The Danube Brings Gold

A Number of Klondikers Arrive by the Victoria Steamer.

John Irving Sold Out to White Pass Railway—Victorians at Dawson.

Steamer Danube returned from the North last night, bringing about fifty Klondikers and over one hundred thousand dollars in gold, as well as considerable more wealth carried in drafts by the returning miners. Among the returning Dawsonians was J. O. Tache, the surveyor, who has been engaged in removing obstructions to navigation on the Yukon; D. Simpson, of the Dawson branch of the Bank of British North America; J. McEachran, of this city, formerly a night watchman on Johnson street; A. Frank, of Simon Leiser's, and 43 others.

News was brought by the Danube that the Yukon is so low that only the smaller steamers, the Ora, Flora and Nora, are now able to run, owing to the very low state of the water, which is not deep enough to float the large vessels. To make matters worse, too, the steamer Clifford Sifton, while making an attempt to cross Caribou crossing, on June 14, stuck in the mud and swung around, practically closing the channel. Water was, though, rising slowly, and before long there may be sufficient depth to allow of navigation on the upper Yukon by all the river craft. As matters now stand, though, the traffic is demoralized.

M. Potts, manager of the Klondike corporation, in an interview, says that water all over the Yukon basin is much lower this year than during any past season of which there is a record. Old-timers, he says, report that the water will be low throughout the year. At Stewart river, on May 28 the water was ten feet lower than it was on the same day in 1896. On every recent trip of the Nora from Atlin the steamer has tried to cross Caribou crossing light, and though drawing but eighteen inches of water, she has so far failed and all traffic has had to be transferred in boats.

On June 14—the day the steamer left Skagway—telegraphic advices were received from White Horse at Skagway to the effect that the steamer Sybil, Capt. Clarence Cox, had sailed from Dawson on that day for White Horse with 120 passengers. The steamer Victorian left White Horse on the morning of the same day for Dawson, well crowded with passengers. The Columbian was to sail on the day following for Dawson, on the arrival of the Skagway train. A later despatch says the steamer Yukoner had reached White Horse with 200 passengers from Dawson, and the steamer Flora had left White Horse for Dawson. The majority of the arrivals on the Danube came up the river on the steamer Ora, which arrived there two or three days before. There were in all about seventy passengers on the Ora, but the others remained at Skagway, intending to come down on the steamer City of Seattle. The operator at White Horse reported on the 14th that the river was rising at the rate of half an inch in twenty-four hours.

The Danube brings news that John Irving has sold out his tram steamers and entire outfit to the White Pass & Yukon Railway Company. The property consists of two river steamers, the Gleaner and the one recently built, the tramway from Taku Arm to Lake Atlin, which portages passengers across the narrow strip of land dividing the arm from the lake. The purchase of the Irving property removes one of the strong competitors of the railway's lake and through system. The price paid was not stated, but report says that it was a good one.

The Skagway Budget publishes the following in regard to the sale:

Madam Rumor has it that John Irving got $185,000 for his plant on the other side, and she also adds that he had already made $20,000 out of the business this season. If this be true, Mr. Irving has done pretty well out of the country. The next move is reported to be in the direction of the Dyea route.

After the sale had been consummated, Capt. Irving presented the Skagway branch of the Arctic Brotherhood with a thousand dollars as a foundation for a relief fund.

Following up the purchase of the John Irving system, the White Pass & Yukon railway are announced to be negotiating for the purchase of three more of the river steamers engaged on the lower river, presumably some of the craft of a rival line. The railway company seems determined to have a monopoly of the traffic.

James McEachran, a Victorian who arrived from Dawson by the Danube—he having come up the river on the steamer Ora—reports that M. J. Conlin, formerly of the fire department of this city, has, besides his claims on Hunker, a $10,000 contract to take out logs from a White river limit, to be floated down in rafts to a Dawson mill. He was getting on well with the work.

Harry McCulloch, of this city, who went up about eighteen months ago, has sold his claims on Bonanza, 12 and 13, and his property on Hunker, and intended to come out here on the next steamer bound up the river. He will have no small amount of cash, as the price received for his mining claims was no small one.

Colin Cameron, formerly of the police department here, was seen going down to Dawson—or at least stranded for a time on the way. He was on a lighter with a quantity of potatoes and supplies, and the lighter was fast on a bar at Le Barge.

The Victoria-Yukon Company, of this city, is reported to be doing a greater business than ever with its scows. They are carrying a great deal of the freight down the river.

News was received that two men died at Seward City, Tuesday evening, from the effects of eating mussels, which are supposed to have been affected by the mineral from the quartz mills near by. Two other men were affected, but recovered after a rough siege.

