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NEWS OF THE CAPITAL

Civil Servants Petition That Statutory Annual Increase of Pay Be Restored.

Atlin Customs Post Given to Toronto Man—Dentist Sent to Penitentiary.

Three Candidates for the Mayoralty — Postmaster General Rushing His Boom.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The Washington negotiations are to be discussed at a full meeting of the council to-morrow.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Fielding to-day received a deputation of leading civil servants who urged that the statutory increases should be restored.

Efforts are being made to induce Mr. Guile, M.P., to withdraw his resignatioin. The Free Press says the document is not in proper legal form.

Mr. Mulock's letter to the Duke of Norfolk, the British postmaster general, was the first one passed at the penny rate at the Ottawa post office on Sunday.

The government has been advised that an international commercial congress will be held in Philadelphia next June.

Dr. Stackhouse, dentist of Hull, was sentenced to-day to three years' imprisonment for attempting to procure an abortion.

Fire broke out in the eastern block yesterday but was discovered in the nick of time.

Mr. Menzies of Toronto will be stationed as customs officer for Atlin.

The holiday passed off quietly. The rinks and theatres did a rushing business, also the saloons.

The municipal nominations took place Monday morning. There are three candidates for the mayoralty, Ald. Payment, Ald. Cluff and ex-Ald. Stewart. Additional interest is lent to the mayoralty contest by the fact that the French-Canadians claim it is their "turn" to have a representative as chief magistrate. Messrs. Cluff and Stewart are "uppertown" men, which will split the vote in the English speaking portion of the city.

SHOOTING EDITOR GOES FREE.

Jury Acquits Him of Murder in Killing a Man in a Quarrel.

Sidney, Wash., Dec. 26.—The Connella trial came to an end early Christmas morning, resulting in a verdict of "not guilty." It is the general impression that twelve ballots were taken by the jury before an agreement was reached.

In the charge to the jury Judge Reid said:

"If two men engage in fisticuffs and the one who commenced it is thrown down and his adversay ceases pommeling him with his fists and seizes a deadly weapon and threatens his life—the fact that the man on the ground commences the fisticuff will not deprive him of the right to defend his life even to the taking of his adversary's.

"But if the man who commenced the fisticuffs did so for the purpose of furnishing a pretext to justify him in taking his adversary's life, having a fixed design to do so before commencing the assault, and with malice in his heart, then the homicide would be murder, and the plea of self-defence would not avail.

"If you find that Connella assaulted Nelson by slapping his face or striking him, but that this was not done by reason of a fixed purpose to furnish himself pretext to murder him, but was done in heat or passion, and thereupon Nelson seized Connella and threw him down and stood immediately over him with a dangerous stick, threatening and striking him with it, and Connella believed that his life was in danger, or that he was in danger of great bodily hurt, and you are satisfied that he was justified in that belief, then and in that event, although his conduct in assaulting Nelson was reprehesible and wrongful, nevertheless such conduct would not deprive him of the right to defend his life, or to defend himself from great bodily harm even of taking the life of Nelson, if that was necessary."

CALLED TO CHICAGO.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Rev. Frank Dumoulin, of Cleveland, Ohio, son of Bishop Dumoulin of Niagara diocese, has received a call to St. Peter's church, Chicago.

WATER FOR COOLGARDIE.

Steel for Immense Pipe Line Being Made in United States—A Russian Order.

Pittsburg, Dec. 27.—Robert G. Wells, connected with the Nicopol-Mariopol Mining and Metallurgical Co., of Mariopol, Russia, is in Pittsburg to place orders for machinery aggregating $1,000,000 for mammoth mills to be erected at Mariopol, on the Sea of Azof.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—One half of the largest foreign order for finished steel ever sent to this country has been offered the Illinois Steel Co., of this city. The order amounts to $2,000,000, and is for water pipes to be used by the Australian government. The Carnegie Co., of Pittsburg, will supply half the amount. The Chicago firm may contribute the balance, the only obstacle being that the output of many departments of the plant for months to come has been sold. It is intimated that the order will be taken.

The Australian government's order is for 64,000 tons of steel sheets 28 feet long, to be rolled into pipe nine feet in diameter. They are to be used to supply water to the Coolgardie mining district.

SHAMROCK'S COMMANDER.

