mittee, $500; Vancouver gun club, 100; sports committee, $300; Jockey ub, $600; procession committee, $400. he following is a rough draft of the rogramme: July 1st, morning—Grand rocession; baseball game at Brockton oint. Afternoon — Baseball game, owell street grounds; lacrosse at the oint between Vancouver and Westminster; racing at Hastings; Vancouver gun ub at Mt. Pleasant butts all day. July nd, morning—Regatta on Inlet. Afternoon—Bicycle races, naval sports, band oncert, horse races at Hastings. A ilitary concert will be held in the opera ouse on the evening of the 1st, when company of young ladies will go hrough drill, and a ball will take place n the evening of the second at the Hotel ancouver.

Mr. Munden's boat shed, containing 200 worth of tools and two fishing oats, was destroyed by fire on Tuesday ight. Mr. Munden declares that his hed was set on fire by some unknown erson.

nstallation And Banquet

Annual Gathering of United Service Lodge A F. and A.M Last Night.

he Pleasant Event Marked By Speech, Sorg and Story—The New Officers.

The annual installation of the officers- ect of United Service Lodge, No. 24, F. & A. M., last night, was celeated in the customary way—a banquet ing given at the close of the interest- g ceremonies. The event took place in e Masonic temple, Esquimalt, the busiess of the evening being held in the pper part of the building. The interest- g ceremony was conducted under the rection of Rt. Wor. Bro. T. N. Woodate, D.D.G.M. of district No. 1, as- sted by members of the Grand Lodge, ose appointed to control the destinies the craft during the ensuing term beg as follows: I. P. M., Bro. F. J. ailey; W. M., Bro. C. Ensor Sharp; S. W., W. T. Phillips; J. W., R. F. Ranin; treas., G. Phillips; sec., C. J. Horsell; S. D., E. Massey; J. D., W. A. iggett; dir. of cer., A. E. Stanford; st. dir. of cer., H. J. Warwick; organ, G. G. Benney; I. G., C. J. Finemore; iler, C. Hammond.

The installation was followed by the resentation of a jewel to Bro. Bailey, e immediate past master, after which n adjournment was taken to the banueting hall, where a goodly number of sitors sat down with the brethren to ell filled and artistically spread tables. The beauty of the dining hall and deorations gave evidence of the presence d labors of the sons of the sea. Under a canopy of huge flags, which skirted he ceiling and hung in graceful forms own the walls, the richly laden tables ombined with the varied uniforms and egalia, completed a very pleasing picure, which was made the more brilliant y the pretty electrical effects.

A splendid menu was provided. Rev. . Ensor Sharp, who for the second year filling the position of worshipful master, proposed the first toast of the evenig to the M. W. Grand Lodge, to the ing and Craft. Glasses were filled. the ational Anthem and "For They Are olly Good Fellows," sung, and in reponse to the toast District Deputy rand Master Woodgate spoke interestgly of the Grand Lodge meeting at Nelon, and of the good work there accomlished.

His remarks were followed by Grand unior Deacon Maxwell Muir. After a ouple of songs by Bro. Phillips, Bro. ailey proposed a toast to the "United ervice Lodge and Officers, Past and resent," in which he made a touching eference to the loss of Bro. Muir. The orshipful master, Bro. Bainbridge, ast senior warden; Bro. W. T. Phillips, enior warden; Bro. R. F. Rankin, junior arden; Bro. J. W. Jones, senior stewrd; Senior Deacon Massey and Junior Deacon Higgitt, all replied to the toast. Songs by Bro. Tranter and Bro. Lambert Bond followed.

Bro. T. N. Woodgate, D.D.G.M., proosed the toast to the "Sister Lodges," o which several of the visiting brethren esponded.

Then followed a recitation by Bro. Finemore, a song by Bro. W. T. Goodwin, a toast to the "Visiting Brethren," roposed by Bro. W. T. Phillips, which vas responded to by several visiting rethren, including United States Conul Smith, who delivered a stirring peech; a song by Bro. T. W. Jones, and he tyler's toast "To all worthy distressd brethren wherever dispersed around he world."

The party broke up early this morning, hose coming into the city being accomodated with a special car kept waiting t the Esquimalt terminus for them.

THE COMING CORONATION.

The authorities dread Coronation Day. t is obvious that more people, from very part of the globe, will be present n this occasion than have ever gathered together at any previous coronation. Some say that a quarter of a million f men, women and children will visit London on that day; others half a million, and a few predict that the total will reach a million. Where is accommodation to be found for so enormous a concourse of visitors? How is this crowd to be fed, and how shall it be controlled There is reason to believe that the King and Queen will return from the Abbey to the Palace by Westminster so as to extend the route, and to enable more sightseers to witness the procession.