Those who died were James Mathers and Alexander Irving. Jim Daly and H. Gaughenbough were poisoned, but recovered.

SEALERS SAIL.

Schooners Leave For Behring Sea—Capt. McPhee Nearly Loses His Clothes.

Quite a fleet of sealing schooners sailed on their Behring sea cruise yesterday, via the West Coast, and more are to go to-day. The Dora Sieward and the Victoria sailed at 1 p. m. yesterday, and the Enterprise at 6:30 p. m. To-day the Arietis, Viva, Otto, and Libbie are to sail.

Capt. McPhee of the Arietis came near losing his clothes before he got them on board last night ready for the cruise. He gave them to an express-man to take down to Jones' boat-house and take them out to the schooner in the bay. They were not there, but he thought they might have been taken out to the schooner, so he went out. They were not there, and he went back. It was not until he had searched for some time and looked up the expressman that he found the clothes, and the fact that he did find them demonstrates the honesty of the people of this city. The ex-James Bay bridge.

EMPRESS SAILS.

Henry Savage Landor Among the Passengers Who Left For the Orient on the Empress of Japan.

R. M. S. Empress of Japan, which sailed for the Orient last night, had an average number of passengers, among whom was Henry Savage Landor, the well-known traveller and lecturer, who goes out to China to represent some of the British papers, in view of the present trouble. Mr. Landor, as will be remembered, was tortured by Thibetans, who captured him while he was touring their country a few years ago. How they cut and lacerated his body and otherwise tortured him is an old story. The steamer had a good cargo of general freight.

MARINE MOVEMENTS.

Steamer Victoria to Be Back on the Sound Route This Morning.

The steamer Victorian, which has been laid up for repairs on the Sound for the past week, will arrive at the outer wharf at 5:30 this morning, and leave at 8:30 for the Sound. The Alice Gertrude made the trip on Sunday, the Garland having gone back on the Port Angeles route.

It is reported that the White Pass & Yukon company have acquired the railway across the Taku portage and the two river steamers belonging to the John Irving Navigation Company. The report could not be confirmed here.

Steamer City of Puebla arrived from San Francisco early yesterday morning, bringing 98 passengers and a large amount of freight for Victoria. The Umatilla sailed for the South last evening, carrying as cabin passengers from Victoria J. C. Veitch, R. H. Tree, Mrs. A. Kellegher, C. K. Wilson, H. D. Wright, J. Haboran and F. H. Eldridge.

Tug Pilot goes under the shears at Spratt's wharf to-day, to receive a new 40-ton boiler.

H. M. S. Warspite and Arethusa go to Vancouver for Dominion Day, leaving Esquimalt on the 29th.

Steamer Tees sailed on Sunday evening for Northern British Columbia ports, inaugurating the C. P. N. Co.'s weekly service. She carried a big cargo and a large number of men, who go to work in the canneries.

The American schooner A. J. West, Capt. Ogilvie, arrived from Honolulu last night, to load mining props at Preservation Island for Santa Rosalia, under charter to W. A. Ward.

Steamer Cutch arrived at Vancouver yesterday from Skagway with 25 passengers and $700,000 in gold.

VANCOUVER NEWS.

Lord Minto Honorary Colonel of Veteran Association—A Princess Coming West.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, June 18.—The Governor-General has accepted the honorary colonelcy of the Veteran Association of Vancouver, and has so notified the association by letter.

William McKay, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. McKay, of Vancouver, died here yesterday of consumption and typhoid fever.

Mok Cow, a Chinaman on his way to board the steamship Empress of Japan, dropped dead from heart disease on the C. P. R. wharf. It was Mok Cow's ambition to die in China, but he delayed too long.

Her Royal Highness Princess Aribert of Anhalt, grand-daughter of Queen Victoria and daughter of Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, will arrive in Vancouver on Friday from Ottawa.

Letters to The Editor.

GOSPEL TRUTH.

Sir: In many churches are good, well-intentioned ministers, who do not feed their flocks with simple, soul-stirring Gospel sermons, for which the people hunger and thirst. What comfort or pleasure can people carry home from a lecture on astronomy, geology, chemistry or mining, or on a lecture on Egypt, Chaldea and Babylon? Yet these and kindred subjects are what some ministers give their congregations—giving a stone to a child who is crying for bread. What most people desire to hear is about mercy, love, truth, the love of God, the Christian life, the sacrifice for sin, the simplicity and privilege of coming to God's footstool without money, price or any human mediator.

A CHURCHMAN.

