CABLE LETTER.

A Scare—Remembrances of Gunpowder Plot—Searching the House of Parliament Cellars.

The Queen and Kaiser—America's Cup Contest—Schooner Competition—Canada at Shoeburyness.

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LONDON, Aug. 17.—Ever since November 4, 1605, when a certain Guy Fawkes and others engineered such a scheme, but were detected and hanged, the possibility of a plot to blow up the House of Parliament has been one of the pet considerations of British officials and regularly, year after year, the vaults of the House previous to the reassembling of that body, are formally searched for powder barrels with old time ceremony and minuteness. This year, however, there was some little show of cause for the apparently unnecessary precautions taken, as with the opening of parliament comes the discovery of a real or imaginary scheme to unexpectedly send the Lords and Commoners skyward in a body. Whether the story be true or not, the afternoon papers yesterday made quite a sensation out of the affair, and the inhabitant of this great metropolis have not half done talking about it. Simmered down to cold facts, it appears that there was some foundation for the report, and it rested upon the following basis of facts. A few weeks ago the manager of a local printing and lithographing company was asked by foreigners described as

"DARK LOOKING AND MYSTERIOUS"

(of course), to lithograph a weekly paper for a Turkish company. As no knowledge of the Turkish language was necessary for the job, the manager of the English concern undertook the contract and lithographed a thousand copies of the Turkish weekly, the paper being mostly sent abroad. A few days ago two detectives from Scotland Yard called at the lithographing establishment and asked to see the manager. The latter appeared all smiles, scenting some new business; but his jaw fell and he turned very white when asked if he was aware that he was suspected of being engaged in a plot to blow up the house of parliament and that his visitors hailed from Scotland Yard. In reply to the unfortunate manager's protests of innocence, the detectives explained to him that he had been printing in a guileless looking Turkish weekly red-hot anarchistic literature, calling upon the Socialists and others to combine for the purpose of blowing up the house of parliament upon the occasion of the opening session. One article actually stated that sixteen men were really on their way to England from various points in order to make the necessary arrangements for blowing up the members of parliament and the peers of the realm. In spite of his protests, the terrified manager was taken to Scotland Yard by the detectives, where he was confined and examined by the chief of the detectives and the police commissioner. To these officials the thoroughly frightened manager of the lithographing establishment explained all the circumstances of the case, gave a full description of the "dark and mysterious" looking foreigner and established his innocedce of any complicity in the treasonable publication and went his way, much relieved, upon promising not to lithograph any more Turkish weeklies without first ascertaining the nature of their contents. According to the Globe of yesterday the police first got wind of the affair owing to the boastings of some London anarchists, but the story of the latest "Gunpowder Plot" is far from being as thrilling as might have been and there is a strong suspicion in more than one quarter that the Scotland Yard authorities unearthed a "Mare's nest." Facts have leaked out respecting the meeting of Queen

VICTORIA AND THE EMPEROR WILLIAM.

of Germany at private parties given by Her Majesty at Osborne during the Cowes regatta week. The show of cordial relations, which had been ruffled by the Emperor's failure to consult the Queen regarding the present Czarina's engagement to the Czar, has again been restored and the coolness has quite vanished. Queen Victoria has long been known as the chief match maker of Europe, and when the Emperor, while at Cobourg with the Queen and others in April of last year, upon the occasion of the marriage of the Princess Victoria Melita of Cobourg and Gotha to the Grand Duke of Hesse, took upon himself without consulting anybody to bring to a head the long pending but frequently deferred engagement of the Princess Alix of Hesse to the Czarewich of Russia, Her Majesty felt very much put out, as she fancied she was the first person to be consulted on such matters. This caused a coolness between herself and her Imperial grandson, but during the dinner at Osborne the conversation of the two sovereigns was most animated and affectionate. Those present noted especially the great tenderness which the Emperor displayed in assisting the Queen to rise after dinner and the gracious manner in which she accepted his help.

