

BUILDINGS - ERECTED

Carpenters and Masons Kept Busy in Victoria During the Past Year.

A Number of Large Business Blocks and Neat Residences Built in the City.

Building operations in Victoria during 1896 were general and extensive...

The most important buildings erected in 1896 by private enterprise are the Leiser and the Yates blocks...

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PREPARING FOR WAR

Chinese Revolutionary Party to Establish Their Headquarters in Chicago.

Sun Yat Sen to Visit America After He Has Organized His Party in Europe.

Information of the Chinese Empire the Object of the Powerful Party.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—According to Wong Foo, editor of the Chinese News, Sun Yat Sen is to become the headquarters of the Chinese revolutionary party...

Rooms for the party have already been engaged in this city, and the Chinese here are now awaiting the coming of Sun Yat Sen...

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MONTREAL BANQUET

Hon. Mr. Laurier Replies to Criticism of Conservatives on the Settlement.

Papers Which Were Ready to Accept Tupper Compromise Charge Treason.

But the Charges do Not Annoy Premier—Banquet Adjourned at an Early Hour.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—The banquet to Hon. Wilfrid Laurier last evening was one of the most brilliant affairs of the kind that has been held in this city...

The attendance was very large, among those present, besides the guests of honor and all the leading Liberals of Montreal...

Referring to the attitude of those who claim the concessions in the Manitoba school settlement are insufficient, the Premier said: "And what is the reason they give? This—according to the judgment of the Supreme Court of the Empire, the Catholics of Manitoba had the right, not simply to such concessions, but to complete restoration of separate schools as they existed before 1897..."

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Spanish guerrillas, commanded by Pierrito, visited the place at night and searched for valuables, the women and girls being subjected to indignities.

There were 855 gentlemen in attendance at the banquet, which was adjourned when the programme was only half through on account of the news of Archbishop Faure's death.

NEW MOTIVE POWER. An Invention That is Said Will Replace Steam. St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 31.—J. G. Keller, of Mankato, Minn., has applied for a patent for an invention which he says will take the place of steam engines and electric motors.

The guerrillas then fired the houses throwing the dead bodies in the buildings, drove off the cattle, destroyed the crops and trampled their horses over the potato patches...

NUMBER HAS BEEN INCREASED TO TWENTY-FOUR—BODIES RECOVERED. Louis, Dec. 29.—A special to the Globe from Birmingham, Ala., says: A list from the Birmingham Mining railroad train dropped through a 110-foot high, on the Southern...

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FROM THE CAPITAL

Hon. Mr. Borden and Major Kitson, the New Commandant Have a Conference.

Mr. Martin's Application for a Charter for a Railway Through the Crow's Nest Pass.

The Premier and Ministers Return to the Capital from Montreal This Afternoon.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—(Special)—Hon. Mr. Borden, minister of militia, and Major Kitson, commander of the Kingston Military College, had their first conference at 2:30 to-day in the minister's office of the militia department.

Charles Herbert, caretaker of the Calgary immigrant building, has been dismissed. Hon. Mr. Laurier and the other ministers returned from Montreal this afternoon and will attend His Excellency's reception in the senate tomorrow.

Archer Martin, solicitor, Victoria, makes application to to-morrow's Canada Gazette for a charter for a railway from Lethbridge through Crow's Nest Pass to the Columbia river and thence westerly to near the Fraser river or straits of Georgia.

The fisheries department is advised that a Newfoundland company proposes to exploit the whale fishery off the Labrador coast. The corporation of Ottawa intends to ask the Dominion government for a new financial arrangement with the city.

Communications have been sent to the principal capitals of the empire, and the replies have been received from London, Dublin and Edinburgh respectively. Communications are expected shortly from the Australian and South African colonies.

The sub-committee of the council of the Dominion rifle association has decided to recommend one set of plans for the proposed Bisley building as coming within the requirements of the conditions both as regards appearance and cost.

The city council presented a colleague institute boy, Douglas Lyon with a gold watch for attempting to save the lives of two boys in the Rideau canal last month.

A Number of Christmas Trees Stripped Last Night. Last evening, the children of Christ Church Sunday school enjoyed their Christmas service which was held in the Cathedral at 7 p.m., and afterwards Bishop Perrin distributed the prizes in the school room.

Tea and cake followed and then the curtain was raised, showing a beautiful Christmas tree which was a present for the children. Rev. Canon Beaudin was also present with a handsome drawing room lamp by the teachers and pupils of the Sunday school.

At six o'clock last evening the children of the First Congregational church Sunday school, in the church hall and for the next two hours enjoyed themselves with games of all sorts. Tea and cake were also served.