London, Dec. 27.—Capt. Archie Hogarth, the former commander of the Isolde, has been appointed to command the America's cup challenger Shamrock. He says the design of the new boat is perfect and that she has been specially designed to meet American racing conditions.

AN UNFORTUNATE SURVEYOR.

Found Frozen to Death Near Dawson—Had Formerly Farmed in Manitoba.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—(Special)—A telegram stating that the body of J. P. Cadenhead, a Dominion land surveyor, had been found frozen near Dawson City, is of local interest as he left Winnipeg for the Yukon about August, 1897, and has a wife and family at St. Charles, Man. He was about 35 years of age and before going to the Yukon was engaged in farming.

STRATHCONA'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

To St. Paul's Church in Montreal the Best Organ That Money Can Buy.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—(Special)—Lord Strathcona's Christmas gift to his church, St. Paul's Presbyterian, was the promise of a new organ and instructions to purchase the finest instrument obtainable. This means an expenditure of probably $15,000 and the congregation are exultant at the prospect of possessing one of the finest instruments in the Dominion.

BUBONIC PLAGUE.

Pretoria, Dec. 27.—It is reported here that the bubonic plague has broken out at Delagoa Bay.

VANCOUVER MAN FLITS

Borrowed Money From Many Acquaintances and Quietly Sought Other Fields.

Methodist Minister Refuses Money for Poor Children Because Taken at Theatre.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—Geo. Willis has left home and creditors to try his fortunes elsewhere. This fact has been an open secret for a week but not until today, when some of his creditors became clamorous, was it announced at his former place of business that he had "skipped." This evening Willis's flight is the talk of the streets. It appears that before leaving he made a clean-up amongst too trusting friends. His manipulations were so glaring that it is difficult to see how even his intimates were duped. But they were, to the extent of many thousands of dollars. A chronicle of the different schemes worked to obtain money and keep out of the law's clutches would make a long story, but he relied for safety on the intimacy of those closest to him who allowed sentiment to impair their judgment. Willis seems to have made a canvass of Hastings street. The affair has created a great sensation here, as Willis was a free liver, and as a man about town was a hail fellow well met with everybody, but he travelled the pace that kills. Mr. Willis attempted to borrow money at nearly every office on the street, but failing this he turned to his friends. Two intimate friends, it is said, lost $1,000 each, and several others from $200 to $500 each. In every case the money was obtained through false representations and shady transactions.

Alfonso Bostainto, a Mexican, was knocked down by a C. P. R. yard engine yesterday and had his arm cut off.

Rev. Mr. Eby, of the Methodist church, has declined to accept a share of the poor children's fund donated by the proprietors of the Savoy theatre, owing to the manner in which the money was obtained. A large number of ladies and gentlemen took their children to the benefit matinee to help along the good cause, and the public are comparing Mr. Eby's eccentric action with that of eminently respectable citizens who entered heartily into helping out the Savoy people in their charitable action.

DEWEY NOW SENIOR.

But Must Retire Within a Year Unless Congress Makes His a Special Case.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Admiral Dewey is now the senior officer of the American navy, having reached that position without congressional action through the retirement on Sunday last of Admiral Bunce. He will continue to hold that distinction until the 26th of December next year, when he will go upon the retired list, unless congress excepts him from the operation of the law, and after making him admiral of the navy provides that he may hold that office in active service without age limitation.

MANILA CAUSING ANXIETY.

General Otis Having Trouble Securing Release of Prisoners Held by Filipinos.

Washington, Dec. 27.—A long cablegram was received during the day from General Otis at Manila, describing the situation there. Its contents were not made public, but it is known that he mentions no outbreak, which gives negative encouragement to the officials, although it is apprehended that Gen. Otis is meeting with difficulty in securing the release of the Spanish prisoners which he was charged to effect.

Madrid, Dec. 27.—General Rios, the Spanish commander at Viscaya, telegraphed the government from Iloilo, capital of the island of Panay, under date December 24 as follows: "Am preparing to embark on steamer Leo XIII for Zamboulga, island of Mindanao, having yesterday formally surrendered Iloilo in the presence of the military and naval commanders, the mayor and foreign consuls. Have charged the German consul with the protection of Spanish interests. Shall arrive at Manila end of the month."

Stop that Cough! Take warning. It may lead to Consumption. A 25c. bottle of Shiloh's Cure may save your life. Sold by Cyrus H. Bowes.

