



"SOON WE'LL BE IN LONDON TOWN."

THE ORPHANS—Oh, James, James! whatever will become of us when you are gone? JAMES DUNSMUIR WHITTINGTON—Back, brain and agitators. Hear you not the Bow bells: Turn again, Jimmy D. And return a C. M. G.

AN ASSAY OFFICE NEEDED AT DAWSON

TRADE IN GOLD DUST IS NOT SATISFACTORY

The Whole Question Is Now Being Considered by the Dominion Government.

Ottawa, May 3.—Thomas Earle, in the House last night, said: "It has been the opinion of the trade and of merchants generally, both on the coast and in Dawson, that the establishment of an assay office at Dawson would be more beneficial to them than an assay office at Vancouver. It appears that they are obliged in trade to take gold at a valuation something in excess of what it is really worth, and there is great difficulty in establishing the value of it because it cannot be ascertained in Dawson. It has been, and is, the occasion of a very considerable loss of traders there. They are at present taking gold dust at the value of \$15 per ounce, and they find that when sent to the coast it does not realize more than \$15 an ounce, and they have been memorializing the department to the effect that the establishment of an assay office at Dawson would enable them to handle the gold at its actual value. The banks could purchase it or traders might remit gold bars instead of remitting dust, and they would be able to ascertain the actual value on the spot. I noticed in the press only a short time ago that the traders at Dawson have recommended very strongly that an assay office should be established there, and established as early a date as possible."

Hon. Clifford Sifton said: "I may say to my honorable friend (Mr. Earle) that my information is much to the same effect as his own, and the probability is that the mine are not receiving altogether full value for the gold. They propose, and I think in many ways it would be desirable, to establish an assay office there. I have discussed the matter very fully with Mr. Ross, commissioner of the Yukon, who has been here for some time, and all I can say to my honorable friend is that the whole subject will receive very full and careful consideration."

Judge at Atlin. It is said that David Grant, of Vancouver, will be made judge at Atlin, B.C. Bill Reported.

The United Goldfields, British Columbia, bill was made judge at Atlin, B.C. Bill Reported.

Court's Finding. Ottawa, May 5.—The Exchequer court finding in the claim of Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann against the Dominion government has been given out. The finding awards to Mackenzie & Mann for losses sustained in connection with the agreement to build the Skeena river & Teslin railway in the Yukon district the sum of \$227,678. This case was referred to the Exchequer court by authority of an order-in-council dated November 20th, 1901, setting forth that the Minister of Justice had recommended the payment of certain claims along with the costs. The court examined the claims and brought in the above finding.

Clergyman's Protest. Rev. Mr. Bland, of the Eastern Methodist church, protested in his sermon last evening against the rule of the church which prevented members from dancing. Rev. A. A. Cameron, of the Baptist church, in his sermon said that if members of his church attended the theatre he thought he might also do so.

Going to England. R. Maxwell and Mrs. Maxwell leave tomorrow for the Continent, and Ralph Smith and Mrs. Smith sail on Saturday.

Morning Sittings. The morning sessions commenced today. J. Charlton entered a protest against the granting of divorce by the Senate. He said that if divorces were to be granted they should be given by properly constituted courts. W. Ross, Victoria, N. S., said it was a disgrace. He knew of one case from Hamilton where the applicant had to come to the Senate because the woman had a friend

THE HEALTH OF HOLLAND'S QUEEN

CONDITION TO-DAY WAS REPORTED GRAVE

Her Majesty Was Prematurely Confined at Castle Loo—An Improvement This Afternoon.

The Hague, May 5.—It was announced from Castle Loo at midnight last night that Queen Wilhelmina had been prematurely confined on Sunday evening. Professor Rosenstein, Dr. Boesingh and the other doctors were in attendance. The Queen suffered intense agony. At 11 o'clock on Sunday evening the condition of Her Majesty was described as critical and small hope for her recovery was entertained.