HILLSIDE SCHOOL.

Sir:—I see by to-day's Colonist the city aldermen propose to extend the Douglas street sewer from King's road to Hillside avenue. This will cost considerable and only benefit two or at most three houses (two of these are already connected illegally with surface drains and ought at once to be disconnected). I, as a resident of North ward, and whose children attend Hillside school, protest against this expenditure of the ratepayers' money, until the King's road sewer has been extended to Hillside school, so that our children may have proper sanitary accommodation, and we shall then have less sickness in the neighborhood. Besides this, the sewer rental for about the same distance as the Douglas street extension will be four or five times larger, as the sewer will pass or be adjacent to a large number of houses. But, apart from this, I trust the ratepayers, and especially those whose children attend the school in question, will see that united effort is made so that modern sanitary appliances are provided without further delay. This matter has been brought forward before, but no money available was the plea—now there is the money, and we must have the work done.

RATEPAYER.

DEAF MUTE SCHOOL.

Sir: The people of Victoria are always interested in philanthropic and charitable works, so I need not apologize for bringing to the notice of your readers the claims of the school for deaf and dumb children. Those who have visited the school—which has its present habitat in the A. O. U. W. building—can testify to the good work already done. Not only are the pupils able to write as well as other children of the same age, but they have gained a fair knowledge of arithmetic and spelling. In addition to this, they have been trained in the use of their vocal organs, and can now pronounce many words quite distinctly. The organs of hearing have been developed to such an extent that the pupils can write from dictation, and are beginning to take part in many occupations and amusements from which they were formerly debarred.

This much having been accomplished by a school supported by inadequate private subscriptions, it is now in order for the legislature to make proper provision for the education of the deaf and dumb children of the province. British Columbia will not have to search far for a precedent in regard to furnishing provincial aid to a deaf and dumb school. In the adjoining State of Washington, at Vancouver, Clarke county, there is a state supported institution known as the Washington School for Defective Youth. This school is free to all resident youth of Washington State who are too deaf, dumb or feeble-minded to be taught by ordinary methods in other public schools. We trust that the coming session of the legislature suitable provision will be made for a similar school in British Columbia.

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Victoria, June 18.

POLITICAL SITUATION.

Sir: I am sure from your moderate articles during the past election and from your general treatment of subjects of public interest, that you do not intend to mislead your readers in a matter of such supreme moment as a constitutional question, and I believe it only needs to be pointed out to you the untenableness of your position when you state "that the responsibility of the new government is only partial and that the Lieutenant-Governor must bear his own share and be responsible to the Governor-General," and you will admit you are in error. Now, it is quite evident even from your own constitutional articles that the present government has taken full responsibility from the Lieutenant-Governor. What is meant by responsible government? viz.: That the Lieutenant-Governor shall have as chief adviser a man who has the support of the majority of the people's representatives, and the only thing needed now to take all responsibility off the Lieutenant-Governor is a division of the house to show that Mr. Dunsmuir has such a majority behind him. If the opponents of the Lieutenant-Governor had wished him to bear the onus of the situation, they could have refused to act under him, and when it was demonstrated that a deadlock had occurred the Ottawa authorities must have taken cognizance of the impasse and at once recalled the present occupant of the gubernatorial office and appointed another, who would be able to carry on the affairs of the country with a majority of the people at their back. As it is, the action of Mr. Dunsmuir in accepting office justifies the whole proceedings of the Lieutenant-Governor and makes it impossible for the federal authorities to interfere. Let us return to '98, when Mr. Turner came back from an appeal to the country with a number of supporters equal to those opposed to him. Some of his supporters were alleged to be Independent, while the opposition had nineteen straight adherents. The Lieutenant-Governor concluded that the then government was defeated, and took the responsibility of dismissing his ministry—a very serious step, indeed. On the meeting of the house, however, it was demonstrated that his action was correct, as the Semlin government was sustained by a majority which waxed until it gained the respectable figure of five. That majority justified the Lieutenant-Governor in that matter. There can be no doubt of that. So this event can be dismissed. Afterwards the Semlin government bound the strong man of the house and threw him out amongst their enemies, with a sequel we all know. The government dragged along, kept in office practically by the vote of the Speaker and the hesitation of the opposition to cut its life short. At last it was defeated, and Mr. Semlin got the choice of an appeal to the country or resigning. He chose neither, and in spite of Mr. R. Smith's allegations, the Semlin government, was damaged by striking an unknown object off Recife. Her injuries were not thought to be serious.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Law Exams.—The regular mid-summer examinations of the Law Society come on next week, beginning on Monday morning. Both the intermediate as well as the class for finals come up, and altogether the candidates will number about twenty.

