

P. GAMES. J. April 19.—The opening handicap on University field colleges were represented by Princeton with University of Pennsylvania 36 points, Harvard

# FROM SOUTH SEA ISLANDS

### Distinguished Australians on Their Way to London.

### Unusual Electrical Display Off Coast of New Zealand.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 16.—The steamer Moana of the Canadian Australian Line, which arrived this morning from Sydney, New Zealand, Fiji and Honolulu, brought upwards of 200 passengers, many of them distinguished Australians on their way to London to attend the coronation ceremonies. The other liners of the line will be crowded with passengers bound also for London when they arrive in the next month. The steamers booked to San Francisco are also carrying many passengers.

The surgeon of the Moana reports that in Sydney there were 18 deaths from the bubonic plague in the last two weeks prior to March 25th, and that in the same time there had been one death from the same disease in Brisbane. The authorities are doing all they can to stamp it out. The disease has entirely disappeared at Suva and Honolulu.

### SAN FRANCISCO WHALERS.

Three recently reached Sydney three sailors from the San Francisco whaler Gayhead, who since they left their home port in December have undergone some privations. The names of the men are Miller, Morgan and Nichols. The story told is to the effect that they shipped on board the Gayhead at San Francisco on December 13th. The Gayhead got along to Japanese waters, when the three men named left because the remainder of the crew were colored men, and they did not seem to agree with their colored colleagues. It was at Panoa where they parted company, and after that they were four days without food. At the end of this time they were picked up by a Japanese governor, who handed them over to some of his officials. They were well treated and subsequently placed on board a German steamer for Britain. Here they joined a steamer, the Paknam, and were taken to Sydney. The American consul attended to their wants.

### UNUSUAL ELECTRICAL DISPLAY.

The crew of the barkentine Kate Tatham witnessed an unusual sight during an electrical storm off New Zealand. The sky, which was a mass of inky colored clouds, presented an almost appalling appearance at times, when the forked lightning, with terrific suddenness, made lurid rents in it, some of the cuts stretching from the horizon to the zenith. The vessel appeared to be in the center of a magnificent electrical panorama, the impressiveness of which was accentuated by an almost unbroken roar of thunder. In the height of the meteorological display several enormous waterpots came whirling across the ocean. They looked, it is said, as though they penetrated the clouds, while beneath each one could be seen the white foam caused by the circling or rotary motion of the spout on the surface of the water. They passed perilously close to the little vessel.

### REPORT NOT CORROBORATED.

Australian papers say that the story published in the American papers under a Paris date of February 18th, respecting a massacre of a French party of scientists in New Guinea, is news to the residents of the southern colony, no report of such a massacre having been received there.

The steamer Mambare recently returned to Sydney from the South Sea Islands. Upon arriving at Tanna, it was reported that the natives were holding a big feast and were eating several of the natives that had been captured or killed during a tribal engagement. One of the natives who had been under ground for about 12 days was taken up and cooked and eaten with the rest. Of these tribal wars the purser mentioned that since his last visit to Tanna there had been 51 natives killed and several wounded. The Rev. H. L. Paton, the missionary, went onto the battlefield to attend the wounded at great risk of his life. On Santo and the other islands the natives seemed to be a little quieter.

### SHOCKS OF EARTHQUAKE.

While visiting the various stations in the New Hebrides it was learned that several severe shocks of earthquake had been felt, causing great alarm and also destruction to property. The shocks were so heavy that they emptied bookshelves, capsized furniture, and several lime houses were split and others badly wrecked. Following upon the earthquake shocks a tidal wave occurred. It rose to a height of 15 feet and washed away boat houses and trade sheds.