The Hague, May 5.—A message from Castle Loo sent at 7 o'clock this morning says Queen Wilhelmina is still alive. None of the doctors attending Her Majesty left the patient last night, neither the Queen-Mother nor the Prince Consort went to bed.

Waiting for News. The Hague, May 5.—The more reassuring tone of this morning's official bulletin did little to allay the apprehensions of the public regarding the condition of the Queen. The streets are dotted with despondent groups of people anxiously discussing the exceedingly scanty information permitted to leak out. The offices of the official newspapers were besieged with enquiries and surrounded by people awaiting bulletins.

Telegrams of inquiry arrived from all parts of the world. All the foreign diplomats either personally called for news or sent their secretaries to make inquiries about Her Majesty's health.

Afternoon Bulletin. The Hague, May 5.—A bulletin posted at Castle Loo at 2 p.m. to-day announced that the condition of Queen Wilhelmina was satisfactory up to the present.

A Critical Time. The Hague, May 5.—It transpires that the first desponding symptoms in the Queen's condition manifested themselves during Saturday evening. An urgent summons was dispatched for an accoucheur, who remained at Her Majesty's bedside all night long and summoned Dr. Boesingh and Prof. Kowarsky, the gynecologist of Utrecht University, who arrived at Castle Loo yesterday afternoon. The symptoms of complications became more and more pronounced, and the condition of the Queen was considered extremely grave. The Queen-mother and the Prince Consort did not dare to leave the bedside. Towards night fall the patient became worse and suffered intense pain. The most critical time was reached between 10 and 11 p.m., and there was no relaxation to the extreme suspense of all present in the sick room until the doctors, at about midnight, were able to announce that the accouchement was over.

This morning's statement that in spite of great pain Her Majesty's condition was relatively satisfactory, considerably lessened the anxiety of the Queen's relatives and attendants. The feeling of relief was increased by the departure of Prof. Kowarsky from the castle and the wording of the afternoon's bulletin.

LAUNCH OF VENTURE. Miss Lagrin Will Preside Over the Christening Ceremony This Afternoon.

An interesting ceremony is to take place in the upper harbor this afternoon, when the new steamer Venture, built by the Victoria Machinery Company for N. P. Shaw & Co. for use in the Northern transportation business, will be given the water. She is a fine craft, and in point of convenience for the work to which she will be assigned will have few equals. The steamer has previously been described. Her hull has been built and completed ready to receive machinery in remarkably short time, and will be a credit to the works which it leaves. Everything was in readiness for the launching of the steamer this morning, but a suitable tide had to be awaited, and the event was therefore deferred until this afternoon. As the ship leaves the ways she will be christened the Venture by Miss Lagrin.

ARE NOT ANXIOUS. Nainaimo, May 5.—Officers of the Pacific Fish & Gold Storage Company, contacted the report concerning the loss of the Thurston. A. R. Johnston, president of the company, has just received a message from Capt. Johnston, who is in Victoria, stating that the story lacks foundation, and that the captain of the Nell told him there were no grounds for such. Capt. Johnston lays it down as the story that was circulated at Nainaimo while he was there, and writes the Thurston was in sight. No fears are entertained by the company.

SCIENTIFIC PUT HIM ON CRUTCHES. Jas. Smith, dairyman, of Ormsby, Ont., writes: "My limbs were almost useless from rheumatism and rheumatism, and notwithstanding my esteem for physicians, I sought the cure where I thought it was a cured man to-day, and South American Rheumatic Cure must have all the credit. It's a marvel. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—34.

HOW CONFESSIONS WERE OBTAINED

THE WATER CURE IN PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Returned Volunteer Tells Unitek States Senate Committee of Torture of a Dozen Prisoners.