Many peers have already ordered coronets from the jewellers. These coronets cost little, for they are composed of velvet and silver, the "balls" being of silver coated with a glaze, which makes them look like pearls. Even baronets have coronets. The shop windows of West End jewellers will soon be decorated with this uncommon form of ornament.—London Graphic.

Receiver Appointed

The Seventh National Bank of of New York Has Been Closed.

Director of the Leipsiger Bank is in Custody—Other Arrests Probable.

Washington, June 27.—Comptroller Dawes to-day ordered the closing of the Seventh National Bank of New York, and appointed Forrest Raynor, National Bank examiner, temporary receiver. Later the comptroller made the following statement:

"Comptroller Dawes stated that on Tuesday he received word from the National Bank examiner that Henry Marquand & Company had recently become indebted in a sum approximating $1,600,000 to the Seventh National Bank of New York, which was secured by collaterals of a doubtful nature. Upon receipt on Wednesday of further information regarding the nature of the collaterals securing this loan, he sent a telegram to Mr. E. R. Thomas, president of the Seventh National Bank, as follows: 'I have just received information from the National Bank examiner that Henry Marquand & Company have loans of large amount in your bank approximating $1,600,000. Unless promptly and satisfactorily assured that this loan will be taken up and cash therefor put into the bank by Saturday night, June 29th, will appoint a receiver for the bank. Please convene your board of directors and announce this to them.'"

Arrest at Leipsig.

Leipsig, June 27.—Herr Exner, director of the Leipsiger Bank, which suspended payment on Tuesday, June 25th, has been arrested. The public prosecutor is investigating the affairs of the bank.

It turns out that the report of the Leipsiger Bank published was misleading. The correspondent of the Associated Press has obtained reliable information which shows that the sum of 111,000,000 marks, which forms the bulk of the assets, included 87,000,000 marks loaned to the Cassel Treber Trockning Company, of which a small part only can be realized.

The Berlin Taglebatt to-day says the Leipsiger Bank quite recently advanced another 25,000,000 marks to the Cassel Treber Trockning Company after it was known that the latter was insolvent.

Representatives of the leading banks of Berlin say there is no doubt all the stock of the Leipsiger Bank and its reserve, amounting to 63,000,000 marks, are lost.

The Dresden and Leipsig bourses refuse to handle the Leipsiger Bank stock. The policy of the Leipsiger Bank's board of directors has been for years such as to lead to the belief that other arrests on the charge of culpable negligence will follow the taking into custody of Herr Exner. The members of the board of directors include some of Leipsig's wealthiest citizens.

The Berlin, Leipsig and Dresden morning papers express the highest indignation at the condition of the Leipsiger Bank directors, and demand a searching investigation.

The Berlin Vossische Zeitung, editorially, says, "In view of the whole series of recent failures it is evident that the present German system of aufschtsrath (namely, board of directors or trustees) urgently requires reforming or abolishing, the latter preferred."

AUTOMOBILE CONTEST.

One Lady Taking Part in the Race From Paris to Berlin.

Paris, June 27, 9 a.m.—From midnight on during the early morning hours a stream of bicyclists and automobiles marked the road from Paris to Fort Champigny, a dozen miles east of the city, the start of the automobile race between Paris and Berlin, at half past three this morning, attracting unusual interest. It was indeed a most picturesque sight. The cross-roads of Champigny, where hundreds of bicycles and automobiles were assembled, were illuminated with Chinese lanterns, while every few minutes a racing car would dash up and take the allotted position before the line.

In front of the starting place by 3.30 a.m. at least two thousand enthusiasts had gathered to watch the start, many being scattered along the Berlin road. The first few racers left in the twilight before the break of day, and were almost immediately lost to view. Later, when the bright sunshine put in an appearance the auto-cars left with such speed that they were enveloped in a cloud of dust after covering 200 yards, the dust resembling the smoke of an express engine. The racing cars were mere machines of iron and steel, and no pretense was made to secure comfort for the drivers or engineers. They carried little or nothing except spare tires and cans of petroleum. The arrangements were carried out like clockwork. There were about thirty persons who had entered who did not start. Hearty cheers were given as the automobiles made their departure.

There was only one lady competitor, a handsome Frenchwoman named Gast, who was attired in a smartly made waterproof costume.

Foxhall Keene got away at 7 o'clock. He wore a blue serge suit covered with a rubber jacket and a gray checked cloth cap.

Child Killed.

