. Chapman said that he had visited Spokane, Tacoma, Seattle, Westminster and Vancouver on his trip and had preached the gospel of operation in the three American cities of co-operation," he said, "with the formation of a bureau in connection with the Commercial Club, the pioneer organization of the coast. Our aim is 'All the coast for all the time.' We realize that the comparisons between coast cities must be discouraged and that the united action in securing the conventions possible for the Pacific cities. Instead of fighting for the plum the cities should be in giving it to the place which is most entitled to it. It is the greatest and best effort to secure

that scheme apply to B. C. asked the Times reporter. "I cannot see where it does not," Mr. Chapman. "British Columbia is the great Pacific coast and it should have the same chance of holding conventions as the other side. We do not contemplate actual organization but wish to have an understanding between the cities whereby friction, which has been one of the worst of the coast, will be avoided. There is no money and no set formula in holding conventions. It is a case of everybody boosting for the coast and the lucky city to make good. San Francisco, Los Angeles and other cities have fallen into line and believe it is only a matter of time before the whole coast will be united on the scheme."

Chapman quoted from memory some of the points of the plan which have been held in the larger of the United States during the few years showing the many advantages which the coast cities have. He pointed out that the Shriners' convention to be held in Chicago in September is conservatively estimated as likely to bring a sum of \$50,000,000 at least to the city.

He in New Westminster Mr. Chapman was met by the mayor and the members of the board of trade and on a trip around the city. In evening of the same day he was to attend an informal conference of the officials and other prominent men of the Royal City at which the plan of a Fraser Valley Development League was projected but action postponed until the matter had further considered.

On Tuesday next Hon. Richard McBride will leave for Kamloops to attend the irrigation congress at that point. Hon. Thos. Taylor, minister of works, will leave the same day for Alberni on a tour of inspection of the various public works under construction throughout the district. Later he will visit Comox and thence to the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Messrs. Pemberton & Sons have just negotiated the sale of the southeast corner of Douglas street and King's road, owned by James Blair, to an English syndicate. The lot has a frontage of 70 feet on Douglas street and a depth of 110 feet on King's road. It was purchased about six months ago. Mr. Blair for about \$25,000. The property now realized in the latest transfer \$30,000. This site is occupied by the store of the Burridge Mercantile Co., the successors to John Bros.

It is likely that at this evening's meeting of the streets committee of the city council a date will be fixed on which the several money bylaws which are under way shall be submitted to the ratepayers for their judgment. Among the measures to be submitted are the Dallas road improvement scheme by which the city is providing for the granting of a site to the board of trustees at Spring Ridge for the new high school and the bylaw asking for authority to expend through of \$20,000 on the erection of a public conveniences.

WHEELERS ACTIVE.
Two Thousand Barrels of Second Grade Oil at Outer Dock for Shipment on Bellerophon.

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The Otter is gone to load coal and will return here for a large number of empty barrels for the west coast stations. She brought word that while she was there six whales were brought in and cut up for oil and fertilizer. The German had arrived at Sechart but had not at that time commenced hunting.

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EXCURSIONISTS FROM ALASKA

SPEND WHOLE DAY
SEEING VICTORIA

Captain of Queen Says Earth-
quake Broke Icebergs From
Foot of Taku Glacier

(From Friday's Daily.)
Passengers on the Queen, Captain George H. Zeh, were agreeably surprised on the way south from their Alaska tour at the announcement that they would be given a whole day in Victoria. It was expected that the steamer would not reach this port until 1 p. m. to-day, but the winds and tides were favorable and she tied up at the outer dock at 6 a. m. The seventy or eighty passengers have accordingly been taking in the sights of the city and will leave at 9 p. m., arriving at Seattle early to-morrow morning.

The passengers state that the voyage was a most enjoyable one. They visited Sitka, where there is a fine museum of Indian and other relics, most of which were gathered by the fathers of the Greek church during the time of a Russian occupation. The museum is now in charge of the United States government, which has added to the collection and take care of it. The whole day was spent in this tour, and the passengers were very much interested in the quaint Greek church and its official squad of United States soldiers. Sitka is no longer the capital, but it has an official air which Jeanne, the new capital, does not possess.