Washington, May 3.—L. E. Hallock, of Boston, Mass., formerly a sergeant and then a private in company I, Twenty-Sixth volunteer infantry, testified today before the Senate committee on the Philippines concerning the practice of the "water cure" in the Philippines. Mr. Hallock told of the infliction of the cure upon a dozen natives at the town of Leon, province of Panaya. He said they were captured and tortured in order to secure information of the murder of Private Oherne, of company I, who had been not only killed, but roasted and otherwise tortured, before death ensued.

Capt. Glenn, in charge of a scouting party, first secured a confession of the participants in this crime from one native, who implicated twelve others. These were taken to Leon, the witness said, where his company was stationed under command of Capt. Grogg, and there on the 21st and again on the 22nd, of August, 1900, the "cure" was administered. Members of company I, he said, were ordered to do this by a sergeant named Manning, who is now in Boston. Hallock said he witnessed the torture, but he did not take part in it.

"Did Capt. Grogg know of the torture?" Senator Rawlins asked. "All the command knew it, and I don't see how he could have helped knowing it."

"What was the effect of the punishment?" "The stomach would swell up and in some cases I witnessed blood coming from the mouth."

When asked what became of the Philippine prisoners to whom the "cure" was administered, he replied that they were placed in a guard house 20 by 25 feet in size, in which there was one window, and in which at times 18 men were confined. The 12 prisoners were kept for four or five months and then they tried to escape. The effort was successful on the west coast of Vancouver Island, and his which at times 18 men were confined. The 12 prisoners were kept for four or five months and then they tried to escape. The effort was successful on the west coast of Vancouver Island, and his which at times 18 men were confined.

"Were all the prisoners who did not escape killed?" "I think so, with one exception; I think one was given his freedom."

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LIST OF OFFICERS

Going to Africa With Fifth Regiment, Fourth Canadian Contingent.

Ottawa, May 5.—The full list of officers for South Africa for the fourth contingent has been sent forward to the war office. Those for the Western regiment, that is, the Fifth Regiment, are:

In command, Lt.-Col. A. C. Macdonnell, D. S. O., Northwest Mounted Police. Second in command, Major E. C. Hosmer, C. D., Adjutant.

Captain Darcy E. Strickland, Inspector Northwest Mounted Police. Quartermaster, Lt. Chas. Haven, staff-sergeant Northwest Mounted Police. Medical officer, Surgeon Capt. J. M. Jorie, Veterinary officer, Lt. Capt. Adam McMillan, late veterinary lieutenant, Strathcona Horse. Captains, Chas. H. Rogers, 3rd Dragoons; F. J. Clark, Canadian Mounted Rifles; A. W. Strangways, R. O., N. F. Bagley, late sergeant-major, Northwest Mounted Police. Lieutenants, T. I. Hartley, 90th; T. Brown, Nelson Rifle Co.; H. R. Page, 90th; C. B. Worsnop, 90th; D. C. Riddle, 1st Penitentiary; late lieutenant, 90th; H. H. Nash, late Northwest Mounted Police; Lewis Hooper, staff-sergeant Northwest Mounted Police; Frank Buckland Harley, sergeant Northwest Mounted Police; Arthur Stouffer Purvis, ex-corporal Northwest Mounted Police; J. C. Debalinard, sergeant Royal Canadian Dragoons; J. H. Herriot, corporal Canadian Mounted Rifles; J. F. O'Brien, late corporal, Robert's Horse; A. Vernon, late private, Strathcona Horse; J. H. Irving, late private, Royal Canadian Dragoons; John Beresford, sergeant, late private Canadian Mounted Rifles; Chas. Pomlinson, late private Royal Canadian Regiment.

debauch, are no doubt responsible for the tragedy. The death occurred at the Provincial Home on Sunday last of Wm. Kirkwood at the age of 73 years. The deceased was a native of Ontario, and came to the Home from Vancouver. The cause of death was heart disease.