Paris, June 27.—The first fatality reported in the motor race occurred at Rheims, where M. Brassier's automobile killed a child 12 years of age.

M. Fournier arrived at Aix Le Chapelle at 2.30 p.m., ahead of all competitors. This place was the end of the first day's run, 283 miles, in the motor race from Paris to Berlin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Grover and a party of ten ladies from Ballard are at the Dominion hotel.

PRIZE MONEY.

Over $700,000 to Be Distributed Among United States Navy Officers and Men.

Washington, June 27.—Justice Bradley in the Equity court to-day decided the Manila Bay and Santiago Bay prize cases. The decision is in favor of the claimants as to vessels captured and as to property taken from vessels so captured. It is against them as to property captured ashore.

Admiral Dewey, his officers and men are the claimants in the Manila case, and Admiral Sampson, his officers and men are the claimants in the Santiago case.

According to counsel the claimants in the Manila case receive a total of $288,000 divided among about 2,000 people, and the claimants in the Santiago case will get in the neighborhood of $500,000, distributed among about 3,000 persons.

NEARING THE END.

Foreign Ministers in China Have Only Few Points to Settle.

Pekin, June 27.—The foreign ministers, at to-day's meeting, only discussed minor points of the indemnity question. The British minister, Sir Ernest Satow, refuses to agree to a 10 per cent. increase in the tariff in the event that China finds herself unable to meet her payments. The Russian minister, M. de Giers, has not yet agreed that the interest on indemnity is to be 4 per cent. The United States special representative, Mr. Rockhill, thinks there should be little further delay. When these points are settled the work of the ministers will be practically ended.

Fire on a Steamer

Mule Transport Monterey Badly Damaged During Voyage From Capetown.

How Two Daring Officers Succeeded in Getting the Flames Under Control.

New Orleans, La., June 27.—The British mule transport Monterey, from Capetown, has arrived in port after a terrible experience with fire at sea. Twelve days out from St. Vincent flames were discovered in the after-hold and gained such headway that the heat prevented the usual means of extinguishing the fire. Flames and clouds of smoke poured out from the hold, and when the officers and crew were about to abandon the ship, First Officer Reid and Fourth Officer Harrington volunteered a daring plan. They proposed to tie a wire cable around their bodies and have their companions lower them down the side of the ship until they were abreast the port opening into the burning section. It was a desperate expedient, but after a short consultation was adopted.

As the fire was near the water-line, Reid and Harrington were lowered down until they were submerged in the sea nearly up to their waists. Hanging thus half buried in the waves, with the ship under headway, the men battered in the port, a hose was then lowered to them and for several hours they swung outward and inward pouring a stream into the blazing hold. In this way they finally succeeded in checking the flames.

The vessel was badly damaged.

STORMS IN PRUSSIA.

Berlin, June 27.—News received here to-day from Rominten, Prussia, shows that the whole of the Rominten district has been devastated since June 24th by hailstorms and colud bursts.

Emperor William's estate at Rominten has been greatly damaged. His Majesty to-day, upon receiving the news, ordered speedy relief to be sent and forwarded a large sum of money to be distributed among the sufferers.

FIGHTING OIL FIRE.

Decatur, Ind., June 27.—The fire which was started at Preble on Tuesday night by lightning striking a tank of the Standard Oil Co., containing 50,000 barrels of oil, is still burning. Three hundred men are fighting the flames and making efforts to save five other tanks. Two men were loading a cannon to shoot the burning tank when it exploded and they were fatally burned. Many persons have been badly burned.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Woodstock, Ont., June 27.—Armour Potter, son of a well known farmer near Eastwood, tried to commit suicide by taking Paris green yesterday. Prompt medical attendance and the use of a stomach pump prevented his death, and it is expected the young man will recover. Domestic troubles are believed to have been responsible for the young man's act.

GIRL BURNED TO DEATH.

New York, June 27.—An oil stove in the home of Mrs. Tate, in Bloomfield, N. J., exploded to-day, setting fire to the house. Mrs. Tate's twelve-year-old daughter was burned to death, and Mrs. Tate and the chief of Bloomfield fire department were badly burned in trying to rescue the child. The money loss was small.

MINISTER TO MEXICO.

Vienna, June 27.—Count Gilbert Hohenwart von Gerlachstein has been appointed Austro-Hungarian minister to Mexico. Diplomatic relations between Austria-Hungary and Mexico, interrupted since 1882, the year Emperor Maximilian was shot, are thus formally re-established.

FIVE YEARS FOR ASSAULT.

New York, June 27.—Thos. G. Parker was to-day sentenced to the penitentiary for five years for assault, with intent to kill, the Rev. John Keller, in Arlington.