At the Taku Glacier there was a great deal of ice. Captain Zeh gave it as his opinion that there had been an earthquake shock in the neighborhood and that this had broken off the quantity of ice from the foot of the glacier. The ice was that the harbor was full of ice and the steamer could not get within a mile of the foot of the glacier. At the Muir glacier, however, they were able to approach within a stone's throw, and to see the immense crevasses in the wall of ice, showing the ruggedness of the mountain. At Skagway a side trip was organized to the summit, over the White pass and Yukon railway, and some of the passengers were very much interested in the trip. It took two and a half hours to reach that point and several hours were spent there before returning.

LOCAL NEWS

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The provincial executive yesterday afternoon under discussion an application from the city of Prince Rupert for a special loan of \$100,000 for the installation of an electric-lighting plant. No decision has yet been reached.

The Sunday school of Grace Lutheran church spent Thursday at Foul Bay beach and all the children enjoyed themselves greatly at this favorite picnic ground. The ladies met at this same place instead of holding the regular meeting of the society at one of the homes, as is the custom.

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CHINESE GOVERNMENT FEARS TROUBLE

Shake Up Occurs in Foreign Office
Following Resignation of
Vice-President

Peking, July 29.—An important shake up in the foreign office occurred yesterday following the publication of an imperial edict announcing that Liang Tzu Yen had been permitted to resign as senior vice-president, owing to ill health. All important officials of the foreign office, with the exception of Prince Ching, president of the council, were transferred to other departments of the government.

Reason for the changes is not given but it is believed that the imperial government is taking preliminary steps to avert demonstrations over the recent Russo-Japanese Manchurian convention and over certain railway concessions to the empire.

Liang Tzu Yen three years ago was appointed minister at Washington, but a week after his selection the appointment was cancelled. Later he was appointed assistant director general of customs and afterward transferred to the foreign office because of his knowledge of Russian conditions.

Prince Ching, uncle of the emperor, is one of the most distinguished men in Chinese public life. He at one time was high commissioner in negotiations with Japan relative to Manchuria. He has been president of the board of foreign affairs of Tsung-Li Pamen since 1905.

He is disliked by the emperor, but his power is shown by his ability to hold his office in spite of the removal of all his leading subordinate officials.

MISS POOLEY AND
MACRAE WINNERS

Victorians Playing to Form in the
Vancouver Tournament

(From Friday's Daily.)
Miss V. Pooley and Macrae, the Victoria tennis players who are competing at the Vancouver tournament, are still playing with success. Miss Pooley won the singles by defeating Mrs. Grubbe, 6-1, 6-0. Schwengers has commenced in the singles by defeating Nipper Smith, 6-0, 6-1. Mrs. Crow Baker was beaten by the ladies' singles by Miss Hobson, who has been playing a strong game all along, in a three set match, 4-6, 6-1, 6-3. Playing with Miss Tupper in the doubles, Mrs. Crow Baker was beaten by Misses Pele and Corbould, 4-6, 6-3, but in the mixed doubles, with Macrae for a partner, the Victoria lady won the score being 6-5, 6-2, against S. Read and Mrs. Proctor.

In the men's doubles Schwengers and Rhodes defeated McLaugh and Newell easily, the score being 6-3, 6-1. In the veterans' S. P. James beat Sir C. H. Tupper, 6-0, 6-1.

MINISTER AND STRIKE
LEADERS CONFERENCE

Grand Trunk Company and Employees Satisfied With Progress of Events

(Special to the Times.)
Montreal, July 29.—A conference was held this morning between Minister of Labor King and Vice-president Murdoch of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, but when adjournment was taken at noon to meet again this afternoon, no arrangement was given out as to the result of the conference.

The strike situation remains unchanged, the company claiming that everything is going along nicely, while the men declare themselves satisfied with the progress of events so far.

At Valleyfield last night a box car was burned, and near Ottawa four cars were derailed.

ROUMANIAN PRINCE HERE.

(From Friday's Daily.)
Making a short stop-over on Vancouver Island for the purpose of testing its fish-laden salmon, fishing Prince Ghika, of Roumania, is a guest at the Alberni hotel. He is enthusiastic upon a big game hunt in Alaska. His highness arrived yesterday from Seattle in company with Capt. Ronald Radcliffe, of Wareham, England, who is an authority on big game and one of whose books on that subject is responsible for the enthusiasm which has led the Roumanian prince to make his first trip to the Pacific.