BLOODSHED IN HAVANA

Cubans Fire From Housetops on Sleeping Spanish Soldiers and Riot Ensues.

Civil Governor Therefore Takes Steps to Prevent Further Provocation to Conflict.

Fear That Mob May Take Control Before Americans Send Sufficient Force.

By Associated Press.

Havana, Dec. 27.—Senor de Castro, the civil governor of Havana, acting in accord with General Ludlow, has issued an order forbidding any further firing of firearms or the exploding of firecrackers in the public thoroughfares. He also prohibits the assemblage of crowds in the streets or parks after 6:30 p. m., orders the closing of all places of entertainment, including the theatres and cafes, at 11 p. m.; forbids people taking part in certain African dances, in which the participants are dressed in devil costume; forbids meetings of nanigos, and forbids all manifestations which may produce conflicts between Cubans and Spaniards or between Spaniards and Americans. Those who violate these orders are threatened with severe punishment.

These repressive measures were made necessary by a bloody affair which occurred on Christmas eve. The Cuban element of the city's population had been demonstrative all evening. Fearing trouble, the guard of Spanish troops about the city was doubled. Toward midnight the city streets were alive with people in cabs and on foot, singing and shouting. It grew quieter after midnight, when suddenly the cracking of revolvers was heard in the direction of the Hotel Roma. There was a moment's pause. Then came a plunging fire of Mausers across from the Hotel Roma.

At the corner of Tentiente Rey and Montzerrat street is a cluster of one-story buildings. On the flat roofs in the white moonlight a party of Cubans had been celebrating the advent of Christmas. Under the dark corridors of the Hotel Roma, across the street, a company of Spanish regulars lay stretched out asleep. Suddenly some one leaned over the parapet of the house on which the Cubans were celebrating, and fired a revolver into the ranks of the sleeping troopers below.

The soldiers sprang to their feet and the Mausers banged away as fast as they could pull the triggers. Bullets riddled the front of the building, and the soldiers climbed the roof and hunted for the enemy. Several were killed. For a while the guard would permit no one to wander around the streets until the first excitement was over.

The Christmas celebration began with numerous clashes between the troops. Several times during the night firing was heard in the city.

There is apprehension as the Spanish go away there will not be enough left toward the end of the week before the United States troops take possession to preserve order.

A detachment of American artillerymen was admitted to Cabanas fortress to-day, by request of General Close, in order that the men might familiarize themselves with the guns mounted there, so as to be able to salute the Spanish flag on January 1.

Regla was evacuated by the Spaniards and occupied by Americans to-day.

A cab driver was shot last night for attempting to enter the territory within Spanish jurisdiction with Cuban and American flags on his vehicle; an omnibus driver and two women were shot by nanigos to-day and the body of a lieutenant of geurrillas has been found near Ziba de ague, this province. He was taken from the town by a band of Cubans and killed.

The Spanish alcalde of Ziba de ague has arrived here and his son has advised him not to return or he would be killed.

AMERICAN DAMAGE CLAIMS.

Congress to Be Asked to Make Good Losses in the Islands Taken From Spain.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Immediately upon the ratification of the peace treaty by the senate, the President will recommend to congress the enactment of legislation looking to the settlement of the claims of American citizens for damages sustained in Cuba, Porto Rico and other Spanish possessions. Claims to the amount of $25,000,000 on this score have already been lodged with the state department.

A DESPONDENT QUEBECKER.

Life in His Native Province Had No Charm After a Visit to British Columbia.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—(Special)—A man named Edward Vennie, aged 34, residing at St. Alexis, county of Montcalm, tried to put an end to his life by cutting his throat. He was found half dead on the roadside, and after the local doctor had dressed the wound, Vennie was brought to the city. The medical attendants at Notre Dame hospital say he will recover. Vennie arrived from British Columbia two weeks ago.

A LIMITED TREATY.

Washington Commissioners Will Not Further Debate, But Will Report Points of Agreement.

Washington, Dec. 28.—It is said in official circles that indications point to the conclusion of an agreement between the joint high Canadian commissioners, that while satisfactory to both the United States and Canada, will not include all that either side hoped to obtain at the beginning. The arrangement is expected to be ratified within a week after the assembling of the joint commission, which will be on January 5.