Favorably Impressed

Colonel Biscoe Found Everything Was in Splendid Order at Esquimalt.

No Foreign Warships Would Attempt Bombardment in Face of Fortifications.

Toronto, June 27.—Col. Biscoe and Col. Connor, who were sent to examine the fortifications and docks at Esquimalt, B. C., are in the city. Both gentlemen found everything in splendid order at the Coast, and will be able to present a favorable report to the Imperial authorities.

Col. Biscoe is satisfied that no foreign men-of-war would attempt a bombardment at Esquimalt in face of the fortifications there.

FOUND DEAD IN WAGON.

The Sad Death of Brother of Hon. Francis J. Lascelles, Now in New Westminster Asylum.

London, June 27.—The Hon. Eric Lascells, brother of the Earl of Harewood and brother of the Countess of Desart and Hon. Francis J. Lascelles, now in the asylum at New Westminster, B. C., where he was sent after killing an employee on his ranch, has been found dead in a wagon at Cheltenham.

This penniless aristocrat has for years been exhibiting automatic pictures at country fairs under the name of Eric Leith. When he heard of his brother's trouble he began drinking and died from the effects. Letters from the Countess of Desart and a London lawyer were found in his pocket, enclosing a remittance and referring to Francis's trouble.

ATTACKED BY BOERS.

Enemy Made Determined Assault on Richmond—Retired on Approach of Reinforcements.

Richmond, Cape Colony, June 27.—A large force of Boers, commanded by Malan and Smit, attacked Richmond at daybreak on June 25th.

The fighting lasted till dusk, when the Boers retired on the approach of British reinforcements.

LUSITANIA'S PASSENGERS.

Three Hundred Started on the Train From St. Johns This Morning.

St. Johns, Nfld., June 27.—The first train load of the passengers of the Lusitania, the steamer of the Orient Steam Navigation Company, which was wrecked near Cape Ballard yesterday morning, started this morning to cross the country. There were 300 of the passengers on board the train. On their arrival at Port Aux Basques they will be transferred to the steamer Bruce, which will take them to Sydney, Cape Breton. The remainder of the passengers will follow by another train this evening. Many of the children among the immigrants were without any clothing. Charitable concerns provided for them in this respect.

FIRE FOLLOWED EXPLOSION.

Blacksmith Burned to Death—Another Man Missing.

Bakersfield, Cala., June 27.—The Central hotel in Kern, about a mile east of here, caught fire early to-day by the explosion of a lamp in one of the rooms. In a moment all ways of escape were cut off by the flames. George Clark, a blacksmith in the South Pacific shops, was burned to death. John P. Thornton was badly burned about the body. T. C. Burnger, who has just returned from the Philippines and stopped at the hotel, has not as yet been located, and it is feared he perished in the flames. The loss is estimated at $10,000.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Thomas McCaffrey Will Probably Be Manager of Vancouver Assay Office.

Ottawa, June 27.—Thomas McCaffrey, for several years manager of the Union bank in Winnipeg, will, in all likelihood, be the manager of the assay office at Vancouver.

The case of Fred. Collings, for the murder of Arthur Dando, at Peterboro, Kootenay, was before the cabinet this afternoon. It is probable the death sentence may be changed to imprisonment for life.

THE USUAL RESULT.

Two Frenchmen Use Pistols Without Doing Any Damage.

Paris, June 27.—As an outcome of the altercation which they had in the High court yesterday during the deliberation after the close of the trial of the Marquis de Lursalunces, Senators de Provost-Delaunay and Auscoin fought a duel with pistols this morning. Two shots were exchanged, without any result.

SCAFFOLD GAVE WAY.

Two Men Instantly Killed and Several Injured at Buffalo.

Buffalo, N. Y., June 27.—A scaffold at the eastern elevator, on which a number of men were at work, fell this afternoon. Two men were killed and four or five seriously injured.

KNOCKED HIS HAT OFF.

Halifax, June 26.—Bishop Courtney, of the Anglican diocese of Nova Scotia, made a scene at an entertainment in this city last night. A London showman came here, producing an exhibition of moving pictures, representing the British navy and everyday life of His Majesty's sailors. After the performance a picture of King Edward was thrown on and the band played "God Save the King." A man apparently in a great hurry to leave the hall started to go with his hat on.

As the man came down the aisle he had to pass Bishop Courtney. His Lordship looked at him with flashing eyes, and as he came alongside, the Bishop rose, and with indignation struck off the hat, saying as he did so, "You ought to be ashamed of yourself." The man stooped to the ground and picked up his hat, looking very sheepish, but made no remonstrance. Such of the crowd as saw the incident gave Bishop Courtney a cheer.