The two hunters will leave Seattle on August 5th by the steamship Portland for Alaska. They will hunt the giant moose, the woodland caribou and the catlike bear in the country west of Valdez before going inland in quest of mountain sheep. Altogether they expect to be in camp for nearly three months.

Prince Ghika, a big, rugged man whose appearance betrays his life in the open, has always displayed a propensity for "roughing it" on hunting expeditions. He is enthusiastic over the prospects of good sport in the north as promised by his travelling companion, Capt. Radcliffe, one of whose volumes, "Big Game in Alaska," first fired his ambition to make this trip to the coast. He speaks English fluently and is as well-informed as he is genial.

WILL PUT MATTERS BEFORE SIR WILFRID

Board of Trade to Present Address
Touching Songhees and Rail-
way Questions

An address dealing with the Songhees reserve problem and the proposed bridging of Seymour Narrows, to give railroad connections with the mainland, will be presented to Sir Wilfrid Laurier by the board of trade upon the occasion of his visit here next month. This decision was reached at a short meeting of the board of trade council held Friday morning.

The B. C. Electric Railway Company's proposed extension through the Saanich peninsula came up for discussion but was not dealt with, the council considering that the present time is not opportune for action.

A brief discussion took place about the question of ownership of the Clover Point rifle range, and the committee which was appointed to meet Hon. William Templeman in connection with the Stewart mail service was instructed to take this matter up with the minister at the same time.

The members of the committee, which will interview Mr. Templeman this afternoon, are: H. G. Wilson, J. Forman, A. E. Todd, Simon Leiser, J. J. Shalleross, H. Trewhartha-James.

WATER SUPPLY AMPLE
SAYS CITY ENGINEER

No Danger of Famine This Summer—Analysis Shows Quality of Water is Excellent

Recently many complaints have been made as to the quality of the water supplied consumers in Victoria. Both in taste and odor the aqua pura has been found faulty, and the suggestion has been made that this was probably due to the fact that the water was unfiltered. A Times reporter contacted Mr. Smith, the city engineer, about the matter Friday morning.

"The water is all filtered," said Mr. Smith. "And there is no doubt about its purity. We are having it analyzed every month by Herbert Carmichael, provincial analyst, and his reports show that it is good water in every sense of the word. It is quite free from dangerous constituents and may be drunk in any quantity with perfect safety. It is true that it occasionally is found to have an unpleasant taste and smell, but this is due to the presence of some harmless vegetable matter."

Mr. Smith was asked if in the event of the present drought continuing there would be any danger of a famine. He replied that the negative and added that the lake had been lowered but very little from the normal height, notwithstanding the long-continued dry spell. There was ample water in Elk lake for months to come.

There is now 6 feet 9 inches of water in the big reservoir on Smith's hill. The leakage is at the rate of 60,000 gallons per day.

BORROWED AUTO FOR
EARLY MORNING RIDE

Youth Remains in Jail for Two Days and is Then Acquitted on Charge of Theft

Owing to the fact that several complaints of automobiles being stolen had reached the police, Harold Regan, aged 18, appeared in court on remand Friday, charged with having stolen an automobile valued at over \$1,000, from the Western Motor Supply Company, Broad street, which R. P. Clarke, its manager, Regan had been in jail two days on remand. He was found not guilty and discharged.

Regan admitted having had the machine in his possession for some time during the early morning of July 26th, but the evidence for the prosecution showed that he had been at the garage on the night before and had driven with John Hickey, an employee of the company, to the latter's house, 881 Cormorant street. Hickey had there taken the machine over to the accused and told him to drive back to the garage with it. Regan, however, took a little three-hour joy ride on his own account before returning the machine to the garage, and the prosecution was based upon this act.

R. P. Clarke, manager of the company, said that several machines had been taken from the garage and used during the night time for several weeks. The discovery had been made after the machines had been returned, when it was found that the gasoline tanks were generally empty and the mechanism altered.