### TERRIBLE THUNDERSTORM.

Leeston, near Christchurch, New Zealand, last month was visited by a terrible thunderstorm. Considerable damage was done to property, and several people were seriously injured. In the middle of the storm a whirlwind struck the town, completely overturning the Salvation Army barracks and leaving the building upside down. A wheelwright's shop was carried away and deposited on a grain store. The latter was partly unroofed and stables were wrecked. A watchmaker's shop struck the town, completely overturning the building. The Salvation Army was holding a service in the barracks. One man had an arm

# THE FILIPINO INSURRECTION

### Malvar Has Unconditionally Surrendered to Gen. Bell.

MANILA, April 16.—Gen. Malvar has unconditionally surrendered to Brigadier General Franklin Bell at Lipa, Batangas province, with the entire insurgent force of the province of Laguna and Batangas. General Bell says that his (Bell's) influence is sufficient to quell the insurrectionary movements in Tayabas and Cavite provinces, and capture all those in the field who have not yet surrendered, but Malvar has ordered the complete surrender of every insurgent to the nearest American force. General Wheaton, reporting to the division headquarters, says that all resistance in his department has ended, and that the surrenders just announced mean that the ports will be opened and that the Filipinos in the interior camps can be allowed to return to their homes in time to plant the crops. General Wheaton is especially pleased with General Bell's care of the natives confined in the camps. The officers in charge are held personally responsible for the quality and quantity of food served out and for the general welfare of the occupants of the camp. After securing the mountain passes General Bell employed volunteer bolomen for protection against lawlessness. Numbers of the Filipino volunteered and expressed satisfaction at the treatment accorded them and their families who were in the camps. General Wheaton gives General Bell great credit for his indefatigable work in conducting the campaign. He was in the field on horseback day and night, personally superintending the most arduous operations. Perhaps it was the people of Manila are delighted at the prospects of a resumption of trade with the pacified provinces, and are anxious to show Generals Chaffee, Wheaton and Bell their appreciation of the fact that the insurrection is over. About 3000 rifles have been received by the American officers in Batangas and Laguna provinces during the past four months. General Malvar personally requested an interview with General Bell in order to make his complete submission. The lack of news from the island of Samar is due to a defective cable. It is believed, though, that the American command received the surrender of all the insurgents in Samar yesterday, unless the planned proceedings were altered. A case of cholera has occurred on the transport Hancock which arrived here on Sunday last. She has been quarantined.

### LANDING OF ASIATICS.

The immigration law of the Commonwealth of Australia, prohibiting the landing of Asiatics, has led to trouble for those engaged in the pearling industry in Queensland. Heretofore 200 Japanese who, with Malays and Filipinos, are chiefly engaged as divers, have been allowed to land each year. This has been stopped, and the pearlers say it will ruin the industry. The Dutch government are offering them inducements to move to Dutch Guinea.

### THE PEARL FISHERIES.

The value of pearl shell raised on the Queensland coast is about a quarter of a million sterling per annum, and the revenue obtained from the fisheries is about \$200,000. The industry also does a great benefit to the northern trade, as about \$40,000 is annually spent on food alone from the white traders and producers of Queensland. The German warship Coromoran recently visited an outlying island of New Britain to punish the natives responsible for the murder of Mr. Metnick, a scientist, and members of his party.

### ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE.

The New Hebrides have felt a long series of earthquakes since the beginning of the year. Writing of them a correspondent says: "There has been no striking volcanic disturbance to account for this. There is, it is true, both before and since, some signs of increased activity in all the three volcanoes near here, Ambrim, Lopevi and the young one in the sea near Tongoa. This latter, I am informed, has got a new throat for itself farther to the southeast, and is now blowing up right in the sea again. Perhaps it was the throes accompanying this operation, not by any means a slight one, that caused our earthquakes. Both Lopevi and Ambrim were seen red at night about that time, and there was more energy than usual in the force sending the smoke up in both of them."

# CHINESE EXCLUSION

### THE DRASTIC BILL ORIGINALLY FRAMED AND INTRODUCED MEETS DEFEAT.

### PRESENT EXCLUSION LAW MADE TO APPLY—48 YEAS, 33 NAYS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 16.—The drastic Chinese exclusion bill originally framed by the senators and representatives from the Pacific coast states met defeat in the senate today and in its place was substituted a measure by Mr. Platt of Connecticut extending the provisions of the present exclusion law to all insular territory under the jurisdiction of the United States. The vote by which the substitute took the place of the original bill was 48 yeas to 33 nays. Once the substitute had been made all senators joined in its support with the single exception of Mr. Hoar, the substitute being passed by a vote of 76 to 1. The friends of the substitute showed their strength throughout the voting on amendments which preceded the final action, and succeeded in preventing any material changes in its features. Some changes of a minor nature were made, admitting Chinese persons connected with national expositions and providing for certificates of identification of Chinese in insular possessions, but otherwise the substitute was adopted substantially in the form that Mr. Platt presented it.

