Happenings At Nanaimo City

Fall of Trusted Night Watchman Who Gets Three Years For Theft.

Pioneer of Cariboo Gold Excitement Passes Away---Labor Party Meeting

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, B. C., Dec. 14.—A sensational arrest was made here yesterday. Nightwatchman James Gilligan, being now in custody charged with the theft of a gold watch from a room in the Vendome hotel. Gilligan has for some years been engaged in the special work of looking after business premises in this city at night, being paid partly by the merchants and partly by the city. His official status was that of a city police constable. About a month ago a guest, who was staying at the Vendome, reported that his watch had been taken from under his pillow while he was asleep, but the facts were kept secret both by himself and the police, who have since been doing some quiet but clever detective work. Suspicion early pointed Gilligan's way, but it was not until a day or two ago that Chief Crossan had the necessary strings in his hands. On Friday night he accused Gilligan of the theft and assured him that the game was up. Evidently Gilligan believed him, for the next evening he came down to the police station and handed the watch over admitting that he took it, but excusing himself on the ground that he had at first intended merely to take care of it and return it. He was arrested last night. He pleaded guilty this morning and threw himself on the mercy of the court and got three years in the penitentiary, Magistrate Yarwood considering the prisoner's previous good character and his large family.

John E. Jenkins, a Cariboo pioneer of 1858, well known in Victoria, and proprietor of the Old Flag hotel Nanaimo, died this afternoon aged 64. He had no family.

A small blaze in some debris in the basement of the hospital this morning created some alarm, but was quickly extinguished, the patients being ignorant of the trouble.

A meeting of the Labor party took place on Saturday evening at which it was decided that to mark the intimate connection between the Labor men and the Liberal party, what used to be the Independent Larbor party, should now be known as the Liberal-Labor party. A nomination meeting is to be held on Saturday, December 26th. The curious thing about the matter is that Mr. Smith has already had his nomination endorsed by several Liberal organization. To get the endorsations first and the nomination afterwards is quite a new wrinkle in politics.

The annual meeting of the Nanaimo Athletic Club took place yesterday afternoon the following officers being elected: President, W. Edmonds (re-elected), vice president, A. Manifold; secretary, J. W. Freeman (re-elected); treasurer, Thomas Brown (re-elected); board of management, James Hardy, R. Gillard, G. Hardy, H. E. Church, R. Swanson, J. Parkin, R. Vipond, Thomas Aitken; dance committee, G. Jones, J. Aitken, F. Muplert, H. E. Church, R. Vipond; finance committee, J. Parkin, H. Church, H. N. Frereman.

Cedar district played a game of basket ball with Ladysmith on Saturday night, the match being one of the intermediate league series. The farmers refeated the miners by 11 to 9 goals.

The local Poultry Association met on Saturday evening and decided to hold the annual exhibition about the middle of January.

Messrs. A. W. Jervis & Co., whose smoke house was destroyed a week ago have already put up temporary premises and Nanaimo kippers and bloaters are again on the market.

The Total Abstinence Beneficiary Brotherhood was formed here some time ago, and is doing excellent work in a quiet way to check the drinking tendencies of certain young men by offering them an alternative to the saloon on paynight. Last Saturday evening they gave another of their excellent concerts which attracted a large audience. Another organization which has the same object is the Literary Club at the Baptist church. This also is well attended on Saturday evenings. The programme included several musical numbers which were of a high order of merit.

QUEBEC MANUFACTURERS.

Quebec, Dec. 14.—Ritchie & Co., J. S. Langlers & Co. and Larochelle Co., shoe manufacturers, opened their premises and started apprentices at work on the machinery. Everything is quiet. The whole matter of the lockout is being considered today by a board of arbitration.

MAYOR OF REGINA.

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—Ald. W. H. Laird was elected mayor of Regina today by four votes over Ald. Frank Bole.

REPORT DENIED.

Rome, Dec. 14.—The report telegraphed from Bologna that the Dowager Queen Margherita, during a recent journey to Norway, had contracted a morganatic marriage with an engineer thirty years old, is authoritatively denied. The engineer with whom the Queen mother is alleged to have been married to is named Tenerani. He is over 50 years old and is employed as caretaker of the numerous charitable institutions which are supported by the Queen.

Arranged For City Elections

Local Council Yesterday Evening Selected the Various Deputy Returning Officers.