Regan had been seen careering down town in the machine by Constable Smith, and his arrest followed later in the morning.

City Engineer Angus Smith, for driving his automobile to the common danger, and W. C. Todd, for driving in excess of the speed limit, were each fined \$20.

VICTORIA DOESN'T GET IT.

Oscar C. Bass Says Local Merchants Are Not Securing Proper Share of Northern Trade.

Oscar C. Bass, who has just returned from a trip to Stewart, is of the opinion that the merchants of Victoria are not taking advantage of the trade opportunities which Prince Rupert and Stewart offer. While both of these ports are taking in large quantities of merchandise, Mr. Bass says that the amount of goods being sent north by local merchants is very small in proportion to that which is sent from Vancouver.

CLASH BETWEEN EXILES AND TROOPS

Carlisle Pretender to the Spanish
Throne Reported to Be Leader
of Movement

(Times Leased Wire.)
Madrid, July 29.—Thousands of Spanish exiles gathered on the Franco-Spanish frontier were prevented from entering Spain to-day to take part in the proposed demonstration at Barcelona against the monarchy. Troops patrolling the border turned back the forces of the exiles. No serious clashes were reported.

This was the official statement made public here this afternoon. No mention of conditions at Barcelona, where a general strike was threatened, is made.

Conflicts Reported.
Cerbere, France, Spanish Frontier. The Spanish exiles planning to enter Spain and the Spanish troops are reported to-day. No details are obtainable except from consular dispatches from Madrid, which announce the usual government success.

Don Jaime, the Carlisle pretender to the Spanish throne, is leading the movement. He is reported to be in the hands of the Spanish troops. A clash is feared. Courier reports received late this evening indicate that the exiles have camped on the Spanish frontier and will proceed to Barcelona as soon as the monarchy is deposed in number.

SUGGESTS CHANGE
IN KING'S TITLE

Mayor of Montreal Replies to a
Telegram From Editor of
London Express

Montreal, July 29.—Mayor Guerin this morning received a letter from the editor of the London, England, Express, asking his opinion on the suggestion that King George assume the title of Emperor of the British Empire. In part it says: "Canada, Australia, South Africa, and New Zealand have ceased to be colonies, the sole remaining link between them all being the person of King George. It is suggested that King George at the moment of his coronation should take to himself and his descendants the title and rank and dignity of Emperor of the British Empire. This suggestion is made in the belief that such action would be contrary to the wishes of his people and I shall be glad if you, as chief magistrate of one of the Empire's great cities, will let me have your views on the subject." Guerin has replied, suggesting in place of the phrase "King of Great Britain and Ireland" and of British Dominions Beyond the Seas, be used "King of Canada, Australia," etc.

HEAVY WEATHER FOR
STEAMER UMATILLA

Waves Washed Upper Decks of
Vessel and Delayed Her Several Hours

With breakers washing the upper decks and furious head winds retarding her progress, the steamer Umatilla, Captain Reilly, had a hard time the day after she left San Francisco. The passengers were all sick and they dare not open their stateroom doors for fear the water might come in. It was rather a distressing time for the big crowd of 15 men, women, and children who were bound to this port. The following day, however, the sun shone out brightly, the wind subsided and the voyage finished pleasantly enough, the boat arriving on Friday shortly before noon instead of last night according to schedule.

The Umatilla had a big cargo, consisting mostly of fruit, vegetables and hardware. Some of the fruit was stored on her decks and will be none the better for the washing with salt water. The following is the list of passengers who embarked here, the others remaining only a couple of hours before proceeding to Seattle: Alice Brennan, Mrs. M. F. Brennan, D. Spear, wife and child, S. E. S. Law, wife and child, H. Hawley and wife, Mrs. J. Spence, R. H. Carroll, W. Aikie, J. B. Hodges, Mrs. A. McKown, M. P. Wm. F. Bichi, and four second class.

MONTCALM MAY NOT
VISIT ESQUIMALT

French Cruiser Going Direct to
Seattle From Honolulu and is
Now Due

Official advices received here state that the French cruiser Montcalm, which is now about due in the straits from Honolulu on her cruise around the world, will go direct to Seattle and will remain there until August 10. Whether the Montcalm, which is formerly intended to dispatch from the Hawaiian port direct to Victoria, will visit this port before proceeding south is not yet known, but it is now considered unlikely in view of the change in her schedule.