At eight o'clock the parents and friends were admitted and an interesting programme was carried out. Among those taking part were Rev. P. C. L. Harris, Lillian Talbot, Eddie Coates, Sidney Talbot, Harry Scofield, Winnie Scofield, Harry Coates, Pearl Beckwith, Alfred Straggs, M. Harris and the infant class. The Christmas tree bore a present for each of the children.

The little Baptist church in Victoria West was crowded last evening when the children of the Sunday school gave presents from a well supplied Christmas tree. The children in return entertained the older folks with an interesting programme, the following taking part: Charles Weaver, Gus Olds, Edith Painter, and the infant class. The Christmas tree bore a present for each of the children.

The children of the Protestant Orphans' Home enjoyed their Christmas treat at three o'clock this afternoon. There were many friends of the Home present.

To-night the Sunday school children of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, will be given their presents from a Christmas tree in Sample's Hall, and those of St. Barnabas church will hold their annual entertainment in Odd Fellows' hall, Fernwood Road. Tea will be served there at five o'clock.

A MESSAGE TO MEN. Proving That True Honesty and True Philanthropy Still Exist. If any man who is weak, nervous and dejected, or who is suffering from any of the various troubles resulting from youthful folly, excesses or overwork, will take heart and write to me, I will send him confidentially and free of charge the plan pursued by which I was completely restored to perfect health and manhood after years of suffering from Nervous Debility, Loss of Vigor and Organic Weakness.

I have nothing to sell and therefore want no money, but as I know through my own experience how to sympathize with such sufferers, I am glad to be able to assist any fellow being who is in an well aware of the prevalence of quackery, for I myself was deceived and imposed upon until I nearly lost faith in mankind, but I refuse to say that I am now perfectly well and happy once more, and am desirous therefore to make this certain means of cure known to all. If you will write to me you can rely on being served and the proof satisfaction of having been cured will be yours.

Send me a silver to cover postage and address: Mrs. George G. Strong, North Rockwood, Mich.

MEXICAN HARBORS.

Large Amount of Money to be Spent in Improving Them.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 30.—The Mexican Government, recognizing the increasing importance of its west coast harbors, has determined to improve the harbors.

Arrangements have been made to raise a considerable sum for this work, in addition to \$5,000,000 for the improvement of Coahuacalco and Salina Cruz, the western and northern termini of the Tehuantepec road.

The move to improve the harbors is caused it is said, by the rapidity of railroad building toward the Mexican Pacific coast, which will open up a fertile country and develop a large commerce through the ports below Mazatlan.

According to the government's plans an eminent engineer, Arthur V. Wronowski, has been sent to the western coast to inspect all of the harbors and determine which shall be improved and to what extent.

Alleged That General Gomez Appealed to Campos to End the War. New York, Dec. 31.—A special to the World from Madrid says: "The Times" publishes the alleged text of a letter addressed by Maximo Gomez to Marshal Campos at the end of January, 1895, a few days before General Campos left Cuba, to which Campos replied that he could do nothing as he had resigned his commission, but would communicate the letter to his successor.

The letter ran thus: "General, as you are a gentleman, and owing to your high qualities deserve the sympathy of the whole country, I appeal to you, and not do so to any other person representing the authority of Spain on the Island. We must all lament the shedding of blood and the ruin of Cuba. For my part, I would wish to contribute to stopping so much desolation. If you can find some means for working out peace, have no scruples in telling me, because I will make any sacrifice to devise on my side some form of compromise."

Strangely enough General Campos was not allowed to carry out the home rule of Gomez which might have checked the uprising. Most Spaniards, especially the Liberals, cannot help thinking now how practical and reasonable it would be under the present instance to send the gallant marshal back to Cuba. There is a widespread rumor in military circles that General Weyler probably will be recalled and will be succeeded by Marshal Primo de Rivera, captain-general of Madrid, who will have two able assistants in the persons of Lieut-Generals Macia and Correa.

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This sample shipment is significant, almost everything is canned in Japan, and sharp competition in that line may be looked for by the American manufacturer. While Japanese canners are sending their goods here, the compliment is not best left here for the Oregon on the Sakura Maru.

DEVELOPMENT OF GERMANY. Report on Her Industries by the U. S. Consul at Chemnitz. Washington, Dec. 31.—The United States consul at Chemnitz, Germany, writes the state department calling attention to the marvelous growth of the German empire as an industrial state, its length of coast, its splendid harbors at the mouth of numerous navigable rivers and its recent enormous industrial development.

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VALUES OF SCHOONERS. Witnesses Examined on This Point Before the Commission. Yesterday afternoon when the commission resumed its sitting, John A. Thomson, inspector of boilers, gave evidence in the case of the Thornton. He submitted a report of the inspection of the engines of that schooner made on October 8th, 1888. He stated that the engines of the Thornton would be about from 13 to 15 horse-power. The cost of putting in those engines at that time, he thought, would be about \$2,700.