An Appropriation Made For Cost of Certain Necessary Street Work.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The major portion of yesterday evening's session of the city council was devoted to arranging details of the approaching municipal elections. Balloting for deputy returning officers, which took up a lot of time, resulted in the selection of Wm. Dalby, who will preside over the mayoralty elections; George Mesher, who will act for North Ward in the aldermanic contest; T. G. Rayner, for Centre Ward; C. F. Beaven, for South Ward. Beyond this little but routine business was transacted.

Mayor McCandless presided, and all the aldermen were present with the exception of Ald. Yates.

H. L. Salmon called attention to Salvation Army people and other street worshippers collecting in front of his premises, corner of Yates and Government streets.

Referred to the police commissioners.

James Wollcott asked for extension of time to make sewerage connection on Fisguard street. Referred to the streets committee.

Hannah Warren asked for a refund of amount paid on Vehicle Act. Referred to the city solicitor.

H. R. Sellick called attention to damage done on his residence through blasting on the main sewer. Ald. Grahame asked that the matter be settled promptly. Referred to city engineer.

City Clerk Dowler wrote as follows:

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to inform you that the following communications have been received since the last meeting of the City Council and referred to the City Engineer for report, viz:

Thos. Cox, calling attention to the condition of the box drain on the north side of Hillside avenue, in front of his premises.

J. L. Leigh, asking that Turner street be put in a passable condition for vehicular traffic, between Work and David streets.

A. Brekes asking for the continuation on the east side of Shakespeare street, farther northward.

Received and filed.

Deputy returning officers to serve at the approaching municipal elections were then chosen by ballot, as follows: C. Beaven, T. G. Rayner, G. Mesher, sen., and Wm. Dalby. Mr. Dalby is to serve for the mayoralty election.

James Wilson, sanitary inspector, reported having condemned as unsanitary the building recently occupied by Jameson, the dog fancier. Referred to the building inspector and health officer for report.

The building inspector furnished report of buildings inspected during the month.

A copy will be sent to the fire underwriters.

Residents of Gotham street petitioned for improvements once again. The street was in an actually dangerous condition.

On motion of Ald. Dinsdale the petition was referred to the engineer for report.

The finance committee recommended the payment of accounts amounting to $8,835.04. Adopted.

The streets committee reported as follows:

Gentlemen,—Your streets, bridges and sewers committee having considered the undermentioned subjects, beg leave to recommend the following resolutions for adoption by the council:

Resolved that the city engineer be authorized to proceed with the matter of obtaining carbolineum or creosote necessary for treating the lumber to be used in flooring Point Ellice bridge (said lumber to be treated with creosote or carbolineum at the bridge) and that he be authorized to do all things necessary for said treatment, and for securing delivery at the bridge of the necessary lumber, and wooden blocks for paving the bridge, from local sources.

Resolved that the sum of $500 be voted for the purpose of doing such street work as may be, at the present time, most urgently required.

Resolved that a sidewalk be laid on the east side of Delta street to cost $75.

The deputy returning officers were then placed, and the council went into committee of the whole on certain amendments to the sewer bylaw, which were passed, as follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SEWER BYLAW.

No poplar trees shall hereafter be planted within 200 feet of any main, branch or connecting sewer.

The owner of any land upon which poplar trees are now growing within 100 feet of any main, branch or connecting sewer, shall, on the request of the city engineer in writing, remove every such poplar tree and the roots thereof from the tree to the street line, within the time to be fixed by such request. It shall be lawful for the city engineer upon neglect or refusal after request made as aforementioned, to enter upon any land and to cut down and remove any poplar tree within 200 feet of any main, branch or connecting sewer as aforesaid, and to dig up and destroy the roots from the tree to the street line, and the expenses of so doing shall upon demand be paid by the owner to the city.

Section 10 of said bylaw 341, is further amended by adding thereto the following words:

"The city engineer may, upon satisfactory evidence that any plumber has persistently or wilfully violated, or has been convicted of an offence against the provisions of the said bylaw 341, or of this bylaw, or of the said general specification, in force for the time being, declare in writing under his hand the license of the said plumber forfeited and after on advertisement in a daily newspaper published in the city of Victoria, such license shall be deemed to be cancelled and revoked, and no new license shall be granted to such plumber without the written acquiescence of the said engineer."

This bylaw and the repeal of the said general specification hereby made, shall in no way prejudice or effect any penalty or liability incurred heretofor, or any right, claim or demand of the corporation existing by virtue of any breach of the said bylaw or general specification, and such repeal shall in no way defeat, disturb, invalidate or prejudicially affect any matter or thing whatsoever relating to the observance of the said bylaw or repealed general specification, existing or pending at the time of such repeal.

HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

Yesterday was the first day's session for the entrance examination for the High school. Seventy-five pupils from various schools offered and wrote on English and Canadian history. Today the subjects are arithmetic, spelling and geography; on Wednesday, nature studies, composition and literature, and on Thursday forenoon drawing.

The following is the full list from the various schools:

South Park, 20; Girls' Central, 20; Boys Central, 8; North Ward, 18; Esquimalt, 1; private tuition, 1; Salt Spring, 1; Saanich, 2; Cedar Hill, 3; Cadboro Bay, 1; total, 75.

MARINE NOTES.

British ship Pass of Balmaha arrived from San Francisco on Sunday after a passage of ten days, and was yesterday towed to Port Blakeley to load lumber.

DASHING COUNTESS' UNTIMELY END

Masquerading in Paris Has Her Skull Fractured In a Collision.

Paris, Dec. 12.—The Countess Diane Ogiere D'Ivry, the beautiful young daughter of Count Ogiere D'Ivry, died in a hospital here yesterday under remarkable circumstances. Last night a pony cart driven by a handsomely dressed young man accompanied by a groom, collided with a heavy vehicle near the avenue Bois de Boulogne. The occupants of the pony cart were thrown out and the groom was slightly hurt, and the young man dangerously injured. The latter was removed to a hospital where the doctors found the injured person to be a woman. She was identified as the daughter of Count Ogiere D'Ivry. Her skull was fractured in three places, and she died soon after.

KILLED BY BOULDER.

Vancouver, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Ernest Witt, a mason working on track improvements near Spence's Bridge, was crushed to death by a boulder today. The boulder weighed two hundred tons.

Judge Henderson sentenced Jack Regan, the hold-up man, to three years today.

SPASMODIC ASTHMA—Inhalations give temporary relief, but it is useless to try and cure Asthma by breathing medicated air or smoke. Asthma being a constitutional disease, requires a treatment that will clean out and tone up the system. Clarke's Kola Compound is the only remedy that meets these requirements, and that it does so perfectly, is seen by the many remarkable cures, after all else had failed. Physicians recommend it. Three bottles $5.00 prepaid from The Griffiths & Macpherson Co., Limited, Toronto.

Chinese Hurrying Into the Country

Coming via San Francisco Because Liners Cannot Accommodate All.

Six Steamers Are Due Here Before the End of the Present Year.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Only six more liners are to arrive before the end of the year, and if each of the vessels bring their full complement of Chinese under the tonnage laws, which do not allow more than one Chinese for every fifty tons, the influx of Chinese will not exceed a thousand, even with the numbers added who are coming via San Francisco. The steamer Indrapura, which was expected to reach port on Sunday, having sailed from Yokohama on November 26th, and is now twenty days out, is bringing 90 Chinese. The steamer Aki Maru, which was scheduled to arrive yesterday and which will probably reach port today from Yokohama, which port she left on December 1st, is bringing 137 Chinese, and the steamer Pleiades, also about due, having sailed from Yokohoma on November 30th for this port, is not thought to be bringing any Mongolians, for the Pleiades is coming from Dalny and the north via Japanese ports. The steamer Olympia left Yokohama on December 6th, and is due on the 22nd, bringing about 100 Chinese. The Oanfa of the China Mutual line, is expected via San Francisco, and she is understood to be bringing a number of Chinese. The steamer Shinano Maru of the N. Y. K. line, left Hongkong three days ahead of her schedule in order to accommodate the large number of Chinese booked on her. The liner left Yokohama on December 12th, for this port with 139 Chinese. She will be the last of the Oriental liners to bring many Chinese, for after her arrival at the commencement of the new year, the head tax will be raised from $100 to $500. In order to accommodate the inrush of Chinese who are seeking to enter before the tax is raised, the steamers running into San Francisco are bringing Chinese, and re-shipping them at San Francisco into steamers of the Pacific Coast S. S. Co. for this port. The steamer Queen which is due today, will bring 54 Chinese who were brought from Hongkong on the steamer Doric. The Pacific Coast S. S. Co.'s steamer was held for a number of hours awaiting the Chinese.

The steamer Iyo Maru of the N. Y. K. line left the Ocean docks yesterday for the Orient, following close behind the steamer Athenian, which sailed the previous evening. The Iyo is taking 6,000 tons of cargo, including 1,200 bales of cotton, 82,000 sacks of flour and 1,000 hogsheads of leaf tobacco. Her freight is consigned to the principal ports of Japan, China, Russian China, British China and the Philippines, that for the latter to be reshipped from Hongkong.

