

IMPERIAL POLITICS.

Condition of Parties in House—Election Predictions.

on, March 12.—The continued... of the present government... the past few weeks in parliament... creates surprise amongst its most... supporters. No less than 110... of the House of Commons put... on record this week as will... turn out Mr. Balfour rather than... their adherence to Mr. Cham...

WRECK OF THE SEALER PENELOPE

CAPTAIN'S ACCOUNT OF LOSS OF SCHOONER

Brave Work of Rescuing Party From Ship Pass of Killiscrankie—One Man Drowned.

Thrown in among breakers on a dark and stormy night and with huge combers sweeping the vessel for eight hours, the wreck of the Victoria sealer schooner Penelope, Capt. Dan Macaulay, in Clallam Bay last week stands out among the most thrilling episodes of the coast that has happened on the coast this winter. Only the seamanship of the man who held a guiding hand over the crew and the rare tuck of the Penelope's rescue party can be attributed to the fact that not more than one life was lost.

SHERIFF GIVES STORY IN COURT

CASE AGAINST COOK OPENS THIS MORNING

Circumstances Leading Up to Charge Preferred Against Accused—Hearing Continued.

(From Friday's Daily.) The case of George J. Cook, charged with the theft of harness under seizure, was commenced in the police court before Magistrate Hall this morning. The accused occupied a seat beside his counsel, J. P. Walls. Geo. Morphy acted for the sheriff. The defendant is further charged with stealing eleven books under seizure and the infraction of the laws of this effect. When the hearing opened the accused was given the opportunity of electing as to the manner of his trial. He decided to be tried summarily. The charge was then read to him, and he pleaded not guilty.

THE YEAR'S WORK OF FRIENDLY HELP

REVIEWED AT ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY

President Makes Practical Suggestions for Securing More Satisfactory Results.

The Friendly Help held its ninth annual meeting in the city hall on Saturday afternoon. There was a good attendance of members, who manifested deep interest in the various reports. The president, Miss Perrin, in the course of her address, expressed the view that the treasurer's report, while satisfactory, might show a larger balance. She pointed out that a large addition to the receipts would be made if some of the friends contributed an annual subscription to the general funds as well as in response to the special appeal at Christmas time. Another increase of income would be available if more people would interest themselves by taking a collecting card or contributing to those who have them.

ST. JOHN'S MORE SETTLERS

COMING TO WEST

OVER ONE THOUSAND LANDED AT ST. JOHN

St. John, N. B., March 14.—The C. P. R. line, Lake Manitoba landed over 1,300 passengers here yesterday. Most of them were Britishers, and are as fine a lot as has arrived here this winter. The bulk of them are going to Western Canada. Steamer Missing. Halifax, March 14.—No word of the missing steamer Propatria, which sailed from St. Pierre Miquillon for this port two weeks ago, has been received here. Agents here hold out the hope that the steamer is in the ice, but shipping men think she has foundered with all on board. There were about forty passengers on-board and a crew of twenty men. Demand Higher Wages. Quebec, March 14.—Journeymen painters have asked for an increase of wages from 17 1/2 to 25 cents an hour for either an eight or nine-hour day, and threaten to strike if the demands are not granted by April 1st. Fatally Shot. Fredericton, N. B., March 14.—Millsie Gee was fatally shot by her cousin, George Gee, at Bath, Carleton yesterday. Jealousy is supposed to have been the cause of the shooting.

MEET AT VANCOUVER

N. P. A. A. Field Sports Are to Take Place at the Terminal City.

Seattle, March 14.—The next field track meet of the N. P. A. A. will be held in Vancouver, probably on July 2nd. This was decided at a meeting of delegates held at the Seattle Athletic Club yesterday. The James Bay A. A. was represented by D. Leonard, Vancouver; R. D. McPhail, representative Vancouver; F. C. Watkins, Multnomah club, Portland; C. O. Holzell, Spokane; Homer McDonald, and E. T. Pope, the Seattle Athletic club, Campbell, Swanton, Vancouver, was elected president for the ensuing year; H. H. Herlihan, Portland, vice-president; Mr. McPhail, secretary-treasurer, and Messrs. Holzell, D. O'Sullivan, Victoria, and McDonald, directors. The meeting was one of the most important in the history of the association. Plans were made for strengthening the organization and to awaken interest in athletics generally. The Seattle club was put a team in the field for the first time in recent years. This is doubtful, however.

STEAMER MISSING

Mystery Surrounds the Fate of the Hope, of Richardson, Lopez Island.

Port Townsend, March 14.—Mystery surrounds the fate of the little steamer Hope, which left here shortly after noon on Saturday. At 4 o'clock this afternoon messages were received from Fort Casey, by wireless telegraph, stating that a small steamer had been observed ashore near Point Partridge at the north end of the island. It was later seen to drift off and disappear. The tug Sea Lion was sent out from here, but returned at 7 o'clock without finding any trace of the steamer. The Hope was a small steamer hauling from Richardson, on Lopez Island. She carried five men; her master and owner, Louis Schroeder, and his father, both of Richardson; Engineer Peterson, of Lopez Island; Fireman Geo. Sahl, of Bellingham; and a cook, name not known. Advice from Bellingham to-day show that the steamer has not yet arrived there, although Capt. Schroeder expected to reach that port on Saturday night.

AN OUTPOST OF EMPIRE.

The Tourist Association has prepared a new booklet for the coming season. It is now being mailed, and will be ready for distribution this week. This will be the principal feature of the advertising of the city as a summer resort during the ensuing year. It will take the place of the popular publication Picturesque Victoria, which was so much admired last season. The cuts used in An Outpost of Empire are those of Picturesque Victoria. This makes a beautiful picture. In this connection a chapter has been devoted to fruit growing around Victoria. In illustrating it a page of cuts is displayed, showing the trees in bloom and in fruit.

SUICIDE AT VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, March 14.—A. H. Olson, agent of a resident of Victoria, committed suicide at 3 o'clock this morning by shooting himself through the heart. Olson's movements early last evening are not known. At 1 o'clock this morning he went to his boarding house, where he made up a note that was put in a parcel. Then he went out. A shot was heard in a vacant lot opposite the Woodward departmental store at 3 o'clock. Olson had leaned on the muzzle of his shotgun, which he had taken from his room, and pulled the trigger with a small stick.

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UNIVERSITY CLOSED.

Of Threats of Disturbances Among Students at Vienna. March 10.—The University here closed in consequence of threats of riots among the students. The students were much incensed at narrations of the Czechs against German comrades at Prague, and threatened retaliation.

Cotton Root Compound.

Ladies' Favorite. Is the only safe, reliable regulator on which can depend "In the hour and time." Prepared in two degrees of strength. No. 1 and No. 2. No. 1.—For ordinary cases is by far the best dollar medicine known. For special cases—10 degrees three dollars per box. Ask your druggist for Cook's Cotton Root Compound. Take no other mixtures and imitations. No. 1 and No. 2 are sold and filled all through the Dominion of Canada. Mailed to you in address of price and four 2-cent postage stamps. The Cook Company, Windsor, Ont. 42 are sold in all Victoria drug stores.

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