After disposing of the Chinese exclusion bill the senate made the Philippine government bill the unfinished business. FAST TIME TO SKAGWAY. C. P. R. to Invest \$5,000,000 in Locomotives and Rolling Stock. (Special to the Miner.) VICTORIA, B. C., April 16.—The steamer Princess May completed her trip to Skagway and back this afternoon in five days and 20 hours, including coaling at Union. This is eight hours better than the fastest time of the City of Seattle. An Ottawa special says: "Fitzpatrick introduced a bill today to make the salary of stipendiary magistrate at White Horse \$4000 instead of \$2400. The living allowance is to be \$1800 instead of \$2000. He also introduced a bill for a court of appeals in Yukon, which will do away with appeals to the British Columbia supreme court. The Canadian Pacific railway has placed an order for \$5,000,000 for locomotives and rolling stock to be delivered before August next to assist in taking out grain from Manitoba and the Northwest."

# INCREASED FEEBLENESS

### Alarming Reports of Sudden Death of the Pope.

### Caused Increase of Activity Among Aspiring Cardinals.

ROME, April 16.—The recent signs of increased feebleness of the pope, which led to alarming reports of his sudden death the end of last week, have caused a marked recrudescence of activity among the cardinals aspiring to the pontificate. The campaign preparatory to the next conclave proceeds incessantly. The sacred college is divided into two distinct forces, headed by Cardinal Rampolla, the papal secretary of state, and Cardinal Vanutelli, respectively. The latter, and Cardinal Gotti now constitute the most probable successors to Leo XIII. Those who are not now considered dangerous candidates are fond of pointing out, however, that almost 150 cardinals have been buried during the pontificate of Leo XIII, and that the prolongation of the life of his holiness for a few years is liable to cool many ambitious calculations. Archbishop Falconi, the papal delegate in Canada, has been definitely selected to succeed Cardinal Martinelli, the papal delegate to the United States. This appointment will not be officially announced, however, until the meeting of the consistory next October. It was felt that Archbishop Falconi's experience in Canada, his learning, his command of the English language and his diplomatic abilities especially fitted him for the Washington post.

Traffic in tickets to the ceremonies at St. Peter's and the Sistine Chapel, held in connection with the jubilee in honor of the twenty-fourth anniversary of the pope's coronation, has assumed such proportions that it has developed a veritable scandal. Americans and English people are the principal victims of this traffic and the bartering in tickets, of which from 50,000 to 60,000 are often issued for the ceremonies at St. Peter's, is carried on at all the principal hotels here by groups of speculators, who are in league with the hotel employees. Manager Bisset is in command of this traffic and has read broadcast a notice that all tickets to pontifical ceremonies are given absolutely gratuitously, and every one trying to sell such tickets must be regarded as a dishonest person.

### THE CRIMES ACT.

It Has Been Put in Force in Several Districts. DUBLIN, April 16.—Three sections of the crimes act have been put in force in a large number of the districts in Ireland by a proclamation issued tonight by Earl Cadogan, the lord lieutenant of Ireland. These sections provide for summary jurisdiction in cases of criminal conspiracy, intimidation and unlawful assembly, for trial by special jury and for change of venue at the option of the crown. The counties scheduled to enforce the foregoing sections of the crimes act are Cavan, Clare, Cork, Leitrim, Mayo, Roscommon, Sligo, Tipperary and Waterford, as well as the boroughs of Cork and Waterford. These are the districts in which the United Irish League has been most active. The League itself has not yet been proclaimed, but it is believed that this step will be taken shortly.