The Iyo had a large list of returning Japanese and Chinese passengers, the more notable of the later being Woo Gen, manager of the Wa Chong Company, of Seattle and Victoria. Woo Gen is returning to his native land to participate in the organization of the China Mercantile Company.

AMUR IS DUE.

Tees Sails For Northern B. C. Ports With Christmas Cheer.

Steamer Amur is due from the North. She left Skagway on Saturday via Port Simpson, with 55 passengers on board. The steamer Tees, also of the C. P. R., sailed last night for Naas, Port Simpson and way ports. Although she had a small passenger list the steamer had a fair-sized cargo, including shipments of Christmas cheer for the different settlements along the coast, for the Tees is the first of the C. P. R. steamers sailing for coast ports of the North before the Christmas holiday. Steamer Queen City is due tomorrow from Quatsino and way ports on the Vancouver Island coast.

TATOOSH REPORT.

Tatoosh, Dec. 15.—6 p. m.—Rain, south wind, forty-eight miles. Inward, schooner Eldorado, San Francisco for Port Gamble, and two four-masted schooners at 9:30 a.m. Outward, German ship Ariadne, Olympia for Valparaiso.

TYEE COMING

According to advices received by the steamer Portland, the tug Tyee left Dutch Harbor with the Meteor November 22nd, and should arrive in seattle in about two weeks from the present time. As the weather in the North is very bad at this season of the year, it need occasion no surprise if it takes the Tyee a little longer to make port.

The Meteor is a heavy tow, and as fierce gales are now raging, the trip is sure to be a hard one. When the Meteor was disabled by losing her rudder, her deck cargo was jettisoned, and when she reached Dutch Harbor 1,000 tons of coal were taken from her hold, so that she will be pretty light when she gets back to Seattle.

CONGRESS WANTS TO KNOW.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Senator Morgan today presented a concurrent resolution declaring that Congress has the right to be informed of any purchases to be made in Panama by the American government prior to making of such investment.

"Mr. Biggins seems to have a very patient and cheerful disposition." "Yes. He says that a man needn't worry so long as he has his health, and you can always find a sure remedy for any illness by looking through the advertisements."—Washington Star.

PANAMA'S BURDEN.

Powers Insist That New Republic Assume Colombian Debt.

London, Dec. 15.—The correspondent of the Morning Leader at The Hague says it is reported there that both Holland and Great Britain insist that the Republic of Panama shall assume liability for $15,000,000 of the Colombian debt.

UNPLEASANT OUTLOOK.

U. S. Steel Corporation Compelled to Reduce Wages of 150,000 Men.

New York, Dec. 14.—The statement was made today by a leading official of the United States Steel Corporation that, beginning January 1st, 1904, about 90 per cent. of the employees of the corporation will suffer wage reductions ranging from 5 to 20 per cent. This reduction will affect about 150,000 men. The remaining ten per cent. of the employees are working under a wage agreement. The finance committee of the corporation has, it is understood, under consideration the dismissal of high salaried employees in addition to those already discharged.

Suspected Sorcerer Was Near Death

Kitkatlah Indian Has Narrow Escape From Being Killed By Superstitious Natives.

Accused Him of Witchcraft on Finding a Unique Charm in His Boot.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Steamer Tees, Capt. Hughes, reached port on Sunday from the North. She brought a small complement of passengers, amongst whom was R. Cunningham, J. Irving, Landis, F. McCabe, E. Wise, W. T. Oliver, W. Garham, G. H. Dawson, H. Ward, G. Fraser and W. Pinder. The steamer will sail again for the North tonight, and when she leaves she will carry the Christmas cheer to the settlements on the northern coast, for the vessel will be the Santa Claus steamer—the last to leave Victoria for Naas, Port Simpson and way ports prior to Christmas.

News was brought from Port Essington of an incident at Kitkatlah, a village on the northern coast not more than thirty miles from Port Essington, the well-known Skeena river port, in which an Indian had a narrow escape from death at the hands of fellow tribesmen, who accused him of sorcery. Had it not been for the timely arrival of Mr. Morrow, the Indian agent and a number of special constables hurriedly sworn in, the Indian, Daniel Watoboo, would have been killed.