SCHOOL FOR SAILORS.

Russian Plan for Manning Merchant Marine Commended to Washington.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Consul Heenan, of Odessa, has transmitted to the state department a translation of the regulations established by the imperial authorities for the management of an institution recently organized in Odessa, having for its object the training of young men in the theory and practice of navigation in order to make them competent for service as masters and mates of Russian merchant vessels. Consul Heenan says he thought it advisable to bring this establishment to the attention of the United States government for the reason that it would, in his opinion, be highly advantageous to the United States if similar institutions could be successfully established throughout the United States.

"As we (the United States) shall furnish the world with food and manufactured goods," says Mr. Heenan, "both patriotism and profit demand that the products be carried in American ships and that ships be manned and officered by competent Americans."

ERNE AND HAWKINS.

New York, Dec. 27.—Frank Erne and Dal Hawkins have agreed on terms for their coming battle. They are to box 25 rounds in San Francisco in the last week of February.

THE HAVANA RIOTING

"Free Cuba" Kills Three and Wounds Twenty-Nine in Its Celebration.

Spanish Residents Insulted and Terrified — Indiscriminate Firing on the Streets.

By Associated Press.

Havana, Dec. 27.—The whole population is in a state of unrest. The Spanish residents are fearful, and the Cubans eager to do something to show that they have gained their freedom.

Bands of Cubans freely enter the residences of Spaniards, call upon them to hoist the American and Cuban flags, and to shout "Vive Cuba libre," and terrify them with their machetes. A dozen such cases were reported to the American authorities to-day. In all instances American guards were sent to the houses invaded, but the Cubans were invariably gone when the patrol arrived, nor was there any such thing as catching the offenders.

No attention whatever is paid to the order against discharging of fire-crackers, and pistols are fired in the streets continually. Three persons have been killed and 29 wounded, among the latter three women and two children. The shooting has been for the most part indiscriminate.

As General Ludlow was standing on the balcony of his hotel at dusk to-day, watching the scene on the plaza, a man waved a Cuban flag; another cried out, "An insult! an insult!" whereat the man who was waving the flag fired upon the objector.

A Spanish company that was retiring from Fort Principe was deliberately fired upon from a private residence. Lieut. Blount, an American officer, who was escorting the Spaniards, broke into the house, but the occupants fled to the adjoining roofs.

While Brigadier General Clous and Capt. Hart were returning from the palace to-day after an interview with Captain General Castellanos, they met a mob of Cubans carrying flags and shouting. A minute or two later the crowd would have encountered a detachment of Spanish troops. The situation called for prompt action, and Capt. Hart leaped from the carriage, faced the mob and ordered everybody to go home immediately.

Major General Brooks has this evening formally taken command of the United States forces in Cuba and has issued the necessary orders.

PANAMA OR NICARAGUA.

Promoters of Former Canal Scheme Seek to Interest United States Government.

London, Dec. 28.—The Paris correspondent of the Times says: "At the annual meeting of the Panama company to-day, a long report was read. In addition to showing that no definite plan has yet been adopted for the completion of the canal, the report refers to the American interest in the Nicaraguan canal since the Hispano-American war, and indicates the means taken to acquaint the United States government and the American people with the position and prospects of the Panama canal. On this point it says:

"We have offered to place at the disposal of the United States every facility for examining our works and plans, which will readily convince them of the superiority, from every point of view, of the Panama route. They will find in the treaties existing between them and Colombia, and in the facilities allowed by our statutes, all the guarantees and advantages which their national interests can reasonably require. The Panama route is indisputably the maritime highway which can be opened to navigation in the shortest time and at the least expense."

GALT'S OLDEST RESIDENT.

Andrew Malcolm, for Sixty-Four Years a Citizen, Died at Advanced Age.

Galt, Ont., Dec. 28.—(Special)—Galt's oldest resident, Andrew Malcolm, died at his home here yesterday, aged 89. He was Scotch by birth, and reached Galt in the spring of 1834, before the cholera scourge afflicted this section. He rendered valuable services at that time, remaining here and working among the sufferers. He lived in Galt for 64 years, following the calling of carpenter and contractor until his retirement some years ago.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL

Splendid Price Realized in Liverpool for Trial Shipment of Ontario Fat Poultry.

Post Office Department Economizes on Street Car Fares and Letter Carriers Walk.

