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to Break, Through sh Lines to the South Frustrated.

low Holding the Country ween Ladybrand and Winburg.

Spragg and a Ne omanry Officers H Resigned.

wn, Dec. 28.-Gen. Dewet's atbreak through to the south has strated and he is now reported senekal with a large commando, the country between Ladybrand urg. The eastern parties of Boers are being constantly and driven back towards the River Colony. The Yeomanry e captured near Britstown have

n, Dec. 28.—Lt.-Col. Spragge, manded the Yeomanry at Lindresigned. Several other resigof Mr. Pvor Guest, M.P., a

of Yeomanry, esburg, Dec. 28.—The Boers the new Kleinfontein and ing plant vesterday. a, Dec. 28.—(Special)—The first nt is disbanded from 31st De-

NICARAGUA CANAL.

Government Paper on Action of Inited States Senate.

Dec. 28.—The Kreuz Zeitung, mouthpiece of the government se editorials are often preparament officials, devotes two long orday to the Nicaraguan canal sy, pronouncing the Davis nt to the Hay-Pauncefote a slap for England.

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ies could not be more recklessed aside than they have been in by the United States senate."
Kreuz Zeitung. "This disregard ws of nations, which had already nifested during the peace negoti-ith Spain, is in the highest de-rettable. It is a counterpart of treatment of the Boer repub

dent McKinley's administration placed in a highly disagreeable inasmuch as the action of the tates senate is a grave provoca-England, and it is impossible to anti-English feeling in the counadministration could not thus fankee pride.

e President adopts the senate's
England will have a moral
prepare a Fashoda for the Units, but judging from previous ex-

illiam Beresford Dead-A Fam-

Dec. 29.—(6 a.m.)—Colonel iam Leslie De La Poer Beresd at midnight. He was born 1847. n, Dec. 28.—Major Alexandre Da Rocha Serpa Pinto, the Af-plorer, is dead. He was born 1, 1846.

HARD PRESSED.

Has an Empty Treasury for Christmas Time.

n, Dec. 28.—The foreign engage-f the Porte for the purchase and on of warships and for naval tary artillery now amounts to 00, says the Constantinople cornt of the Times, while the treas absolutely empty and crease daily.

LEAVE FOR HOME.

Men Start for the Coast From peg, Dec. 28-The British Co-

volunteers were given a hearty this evening upon their depar-the Coast. They are loud in the treatment received here. ECLINES THE HONOR.

Dunn Decides Not to Be Can-

uver, Dec. 28 .- (Special)-Thos. representative men will not t. This leaves Ald. McQueen

vic contributions towards the he fund got up to welcome the g soldiers from South Africa on has reached over \$2,000. ster contingent are not going over in ancouver, as reported, eed direct to their own town,

ENERAL COLVILLE.

Arrived at Plymouth and Will Demand Court Martial. Dec. 29 .- A despatch from

announces the arrival there-r-General Sir Henry Colville var office, but who has refused and has come to England from r to demand a cot erence to the responmenty disaster at L

NEW BILLS.

ent Forms Will Bea

Lord and Lady M a, Dec. 27.—The department bears the portrait ouniform, also of Lady tre bears a scene on the Sault rie canal, and the back of the tains a picture of the parlia-

Damaged by The Gales

Ouite a Fleet of Vessels Disabled and Obliged to Return.

The Carl, Reporter and Laura Madsen Back--Mermaid Here for Repairs.

Daily more vessels are returning disabled as a result of the recent terrific storms off the coast, and the end is seem ingly not yet. After bringing in the par tially wrecked bark Highland Light, details of whose battle with the sea have been given, the tug Tatoosh left for the Cape again on Tuesday morning and picked up the lumber schooner Reporter, which, like the Highland Light and the Yosemite, was swept by the heavy storms which Captain McLure said were the worst he had ever seen, although he had forty years experience in the North Atlantic. One great sea, he says, came on board the Highland Light and swept her from end to end. All the boats were smashed and the water tanks carried

from end to end. All the boats were smashed and the water tanks carried away, leaving the crew without fresh water. The mizzen mast, which was carried away, was a new one last voyage. She started leaking soon after this and the crew had a hard time. The only way the vessel could be brought into port was to run before the high seas.