It seems that Watoboo had placed a ball of fat tied up with hair and pierced with fish bones, in his boot, and other Indians finding this, accused him of witchcraft. Watoboo claimed that this had been placed in the boot as a charm which he hoped would win for him the affections of an Indian woman, but, lad by the tribal Shaman, or medicine man, who did not care to brook rivals in the sorcery business, the Indians proceeded to lay violent hands on Watoboo.

When the feeling started against the Indian, the members of the tribal council fostered the feeling, and finally Watoboo was arrested. He was placed in a shack on the ranch and refused food. For five days nothing but an occasional bit of pilot bread and some water was given him, and all the while members of the council came at intervals to ask him to confess. He refused, and the Indians became incensed. The council decided to kill him—but could not decide on the manner of his death. While some argued for drowning, others for hanging, relief came in the person of the Indian agent and a party of special constables.

Some Indians had taken a canoe to Port Essington and informed the Indian agent, who secured a party to aid him, and hurried to Kitkatlah. He arrived in time to save Watoboo from death, and the men who would have killed him were arrested. All were taken to Port Essington, where they were placed on trial before W. R. Lord, stipendiary magistrate. After hearing the evidence he fined the accused Indians, their fines aggregating about $850, and they were bound over to keep the peace. In the meantime the officers saw to it that a new council was elected to take the place of this one.

BANK CASHIER'S SUICIDE.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 14.—Harry Mainy, cashier of the Farmers' & Merchants' Bank of Lynn Grove, Ia., shot and instantly killed himself today. It is understood that he lost heavily in speculation. The bank is a private institution and claims deposits of $100,000. It is controlled by the First National Bank of Storm Lake, which ordered its doors closed.

NEWFOUNDLAND WRECK.

Schooner Driven Ashore and Crew of Six Perishes.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 14.—During a fierce gale last night the schooner, Sailors' Home, was driven ashore at St. Mary's Bay, and the entire crew of six persons perished. This is the second disaster of the kind in the past two weeks, the last being the wreck off Fairyland Head of the Danish schooner Sigrif. On that occasion the coast folk were lowered down the face of the cliffs two hundred feet, with the object of recovering the bodies of the five members of the crew, and of giving them Christian burial.

A Comprehensive Resume of Work

Miss Edith C. Perrin, President of Local Council of Women, Tells of Year's Affairs.

Annual Meeting of the Nationa Council at Winnipeg Next Year.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Following is the very interesting address delivered by the president at the annual meeting of the Council of Women held yesterday in the city hall:

"It is almost impossible for a president, who is only half a president, or in other words, a president who has been absent for half her term of office, to comment on the year's work of a society, so it is a matter of much satisfaction to me to find that our corresponding secretary has carefully covered all the ground. I feel sure that we have listened with the greatest interest to the full and concise record of the doings of the council since we met a year ago, and I hope that we shall take the trouble to get a copy of the report when it is printed, and not only read it ourselves, but persuade some who are still outside the work to learn what has been done. As a listened to the details of the year's accomplishments, three questions suggested themselves to my mind, and I am sure that they must have come to the minds of many present, 'What share have I individually had in this work? What influence has my society had in carrying out this work? How can I increase my own interest, and that of my society, in the coming year?'

"I wish, first of all, to thank very sincerely Mrs. McGregor for so faithfully carrying on the work during my absence, and also at the same time all those who so kindly welcomed me back after my holiday. It was a great pleasure to go back to the Gold Country and revisit the old friends, and it was also a pleasure on return to Victoria, especially when I found myself so warmly received by those with whom for many years I have been associated in this and and other works.

"The local council during my absence accomplished great things, and I almost think it may be wise to recommend presidents (and especially those who accept nomination for more than three consecutive years) to work for only half-time, if so successful a period of six months can be spent as that between April and October in this year.

"Sometimes it seems as if, perhaps, we spoilt our work by attempting too much. To do one thing really well is better than to try and cover a large area, and bring nothing to a successful issue. For many years we have been anxious to see domestic science taught in our public schools, so that our girls might be offered the same advantages as they are elsewhere, and this year the wish has been fulfilled, and on my return, among my first visits was one to a class of instruction in the school of domestic science. The equipment of which will this afternoon be presented to the School Board by the local Council of Women. We all join today in a feeling of satisfaction over 'something accomplished, something done,' and, if some of us feel that our share in the work has not been as much as it might or should be, we can express our gratitude to those more energetic workers who have given so much of their time to collect the necessary money and to superintend the purchasing and arranging of the furniture of the school.