Benefit Concert.—To-night in the Odd Fellows' hall, Spring Ridge, a concert will be given by the sailors of H. M. S. Warspite and others in aid of the Fernwood Young Men's Association. A splendid programme has been prepared, and a large attendance is expected. Mr. A. Huggett will take the chair at 8 p. m. sharp.

Informal Reception.—The congregation of the Metropolitan church of this city are, through their Ladies' Aid Society, holding a strawberry social on Wednesday evening. This will be held in the Sunday school room, and, while a short programme is being prepared, the occasion has been arranged as an informal reception to their new pastor, Rev. E. S. Rowe.

Bishop's Opening Address.—At St. Andrew's Roman Catholic cathedral on Sunday morning Bishop Orth delivered his inaugural address to the congregation. He expressed warm thanks for the hearty reception which had been accorded him, and promised to meet each individual member of the church personally, so as to permit of perfect co-operation in church work.

Pleasant Outing.—The Sunday band concerts at points along the line of the E. & N. railway continue to draw large crowds, a long train being required to carry the crowd who went to Duncan on Sunday. The Fifth Regiment band played during the afternoon, and all enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon. The fishing resorts were also well patronized, and some good baskets were brought home in the evening.

New Park.—For a month past work has been in progress in clearing up and generally arranging a new park at Colwood. This will consist of a large piece of oak grove just this side of the Travellers' Exchange. Mr. Demers, who has the project in hand, has already got the ground fenced, the underbrush and rubbish all removed, and seats, etc., are to be put in place immediately. In addition to plenty of shade there are several large open spaces for games, and altogether Oak Dell park promises soon to rank as popular amongst the many resorts that surround the city.

Services at Hospital.—Floral Sunday at the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital was observed by an open-air service on the grounds, among those present being Sir Henry Crease, United States Consul and Mrs. Smith, Mayor and Mrs. Hayward, Bishop and Mrs. Cridge, and many others. Bishop Cridge and other clergymen delivered interesting addresses. The services were undenominational. Enjoyable solos were rendered by Mrs. R. Jones and Mr. A. T. Goward, Mr. E. H. Russell acting as accompanist. A voluntary choir from the Emmanuel Baptist church also assisted.

Church Parade.—There was a large turn-out at the annual church parade of the Canadian Order of Odd Fellows on Sunday, both Fernwood and Dauntless lodges being well represented, while a number of bluejackets and marines from Her Majesty's ships, members of Manchester Unity, were present. The members met in the Dauntless lodge room and were welcomed by Mr. P. G. Tagg, the lecture master. They then formed in procession, under the direction of Grand Master Walsh, and, headed by the City band, marched to Calvary Baptist church, where Rev. J. F. Vichert preached a sermon from the text, "Freely ye have received, freely give." Upon their return to the hall, votes of thanks were passed to the pastor and deacons of Calvary Baptist church.

Inaugural Sermons.—The Metropolitan Methodist church was crowded at both services on Sunday, on the occasion of the initiatory sermons of the new minister, Rev. E. S. Rowe, who succeeds Rev. Mr. Speer in that charge. The morning sermon was purely introductory. The subject, "I of Paul and I of Appollos," was well handled by the eloquent preacher, who found common standing ground with and friends amongst his new congregation, because all were of Christ. At the evening service nearly 2,000 people filled the auditorium. In the course of the two services the new minister made many friends. To an exceedingly dignified and impressive manner he brings in addition a magnificent physique. He is possessed of a splendid and well trained voice, whose carrying power and modulations make his utterances at once interesting and attractive, and the congregation are congratulating themselves upon having secured as their head a most eloquent pulpiteer.

Looking For Capital.—An effort is being made in this city to secure more capital to carry on the cement works at Vancouver.

A Sailor's Death.—The death occurred at the Naval hospital, Esquimalt, on Sunday, of William Harman, a seaman on H. M. S. Warspite, who a few days previous was the victim of an accident on board the ship by which he broke his leg. The shock was too much for the poor fellow, who failed to rally to medical and surgical treatment. The funeral takes place this afternoon.