INTERESTING EVENT.

Two More Victorians United in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony.

Yesterday afternoon, at the residence of the bride's parents, 99 Quadra street, Rev. Elliott S. Rowe united in wedlock two popular young Victorians—Miss Alice M. Moss, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Moss, and Mr. Ralph Stevens, son of W. J. Stevens, the well known boat builder.

The apartment in which the interesting ceremony was performed was tastefully and appropriately decorated, the surroundings partaking of the nature of a flower garden. The bride was given away by her father, and was attended by her sister, Miss Gertrude Moss, and her little niece as flower girl. The bridegroom was supported by John Braden, jr. After the ceremony the guests sat down to a dainty wedding supper, which was followed by a reception attended by a host of relatives and friends, who showered congratulations unstintedly.

Presents innumerable were received by the newly married couple, their beauty and utility evoking many admiring comments. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens left this morning for the Mainland on their honeymoon tour, which will embrace a trip down the Island before their return, after which they will reside at 35 John street.

TO REMOVE EYESORE.

Conference Between Council Committee and Property Owners Regarding Objectionable Sidewalk.

It is altogether probable that coincidently with the inauguration of improvements in this city, there will be undertaken a work which will afford the greatest satisfaction in all quarters. This is the removal of the unsightly high sidewalk on the east side of Government street, between Courtenay and Humboldt streets.

For years past there has been no little agitation in the city council for the removal of this sidewalk, but no definite action was taken. Besides marring the general appearance of that part of the street, the walk in question was a source of danger to life and limb, and several persons have been injured by falling down the steps at the Humboldt street end.

This morning a special committee of the city council, consisting of Aldermen Cameron, Williams and Braden, met representatives of the owners of property along the walk, and a satisfactory understanding was arrived at. The property owners, Messrs. Loewen and Erb, were represented by Mr. Loewen, and Messrs. Eberts and Earle by Mr. Earle.

The particulars of the conference will be contained in a report to be submitted to the council. Should the present negotiations materialize, the walk will be razed, and, after the necessary grading, a permanent sidewalk will be laid there.

EARL RUSSELL'S TRIAL.

Lord Halsbury Moves for Committee to Arrange Procedure in the Case.

London, June 27.—In the House of Lords to-day the Lord Chancellor, Lord Halsbury, announced the receipt of a letter from the recorder setting forth that a true bill had been found against Earl Russell on the charge of bigamy, and moved the appointment of a committee to arrange the procedeure in the case. The motion was agreed to.

BUBONIC PLAGUE.

Outbreak at Oporto, Portugal, Where Four Deaths Have Occurred.

Madrid, June 27.—Twelve cases of bubonic plague and four deaths from that disease have occurred at Oporto, Portugal.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

London, June 27.—D. Davis and H. Ward, Americans, beat Hawes and Young by three sets to none to-day in the third round of the all-comers doubles in the all-England lawn tennis championships, which began at Wimbledon on Monday. In the fourth round of the singles A. W. Moore beat G. W. Hillyards.

DON'T BECOME AN OBJECT

Of Aversion and Pity, Cure Your Catarrh, Purify Your Breath and Stop the Offensive Discharge.

Rev. Dr. Bochror, of Buffalo, says: "My wife and I were both troubled with distressing Catarrh, but we have enjoyed freedom from this aggravating malady since the day we first used Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. Its action was instantaneous, giving the most grateful relief within ten minutes after first application." 50 cents. Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.—2.

FAULTY KIDNEYS.—Have you backache? Do you feel drowsy? Do your limbs feel heavy? Have you frequent headaches? Have you failing vision? Have you dizzy feeling? Are you depressed? Is your skin dry? Have you a tired feeling? Any of these signs prove kidney disease. Experience has proved that South American Kidney Cure never fails. Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.—6.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mead, of Portland, Ore., are spending their honeymoon in the city. They are guests at the Victoria hotel.

Gambling Is Bad

How a Yukon Miner Treats the Subject in a Published Letter.

A Graphic Description of the Results of the Gambler's Trade.

During the discussion in the press of Dawson on the expediency of gambling from a business point of view, the following letter was published in the Dawson Sun. It is worth republication:

Editor Sun:—Out on the creek I get copies of all Dawson papers and I read them and reflect. They are all good papers. It's a wonder to me how you fellows can publish as good papers as you do, with such a small field to look to for news and business. There's lots of "rot" in your papers, however. I suppose you need it to fill space with The "rot" the Dawson papers are now publishing on the gambling proposition is about the worst yet. It is generally recognized by all the writers and talkers who are discussing the matter that it's the miner who supports the gambler. I haven't seen a letter published from a miner on the question in any of the papers, especially one favoring open or any other kind of gambling, and as we miners "pay the freight" we ought to be allowed a say.