Considerable comment has been caused in certain circles by the announcement that William Brown, nephew of the famous John Brown for many years the Highland attendant of Her Majesty and for whom the Queen had a high regard, had been appointed the Queen's personal attendant. William Brown inherits to a certain degree the somewhat brusque manner of his uncle. As the date for the

RACES FOR THE AMERICA'S CUP

approaches interest in the Valkyrie III and the performance of the Defender increases. The brief cable despatches from New York published in the English newspapers are eagerly read and much discussed. No doubt the yacht men here are far from confident that Lord Dunraven's yacht will bring back the much coveted mug to England. But it is generally admitted she has a better chance to do so than her predecessors. Naturally the greatest interest of experts centres in the question of whether the Valkyrie will or will not have to allow the Defender time, and therefore there was much disappointment when it was announced that the measurements of the Defender would not be known until shortly before the first race.

The Evening News published an article yesterday on the cable dispatches printed in England on Friday regarding the Defender. The article is headed: "Again the eagle flappeth. The Vigilant and Defender and the miserable Britisher." Under this caption the Evening News said: "The cup committee's decision not to publish the dimensions of the Defender and Vigilant will not cause such grief on our side as might be expected, as our experts know their dimensions as near as need be. The fact that the yachts are to be measured, however, forms an instructive commentary upon the true state of the poll. After the tall talk at the launch of the Defender and the subsequent shouting about her speed, the mere thought that there is any question as to her superiority is refreshing. We were told she could make rings around the Vigilant, and the American

EAGLE FLAPPED HIS WINGS

and shouted as usual, but "there does not seem to be more in the new frog than in any other frog." The Evening News has a big circulation in sporting circles and the foregoing remarks will be widely read.

The contest between Mr. R. S. Palmer's American cruising schooner Yampa and Mr. Frederick Wills' British cruising schooner Amphitrite on Wednesday last, off Cowes, created a great deal of interest here. The Yampa, although beaten, was generally admired. Yachtsmen, for instance, say: "The picture presented by the Yampa, with every stitch of canvas she can set to the wind, makes our boasted cutters sink into insignificance. The Britannia could never make as fine picture."

The Yachting World expresses the hope that the schooner contest will give a new lease of life "to a rig, which is equally serviceable and picturesque," adding: "It is only fair to say that all the papers here praise Mr. Palmer for his sportsmanlike conduct. He, in the first race, made no attempt to conceal the fact that he had additional men on board."

The Field this morning says the latest New York information appears to show that the club committee are catching at straws with the hope of continuing to hold the cup. The club measurements were concealed for fear the rich designer of the Valkyrie III should take advantage of them and do likewise. That fear is ill-founded "as nothing can be done to alter the Valkyrie III before the contests. She must win or lose as she is."

The Canadian Gazette strongly urges Canadian artillery corps to arrange to compete at the Shoeburyness artillery meeting in 1896, as Canadian riflemen do at the meeting of the National Rifle Association at Bisley. The Gazette adds: "If the Dominion Minister of Militia will arrange for a team to come in 1896 it will be sure of a hearty welcome."

THE NEW PARLIAMENT.

A cable dispatch says the composition of the new parliament is as follows: Conservatives, 338; Unionists, 73; Liberals, 77; McCarthyites, 70; Parnellites, 2. Total, 670. This gives the government, including Liberal-Unionists, 411 seats, and the opposition 259, a government majority of 152 The Conservatives' majority over any combination of parties, including Liberal-Unionists, that might be formed, will be six. In the 481 seats contested in 1895, the pollings in 1892, including Parnellites and anti-Parnellites, were as follows: 1892 elections—England, Liberal, 1,349,604; Unionist, 1,288,936 Scotland—Liberal, 236,848; Unionist, 194,037. Ireland—Anti-Parnellites, Liberal, 117,39; Parnellites, Liberal, 43,927. Wales—Liberal, 139,446; Unionist, 84,148. Totals—Liberal, 1,887,-242; Unionist, 1,624.473 1895 elections—England, Liberal, 1,202,980; Unionist, 1,-402,127. Scotland, Liberal, 229,018; Unionist, 210,127. Liberal, Parnellites, 47 586 Ireland, Anti Parnellites, 104,999; Unionists, 56 864. Wales, Liberal, 133,167; Unionist, 104,985 Totals, Liberal, 1,802,-750; Unionist, 1,774,103. Special Labor vote, 1892, 9,686; 1895, 36,739.

The aggregate vote of the constituencies contested in 1895, 3 613,582: the same constituencies in 1892, 3,521,401; net increase of voters, 92,181.