It Was Loaded.—A fatal accident was very narrowly averted yesterday morning at the Dominion hotel. It was another case of "he did not know that it was loaded," but it was more by luck than good guidance that John Smith's life did not pay the penalty. A rancher had come down from the upper country, bringing with him a 45.90 Winchester. There was a cork plug in the muzzle and a cartridge in the chamber; but the rancher did not care, and the gun was packed along in the cars and across by steamer. He reached Victoria on Sunday night, and the rifle was stacked amongst the umbrellas and walking-sticks behind the counter in the hotel office. At about 6 o'clock yesterday morning Night Clerk Jack Gosnell, while talking to Smith, picked up the rifle, inadvertently allowing it to point at Smith. In raising the gun the hammer was caught, and snapped down with such force as to crack the cap. The cork plug, however, saved the position, for the big ball did not travel more than half way up the barrel, while the force of the charge burst the base off the shell and blew the powder all over Gosnell's face and neck. The crackling grains pinked and burned his face, but happily his eyesight was untouched, and a little treatment will soon make him presentable, although the marks and scars will possibly remind him forever of the narrow escape that came to both himself and Smith.

OPPOSE PROHIBITION.

Manitoba Delegation Appears Before Parliamentary Committee at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, June 19.—A delegation composed of over 100 hotel and business men of the city and province was present at the law amendments committee of the legislature to-day, to protest against the prohibition bill. The delegation was introduced by Mr. Phippen, who appeared on behalf of the Licensed Victuallers' Association, and made a vigorous appeal against the prohibition law about to be enforced. He argued that Manitoba already had the most stringent prohibitory law in Canada, and that traffic would simply be driven from hotels into the sanctity of homes, and that there would be more liquor consumed under the proposed law than under the license system. No person could be prevented from bringing liquor into their homes and drinking it there. On behalf of the men who had their all invested in the business, he made a strong plea for compensation should the law be enforced. Mr. Phippen was followed in his remarks by eight leading Winnipeggers, who vigorously opposed the bill.

A Sailor's Funeral.—The funeral occurred yesterday afternoon, at the naval cemetery, Esquimalt, of William Harman, the sailor whose death, as the result of an accident, occurred on Sunday. Deceased was a native of Hackney, London, Eng., and was a great favorite aboard ship. There were many beautiful floral tributes from his messmates, who were the chief mourners. The service at the grave was conducted by Chaplain Wansborough, B.A., of H. M. S. Warspite.

Gossip of The Wharves

Firemen of the Manauense Desert and Are Arrested in Consequence.

Queen City Returns From the Coast—The Cape Nome Fleet.

On Monday night a meeting of the firemen's union in as far as the men are concerned on the steamer Manauense, which is lying off the outer wharf, was held below the gratings in the fire room of that steamer, and the five men who made up the representatives of the allied coal-passers on that craft then decided that the time had come for them to quit. Why, they do not say specifically, but generally they say everything that is possible to be said.

It was Dave Wilson who was the chairman of the meeting which sat on the heaps of clinkers and talked of the "strike." He had been looking at the steamer as she lay beside the wharf, and as a result of his investigations had noticed that the Plimsoll mark was a foot below water.

"I tell you," he said to his fellow-victims of many grievances, or supposed grievances, "the Plimsoll mark on an American boat is awash of her deck, but I ain't a-goin' in none what is loaded too deep. They won't let 'em go out 'n England this way." He also recited a column and a half story of the other "kicks" the men had coming.

M. McDonald, M. O'Brien, J. Ryan and J. Kane thought likewise, and they didn't like their job anyhow.

"Well, let's quit," says one, and the others being good union men, would not think of being scabs when a strike had been declared. They rolled their effects into their bandanna handkerchiefs, seaman fashion, and left the vessel.

The mate saw them going up the wharf, and he shouted after them: "Where are you going, you fellows?" "That's none of your business," said the firemen. "I'll see," says the mate, and he put on his shore clothes and went to town. The captain was in Vancouver with Mr. Goodhall, endeavoring to secure a rebate of the fine of $400 which the steamer had to pay at Ladysmith for leaving Vancouver without papers. Yesterday morning he found Constable Murray, of the provincial police. "Oh, I guess it is some of my business," he said as he completed laying a charge of desertion against the striking five, and describing the deserters. The description fitted five men the officer had seen going into a Wharf street saloon a short time before, and Constables Campbell, Hopkins and Russell were sent down to bring them in. They came quietly until they turned up Bastion street and caught sight of the court house. Then two broke away and ran, and had it not been for the presence of Constable Murray, who intercepted their flight, they might not have spent the night in the cells.

They were brought up for trial in the provincial police court yesterday afternoon, and remanded until this morning. In the meantime the mate is going around in search of other firemen, for the officers want to replace the deserting coal-passers, instead of having them put on board again, as is the usual custom.

The steamer left the outer wharf last night and went to an anchorage off the wharf, whence she is expected to sail for St. Michael to-day with her big cargo of flour, rolled oats and other supplies for the A. C. Co.

