

MINERS ARE WAITING

For River Navigation to Open and the Warmth of Spring Before Proceeding Northward.

Steamer Victoria Withdrawn—The Willapa Brings Seal Skins from the West Coast.

Steamer Willapa arrived from Cape Scott and West Coast ports yesterday afternoon, bringing news from the sealers at work on the coast. She saw the Zillah May, Captain Balcon, at Kyrquod on Wednesday last, with 127 skins and the Ocean Belle with 10 pelts. The latter vessel was on the beach owing to lack of discipline and efficiency. As to the outcome of a conflict between the two countries, Mr. Braden would not commit himself. He expects to be engaged in the spring for two years before returning to England.

MONGOLIAN FIREMEN STRIKE

Twenty-Nine of the Crew of the Ning Chow Refuse to Work.

As briefly mentioned in the Times on Saturday, twenty-nine Chinese firemen and sailors on the Ning Chow refused to obey the orders of the officers, demanding a higher rate of pay than they are receiving, and were brought up before Magistrates Pearson and McMillan on a charge of insubordination. The evidence in the case disclosed the fact that the men had signed for a year at \$14 (Mexican) month, not quite equal to \$7 in gold, which they considered insufficient in this country. Captain Cross assured the court that he would represent the wishes of the men to the owners of the vessel, but had no authority to increase the rate of wages paid without consulting the owners. The men expressed themselves willing to resume work, pleading, however, that the magistrates should use influence to secure them a fair rate of wages. It would seem that the men had been persuaded to make their demand by the representations of the Chinese employer upon other boats in the harbor. The whole number returned to work, being assured by Captain Cross that he would do all he could for them.

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MINING ON A HUGE SCALE

Course of River Changed to Permit Working the Channel.

Quesselle, B.C., April 8.—The Golden River Quesselle company, limited, of London, Ontario, with a capital of \$1,750,000, of which \$400,000 is paid up, has commenced one of the most gigantic mining operations ever attempted on the coast. It is at a point where South Fork lake empties its waters into the South Fork river. This company has employed about 500 men excavating a raceway along the right-hand bank of South Fork river, 400 feet long and 127 feet wide. It is a series of nine gates, each gate 12 feet 4 inches in the clear, with a lift of 10 feet. The dam is being thrown across the river on a curve with a radius of 415 feet, one end against the bulkhead, the other against the rocky left-hand bank. At a cost of over \$250,000. The dam is over 90 feet wide at the base, the crest being five feet above high water mark. The gates are 150 square miles. The company is preparing to work and administrative expenses. On the debt of \$4,250,000 there is outstanding about \$1,000,000 of paid interest. The one party benefited by the undertaking is a financial way is the French government, which annually receives \$2,000 in taxes on the shares and bonds for the right of negotiation in France.

Accident to Justice Drake. Mr. Justice Drake is confined to his house, suffering from a broken rib caused by an accident which occurred on Saturday afternoon. He was driving with Miss Drake and as a result of the horse starting from some cause or other both were thrown out. Mr. Drake breaking a rib and Miss Drake being severely shaken.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair. Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair.

DR.

CREAM BAKING POWDER

A Pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. 40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

THE CORINTH SHIP CANAL

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AN EXPERT'S OPINION

Mr. Braden, Now at Esquimalt, Interviewed Respecting Prospects of War.

Mr. Arthur Braden, of the Royal Engineers' Depot at Chatham, England, has assumed charge of the mechanical staff in connection with the improvements now being made at the fortifications at Esquimalt. In an interview, Mr. Braden said the activity being displayed in putting the navy in order for active service is almost unprecedented, and every available ship is being overhauled and put in good condition. Large additions are being made to the crews of the vessels of the coast defence and Mediterranean squadrons. The feeling in naval circles is that an open rupture in regard to the Eastern question cannot long be deferred. In reference to the present strained relations between Spain and the United States, Mr. Braden was of opinion that the naval strength of the former country was very much superior to that of the United States, besides being in every way equal to it in point of discipline and efficiency. As to the outcome of a conflict between the two countries, Mr. Braden would not commit himself. He expects to be engaged in the spring for two years before returning to England.