"One other work reported this morning I must allude to, and that is the woman's department at the Agricultural Fair. I know something of the labor necessary to make the exhibit a success, and it is very satisfactory to hear that it was excellent in quality and quantity, and with a thoroughly revised prize list printed early in the year, we may look forward to even greater results at the next exhibition.

"Today it has been our pleasure to welcome four new societies into our council, and we take this as a sign of growing interest in our work and that women are learning that the local council does not exist to take up work already covered by other organizations, but in order that we may carry out the aim set forth in the second article of our constitution: 'Article II.—Policy. To bring the various associations of women into closer relations through an organized union; but no society entering a local council shall thereby lose its independence in aim or method, or be committed to any principle or method of any other society in the council, the object of which is to serve as a medium of communication, and a means of prosecuting any work of common interest.'

"These works of common interest can only be fully prosecuted if every member of every affiliated society is interested. How can this be accomplished? Only by the presidents or other representatives attending regularly, not occasionally, the monthly meetings of the council and taking with them (if I may suggest such a small detail), a pencil and note book and then reporting to their respective societies of that which is being done. This report could be written in a concise form and read, after the reports of the secretary and treasurer, and need not occupy more than a few minutes. Interest would then be increased, and it would not be said, as it too often is, that work is monopolized by the few. This monopoly is too often not a matter of choice, but of necessity, for the simple reason that members will not recognize their individual responsibility to the whole. With the members of twenty affiliated societies really interested, there would scarcely be any limit to what could be accomplished.

"Before leaving the work of the local council I must express for myself (and I feel sure for those present), our great feeling of regret at the resignation of our recording secretary. I believe I am right in saying that Mrs. Gordon Grant has held the position since the inauguration of the council, and to her faithful work and never ceasing interest in all its undertakings we owe more than words can express. We hope that Mrs. Grant, while should she resign her post as secretary, will keep in touch with the work, and that before long she may be accorded the only honor that it is in our power to give, life membership of the council.

"From our own circle we turn to a larger sphere, and have to record the change of two other officers. Mrs. McLagan has been appointed provincial vice president, and, in heartily welcoming her in our midst today for the first time, we feel sure that she will be the means of keeping the councils in the province interested in each other, and of developing the work in many ways.

"The National Council has been most fortunate in its appointment of Mrs. Willoughby-Cummings as corresponding secretary, and she has already imparted new life and enthusiasm to the work. She has been able to visit many of the councils, and this year has been the means of adding nine new councils to the list. She is waiting for the necessary funds to come and visit us in the West, and before the end of next year I hope we may have the opporunity of learning from her experience, how we may improve and enlarge our work.

"The annual meeting of the National Council will be held next year at Winnipeg, a central place where East and West may meet. Any one who has attended one of these annual meetings must have felt their power for arousing interest and enthusiasm, and without some such gatherings, there is a danger of our becoming self-centred, and anxious only to work on our own little lines and plans. It is to avoid this that the standing committees of the National Council are formed. In previous years reference has been made to them, but at the risk of appearing tedious I must once more suggest them for your consideration. As each local council is a part of the National Council, it is bound to take its share in any suggested work. These committees are composed of one representative from each local council, and her duty is to form and preside over a working committee, and to report on the work done, and to receive communications and suggestions from the convener of the National Committee. In Victoria we are not taking an active part in these works, and the reason is easily to be found, if we look at the names of our representatives. There are twelve standing committees fully represented, on two we have no member, on eight we have the name of the president of the local council, evidently placed there by the National Council because no other name has been sent. I feel sure we shall all acknowledge our neglect in this matter, and I hope that today's discussion may lead to a real effort during the coming year to co-operate in some of these most necessary lines of work suggested by the National Council.

"I must just mention the scheme that is being successfully carried out by Lady Minto in connection with the Victorian Order of Nurses for the endowment fund of cottage hospitals in Canada. Of the required sum of $100,000, $78,000 has been collected by her excellency, and she is very anxious to complete the amount. We hoped that a meeting would have been held here under the auspices of the council a month ago, when Lady Minto passed through on her way from Japan, and I am sure we all regret that we had not this opportunity of hearing about the scheme, and of interesting ourselves in this most necessary work.

"I can only add to the remarks of the secretary with regard to the new little pamphlet—'The Messenger'—my hope that its circulation may be so increased that it may become a monthly instead of a quarterly publication, and may be the means of spreading the information of the doings of every local council.