THE NOME FLEET.

A Report of the Doings of the Great Fleet Bound to the Arctic.

Steamer Alpha on her return from Cape Nome reported that there were no less than fifteen vessels at Dutch Harbor, held awaiting a supply of coal. The following list of the steamers and craft there, at Nome, Yakutat, and which have been spoken en route down is given by the returning steamer:

Dutch Harbor—Arrived June 7, Senator, Valencia; June 8, Centennial, from Seattle; June 7, Jeanie from Nome. In Port June 7—Zealandia, Bowhead, Ohio, Roanoke, Aberdeen, San Blas, Santa Ana, Nome City, Elihu Thomson, Grace Dollar, Sequoia, Charles Nelson, Lakme, Oregon, Brunswick, tug Wallowa and barge Mercury, U. S. S. Wheeling, cutter Rush, St. Paul, San Pedro, Utopia, G. W. Elder. June 7—Arrived, Valencia, Centennial. June 7—Senator returned on account of ice, reporting U. S. S. Bear, Portland and Dora in ice. South Portland and Alliance anchored outside of ice, and Katherine Sudden seriously damaged, U. S. S. Bear attending. Sailed for Nome June 7—Grace Dollar, Charles Nelson. June 8—St. Paul, San Blas, Aberdeen, G. W. Elder. All vessels stampeded on arrival of the Jeanie. Sailed, June 8—Jeanie, for Seattle. No news of Robert Dollar, Tacoma, Charles D. Lane, Humboldt, Discovery, Victoria, Olympia. A number of sailing vessels in harbor, names not known. Senator reports Garonne anchored off Nunivac Island, June 5.

Yakutat—Sailed May 18, steamer Discovery.

Nome—Arrived May 23, Jeanie; May 26, Alpha; May 29, Thrasher; June 1, Mary D. Hume, Albion; June 3, Cleveland; May 23, Jeanette; May 21, whaler Alexandria. Sailed, May 28, Alpha, for Vancouver; June 3, Jeanie, for Seattle. Sighted by Jeanie, June 4—McPherson, Aloha; June 14, San Juan. Fire on Santa Ana, cargo and baggage damaged.

THE ROBERT DOLLAR.

There Are Fears That She May Not Have Reached a Goal in the North With Safety.

The failure of the steamer Robert Dollar to arrive at Dutch Harbor prior to the sailing of the steamer Alpha from that port is causing much uneasiness. She was one of the first of the big fleet to sail, yet although the great majority of the vessels which left the coast after her have arrived, she has not been seen or reported. As will be remembered, there was a rumor current about the time of the arrival of the Hero from Ounalaska that she had met with accident, but the rumor could not be traced to any definite source. The Robert Dollar sailed from Seattle on May 13 with 172 passengers and 1,200 tons of freight. It is explained that she may have attempted to get an opening in the ice to the westward, and in that case passed without calling at any of the usual stopping cases, but it is unlikely that such is the case. She would have needed much more coal than she carried, and it is likely that she would have had to call to replenish her supply of drinking water.

FROM WEST COAST.

Steamer Queen City Returns From Ahousett—Indians Capture Whales and Many Seals.

Steamer Queen City returned from Ahousett and way ports last night, after a dirty trip, replete with fog and rain, bringing a small complement of passengers, including Mr. Flanders, a mining man from Clayoquot, T. Daykin, keeper of the lighthouse at Carmanah, who has been ill, Capt. Byers, who has been up to ship a crew of Indian hunters at Village Island, and James R. Sutton, manager of the Whale Bay placer mines, near Ucluelet.

At Ahousett, when the Queen City was there, the Indians were holding a big feast—they having captured two whales, which had been towed in by a flotilla of canoes, and were being cut up. Whale blubber is one of the chief delicacies of all the delicacies which grace the menu of Indian feasts. The prices for this cherished Indian luxury are even higher than Cape Nome quotations before the Alpha's arrival, for five dollars will not buy a five pound piece.

The Indians were also taking many seals along the coast, which the storekeepers were buying for as high as fourteen dollars per skin.

No news was brought of any new mining strikes, nor, as far as the officers of the steamer could learn, did the coast give up any more souvenirs of wreck. The Queen City will sail again this evening, going as far as Cape Scott.

Agent, purser and ticket sellers of the river steamer Merwin are in trouble at Dawson for having sold tickets to miners by the Dawson Duff, to have been towed down to Nome by the Merwin, and not carrying the passengers from Dawson as agreed, or refunding their passage money.

Sealing schooner Walter L. Rich is to sail for the Coast en route to the sea today.