It will be seen that the Liberal vote in 1895 diminished by 84,492 while the Unionist vote increased by 149.630, making a net Unionist gain of 234,122 or rather more than a million and a half of voters. There is a slight additional gain in the uncontested constituencies. Of these, there were 119 in England, 2 in Wales, 11 in Scotland and 61 in Ireland, a total of 189 members elected without opposition. Most of these were contested in 1892; others were contested in 1886, and only a very few were unpolled in 1885. The votes in the last contest, when analyzed, aggregated, show the following majorities; England, 111 members, Unionist majority, 185 897; England, 8 members, Home Rule majority, 19.885. Wales, 2, Home Rule majority, 8,594. Scotland, 6 members, Unionist majority, 4.859; Scotland, 1 member, Home Rule majority, 2,413. Ireland, 15 members, Unionist majority, 38,886; Ireland, 46 members, Home Rule majority, 169,218. Totals 189 members, Unionist majority, 229,218; Home Rule majority, 200,110. Net Unionist majority on uncontested elections, 29,514 This total, added to the gain mentioned above, makes the full transference of votes to the Unionists, 263,636.

RAN AMUCK.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Aug. 16.—(Special)—At 6:30 this morning at the Wellington camp Jimmy Pipes, an Indian, ran amuck. He had been drinking and was verging on delirium tremens, and people avoided him. Suddenly, without warning, he seized a rifle and opened fire, shooting at anything in sight. As he ran along the open space between the cannery and the camp six shots were fired. At the first shot a dog was killed; the second shot struck an Indian woman, Mary, entering her stomach and passing through the body. She will die. The third shot struck another Indian woman named Agnes in the head, it is feared with fatal results. Three more shots were fired at intended victims wide of the mark, and Jimmy defying every one at the point of his rifle escaped to Westham Island. He was followed by Sheriff Armstrong and a posse, being finally captured and brought to Westminster where he will be held awaiting the result of his shooting. It is said that the white men who supplied the whiskey will be arrested and punished.

NO DECREASE.

SEATTLE, Aug. 15.—Professor Richard Rathbun, of the British and United States Fishery Commission, in conversation yesterday said: "We have no information to show any decrease in Puget Sound salmon." The decrease, even if there should be any, could not, he said, be of any moment, while varieties other than the sockeye largely entered the waters of the coast. Prof. Mendenhall, and Prof. King, of the British service, satisfactorily settled the boundary between Maine and New Brunswick, and he had no doubt would settle the line between Alaska and Canada in a most satisfactory and honorable manner.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 13.—The schooner Golden Gate, which has been on a prospecting cruise among the islands of the Aleutian Archipelago, returned last evening with tales of wonderful mines, where rich ore is to be cut out with a cheese knife. The Golden Gate sailed from San Francisco on the 26th of May with a party of young men who had agreed to share expenses and profits on an Alaskan mining expedition. Three of the party of twelve or more returned with the schooner, full of buoyant hopes.

TRADE REVIEWED.

The Usual Weekly Analysis of Business at the Leading Centres.

Decline in Wheat—Big Output of Iron—Failures of the Week.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—R. G. Dun's review of the week says: It is a belated season, a frost may set everything back. The heavy business which ought to have been done in May and June was pushed into July, so that the midsummer decline due in in July comes in August. With this in mind one is not surprised to find the shrinkage from July to August rather more conspicuous than usual. The disappointing crop reports of last Saturday, though evidently distrusted, lessen confidence in regard to the future of trade, and even some speculators gain by them. Back of all doubts is the fact that the industries are doing better than anybody could have expected. The output of pig iron on August 1 was 180,525 tons weekly, or 174,505 by another report, in either case close to the largest output in 1893. Bessemer iron is $14 15 at Pittsburg; plates have advanced $1 per ton, though other prices are in some cases shaded at the last. The average of prices of iron products has risen 2 per cent. in August, following 13½ per cent. in July and 12 per cent. in June. The sales of steel rails in 1895 to August 1 were 820,000 tons and the deliveries 582,-000. Wages in this industry have been generally advanced, and strikes are few. Textile imports have been very heavy with advances in cotton goods to some extent. Woollen manufacturers find in their way large sales of foreign goods at prices which caused official investigation. Crop reports modified expectations as to cotton and wheat, and cotton speculators have bought, lifting the price 5 16, while wheat, with more evidence of loss in yield, has declined 1⅞c. The failures for the week have been 196 in the United States, against 229 last year, and 38 in Canada, against 45 last year.