KILBURN SOLD.

Wrecked Steamer Fetched But Small Sum at Public Auction in Suva.

At a public auction at Suva, the steamer Kilburn, which stranded near some time ago, was sold for \$37. Most of the cargo and deck fittings were salvaged, and were moved to Suva. As a result of the inquiry into the cause of the stranding the captain's certificate was suspended for three months, and the chief officer and second officer were censured.

SHORTAGE AMOUNTS TO HALF MILLION

Cashier of the Russo-Chinese Bank
Has Not Yet Been
Found

New York, July 29.—The New York agency of the Russo-Chinese bank issued a cheerful statement last night, lightening by \$100,000 the stock shortage with which its youthful cashier, Edwin Wilder, now a fugitive from justice, stands accused. The bank's loss, says the statement, will not exceed \$500,000. Heretofore the most conservative estimates placed the value of the missing securities at \$600,000.

With the grand jury investigation of the case now under way, Wilder's whereabouts are still a mystery. Although it was reported yesterday that he was under surveillance at White Plains, New York, only twenty-two miles from New York City, this could not be confirmed. Witnesses, including representatives of stock exchange houses with which the young speculator had dealings, were examined by the grand jury.

Whether Wilder was at any time pronouncedly successful in his stock market affairs is a matter of debate. At any rate his operations were on a small scale. During a twelve-month, it was learned yesterday, one of the first bought \$300,000 of stocks for his account, and it is assumed that he must have been on the right side of the market at times, although he is said to have lost heavily as a bear during one of the great bull movements in cotton.

The statement issued last night by the bank says in part: "A full examination shows that the loss cannot in any event exceed \$500,000 and of that amount a large sum is certain to be recovered by the bank. The robbery cannot in any way either affect the normal course of business of the bank nor exert any influence upon the bank's dividends."

HOME RULE IN
UNITED KINGDOM

Plan Believed to Be Foreshadowed
in Speech by Secretary for
Ireland

London, July 29.—Home Rule, not only in Ireland, but in other parts of the United Kingdom, is believed here to have been foreshadowed in a banquet speech made by Irish Secretary Birrell. The significant remark of Birrell's was "dragging Ireland in the wake of England is stupid business. We ought to have a truly impartial parliament." This is interpreted to mean that the Asquith administration favors Home Rule in various parts of the empire.

The Daily Express, a strong Unionist dry spell, had taken up advocacy of the plan, saying: "We think this urgent. Closer American relations are desired, but this is impossible so long as Anglo-Americans remain hostile to England."

FAIL TO REACH
SUMMIT OF MCKINLEY

Members of Party Headed by
Rusk on Way Back to
Seward

Seward, Alaska, July 29.—The Portland Oregonian and New York Herald Mount McKinley expedition, headed by C. E. Rusk, of Chehalis, Wash., which sailed from Seattle on the revenue cutter Tahona, on April 24th, and which followed Dr. Cook's party up the Shumna and Chukotina rivers, failed to reach the summit of Mount McKinley, and is now on the way back to Seward.

Members of the party reached the peak which Cook alleged to be the summit, but it is ten miles from the topmost point of the mountain, they said. The Rusk party was unable to see the flag which the Thomas Lloyd party is alleged to have planted on the summit last April, and the members are disinclined to believe the story told by the Fairbanks expedition.

The party headed by Prof. Herschel Parker, of New York, and Belmore Brown, of Tacoma, is still endeavoring to ascend the mountain.

This news was brought to Seward yesterday by W. McDougall, president of the Cache Creek Mining Company, who met the Rusk party a few days ago at Shushitna station.

LEAGUE EXECUTIVE MEETING.

Local Branch of V. I. Development League Endorses Resolutions of Annual Meeting.

At the executive meeting of the Vancouver Island Development League, Victoria branch, held Thursday afternoon, the minutes of the annual meeting held at Alberni on Monday were adopted. The question of approaching the provincial government with a view to placing the league's recommendations before it was laid over until the next meeting. J. W. C. Burn, of Nanaimo, president of the league.