"Lastly, we go still farther afield, and remind ourselves of the quinquennial meeting of the International Council of Women, which is to meet next year in Berlin. In connection with this, there is a tempting invitation to Haddo from Lord and Lady Aberdeen issued to all delegates, and I am sure it would be extended to any members of the Victoria local council who happened to be in the neighborhood.

"As I said at the beginning, I am only half a president, so I trust that I may be forgiven for all that I have left unsaid, that should have been said. May we all strive during the coming year to take our own share in the work, to learn more of the benefit of mutual sympathy and co-operation, and so make our council an ever increasing power for good in this city in which we live.

EDITH C. PERRIN,
President Local Council of Women.

PROVINCIAL PRESS.

Word reached town last Sunday of an important rich strike made a few days before at the Rambler. While extending developments in the 700-foot level a two and a half foot body of ore was broken into, which assays between 150 and 200 ozs. of silver to the ton. Little was said about the matter at the time, Manager Zwicky being desirous of defining the extent of the new body before it was known on the outside. Drifting was immediately commenced and its condition has every appearance of a permanent character.—Sandon Standard.

We have to apologize to our readers for the inferior issue of the Kootenay Mail this week, as the installation of our new steam plant has prevented our getting in type the usual budget of news matter. By next week there will be an increase in the staff of the press room and our new machinery will be in operation, to enable us to get out a better and more newsy paper than ever.—Revelstoke Mail.

The Northport smelter is handling a little better than four tons to the man every day. There are 180 men on the pay roll, and the works are putting through 800 to 1,000 tons of ore a day. This is a remarkable average for Rossland rock.—Moyie Leader.

Thes car famine at Fernie and Michel has been relieved by the C. P. R. and the coke surplus has been moved. This will enable the coal company to increase its output at these places. — Morrissey Despatch.

Only four people attended the sale of lots of delinquent taxes at the government offices in Rossland on Tuesday. No Trail lots were sold although about thirty-five were advertised. The list included lots in the Boundary country and vicinity of Rossland. Only ten sales were made out of about 1,300 parcels of land offered.—Trail Creek News.

At a meeting of residents of Poplar interested in the establishment of a public school, held Friday evening, the following trustees were elected: J. J. Cameron, Chas. Dandell and E. L. Masterson. Mr. Cameron was elected secretary-treasurer of the board. A request has been sent to the superintendent of education, asking that a school be established here, and as there are the requisite number of children of school age in the camp, there is no doubt but that the request will be favorably acted upon and a school opened about the first of the year.—Poplar Nugget.

FIGHTING BUCKET SHOPS.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Has the Chicago Board of Trade made a total failure in its efforts to suppress bucket shops? W. S. Crosby, a member of the board during thirty years, says it has. He says further that the fight against bucket shops was ill-advised from the start, that it has driven away business and that the pretence that the campaign has been conducted for moral motives is a sham.

Bravery Of H.M.S. Floras Engineer

Ran Unclad to the Engine Room and Quickly Shut the Water-tight Doors.

Awakened By Shock and Inrush of Water He Coolly Did His Duty.

With the arrival of H. M. cruiser Flora at Esquimalt, where the big cruiser was placed in dry dock yesterday morning, a dramatic incident in connection with the stranding of the cruiser came to light, an incident which does honor to the Lieutenant Engineer of the cruiser, and incidentally shows how the British officers distinguish themselves by their cool bravery when crises such as this arrive. When the Flora struck the rock at Village point, the lieutenant engineer was lying, as were other officers off duty, asleep in his room. He awakened with the shock which followed the crash, and realizing the situation on the instant as the inrush of water poured in through the open scuttles and deadlights, he rushed out in his nightclothes—not to seek his personal safety, but to do his duty. He realized that his duty was to close the bulkhead watertight doors which protect the engines and the pumps in the engine room, and he did his duty.

Without stopping to don clothes, he ran, almost naked, to the engine room and deftly swung the crank which closed the bulkheads and kept the inrush of water from the engines. Thanks to the cool, brave work of the officer the inrushing water was stopped by the close watertight doors, and, although it flooded on the floors outside, the engine room and its pumps which were soon afterwards used to dry the submerged afterpart when the divers had closed the scuttles and open ports, were not drowned out.