Gordon E. King, chief engineer of the Dominion government steamer Quadra, said he thought the valuation of the engines of the Thornton was a very fair one. He also agreed with last witness as to the horse-power of the Thornton's engines.

Capt. Lewis submitted a statement of a survey of the Thornton made in 1883 for insurance purposes. The cases of the Grace, Dolphin, Anna Beck and W. P. Sayward were then resumed.

Mr. Peters put in the registers of the schooners. The Grace was built in Victoria in 1881, the W. P. Sayward at Victoria in 1882 and the Anna Beck at San Francisco in 1883. The gross tonnage of these vessels was: Grace, 83.01 tons; W. P. Sayward, 64.11 tons; Anna Beck, 41.17.

John A. Thomson, recalled, produced the report of the inspection of the machinery of the Anna Beck. The engine and attachments of the Anna Beck he valued at about the same as the Thornton's between \$2,600 and \$2,700 as they were practically duplicates. The witness also produced the report of the inspection of the Grace's machinery. The actual horse-power of the Grace's engines would be about 23 horse-power; the nominal was 62. He also produced the report of the inspection of the Dolphin's machinery. The engines of the Dolphin in 1885, were worth about \$3,400.

Capt. Theodore Magnusson, called out of order by Mr. Dickinson, as to the question of catch, which will apply to all the cases, told of the sailing catch of the Sea Lion in 1880, when 715 skins

SEARCHLIGHTS FOR TUGS.

Puget Sound Company to Provide Their Boats with Them.

Port Townsend, Dec. 30.—The Puget Sound Tugboat company is having installed on the tug Tye—which is now at Taylor street wharf—an electric light plant with sufficient capacity for fifty lights on the basis of sixteen candle power each, which is more than will be needed at any one time on board the monster tug.

The company is also having built a special searchlight of three thousand candle power, which consumes about 100 amperes of current. This machine is mounted that, when placed in position, it will cover about two-thirds of the compass, thus casting its rays almost around the tug, with the exception of the stern quarter, which is excluded taking in about a third of the circle.

This machine is capable of throwing its rays forward, port or starboard, a distance of three miles, that objects three miles distant and the rig of vessels, whether bark, ship or schooner can be plainly discerned at a distance of one and a half miles. It can flash forth an illuminated body of light at any angle, up or down.

Special set of reflectors has been provided which condenses the current light into a powerful beam, thus causing a one hundred-fold intensification of the light on this machine, which is considered by those who have seen it, especially tug boat captains, to be an important agent in locating a vessel's whereabouts during dark and dreary nights on the Sound, particularly so should the compass on board be out of gear.

It will undoubtedly be an agency of much saving to the tug boat company in the consumption of fuel, for in dark and heavy weather the tug having these searchlights can ascertain if any sailing craft is within a distance of three miles instead of steaming around at night in quest of vessels that need a tow, which means the consumption of a large amount of coal and a big expense to the company.

Yet, from a still more important point the use of the searchlight will enable the captains of tugs in dark nights to see vessels that may be in distress or piled on the rocky shores of Cape Flattery. Many have been the occasions heretofore when the use of these powerful illuminators would have located a distressed or disabled vessel, and been the cause of saving many lives and valuable property; and occasions just as important as to occur again. The saving of one ship under such circumstances as these would reimburse the tug boat company many times more than the total cost of installing similar machines aboard the seven tugs of the company.

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Spanish guerrillas, commanded by Pierrito, visited the place at night and searched for valuables, the women and girls being subjected to indignities. Not finding as much as they wanted, the guerrillas shot two young men, pretenses that they were Spanish deserters. Six others were tied to trees and terribly whipped. Two young women were tied to trees, their backs bared and the lash applied because they resisted the advances of the soldiers. Their screams so aroused the anger of the Spanish soldiers that they made a combined attack on the guerrillas with clubs. The guerrillas easily beat them, and fired indiscriminately among them, killing 15 or 20 men and women and five young children. The others escaped, though the Spanish murderers fired at them as long as they were in sight.

The guerrillas then fired the houses throwing the dead bodies in the buildings, drove off the cattle, destroyed the crops and trampled their horses over the potato patches, so nothing in the way of food could be had. These poor people, without food or shelter, took up their abode in the foot hills, building themselves huts of branches and grass. Some have died of exposure and not more than thirty of the seventy-five now survive.

The letter told of other outrages, and stated that, for miles and miles where formerly were happy homes and flourishing fields, not a house nor a living being is to be seen.

OLD VICTORIES. A Grand Army Man Wins Swords With Honor Disease and Wins Glorious Victory With the Aid of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart.

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