Bradstreet's to morrow will say: Midsummer quiet is more conspicuous than it was a week ago, though less so in industrial than in commercial lines. As a rule leading manufacturing industries are exceptionally busy for the season, and it is worth adding that the increase in output, demand and prices for iron and steel still continue. The total bank clearings for the week in the Dominion of Canada, at Montreal were $11,412,326, increase 21 7; Toronto $5,240,518, increase 27 4; Halifax $1,150,215, decrease 10 8; Winnipeg $753,533, decrease 10 8; Hamilton $689,457, decrease 28 5. Total $19,-246,049, decrease 19 8.

CANADIAN NEWS.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

MONCTON, N.B., Aug. 16.—Interest in the contest in Westmoreland is very keen, and increases daily. The Orangemen met last evening to consider the bringing out of a third candidate. They have received a proposition from the Patrons to unite with them. A committee of Orangemen has been appointed to confer with the Patrons. Should the third party nominate a man to-morrow it will greatly intensify the bitterness of the campaign.

MONTREAL, Aug. 16.—Bishop Schereshensky, for 27 years a bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church in China, but now relieved, has passed through here from Boston to Vancouver on his way to Shanghai, where he intends to complete his Chinese translation of the Bible.

TORONTO, Aug. 16.—The George L. Diehl Co.'s mantel and grate manufacturing place in the west end was gutted by fire early this morning. Loss $20,000.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—A 4 year-old girl named Evans was bitten by a dog on Tuesday. That night the dog died of what is claimed to be a genuine case of hydrophobia, the usual symptoms of frothing at the mouth and convulsions having developed. On the advice of the family physician, Dr. Macarthur, the child has been taken to New York, where she will go under the Pasteur treatment.

TORONTO, Aug. 16.—John Hall, who had seen forty years' service in the customs house at Niagara, died yesterday in his 83rd year at that place. Mr. Hall was superannuated several years ago.

MONTREAL Aug. 16.—The annual convention of the United North American Caledonian Association opened here to-day with Wm. Leich, of Philadelphia, in the chair.

OTTAWA, Aug. 16.—Prof. Oleskow, who occupies the chair of agriculture in Lemberg University, Austria, along with a representative farmer from the district from which he comes, left here for Winnipeg yesterday to make a tour of Manitoba and the Northwest. They have been sent here by the Austrian government to inquire into Canada as a field for immigration from Austria. Until recently the Austrian government was opposed to emigration. However, there are a number of congested districts, which makes immigration necessary, and over 50,000 people left there for Brazil some time ago. This field proved disastrous to those going there, and now the Austrian government is going to see if Canada would not be a good place to send its surplus population to. Both Oleskow and his travelling companion will make reports on the country. They will go, if possible, as far as the Coast, but will spend most of their time in Manitoba and the Territories.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 17.—A large party of Northwestern millers reached here this evening from Minneapolis and were entertained by Mr. Ogilvie, the Montreal milling king.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 17.—The new Bishop of Westminster passed through here on Thursday for the Pacific coast.

MONTREAL, Aug. 17.—Great excitement has been caused by a statement that $4,000 worth of securities had been purloined from the safes of the city hall. City Treasure. Robb admits the truth of the story in so far that the securities are missing.

QUEBEC, Aug. 17.—Already estimates have been asked for the printing, so that the posters for the Quebec winter carnival, to be held next January, can be distributed during the fall fairs all over Canada and the United States.

SHERBROOKE, Que., Aug. 17.—Last night as the little son of Mr. Van. Luven, G.T.R. agent at Waterville, was standing on the station platform when the Eastern mail train was hauling out of the station, a supposed tramp rushed from behind the building and pushed the child under the train. The little fellow succeeded in crawling out with the exception of his foot, which was badly mangled by the wheels passing over it. The child worked his way into the house before the accident was known. There is no clue as to who the culprit was.