Knights From Washington Abandon Hope for Reciprocity—Intercolonial Accident.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The case of Collpitts vs. the Queen was argued in the Exchequer court to-day. Collpitts was injured in the railway accident at Dorchester, on the Intercolonial, on January 7, 1897, and he now sues for $50,000 damages. Dr. Borden, minister of militia, was injured at the same time. A number of cases depend on the one now being heard.

Commissioner Robertson to-day received advice of the sale of the trial shipment of Ontario fattened poultry sent to Liverpool about a month ago. The birds met ready sale at 16 cents per lb. wholesale. They weighed an average of 5½ lbs. each.

The post office department says it is not responsible for the withdrawal of permission for the Montreal letter carriers to ride free on the street cars of that city, but that it is simply a case of squeeze on the part of the street railway company, and the department will not be squeezed. Heretofore $1,000 a year has been paid for the privilege, but the company wants more.

There was a good attendance at the cabinet meeting to-day, when the three knights broke the news gently to their colleagues that there is small prospect of reciprocity with the United States.

The high school cadet movement in Ontario is making splendid progress. The government has decided to loan Martini-Henrys, instead of Sniders. Thirty-eight schoolmasters who attended the school of infantry at Toronto during the summer holidays have received certificates of qualification as drill instructors.

VANCOUVER AFFAIRS.

Government Aid Asked for Railway to Atlin—Thrown out of Saloon—Five Weddings.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—On Christmas Day Mr. H. Bigger was found by the police lying on the sidewalk with his leg broken. He had offended the landlord of an hotel, who had thrown him on the street.

The Board of Trade has passed a resolution urging upon the Provincial and Dominion governments the necessity of aiding a branch of the White Pass & Yukon railway from Bennett to the Atlin country. A committee of the board has been appointed to interview the local members of the legislature regarding the establishment of a government assay office at Vancouver, the object being to appoint a local man and if possible buy the gold brought from the North.

In spite of advanced prices "Gayest Manhattan" booked a big house last night. Owing to a cancelled date at Seattle the company played here again to-night.

It was decided at the city council last night to try and secure permission from the provincial legislature to use Dead Man's island, Vancouver, as a public park.

Mr. John A. Bates, of Golden, and Miss Gertrude Hill, daughter of the late John B. Hill, were united in marriage yesterday at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McKinnon.

Mr. Fred McIntyre, of Vancouver, and Miss Lizzie Waterborn were married on Christmas Eve, Rev. Mr. Eby officiating.

At Mount Pleasant in St. Michael's church on Monday, W. A. McDonald and Miss C. Henning were married.

On Monday Motorneer Cameron of the Twin City tram service and Miss Fowler, of this city, were married.

Richard Oddy, of lacrosse fame at Westminster, was married this morning to Miss Sayer at St. Barnabas.

SWISS MOUNTAIN FALLS.

Debris Covered a Square Mile and Demolished Many Buildings.

London, Dec. 28.—Part of Red Rock mountain, according to a despatch from Airolo, a village of Switzerland, has fallen into Airolo, destroying a hotel and several houses.

The scene of the disaster presents a terrible spectacle, the debris of the avalanche covering a square mile. The hotel, with eight houses and twelve other buildings, was swept into a great heap of matchwood. A new terror was added by the outbreak of fire amid the ruins.

Three dead bodies have been recovered. It is estimated that the damage to property will reach £40,000.

LOSSES IN CATTLE.

No Money in Shipping to the British Market at Present.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—(Special)—Local shippers of ranch cattle state that at prices quoted from London they have lost in recent sales fully $10 per head, and the largest shippers said that the cable news received this week was without doubt the worst since they have been in the trade. American cattlemen are also losing money at the figures quoted, and the trade on the whole is in a very unsatisfactory condition at present.

ANDREE STAYS LOST.

Stockholm, Dec. 27.—The expedition that was sent out by the Swedish government in search of Andree, the Arctic explorer, who attempted to reach the North Pole in a balloon, and who has not since been reliably heard from, has returned from northern Siberia, where months were spent in fruitless efforts to learn the fate of Andree and his two companions.

COWICHAN ELECTION.

Premier's Private Secretary Rejected—Handsome Majority for Mr. Robertson.