### APPROPRIATIONS BILL.

The Total Amounts to the Sum of \$52,719,943. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 16.—The senate committee on appropriations concluded consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill today. The total appropriation carried by the bill as it passed the house is increased \$2,006,247, bringing the grand total up to \$52,719,943. One item of increase is fixing the boundary line between the United States and Canada along the 49th parallel, \$100,000. THOSE ARMY MULES. They Are Not the Only Ones Doing the Braying. NEW ORLEANS, La., April 16.—Today Col. Crowder, the United States officer assigned by the government to investigate the reported maintenance of an alleged British supply camp at Fort Chalmette, examined into the charges declaring that munitions of war were being shipped from Chalmette to South Africa. All the recent evidence is understood to have been largely in support of the charges made by Governor Heard, and some portions are said to have gone far beyond any allegations submitted to Secretary Hay by the governor. LOSS BY FIRE. METAPEDIA, Que., April 16.—A large portion of the village was burned today, including the Gillis House and store, Ferguson's house and store, Dorion's house, Legues house and the Catholic church. Loss heavy. DISPATCH FROM KITCHENER. Reports the Capture of 120 Boers Since April 11. LONDON, April 17.—In a dispatch to the war office dated today at Pretoria, Lord Kitchener reports the capture of 120 Boers in the Klerksdorp district since April 11th.

### DREADFUL ACCIDENT.

Two Children Fatally Burned—Father Now in Hospital. WINNIPEG, Man., April 16.—A sad tragedy occurred today at Overmore, about 20 miles from Emerson. Fred Franks, a farmer, and his two small children, a girl aged five and an infant 60, were severely burned, the children dying of their injuries in a few hours. The family residence took fire in the absence of the parents. Franks returned in time to rescue the children, but the two youngest were fatally burned and Franks himself was so badly burned that he is now in the hospital.

# THE COCOS ISLAND TREASURE.

### Parliamentary Inquiry Into Action of Gold Commissioner Graham.

### A NATIONAL MEMORIAL. To Erect an Immense Cairn in Honor of Rhodes.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 16.—The promoters of the Blakely treasure searching expedition to Cocos Island have received word that another expedition left Glasgow on November 28th last on the bark Broughton. The Blakely should reach the island first. A parliamentary enquiry was commenced here today into the administration of the office of gold commissioner at Atlin, held by J. D. Graham. It is alleged that Mr. Graham sold the government a building for isolation hospital purposes for \$750, which could have been built for a hundred dollars. Captain John Irving of this city has commenced an action against Colonel Hayes of Victoria, formerly of Portland, for \$25,000, the face value of 10,000 shares in the Nahmina mines on Alberni peninsula, for which the captain says he paid \$25,000 on the understanding given by Hayes that there was 70,000 tons of 10 per cent. copper ore in the mine, and that the shares did not, as alleged, belong to a Portland man when sold, but to Colonel Hayes himself. The mine has not proved as valuable as expected.

### ASTOR GIVES BIG SUM.

To Endow Professorships in University College, London. LONDON, April 16.—W. W. Astor has given \$20,000 to endow those professorships in the University College of London which are today without endowments.

### JEWELLERS GO ON STRIKE.

TORONTO, April 16.—Fifty-seven employees of Sanders, Lorie & Co., manufacturing jewelers, struck today for recognition of their union. The firm ordered one of their employees, who is an officer of the union, to resign. He refused and was discharged.

### A CARNEGIE LIBRARY.

Mr. Carnegie Offers to Give Port Arthur \$10,000. PORT ARTHUR, Ont., April 16.—Andrew Carnegie has offered \$10,000 for the erection of a library building here.

# CHARTER RESCINDED

### NEW ONE TO BE GIVEN TREADGOLD PEOPLE—TERMS ARRANGED.

### JUSTICE MAULEY WILL BE THIRD JUDGE OF YUKON TERRITORY.

(Special to the Miner.) VICTORIA, B. C., April 17.—An Ottawa special says: Commissioner Ross of Yukon was interviewed regarding the results of consideration given to the terms of the Treadgold concessions. The Treadgold people have been here, and it is understood that from the first they were anxious to meet the views of Ross and to remove the ground of criticism from the franchise. The latter has now been settled to the satisfaction of all parties, the monopolistic rights respecting the furnishing of water and closing up of abandoned claims are done away with. The charter is to be rescinded and a new charter is to be granted, from which the objections raised have been eliminated. The Dawson delegates expressed themselves as quite satisfied. Judge Irving has got three months leave of absence. It is understood that Magistrate McAuley of Dawson will be the third judge of the Yukon Territory, which, when appointed, will form a court of appeals for hearing mining cases. Police Magistrate McAuley went to Yukon from Belleville, Ont. The Trans-Canada Railway company, which is for a road from Quebec to Fort Simpson on the Pacific coast, applied to the Railway Committee for ten years to complete the road, which was granted. Mr. Talbot, M. P., said that 70 miles were located and 400 miles surveyed. The company asks for running powers over the Lake St. John Railway, and also to enter into an agreement for leasing its rights to that company or to the Canadian Northern.