MONTREAL, Aug. 17.—The C P.R. traffic returns for the week ending August 14 were $385,000, for the same week last year they were $362,000.

REGINA, Aug. 17.—Mr. Joseph Nesbitt, one of Regina's prominent well known business men, died this morning from an attack of fever.

MONTREAL, Aug. 17.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Co. is making the most extensive arrangements for the transportation of the enormous Northwest wheat crop. Every available spare car has been called in to assist in the work of transportation and additional cars will be built to meet the demand.

QUEBEC, Aug. 17.—It is rumored that the provincial ministers are making arrangements to call a session of the legislature for October in the hope of getting it through before the Christmas holidays, and in order to clear the decks for freedom of action on all sides in anticipation of the stirring events expected at Ottawa by or before January 1.

TORONTO, Aug. 17.—The report of the committee appointed by the Minister of Education of Ontario at the request of the separate school board of Ottawa to examine into and report upon the condition of the separate schools of the Capital, and inquire into the charges made against Inspector White by Rev. Mr. Flannen, representing the Christian Brothers, has been issued. The finding is not very favorable to the schools. It condemns the methods of the Christian Brothers, charges the teachers with being incompetent, and totally ignorant of modern methods as regards the purpose of education and the means of securing it. Few of the Brothers are, it is said, able to speak the English language, let alone teach it. On the other hand, the separate schools taught by the nuns are reported to be up to the mark in efficiency and educational progress. Moreover, the Brothers ignore the instructions of the provincial educational authorities. The publication of the report has created a sensation here, and will result in the removal of the Christian Brothers and the installation of lay teachers in all the separate schools.

CAPITAL NOTES.

The Country Flooded With Counterfeit Coin—Arrest of One of the Makers.

No Difficulty at the Soo Canal—Citizens Enthusiastic Over Lacrosse Victory.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Aug. 15.—(Special)—To-day is a holiday in the departments.

Sir Adolphe Caron has left for Baie du Pere on Lake Temiscamingue, a new French settlement, where he speaks at a picnic on Saturday.

OTTAWA, Aug. 17.—The country is being overflooded with counterfeit silver coins. The federal police have located a centre of distribution in the West, and to-day a Dominion constable arrested one Hugheson, of Buckingham, a stage driver, to whom had been traced the manufacture of spurious quarter dollars. He will be tried on Wednesday.

Mr. Schreiber denies all the reports of a difficulty at the Soo canal, and says the only obstacles are the boulders in the channel, which will shortly be removed and the canal will be certainly opened this season.

The town is full of enthusiasm to-night over the victory of the Capitals over the Montrealers—six to nothing, which ensures the lacrosse championship of 1895.

DURRANT UNEASY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—According to a local paper another link has been discovered connecting Theodore Durrant with the Emanuel church murders. Mrs. Leake, a lady of excellent standing, of unimpeachable veracity, whose retiring disposition has made her unwilling to testify in the case has finally concluded that in the interests of justice it is her duty to inform the authorities as what she knows. She lives across the street from the church, and has reported to the police that she saw Durrant and Blanche Lamont enter the church at 4:10 on April 3, the day of Miss Lamont's disappearance. Knowing both Durrant and Miss Lamont intimately she cannot be mistaken as to their identity. On April 3 Mrs. Leake sat at the window of her residence nearly all the afternoon, looking for her daughter whom she expected to arrive from San Mateo. At 4 o'clock she saw a couple coming up the street. One of them she instantly recognized as Durrant. As they came nearer Mrs. Leake recognized the girl as Blanche Lamont. She wore a short school girl's dress and carried a package of school books, which were afterwards found secreted in the church. When the couple reached the church gate they stopped for a moment. Durrant opened the gate and they passed through.

Mrs. Leake had always considered Durrant "such an exemplary young man," but she thought it extremely imprudent for a girl to go into the church with him alone. She imagined they had some errand in the church and expected that in a few minutes they would come out. She watched carefully but the gate did not open. There is only one entrance to Emanuel church during the week, that is by the side gate and rear door. Mrs. Leake knew the young people would have to pass through the gate and she watched to see them on the street again before she left the window. She waited a long time but household duties finally called her to another part of the house and she was obliged to give up the watch.