Duncan's, Dec. 28.—(Special)—The contest for the legislature to-day resulted in the re-election of Mr. W. R. Robertson, the opposition candidate. The Premier's private secretary, Mr. C. B. Sword, made no converts for his party, and the attempt by Mr. Cotton to foment an agitation against the holders of the railway grant lands has proved a signal failure, the electors practically dividing as before. The returns are as follows, those from Cowichan Lake not being looked for until to-morrow:

	Robertson.	Sword.
Duncan's	81	60
Cobble Hill	35	16
Chemainus	22	21
Somenos	14	22
Cowichan Station	29	8
Cowichan Lake	..	..
Total heard from	181	127

AT GENERAL ELECTION.

The following were the figures at the general election in July last:

	Robertson.	Herd.
Duncan's	87	50
Cobble Hill	34	14
Chemainus	16	12
Somenos	17	20
Cowichan Station	20	17
Cowichan Lake	5	2
Total	179	115

KILLING AN INDUSTRY

Salmon Canneries Will Be Closed in Consequence of Recent Irksome Regulations.

Ottawa Government's Folly Driving Canadian Operators Into United States Waters.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—Owing to the obnoxious character of the new regulations forced upon the salmon canners it is understood that 75 per cent. of those in the business will not can next season should the regulations go into force. These canners claim that the salmon canning industry of British Columbia, which is worth millions of dollars a year to Canada, is being legislated out of existence to the great advantage of the industry across the boundary, and this by the ill-advised acts of incompetent men living 3,000 miles from the scene of operations.

The outlay in canning in British Columbia has been figured out as follows: Fishermen, $900,000; Chinese wages, $300,000; merchants, $250,000; shipping agents, $150,000; white helpers, $150,000; net merchants, $150,000; fire insurance, $100,000; sawmills, $90,000; growers, $50,000; licenses Dominion government, $40,000.

It is believed by some that the government, thinking a year off would be a good thing for the industry, are deliberately attempting to make packing impossible for 1899, but the loss will be severe to the province. Many Canadian canners are moving to the States, the Cleeve company being the latest to go.

A PET DEER.

On this morning of December 4 the snow lies one foot deep on the ground, and the air is burdened with the falling flakes; work out of doors is a thing not to be thought of; and I will write of the pretty little visitor which has come to us as a vision of grace and beautiful unknown to the dwellers within city walls.

A year ago last spring a tiny doe fawn of the mule deer type was caught in the mountains, and given to a young girl living some three miles from our home.

With a band of red flannel around its neck, and with a small tea bell suspended therefrom, the little creature roams at will, wild and untethered, save by her love for the society of those who have learned to love and pet her upon every occasion, and which brings her, at long intervals, to our door.

Yesterday morning as I stepped to the door the tinkle of a bell came to my ears, and looking out towards the barn, among the staring and astonished cows, I saw Kate Atkinson's deer.

What a beautiful creature she had grown to be! Fat, plump and sound; in the very perfection of her lovely blue coat, and with her slender legs colored the exact shade of buff to harmonize perfectly—the traditional "buff and blue" of the revolutionary fathers—she tripped along down to the gate, the very embodiment of graceful movement.

Of course, we all went out to meet her, and each one had fondled and petted her, and explained to her, as did Artemus Ward to his sweetheart, that we thought very muchly of her, she sprang up on the roof of the outdoor cellar back of the cabin, and from there stepped up on the roof of the kitchen, along the whole length of which she meandered to the front, where she posed at length; the lovely little monarch of all she surveyed.

One of the boys then slipped up behind her and gave her a sudden scare, when she jumped from the roof, alighting in the snow seven or eight feet below, and trotting off out of danger, waited till the coast was again clear, when she repeated the whole interesting performance, minus the final "leap for life."

All this was very interesting, to be sure; yet, when the tinkling of that wretched bell sounded at intervals all through the following night, and the patter of tiny hoofs, promenading the kitchen roof, beat a tattoo which defined all the seductious of Morpheus, it grey monotonous.

A halt was called promptly in the morning.

Positive orders issued from the maternal head of the household that all petting of the little creature must stop forthwith! "What would Kate say if she hsould hear of it?" But the graceful little embodiment of beauty, how could she be resisted? All hands proceeded to disobey orders with the utmost promptitude.