I have lived in mining camps for 30 years, have followed the pay streak from Mexico to Yukon—in Arizona, New Mexico, California, Nevada, Utah, Montana, Washington, Colorado, Alaska, British Columbia and Yukon—and I have been up against the gambling proposition all the time—always in front of the box. I suppose I have been the principal support of about a million gamblers and their mistresses in my time, and when I heard I was to have government aid in my efforts to reform I felt good.

There's a whole lot of us miners that are like me in this way. I take all the chances that come my way, but had rather play the game of life as it comes wherein I may have an even break, than go up against faro, roulette, black jack or any other game, where I know the percentage is all against me. I go to town once in a while for a change of scene. I have a few dollars in my pocket, and I need them all. I need groceries, clothes, etc. It seems to me that I always need them. I don't need whisky and I don't need to gamble. I am loaded with good intentions when ever I hit Dawson. I am loaded with "hootch" and broke before I leave. I drop into a saloon to see if any of my old pals are around and I meet one. He says: "Have a drink—one drink won't hurt you," and I join him. Then, nobless oblige, he has one with me and I fall off the water-wagon. Then with $2 worth of whisky under my "Parky," I become a Vanderbilt. I am short just $2 I have spent, and as it seems to me that I must be a winner, I step over to a table and contribute to the dealer who wears store clothes; he buys more clothes and I continue to wear the "Parky." Then I feel blue, and rubber around till my friends have bought enough whisky to fill me up, and then I stagger up the creeks cursing the gamblers every foot of the way.

I owe a fellow in Dawson a grocery bill and another borrowed money. I am sure to pay them at clean-up and but for the gambling I could have paid them piecemeal and been square with the world. I've been trying to make a trip back East for nearly three years, and if gambling is closed before clean-up I can see my way clear to make it this year, but I couldn't otherwise unless I caught the boat in midstream 10 miles above Dawson. And I'm supposed to be about as strong-willed as the average man, too.

They say we never saw a mining camp that amounted to anything unless there were gamblers there. I never saw but one, but its one of the world beaters—Rossland, British Columbia. I see that one John Grant tells of how John Kirkup used to keep the peace there in the effort to point out that city policemen would be better for Dawson than the N. W. M. P. He doesn't tell, though, how Kirkup's strong hold lay in running gamblers out of town as fast as they appeared, or how he worked on the principle that it was (and is) a penitentiary offense to import a faro box into British Columbia. One gambler gave a train boy $250 to smuggle a box from Northport to Rossland—and Kirkup had the box next day. There never was a bank game or wheel running in Rossland. And Kirkup wasn't a city policeman and Rossland wasn't incorporated then. He was a provincial policeman and reported direct to Victoria.

And if Rossland is the only camp that ever amounted to anything without gambling, why? Simply because a gambler is a human buzzard and flocks where feed is thickest. Let a prospector make a rich strike and send the news out to the world. The first couple that come over the trail is composed of a gambler and a prostitute. It may be that they come to build up a new camp and give it a tone, but it always seemed to me they came to fasten themselves on the gold producer—to make him work for them. They say that the miner will not come to town or spend his money in Dawson if the games are closed—that we want amusement. I would like to see the photograph of a miner who was ever attracted to Dawson by the gambling games there. We would visit town oftener if they were not there. We would spend as much money, too, only it would do us some good.