Meanwhile the stokers in the fire rooms had felt the shock which shivered the ship, and, as can be imagined, they were affrighted lest at any moment the water would rush in upon them. For, dark in the lower part of the cruiser, they did not know what had happened. But the cool voice of the officer who closed the bulkhead doors to keep out the water which must otherwise have rushed in upon them as the stern was submerged—and it was soon ten feet below the surface—soon allayed the excitement they must have felt, and they clambered up from the fire-room without panic. But had those bulkhead doors not been closed, the stranding of the Flora might not have been free from loss of life.

The Flora is badly damaged, and as she lies in the dry dock—although the copper and wooden sheathing hides the broken of waterlines streaked obliquely on her after part which mark the different positions in which she lay as the salvage work progressed. From the line which shoots up suggestively showing where the tide flowed against her as the stern lay ten feet below the water until the lowest line which the surface water made after the divers had closed all the open scuttles and ports, and the pumps had freed her, there is a series of waterlines, grimy and rust-stained, which mark the phases of her position as the work of the divers in closing the scuttles and the work of the big pumps brought up the afterpart and allowed of the Grafton hauling her free.

There are two holes some thirty feet from the bow on the starboard side, and the scraped sheathing and splintered woodwork right along from the bow to amidships, mostly on this side to which she listed on the rocks, is suggestive of broken and dented plates beneath this covering of wood and copper. From ten feet from the bow to thirty feet back the marks of the pounding are plain and the two holes yawn a foot or two across ten feet apart some thirty feet back from the bow. Many plates will doubtless have to come out, some to be renewed, others to be straightened, although the survey work has not yet demonstrated the extent of the damage. It will involve some time, though, spent on the blocks in the dry dock, where the cruiser now rests—a time variously estimated in view of the scant knowledge of the damage still to hand—at from two to four months.

The cruiser left Union Bay on Saturday afternoon under her own steam, and save for the watermarks and the general begrimed and rusty appearance, the only marks to show that the vessel had been lying for seven days on the rocks was the suggestive collision mat hanging over the bow. This, covering the holes below, was fastened by lines to the deck. Until the time the vessel entered the dry dock some of the officers' quarters were still flooded, everything being destroyed. The officers' quarters are in a sad state. Book cases have been swollen and destroyed, beds ruined, equipment and all the hundred and plates—she presents a sorry appearance. one possessions of the naval men, from cocked hats to photographs, have been utterly ruined. The clothes of many have been lost, and since the wreck they have been clothed in variously assorted rigs. At Village Point a number of marines were engaged for some days in trying to wash out the salt water from the flooded effects.

Much ammunition and stores, accoutrements, etc, have been also ruined, and it is probable that the marines will require new tunics as a result. The loss in this manner it is difficult to estimate. After the repairs to the Flora are completed it is understood that she is to cruise south to meet H. M. S. Bonaventure, which was commissioned at Plymouth on December 3rd, to relieve H. M. S. Amphion at Esquimalt.

Meanwhile Rear Admiral Bickford, C. M. G., who was to have left for England, will remain until after the court martial of the navigating officer and officer of the watch at the time of the stranding. No date has been set for the hoisting of the flag on the Grafton and the ringing of the bell to convene the court martial for the trial of these officers.

RUSSIAN TROOPS ARE SUFFERING

Quartered In Tents in Extreme Cold and Hospital Facilities Inadequate.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 12.—The Novoe Vremya today denies that Russia is temporizing in the Russo-Japanese negotiations. According to the NovoKrai of Port Arthur, the Russian troops in the Far East are suffering greatly from extreme cold. Although ten degrees of frost were registered at Talienwan, the soldiers are still in tents and the hospital facilities are inadequate.

It is said at the Foreign Office here that no reply has been received by Admiral Alexieff, the Russian viceroy in the Far East, regarding the modification of the Japanese proposals submitted by Admiral Alexieff to Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister to Japan.

It is presumed here that Baron de Rosen might informally consult the Japanese authorities, but it is not known if he will pursue this course. The Foreign Office states that China and Russia have reached an agreement covering the evacuation of Manchuria.

BRYAN AT ROME.

Rome, Dec. 12.—William J. Bryan arrived here this morning. Mr. Bryan, shortly after his arrival, had a long and cordial interview with Cadinal Merry Del Val, the papal secetary of state.

TREATY SHORE DISPUTE.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 12.—A serious fishery dispute has arisen here over the action of the French fishermen in refusing to leave the treaty shore of Newfoundland. Since the British warship stationed here has gone south, the Frenchmen have destroyed the nets of the settlers and defy the local authorities to take any steps in the matter. The colonial government has appealed to the admiralty, and the gunboat Fantome may be ordered back to drive off the Frenchmen.

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