James Vair died at his residence on Seymour street on Sunday morning. For 15 years he carried on his business as hardware merchant here, and during that time he always took an active interest in everything that had an influence for good on the prosperity and welfare of the town. He was one of the first councillors elected on the incorporation of the city, and has acted as secretary-treasurer of the school board and treasurer of the hospital. He was a member of the board of trade, the Agricultural Association, and belonged to Old Fellows, in which order he has filled many important offices, at the time of his death being the junior past grand of Tatnall Lodge, politics he was a Liberal. He was born at Oshawa, Ontario, in 1829, and was therefore at the time of his death in his 47th year. He came to British Columbia about 1883, and for a time was located at Spence's Bridge, afterwards removing to Kamloops, where he was widowed and three children to mourn his loss.

F. S. Forest, general superintendent of the Spokane Falls & Northern, accompanied by the auditor, A. M. Thomas, and L. E. Shields, contractors for the construction of the Washington & Northern, returned here on Wednesday from a trip to Republic. They intend to complete and uncompleted sections between Marcus and the southern terminus. Mr. Forest expects the rails will be laid into Republic within three weeks. In addition to his present duties he will direct the operation of the new division and expects the time occupied in covering the trip between Spokane and Republic will not exceed seven hours.

Jay P. Graves, general manager of the Granby company, has arrived from Spokane for the purpose of inspecting recent development work in the Granby mines. The Cascade Water Power & Light Company will shortly close a contract with the Granby company for the supply of from 1,000 to 1,500 horse-power for running the drills and operating the hoists in the Granby mines at Phoenix. The electrical energy will be transmitted by the double pole line recently completed. If the service will be satisfactory the Granby company will ultimately abandon the use of steam power.

The work of building the new \$1,500 race track of the Grand Forks Jockey Club and Athletic Association will be commenced on Monday. It is stipulated that the entire work must be completed in time for the big race meet here on July 1st and 2nd, when \$5,000 will be offered in prizes.

Within the past week seven individuals with families have purchased small tracts of land in the Kettle River valley, in this vicinity. They will engage in fruit growing and market gardening.

Miss Julia Danton, a graduate nurse of the Montreal General hospital, contented with a hospital and private sanitarium here, provided a suitable site can be secured.

A terrible accident occurred on Tuesday last week which resulted in the death of a Hungarian laborer named Joe Dudic. Dudic and a companion were engaged in taking out sand from a pit near the station and had worked their way in several feet into the wall, when without the slightest warning the ceiling collapsed, burying the Hungarian beneath tons of sand. His companion called a number of men to his assistance and they worked hard to extricate the buried man. In a short time they had succeeded in unphosphing the man's head and shoulders, and he gave evidence of being still alive. Unfortunately when they reached this stage another cave-in occurred, and the poor man was again buried before their eyes, two of the rescuers having a narrow escape from also being buried. William hands again went to work, but when he was finally taken out he was beyond recovery, although Dr. McSorley, who was on the scene a moment after the accident occurred, worked for hours to resuscitate the man, but his efforts were unavailing.

A farewell social was given last Friday by the attendees of the late Rev. Dr. Congregational church to the retiring pastor, Rev. William Munroe, who has accepted the charge of the Central Congregational church in Vancouver. W. G. Fraser, in the name of the Ladies' Aid and the Young Men's club, presented Mr. Munroe with an illuminated address and a handsome gold pocket watch and chain, the recipient making an appreciative speech in reply. Short addresses were also delivered by Rev. Dr. Wright, of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. D. H. Reid, of the Methodist church, the latter presenting the pulpit of the Congregational church after Mr. Munroe leaves. Mr. Munroe has been very popular in Nelson.

INQUEST ON THE BODY OF ALFRED LEGERE, who was killed at North Hill by Louis Peauquette, was held on Monday. The jury, after hearing the evidence, returned the verdict that Alfred Legere came to his death from a bullet wound received at the hands of Louis Peauquette, fired with intent to kill. The motive for the crime probably has its origin in the passion Peauquette entertained for Mrs. Legere, who was found that he had often told her he loved her, but she had never thought he meant it seriously, says the Sentinel. Her husband knew of this, and told her to pay no attention to him. There was evidently more in his declaration than either Legere or his wife dreamed, and this, together with the effects of a prolonged

CHINESE GIRL CARRIED OFF BY HIGHBINDERS

Tea Merchant Bought Her in China and Was to Have Married Her To-Night.