Once in British Columbia I located a piece of property and worked on it a year and made it look like $20,000 to a capitalist. I took the money and built a hotel. My property increased in value and I did quite a bit of business with the local bank. The business men of the town used to drop in Saturday nights and we had a privte poker game in a room upstairs, all players local business men. We rolled 'em a little high some nights and once after losing several big pots I went to the bank to borrow some money. The manager and I were good friends. He boarded with me. He knew all about my financial condition. He said he coudn't accommodate me. I asked him why, as I was worth many times the amount needed. Then he talked to me. He said: "Jim, a bank is a cold-blooded business proposition. We deal in money always; in sentiment, never. There are certain established rules we must follow. When a man tries to borrow money off us we first ascertain his financial responsibility, then his integrity, then his personal habits. If he be broke, but of established probity, we sometimes accommodate him. But if he be of known financial worth, and otherwise honest, yet handicapped with personal habits, that would stultify all that entitles him, to our consideration, we can't do business with him. You own your hotel and you are honest, but you gamble. If you get stuck in a game tonight, you could lose all you own before morning. You are not a good risk to us. You will have to go to a mortgage company." That sounded bad to me; the first time I ever heard it. There were no mortgage companies in town, so I went to Spokane. I made the raise and was to leave for home on the 8 o'clock train next morning. That night I dropped into the Coeur d'Alene, and when the train left in the morning I was on board—broke. The banker was right—I was wrong. And when I read in the news that a Dawson bank manager had signed a telegram to Ottawa asking for an extension of time for the gamblers, I wondered aloud as to whether banking rules had changed, or whether the telegram wouldn't be a surprise to the conservative head of his institution when he heard of it in this morning Herald. A friend tells me the banks did this because they have money loaned on whisky stocks, and figure that whisky will decrease in price if gambling is stopped. That's silly. Whisky won't drop 50 cents a gallon. The miner drinks the whisky. The gambler drinks champagne. When the miner gambles, he never has enough money to buy all the whisky he wants. Cut out the gambling and the miner will be lined up in front of the bar drinking with friends, instead of standing around the stove—broke. Some want the time extended so the gambler can save enough money to go outside on. They have had several years' time, and if they haven't saved the amount needed, what is their guarantee for the future? The miner is the backbone of the community; the gambler is not. If the gambler makes enough to take him outside he must make it off the miner. Why not make the gambler work awhile and let the miner make the trip outside? He might not be able to make the "hit" in society the gambler could, but he would take a lot of comfort and joy to the old folks at home, from whom the gambler has kept him for many weary days.

Dawson is a world beater, but it will reach its highest possible mark in prosperity when gambling is stopped. The miner, who till now has never entered a gent's furnishing store in Dawson, will be able to wear a collar on Sunday—maybe gloves, too. He will even be able to patronize the jeweller's and send nugget jewellery to the folks at home. He will be able to buy his season's provisions all in a bunch at a Dawson grocery where prices are cheaper than on the creeks, and he can pay cash on delivery. He may not buy all the luxuries the gambler does, but he will be able to buy more luxuries than he can now—and there are more miners than there are gamblers.

They say it will lower rents. If it does it will lower prices, and the merchant will make as much money and yet not be compelled to blush so when he asks you the present price of an article. So far all the cutting has been in the wages of the miner.

The miners of the Yukon can thank the good Lord for the protection and aid of the Canadian government that helps him to help himself and protect him from the human vultures who have preyed upon him so long.

This is so long you probably won't print it. I am not used to writing for newspapers. However, these are my sentiments and the sentiments of my class, and I feel better for having expressed them, whether you print them or not.

AN ELDORADO MINER.
Grand Forks, March 6th, 1901.

PETER THE GREAT.

The Czar is a very tall man, with a handsome face and a noble bearing. His manner is most vivacious, and he is quick at repartee; but, with his great natural gifts, it is a pity his tastes are not a little less barbarous. He was very cheerful and conversational, and we became great friends. My daughter and he exchanged snuffboxes; the Czar's was embellished with his monogram, and my daughter treasures it. I asked him if he liked hunting; he said his father had liked it immensely, but for himself he had a passion for navigation and fireworks. He said he worked at shipbuilding himself, and showed us his hands with pride, and made us feel the blisters formed on them by hard labor. After supper was over the Czar sent for his fiddlers, and we danced some Russian dances, which I liked much better than the polonaise. It was daylight before we broke up. The Czar is quite an extraordinary man; it is impossible to form an opinion of him until one has seen him, and then it is impossible to described him. He has a kind heart, and gave utterance to many lofty sentiments. I must also tell you that he did not become the least intoxicated in our presence, but no sooner had we gone than his suite fully made up for lost time. He is most sensible to the charms of female beauty, but, to be just, I saw no attempts at gallantry. In his country it is the custom of women to paint themselves red and white, which is no doubt the reason why the Muscovites admire Countess Platen so much. In dancing they thought the bones of our stays were our own bones, and the Czar said: "The German ladies have infernally hard bones."—Correspondence of the Electress Sophia.

Governor White has issued a proclamation saying that there is no distress in the flood devasted district of West Virginia which cannot be provided for by the home people, and no need of outside help of any kind. The proclamation was issued in consequence of offers of help from all over the country.

Sporting News

THE TURF.

NEWCASTLE RACES.

London, June 28.—Reminiscence won the Northumberland Plate of 1,000 sovereigns at Newcastle to-day. Sheerness was second, and Rambling Kate third. Twelve horses ran.

YACHTING.

PREPARING FOR OCEAN TRIP.