FOR THE ORIENT.

Idzumi Maru Sails at Noon To-Day For the Far East.

Steamer Idzumi Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, will sail for Chinese and Japanese ports to-morrow at noon, carrying a very heavy cargo of general freight and a number of Japanese passengers. Seventy of those who recently arrived on her are to be deported by her. Of her big cargo the shipments for Shanghai and northern Chinese points were not as large as usual, the cause of the unsettled state of affairs prevailing in that part of the Middle Kingdom.

THE ALPHA.

Commissioner Found No Reason to Stop Her Landing at Nome.

The Nome Gold Digger, in its account of the arrival of the Alpha at Cape Nome, says: There was considerable excitement caused at Nome by the arrival of the British ship Alpha, which, according to the reports in outside papers, was being pursued by the revenue cutter Bear. This not being a port of entry, it was stated she could not land her goods at Nome, for which place she sailed from Union, B.C., but would have to go to St. Michael, the only port hereabouts, or that, in any event, if she did land her goods here, she should pay duty. Manager Pope, of the A. C. Company, made a protest to United States Commissioner Rawson, but the latter felt that it was not within his scope to interfere. Law books were searched, but nothing was found which, in his judgment, empowered him to act in the premises. The Alpha, therefore, unloaded her wares duty free.

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Steamer Queen is due from Alaska with eight excursionists and many Klondikers on board. Among the passengers are Admiral Beardslee and wife, Rena M. West, organizer of the Ladies of the Maccabees, and other prominent travellers.

The lumber laden ship Peru was towed to sea yesterday.

Capture of Taku Forts

They Fire on Combined Fleet Which Speedily Silence Chinese Guns.

Force Landed and Effects an Occupation—Troops Ordered to the Scene.

London, June 18.—Shanghai is to the front again with the statement that the Taku forts have been occupied by the international troops.

According to a Chee Foo special seventeen forts opened fire upon the warships, whereupon the fleet replied in kind and silenced the Chinese guns, and the international forces subsequently landed and seized the forts.

The news of this engagement is stated to have been brought to Chee Foo by a Japanese warship, but the date of the occupation is not given.

According to a despatch, the Chinese bombardment followed an ultimatum sent by the commanders of the fleet.

London, June 18.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Boderick to-day, for the government, amplified the admiralty's news from Chee Foo. He said the Japanese war ships reported that the Chinese forts opened fire on the gunboats at the mouth of the river yesterday, 12:30 a.m., that the ships then engaged the forts, and that the engagement was proceeding when the Japanese ships left at 5:30 a.m. yesterday. Detachments from all the foreign warships were landed on Saturday to protect Taku. There was one Chinese warship at Taku, which remained passive. Mr. Broderick added that the British, Russian, Japanese and French reinforcements were due to arrive about Thursday. Within the last hour Mr. Boderick said he had heard that the telegraph line from Taku to Tien Tsin had been restored.

Simla, June 18.—In consequence of the gravity of the Chinese situation the Seventh Bengal infantry has been ordered to proceed to Hongkong.

New York, June 18.—The extreme gravity of the Chinese crisis in the eyes of the British government, says the London correspondent of the World, is shown by decision to detach a division (10,000 men) of infantry, three batteries of artillery and a siege train from the Natal (Sir Redvers Buller's) forces for immediate despatch to China.

When asked how many troops he could spare from Africa, Roberts at first replied that he could not spare a single man until he fought a decisive battle with Gen. Botha, the commandant-general of the Boer army, as the sending away of any part of the British force would encourage the Boers to prolong their resistance, but when the government pressed the demand Roberts consented to the use of the above mentioned force from Buller's command.

London, June 18.—The Yokohama correspondent of the Times says: "Japan is sending 2,000 troops to China.

Washington, June 18.—The war department confirms the report that the 9th Infantry has been ordered from Manila to China.

COBOCONK SPEAKS.

Resolution Passed Condemning the War Against the Filipinos.

The Toronto Star has the following amusing skit which some wag has written, apparently as a counter irritant to the pro-Boer resolutions passed in certain parts of the United States. There really is such a place as Coboconk, though probably it is not known by many people even in Canada: "Coboconk, Ont., June 11.—The largest meeting ever held in this city was addressed by Mr. Philip Ino last week, and the following resolution was adopted:

"We, the citizens of Coboconk, Ontario, in mass meeting assembled, this seventh day of June, 1900, in expressing our heartfelt sympathy for the natives of the Philippine Islands in their heroic struggle for freedom and independence, hereby record our deep conviction as to the justice of the cause of the said Filipinos. We sincerely regret that for the first time in the history of the British empire the voice of official Britain has been silent and has not given its moral support in favor of those principles upon which this great Empire has been founded, as was done heretofore in Greece, Poland, Hungary, Italy and other places too numerous to mention.