Her story is regarded as completing the chain of evidence against Durrant. Three school girls saw him and Blanche Lamont riding on a Powell street car at 3:30 on the day that Miss Lamont disappeared. Attorney Quinlan saw the couple a few blocks away from the church a few minutes before 4 o'clock and now Mrs. Leake says she saw Durrant and Miss Lamont near the church a few minutes later. Geo. King, the organist, has already testified that he entered the church about 5 o'clock and saw Durrant coming down from the attic. Durrant's hair was disheveled, his face was red, he was panting for breath and in a state of utter physical and nervous collapse. In answer to inquiries he explained that he had been engaged in arranging the electric lights in the loft and was overcome by gas. The prisoner is somewhat disturbed over the publication of Mrs. Leake's narrative, and showed signs of uneasiness for the first time since his arrest.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Child Found Starving in the Bush Near Westminster—Coal Mining on Vancouver Island.

Electric Lighting for Kaslo—What is Doing in the Interior—Westminster's Bishop.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 17.—M. D. Keyser-Verbiest, of Victoria, met the finance committee to-day and conferred with them in regard to starting a linseed mill here.

A Chinese family from Demerara is quartered at the Chinese immigration shed awaiting the departure of the Empress. Three generations are represented in the family, the youngest members having been born in Demerara and having never seen China.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret E Fry, wife of Mr. Henry Fry, of Duncan, Vancouver Island, who died at the residence of Mr. W. H. Armstrong, in this city, on Thursday, took place yesterday. The service was conducted by Rev. L Norman Tucker. The body was conveyed to Vancouver Island by the steamer Charmer, for interment at Duncan. The pall-bearers were Messrs. R. Armstrong, D. Armstrong, J. Armstrong, J. Woodrow, W. Face and A Morrison. Mr. Fry is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and the local lodges as an expression of sympathy sent a handsome floral tribute.

The Chinese gambling dens on Dupont street have been raided by the police and such severe punishment meted out to those captured that no doubt the raid will be followed by good results. Of thirteen persons arrested one was fined $25 for gambling and nine others $20 each for looking on. Sixty-seven dollars on the fan-tan table was captured, so that the haul made by the police aggregated $272.

Five Vancouverites, J. R. Hamilton, B. F. Heney, R. Herd, R. Pritchard, J. Cunningham and S. Ferguson, have struck it rich in Cariboo on Peters river, four miles from the town of Stanley. The quintette claim that theirs are the richest modern Cariboo claims in existence. One rough clean up has been made with very satisfactory results.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Aug. 17.—Miss Mary Ann Whyman, daughter of Mr. E. Whyman, died from inflammation of the brain yesterday. Miss Whyman was an earnest church worker, and her death is mourned by an unusually large number of friends.

Rev. J. Dart, the new Bishop of Westminster, will arrive on Sunday.

Last night a child was found by the police in the bushes near the cold storage building in a starving condition. He informed the police that his name was Harold Smith, that his father, who is a fisherman, left him in the bushes on Thursday, and he had been there ever since without food. The authorities are taking care of the little fellow.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Aug. 17.—At the drawing last night of the Nanaimo Building Society, which took place in the Y.M.C.A. rooms, Mrs. A. Westwood won the $2,000 appropriation.

Mr. James Dunsmuir and Mr. John Bryden, M.P.P., were again out at Cedar district with Mr. Alex. Dick, inspector of mines and Mr. John Dick on Friday afternoon. A very fine seam of coal is reported to have been discovered in the vicinity of Stark's farm, being from seven to nine feet thick at the outcrop.

J. W. Galloway has arrived from Chilliwack to take charge of the Indian mission and school at the Nanaimo reserve. Mr. Galloway has been in this work for several years.

H. M. S. Nymphe will come up from Esquimalt during the early part of next week.

The Sunday school children of St. Peter's church (R.C) had their annual picnic to-day at Kuper island.

The excursion to Brockton Point, Vancouver, to-day, by the steamer Cutch, under the auspices of No. 14 division, Sons of Temperance, South Nanaimo, was well patronized. The excursion is in connection with a picnic held at the Point by the Mainland temperance bodies.

The ship Wachusett has arrived to load coal. The bark Detroit should be in any time, being 23 days out from San Francisco, to load a coal cargo for Guatemala. The bark Rufus E. Wood is 12 days out from 'Frisco.