HER VOYAGE OCCUPIES TWO MONTHS

The Wrecks in the Straits of Magellan Breaking Up.

The C.P.R. steamer Athenian arrived here last night, two months from Southampton, which she left on February 12th. On the evening of the day after she left she reported to the C.P.R. office, stating that she was leaking, there being six feet of water in her hold. Some of the cement included in her cargo was appropriated and she was ordered to proceed to the wharf. All went well until the morning of the 21st, when all were suddenly aroused by a heavy thumping in the engine room. The engines were at once stopped and the cylinder cover raised, when it was found that one of the piston rods had gone wrong. All hands had a hard time during the day, but the vessel was able to proceed to the wharf. The wrecked steamers, the Mivara, of the New Zealand Shipping Co., and the Cotopaxi, of the Pacific Steam Navigation Co., were seen, with part of their crews, on the 21st. The Mivara was broken up, and the Cotopaxi was seen, with part of their crews, on the 21st. The Mivara was broken up, and the Cotopaxi was seen, with part of their crews, on the 21st.

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IF YOU WISH TO BE WELL

You must fortify your system against the attacks of disease. Your blood must be kept pure, your stomach and digestive organs in order, your appetite good, and your system generally in a healthy condition.

HOOD'S PILLS ARE THE FAVORITE

Family Cathartic. Easy to take, easy to operate.

CAPTAIN DRUHART

Record of an Officer. Well Known Here, Who Fell at Athra.

Many Victorians will remember Capt. Druhart, who fell at the battle of Athra. He was a brave and gallant officer, and his death was a great loss to the British and Egyptian forces.

HE WILL LECTURE TO-NIGHT ON POPE

Leo XIII—A Chat With a Celebrity.

F. Marion Crawford, the novelist, possesses a charming personality. Courteous, dignified, but not standing upon any ceremony with strangers, he is an ideal lecturer. Perhaps his experience as a newspaper man contributes something to this desirable end, but more likely it is the natural result of his training among many peoples, which has enabled him to assimilate vast stores of knowledge, and not least, a fund of common sense in appearance. Mr. Crawford resembles as much a successful man of affairs as a novelist with a worldwide reputation. Tall, strongly even muscularly built, strong features, with iron-gray hair and mustache, a pleasing eye and mobile mouth, Mr. Crawford impresses one as being a man who can feel deeply, and to whom a task once undertaken would become a duty not to be neglected save under the strongest compulsion. In conversation he is the polished scholar, to whom an Italian training has imparted a suave grace of speech. His humor there is too, not the boisterous jocularity of an uneducated nonentity striving to earn a reputation as a wit, but rather the delicate sallies which with so often in his books. Asked, for instance, why he had chosen the subject of a popular lecture, Mr. Crawford replied that it was caused, as is usual with successes, "by accident," adding, "we rarely do anything good except by accident." He likes "Corleone," his last published book best, because one always likes one's last baby best, "not having had time to find out what it is."

THE MOST PROMINENT ARE FASHIONABLE

Dyspepsia or indigestion has become a fashionable disease. There are very few individuals who do not at various times experience the miserable feeling caused by defective digestion. No pen can describe the keen suffering of the body and the agony and anguish of mind endured by the dyspeptic. Dr. Leo XIII, 236 Pine Avenue, Montreal, says: "When I ever run against chronic cases of dyspepsia I always prescribe Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills and my patients generally have quick relief."

LEAH OF COL SHAKESPEARE

A Distinguished Officer, Formerly of H. M. S. Imperieuse on This Station.

The death occurred in London on March 23 of Lieut.-Col. Arthur Bucknall Shakespeare, who came to this station in the Imperieuse in 1880, returning to his native land in 1882. He was a distinguished officer, and his death was a great loss to the British and Egyptian forces.

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20 YEARS OF BONDAGE

Certificate of the Incorporation of the Canadian Development Company, Limited.

Capital \$500,000.

I hereby certify that the Canadian Development Company, Limited, has been incorporated under the Act, 1887, as amended, and that the capital of three hundred thousand dollars, divided into three thousand hundred shares of one hundred dollars each.

The registered office of the company will be situated in the city of Victoria, province of British Columbia.

The objects for which the company has been established are:—

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