The boys indeed went to the mischievous length of tying a big paper to her little black-tufted tail; and all joined in their hearty laugh to see her bounding off through the snow, glancing backward occasionally at the strange flag of truce so unwillingly borne; yet she again proceeded to act like the veritable little Christian she always seemed to be, loving her enemies and walking slowly back to be again petted and loved—as dear old Uncle Remus remarks: "What us gwine to do?" Be indifferent to all her little prettiness? Nay, verily! and we take her in our arms again.

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Not a bit of use in trying to drive her away; she eludes the whole pursuing family with the grace of a swallow in its flight; enjoying a romp hugely, and bounding over the fences with an ease that betokens wreck to the cabbage plants of a coming summer, and the consequent ruin of our tempers.

She is camped right down in the snow in front of the house, forgiving everybody, loving everybody and keeping everybody awake to the extent of her tinkling, sharp-hoofed ability.—Forest and Stream.

MORMON IN CONGRESS

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 28.—According to a despatch from Salt Lake City to the Evening World, Congressman-elect Roberts, the Mormon against whose assumption of a seat in congress there has been raised a cry in some quarters, says:

"If a time comes when it is necessary for me to defend myself, I shall be there, right on the spot, and I apprehend that the members of congress and the American people are more liberal, broad-minded and generous than a few bigoted and contracted preachers of the Presbyterian church, whose training, mode of life and trend of thought tend to unfit them for practical life.

"Joseph Smith received a commandment from the Lord to introduce our order of marriage into the church, and on the strength of that revelation, and not by reason of anything that is written in the Jewish scriptures, the Latter Day Saints practiced plural marriage. Polygamy is not adultery, for were it so it would not be allowed an inheritance in the Kingdom of Heaven; and if polygamy is not adultery, then it cannot be classed as a sin at all."

"It appears to me that modern Christians must either learn to tolerate polygamy or give up for ever the glorious hope of resting in Abraham's bosom. That which God approves, and so strikingly approves, must be not only not bad, but positively good, pure and holy. Notwithstanding this, however, the hand of the Gentiles was so heavy upon the people of the Lord that in his mercy God permitted them to cease therefrom.

"From expediency and true to the pledge given by the church, no polygamous marriages have since been celebrated by the church. But not even the church can take away from a man the wives it has already given him. They are his for time and for eternity, and I think the great, broad-minded and just American people will not require a man to cast off the wives he has, with whom he has lived, nor to abandon his children."

DARDANELLES MINE.

Shipments of Ore Have Begun and the Workings Have Opened Out a Rich Mine.

Very satisfactory news of the progress of work on the Dardanelles group of mines is given by Mr. Wm. J. Thetheway, the company's manager, who was in town yesterday. The Dardanelles is one of the best known properties in the Slocan district and lies down about four miles from Sandon. Several thousand feet of workings have been done and now that the shaft is down 427 feet Mr. Tretheway, who is a quiet man, very conservative in his statements and averse to extravagant talk, remarked when he was asked how the mine was looking, that the shipments from this on would speak for themselves and that was the best report a mine could have. It was results not samples that told the tale. He was able, he said, to tell the directors of the company at a meeting held yesterday that he was highly pleased with the mine and that he felt he could say without any appearance of booming that the Dardanelles was a really good mine and would pay well. For some months until October 1, the mine had shut down until the air pipes of the compressor plant, which leaked badly, could be renewed and other things could be put in shape. In the last ten days four cars of ore had been shipped that would average 120 ounces of silver and 40 per cent. lead to the ton, and on the eighth or lowest level the ore was still richer, the vein being from three to four feet wide and the rich ore averaging 18 inches. The shaft, which, as already stated, is down 427 feet, is to be sunk another 100 feet to get under the ore body.

Mr. Tretheway returned to Vancouver this morning with Mrs. Tretheway, and goes back to Sandon after spending New Years with his family.

Cold at Atlin.—Latest advices from Atlin City report the thermometer standing at 25 below zero, and no one yet complained of the cold, so pure and clear is the air of that locality.

Justice Tempered With Mercy.—In the Speedy Trials court yesterday, Mr. Justice Martin presiding, a Japanese resident (Nakamora) was charged with theft. He was a lad of but eighteen, who pleaded that he was hungry when he helped himself to what was not his. The fact of his youth, taken in connection, led the judge to mercifully make the sentence but two months' imprisonment.