The matter of taking part in the reception of Sir Wilfrid Laurier was left to the league members attending the board of trade council meeting to-day. It is expected that the league will hold another meeting at an early date.

FATAL MISTAKE.
London, Ont., July 29.—While groping in the dark at his home early yesterday morning for the purpose of getting a drink of water, John Beal, 45 years old, drank carbolic acid and died in the Victoria hospital two hours later.

PREDICTS SLUMP IN WHEAT PRICES

Portland Miller Declares Drop
Will Come Unless Foreign
Markets Advance

Portland, Ore., July 29.—Unless foreign markets range considerably higher the man who sells wheat during July and August will receive a better price than the man who holds.

This is the declaration made by Theo. B. Wilcox, president of the Portland Flouring Mills, the owner of a string of mills in Oregon, and on Puget Sound, and the highest wheat buyer on the Pacific Coast.

Continuing, he said: "The Pacific Northwest produces a surplus of wheat each year and as long as we do we must sell at whatever price the other fellow is willing to give. Just now a few men who bought flour short at low prices are covering, and have been forced into the market at high prices. 'I believe, however, that everyone is getting too excited over high prices. Last year it was the same. For a while we paid prices that were not the least justified by local conditions or the market elsewhere. The slump at the close of the season was the result. Personally, I will not stand for putting the price of local flour to a basis where we would simply invite the eastern millers to take our trade.'"

Wilcox would make a big profit by a sharp advance in the price of wheat. It is estimated that he holds fully a million bushels of wheat and flour that he paid record breaking prices for last year.

ROUMANIA'S QUEEN
WILL TOUR STATES

Expected to Arrive at Portland,
Ore., During Month of
September

Portland, Ore., July 29.—Elizabeth, Queen of Roumania (Carmen) will come to Portland, probably in September. While here she will be the guest of the Better Citizenship association, and will participate in a national anniversary meeting of the organization, according to announcements made by the general secretary, E. M. Rosenthal.

Queen Elizabeth expects to make a tour of the United States that will take her to the principal cities of the nation. The date of her arrival in Portland has not been definitely fixed, but she is expected the latter part of September.

The anniversary conference of the Better Citizenship association had been set for Tuesday but when word came from Mr. Rosenthal of Queen Elizabeth's coming it was instantly decided that it would be better to postpone the meeting until the arrival of the Queen.

MORE FOREST FIRES
IN THE INTERIOR

High Winds and Hot Weather
Cause Renewal of Trouble at
Several Points

Nelson, July 29.—Heavy winds and hot weather are again renewing the forest fires. They are being very promptly dealt with by Government Agents Teetzel, who has dispatched men to Granite, and Hall's siding, where the big fire of last week is now threatening again.

Fire started at Bonington but was under control Wednesday morning and the men were transferred to Winlaw, where assistance was asked for. Bad fires were raging at Kitchener and at Erickson. Fully fifty men are employed in fighting fire at these two places. The high wind of Tuesday acted as a great stimulus to the fiery heat and it was during this gale that blowing that both of these fires started up. On Wednesday the gale subsided and the latest reports are that the fire is now under control both at Kitchener and Erickson.

After burning quietly at different places along Bald Creek mountain near New Michel bush fires suddenly became threatening on Monday when fanned by a high wind, they got beyond control on the Brewery Flat, although several men had been kept on the ground watching and guarding the fire. Sixty men were quickly gathered and dispatched to the fire which was put under control by clearing and ploughing firebreaks.

Mr. Cox, accountant at the brewery, while working to stop the flames, surrounded by smoke and fire he finally managed to gain safety. Ten men were placed on watch during the night.

OFFICIAL REPORT
ON BITTER CREEK

Dominion Geologist Says Rush is
Not Warranted by Discoveries
So Far

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, July 29.—Dominion Geologist McConnell reports to the department that the first discoveries of gold in Bitter Creek district, British Columbia, were exaggerated. Assays run \$2 to \$8 per ton. There is plenty of vein matter in the mountains, but the value is low, making it doubtful if it is extracted at a profit. The district is inaccessible in places, and the gold rush is not warranted by discoveries so far, though sufficient to warrant further prospecting.