The fleet which had to return to port, not only includes the Highland Light, Yosemite and Reporter, but also the German bark Carl, which, after discharging her cargo here had loaded wheat at Tacoma and sailed a month ago for England, and the schooner Laura Madsen, both of which vessels were badly damaged by the storms. The Reporter and Laura Madsen were towed to Port Townsend on Tuesday afternoon, and the Carl to Port Angeles. The Reporter sailed from Gray's Harbor on December 5th for Hawaii with lumber. After the first six days out she encountered the heavy storms and began to leak. Her deck load had to be jettisoned in order to keep her afloat after which, by hard work the crew managed to get her up to Cape Flattery, from where signals were sent for assistance, and the tug Tatoosh was ordered to go and pick her up. She is now lying at Port Townsend in a very delapidated condition, making 23 inches an hour, and the crew have hard work to keep her afloat. O. L. Willoughby,

The Dominion government steamer Quadra brought back from the Alpha wreek about 40 feet of the mainmast of the wrecked vessel, which is lying at the government wharf. The mast is broken off about 10 feet above the deck, and plainly shows how terrible must have been the force on the winds and waves on that awful night. The lower part is so sawn by the mast swinging backwards and forwards in the fastness of the deck before working itself out that it resembles more a spar chafed on the rocks for weeks than anything else.

The report of Capt. Walbran has been forwarded by the local agent of the marine and fisheries department to the chief at Ottawa, who will decide whether an enquiry will be held. Capt. Owens' report regarding the encounter of the Constance with the Alpha some hours before the wreck, which was published at the time in the Colonist, has also been sent.

NOTHING IN IT. Report That Sealing Schooner Mary Taylor Will Go to Siberian

Officers Chosen For the New **************** British Columbia Agricultural Association.

Meeting at Portland, Oregon.

AMOY.

By Onoto Watanna.

Only a short time ago she had been the very light of the tea garden. No one could dance with the wild extravagance, yet graceful delicacy of Amoy, and no voice was sweeter than here furthermore about "Alas! I have none to share it with The dry details of organization work were undertaken and completed in a brisk business-like fashion at a meeting of the members of the rehabilitated British Columbia Agriculture Association at the city hall Hursday evening. Officers were elected and a report received from Joseph Pierson, who was a delegate to the meeting of fair managers held at Portland on the 15th inst.

The dry details of organization work were undertaken and completed in a brisk sweeter than hers; furthermore, she was wonderfully pretty, with her little pursed mouth, bright eyes and rich abundance of shiny hair; and besides being pretty and left him musing all alone in the semi-darkness.

The next day Izuma's man carried a huge bunch of cherry blossoms into the teahouse and laid them at Amoy's feet. The girl understood and now grew pale."

"An, but is pain more bearable alone?"
"But me!"
"But we'l he exclaimed, eagerly. "But you are Japanese," she said quietly, and left him musing all alone in the semi-darkness.

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For two years, though a Chinese girl, she

"Then—everybody in Japan hates me."
"No—no—not everybody."
"Who does not?" she asked bitterly. "I-I do not. I have seen you often, and I have never disliked you—never hated you and now—" the sentence remained unfinish ed, but his face was eloquent. "I must go now," said she, jumping up

nervously.
"But why did you come here?"



"Johnny, how many times have I told you not to do that?"

"I d' know, ma. I can't count only up to twenty."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

"I d' know, ma. I can't count only up to twenty."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Yes, you I would choose, Whom I long ago chose, And my fond spirit sues. As it never yet sose, And ever on you do I muse, as never man

The house where you bide, Is a blessed abode; Sure, my hopes I can't hide. And no person living has sighed, as, dan

ing, I've sode. Your glances they shine As no others have shone,

Goes Over.

Informant Had Not Submitted

Two Saloon keepers Fined \$50.

Verk to Titohkams with a carge of the row.

The forever? The partner of the control of the contr Some fifty or more persons gathered in Ministerial Association, had to offer in support of his charge that there was support of his charge that there was gambling at the Savoy, on certain days during the month of November. The crowd was disappointed. One of the proprietors of the Savoy being in Dawson, the police had been unable to serve him, and the other being in Vancouver, the summons had been left with the manager of the theatre for him. After the magistrate had consulted the statutes to learn whether this was a legal service. Mr. Ernest Powell, who appeared for the defence, cleared the ground by admitting that the partner now in Vancouver had been legally served and that he appeared been legally served and that he appeared

Mr. Powell having asked for a week's adjournment, the magistrate asked Chief Langley what he had to say. Chief Langley replied that he knew nothing about the case he had not been instructed about it, nor had the informinstructed about it, nor had the informant submitted any evidence to him.

Asked as to what he had to say, Rev,
Mr. Hughes replied that he had not been asked for his evidence; in fact, he had not even been informed when the case was to b called. He was not acting as prosecutor, but simply assisting the city.

The magistrate pointed out that it was the custom for men swearing to informations to submit their evidence to the chief if they desired him prosecute, and to ascertain when the case was to be called.

Rev. Mr. Hughes promised to submit his evidence to the police, and he having Rev. Mr. Hughes promised to submit his evidence to the police, and he having no objection to offer, the case was adjourned until Wednesday.

By an amendment to the criminal code which goes into effect on January 1st, colice magistrates are empowered to summarily try cases such as the one under consideration. Magistrate Hall stated yesterday, however, that he intended to deal with the present case under the code as it now stands, and therefore it would

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