Glasgow, June 26.—The Shamrock II. to-day bent her new mainsail and shipped the remainder of her gear. She will take a sail stretching spin to-morrow. Her tuning up trials will begin Friday, and will continue on the Clyde for ten days, after which the cup challenger will be dismantled for her passage across the Atlantic.

LAWN TENNIS.

ALL-ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS.

London, June 26.—In the all-England lawn tennis championships, which began at Wimbledon on Monday, H. S. Mahoney beat C. H. L. Cazalet in the third round of the singles.

In the second round of the all-comers doubles D. Davis and H. Ward, Americans, beat Eaves and Hilliard, by three sets to one.

THE RIFLE.

FRENCHMAN WON.

London, June 26.—In the international pigeon shooting at Hurlinghame to-day for a cup valued at £200, in conjunction with a sweepstake of £5 each, there were 73 competitors. Count D'Avrincourt, of France, won with 10 killed. L. Smith, of Saratoga, tied for third prize with 8 killed. F. Robinson, of San Francisco, and A. B. Gates, of New York, shot poorly.

BASEBALL.

WILL PLAY ON SATURDAY.

Another hard luck story. Word was received from Port Angeles on Tuesday evening cancelling to-day's game. This makes the third home game the locals have had cancelled this month, and it surely looks as though the Victorias were strictly "up against it."

For some reason or other the steamer that the Port Angeles team had arranged with to bring them over could not keep its engagement, thus preventing the Angeles boys from coming over.

The home team will leave for Nanaimo on Saturday morning to play the Coal City boys.

On Monday the Wenatchee team will play here, and local patrons can depend on this club filling its date, as they are at present touring Washington, and will arrive here on Monday to play their first game on the Coast. This match should be one of the best of the season, the visitors being an exceptionally strong team, as may be judged from the fact of their beating the Pullman nine with ease. The Pullman team defeated the University of Washington club three games, just prior to the match that the University boys played here.

On Saturday, the 6th of July, the celebrated Tacoma Greys will be the opponents of the Victorias.

The local team is being considerably strengthened in the batting line, Gus Gowen and Huxtable having decided to play again. With those men, who are both good batters, the locals will be strictly in it in the future.

VANCOUVER DEFEATED.

Vancouver was defeated two games at Everett Saturday and Sunday, the first by a score of 7 to 5 and the second 11 to 3. These are the first defeats for Vancouver this year.

INTERESTING POINT.

New York, June 27.—In order that the baseball question may be taken to the highest court in the state, if necessary, two young baseball players, who were arrested and convicted last week by City Judge Kellogg in Yonkers, have asked the citizens to assist them in raising funds with which to defray expenses of appeal. Thus far the boys have met with encouraging success. Interest centres in the outcome of the appeal to be argued. Lawyers contend that it is necessary, under the interpretation of the law by the court of appeals, to prove that the peace has been disturbed and that the games as played are a nuisance.

CONCERT AT EXPOSITION.

Buffalo, N. Y., June 25.—It was said this afternoon that 103 singing societies had arrived here to participate in the Saengerfest, the first concert of which will be given this afternoon in the armory of the 74th regiment where, in addition to the chorus of 3,500 voices on the stage, seats for 10,000 visitors have been provided.

A Vinita, I. T., dispatch says George Williams lying on his death-bed confessed to being an accomplice in the murder last September, at Prior Creek, of T. E. Smith and Green Smith, of Sweden. In his statement, Williams also implicated Wm. Nicois, of Vinita; William G. Smith and Leon Smith, of Prior Creek, and John Smith, the latter now serving a term in the Kansas State penitentiary for cattle stealing. Nichols and Wm. G. Smith have been arrested. The double murder was committed for robbery, and the officials had given up hope of finding the murderers.

WHOLESALE MARKET.

The following quotations are Victoria wholesale prices paid for farm produce this week:

Potatoes (Island), per ton	$30.00@35.00
Onions, per lb	1½
Carrots, per 100 lbs.	1.50
Parsnips, per 100 lbs.	1.25
Cabbage, per 100 lbs.	1.75
Butter (creamery), per lb.	25
Butter (dairy), per lb.	20
Eggs (ranch), per doz.	22
Chickens, per doz.	5.00@ 7.00
Ducks, per doz.	6.00@ 8.00
Apples, per box	2.00
Strawberries, per lb.	8
Cherries, per lb.	5
Hay, per ton	9.00@10.00
Oats, per ton	$2.00@33.00
Peas (field), per ton	40.00
Barley, per ton	25.00
Beef, per lb.	8@ 9
Mutton, per lb.	8@ 10
Pork, per lb.	9
Veal, per lb.	10

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