"That notwithstanding this regrettable silence, we are fully convinced that fully one hundred and fifty per cent. of the people of Great Britain view with the greatest aversion and disapproval this war of conquest which has been waged in the interest of imperialism and incited by greed of gold.

That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to Her Majesty the Queen, Lord Salisbury, Aguinaldo and the Mayor of Grand Haven, Michigan."

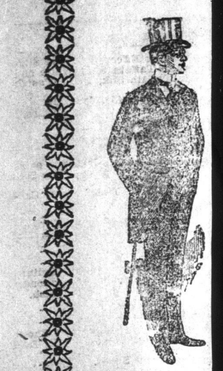
"Carried by a standing vote.

Saturday's Excursion.—A pleasant time is assured to all who take advantage of the Reformed Episcopal Sunday school excursion to Sidney on Saturday. Those entrusted with the management have spared no pains to make the excursion a very successful affair. Extra street cars will be put on to meet both out-going and in-coming trains. Light refreshments will be served in the pavilion.

A Correction.—It was incorrectly stated in the Colonist yesterday that the action brought by Dr. G. L. Milne against the firm of Pither & Leiser is for the price of a liquor permit. It is simply an action upon a draft, and there is no question in regard to a permit connected with it.

Trials Adjourned.—The trial of Feigenbaum vs. Jackson & McDonell has been adjourned until September, and that of Bird vs. Veith until Friday. The E. & N. Railway Co.'s appeal against the city's assessment of part of section 119 did not come up yesterday, being adjourned by consent.

Sixth Anniversary.—The Ladies' Aid Society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church intend giving a social this evening in the lecture room of the church, commencing at 8 o'clock. A large attendance of the congregation and friends is desired, it being the sixth anniversary of the Rev. W. Leslie Clay's induction to the pastorate of the church. Refreshments will be provided, and an excellent musical programme has been arranged.



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Declines To Re

Lieutenant Governor Refuses to Send Resignation

He Claims That Cauc Competent to A Ottawa.

Premier Dunsmuir W Support of a S United Party

Private messages from Ot day asserted that Sir Wilf had called upon Lieutena McInnes for his resignation. evening the Colonist asce this was correct, and that Honor refused to vacate h the ground that the compl caucus, in so far as federa concerned, was not of a cha made the members who too same competent to advise a ministration at Ottawa on a subject.

Among the politicians wh conversant with the abov evening and discussed the s opinion prevailed—that His be immediately dismissed. surprise was expressed tha nor should persist in an atte taining a position made co wholly untenable by the iss can be considered as nothi an irrevocable mandate fro authority competent to pro his official destiny.

Lieutenant-Governor McIn tion or dismissal is consequ for at any moment.

The one other important of the day in matters polit decision reached at the cau couver to unanimously sup Dunsmuir and his governme all necessary legislation at t ing session. The convent bers-elect of the local leg yesterday morning at 10 o'c couver. The session was f monious than the previous n an attempt was made to ge business of the convention the members to leave for h and boat. This was unsu those members of the conv to stated that the busines vention would be dispose hours, from 3 to 5. Exact the convention came to a c

The members present wer Tatlow, Richard McBrid Garden, Charles E. Pooley, W. H. Hayward, R. F. G Taylor, J. D. Prentice, F. Murphy, Thomas Kidd, J Hon. James Dunsmuir, A Ralph Smith, C. H. Dicki Phillips, Lewis Mounce, Eberts, W. C. Wells, H. cken, Allen W. Neill, Rich Hon. J. H. Turner.

Each affixed his signatu lowing resolution, which w R. G. Tatlow and seconde Bride:

"In the opinion of the members-elect of the legisla of the province of British action of the Lieutenant- calling upon Mr. Joseph M a ministry, while wholly u the legislature, and giving unwarranted time to com net; and his completion o gentlemen unendorsed by was contrary to the prin and customs of constitu ment, and detrimental to ests of the province; and emphatically condemned t ste at the late general el respectfully request the Canada to lay these fa Governor-General of Ca suggesting that the usefu Honor the Lieutenant-Gov ish Columbia is gone.

"Be it further resolved this resolution be forthwi to the Premier of Cana

A special to the Colon convey says:

"The political conventio talk of Vancouver for the and the corridor of the H has been crowded from mo with eager politicians w convention to announce their deliberations. As t the convention were stric secrecy, it was difficult information as to their de