New York, May 5.—Woo Lung Fong, a beautiful Chinese girl, who was brought to the wife of Ling Foy, a wealthy Ninth street tea merchant, has been kidnapped by Highbinders, and intense excitement prevails in Chinatown. The wedding ceremony was to have been performed at the Joss house in Mott street at midnight to-night, and extensive preparations had been made for the event. The merchant has not yet been told of the disappearance of his fiancée, and the news will be kept from him until the last moment in the hope that the girl may be returned. Ling Foy is said to be one of the wealthiest Chinamen in America.

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In this picture there is another man and his wife. Can you find them?

debauch, are no doubt responsible for the tragedy. The death occurred at the Provincial Home on Sunday last of Wm. Kirkwood at the age of 73 years. The deceased was a native of Ontario, and came to the Home from Vancouver. The cause of death was heart disease.

James Vair died at his residence on Seymour street on Sunday morning. For 15 years he carried on his business as hardware merchant here, and during that time he always took an active interest in everything that had an influence for good on the prosperity and welfare of the town. He was one of the first councillors elected on the incorporation of the city, and has acted as secretary-treasurer of the school board and treasurer of the hospital. He was a member of the board of trade, the Agricultural Association, and belonged to Old Fellows, in which order he has filled many important offices, at the time of his death being the junior past grand of Tatnall Lodge, politics he was a Liberal. He was born at Oshawa, Ontario, in 1829, and was therefore at the time of his death in his 47th year. He came to British Columbia about 1883, and for a time was located at Spence's Bridge, afterwards removing to Kamloops, where he was widowed and three children to mourn his loss.

F. S. Forest, general superintendent of the Spokane Falls & Northern, accompanied by the auditor, A. M. Thomas, and L. E. Shields, contractors for the construction of the Washington & Northern, returned here on Wednesday from a trip to Republic. They intend to complete and uncompleted sections between Marcus and the southern terminus. Mr. Forest expects the rails will be laid into Republic within three weeks. In addition to his present duties he will direct the operation of the new division and expects the time occupied in covering the trip between Spokane and Republic will not exceed seven hours.

Jay P. Graves, general manager of the Granby company, has arrived from Spokane for the purpose of inspecting recent development work in the Granby mines. The Cascade Water Power & Light Company will shortly close a contract with the Granby company for the supply of from 1,000 to 1,500 horse-power for running the drills and operating the hoists in the Granby mines at Phoenix. The electrical energy will be transmitted by the double pole line recently completed. If the service will be satisfactory the Granby company will ultimately abandon the use of steam power.

The work of building the new \$1,500 race track of the Grand Forks Jockey Club and Athletic Association will be commenced on Monday. It is stipulated that the entire work must be completed in time for the big race meet here on July 1st and 2nd, when \$5,000 will be offered in prizes.

Within the past week seven individuals with families have purchased small tracts of land in the Kettle River valley, in this vicinity. They will engage in fruit growing and market gardening.

Miss Julia Danton, a graduate nurse of the Montreal General hospital, contented with a hospital and private sanitarium here, provided a suitable site can be secured.

A terrible accident occurred on Tuesday last week which resulted in the death of a Hungarian laborer named Joe Dudic. Dudic and a companion were engaged in taking out sand from a pit near the station and had worked their way in several feet into the wall, when without the slightest warning the ceiling collapsed, burying the Hungarian beneath tons of sand. His companion called a number of men to his assistance and they worked hard to extricate the buried man. In a short time they had succeeded in unphosphing the man's head and shoulders, and he gave