The News says that when the steamer Joan was at Hornsby island last Thursday, Captain Locke examined by soundings and otherwise both Goose spit and Ford's cove. There is a contest between settlers as to which place is the most suitable for a wharf. The government referred the matter to the pilot and master of the mail boat for a report, upon which action will be taken.

KASLO.

(From the Claim.)

The Antelope, of which Ed. Kingen is lessee, shipped six and one-half tons of 450 ounce ore to the Pilot Bay smelter this week.

Wm. Trethewey, part owner and superintendent of the Antoine, one of the richest small mines in the upper country, has made arrangements to begin operations at once. The mine, which runs high in silver, is expected to make big returns.

H. Pym, of Vancouver, representing the Canadian General Electric Company, was in the city several days this week consulting with Mayor Keen and other leading citizens as to the cheapest, most feasible and best plan for supplying the city with water for general consumption and fire protection purposes. The mayor has a plan by which he proposes to take water from the lake and force it into the mains by means of an electric pump, the power for which is generated by water on the river a short distance above the city.

E. B. Harding, while prospecting for himself and Chas. Scheel, along Cariboo creek, a tributary of the south fork of Kaslo creek, found a belt of black and white limestone, in which was found a lead from 5 to 11 feet in width. He located two claims, calling them Gibson and Palouse. He uncovered the ledge on one of them for a distance of 300 feet, and found two feet of solid ore. Assays on the ore taken out of the white lime give returns of 147 ounces of silver. That found in the black lime gives returns of 145 ounces in silver, $2 in gold 63 per cent. lead.

Cameron Bros. and Kelly own two claims, called the Cable and Southern Cross, on the south fork of Kaslo creek. Assays on the surface went $70 in gold and 60 ounces in silver. A tunnel 40 feet in length has been run to tap the ledge. The ledge is seven feet in width and the paystreak about three feet. A large number of claims have been staked in the vicinity of these properties.

MIDWAY.

(From the Advance.)

Mr. Christie has once more struck it rich on the Nightingale.

Messrs. Shonquest and McArthur are working on the Robert Emmet claim, Long Lake Camp. This claim is on the same ledge as the Jewel, and the work discloses a good strong vein of ore about four feet in width and well mineralized.

Six men are at work on the development of the Roderick Dhu, Long Lake Camp, for Mr. Jones of Spokane.

Dr. Shaw and Mr. King, of Spokane, are paying a visit to Long Lake camp, the latter on business connected with some of the free milling propositions in the camp.

Colonel Russell, who has been for some time examining properties, is paying attention to Long Lake camp, and expresses himself as very much pleased with the appearance of the ledges.

The ore, or rather capping, of the Iron Mask claim, recently located on the west side of Long Lake camp by Messrs. Benerman and J. Frank, is in appearance very much like that found upon some of the properties in Greenwood, and indicates the existence of other than free milling propositions to be found there.

Sunday's stage from Marcus brought to this country Prof. Penrose, who visits this country at the solicitation of Capt. Adams, and whilst here will make a more or less thorough examination of the different mining camps. Prof. Penrose has the chair of Economic Geology at the Chicago University, and was formerly Doctor of Philosophy at Harvard college, and also assistant State Geologist for East Texas. He was connected with McGill University, Montreal, and has recently been employed by the U.S. government to report on the great Cripple Creek mining district. He was also employed by the government to report upon the manganese and phosphate deposits of the United States.

THE INSURANCE MURDERS.

MEMPHIS, Aug. 17.—A woman, who registered as Mrs. H. H. Holmes, accompanied by her little girl, who was at the Gilmore house, Columbus, Miss., Jan. 18, is here. They called on the justice of the peace and produced papers which she claimed she had found in H. H. Holmes' effects at the Castle. This paper, which was marked "H. H. Holmes," gave a detailed account of the murder of George Thomas, and the subsequent sinking of the body by Holmes and Pitzel in Tombigee river, near Columbus. The woman stated that she was Holmes' wife, that he had ill-treated her for the preceding two years, and that she hoped by his conviction to secure her share in his property. The register shows that Pitzel stopped at the Gilmore hotel January 19, 1894, a date that agrees with the above alleged confession.

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