In the house today a bill was introduced by Fitzpatrick respecting the tolls of the C. P. R. The bill is the outcome of leave being granted to the C. P. R. to increase its capital stock by \$20,000,000. The bill provides that no part of this stock shall be issued at more than par. It also provides in what way money is to be used. It further provides that increase of stock shall not in any way affect the question of control of rates. One of the provisions of the bill will be that the C. P. R. must spend \$5,000,000 in rolling stock. TO PREVENT TUBERCULOSIS. OTTAWA, Ont., April 17.—The Canadian Associates for the prevention of tuberculosis opened its second session here this afternoon, Sir James Grant, president, presiding. Tonight the governor-general will preside and Dr. Knapp of New York will be the speaker.

# PROVINCIAL CAPITAL

### Party Affiliations Not Indigenous to British Columbia.

### The Province Treated to Another Illustration of This.

(Special Correspondence.) VICTORIA, April 16.—Party affiliations do not seem indigenous to British Columbia. Repeated attempts have been made to introduce the system of party government so much in favor in the eastern provinces, but the plant has to be nourished as a tender exotic, and just when it seems about to branch out into a lusty tree its limbs are splintered and wrenched by a political gale, and the trunk, marred and disfigured, is not destroyed.

The province was treated to another illustration of this yesterday when the leader of the Opposition, Mr. McBride, offered a motion of censure on the government for the extravagant bargain they had made with the Edmonton, Yukon and Pacific Railway Company in reference to the construction of a line from Yellowhead Pass to Bute Inlet. Such a motion, in an eastern legislature would have been regarded as an opportunity to line up the members of the respective parties and to assign them their true position in the house. Yet in that division yesterday there were defections from every one of the three factions in the house. Thomas Kidd, the member for Richmond, who, while he has not attended government caucuses and has refused to be classified as a government supporter, has given the administration a faithful and loyal support, cast his vote with the Opposition. John Oliver, of Delta, one of the hard-headed men of the Maritime party, and who has a reputation for honesty and political uprightness, broke with his colleagues and gave his support to the Opposition. Had the Opposition itself stood together this would have been the return of an Opposition member from North Victoria, the Opposition would have had a majority of one in the house.

But the morale of the Opposition also proved unequal to the strain. Helmecken of Victoria, and Hayward of Esquimalt, defected and gave their support to the government. They did not definitely leave their party, excusing their lapse on the ground that they preferred to wait until the railway bill was brought down before passing on its merits. The way was cleared for them in this matter by W. W. B. McInnes of Nanaimo, who offered an amendment embodying that contention. Mr. Helmecken, in his speech, argued that the pronouncement of the people of Victoria in the bye-election in which Colonel Prior was returned, indicated how desirous they were for railway connection with the north and he was not therefore justified in defeating them. He intimated that when the bill was brought down he would take the advice of his constituents on it.

Of course this position is untenable under party government, and would never be advanced in a house where party lines are clearly defined and recognized. And whether the members of the members in the bye-election indicated how desirous they were for railway connection with the north and he was not therefore justified in defeating them. He intimated that when the bill was brought down he would take the advice of his constituents on it.

Intimately associated with the sitting of the house, is the Royal Commission which Smith Curtis, as prosecutor in the inquiry now being held, left in disgust in the forenoon of the same day, as a protest against what regarded as the unfairness of Mr. Justice Walkem toward him. He even charged that that gentleman was deliberately shielding the government, and he rested his charge on the failure of the judge to read all but only a part of a codified telegram sent from the chief commissioner's office to Mr. Greenshield in connection with the railway deal read as follows: "It is up to you to have the contract signed by Saturday and save the situation. Government practically in your hands." Mr. McNeill refused to reply as to whether this was a correct translation of the message, and the judge upheld him. Hence the withdrawal of Mr. Curtis.

### TAKEN OVER TEN TIMES.

Purchased \$25,000,000 of British Consols. NEW YORK, April 18.—J. P. Morgan & Co. and Baing Magoun & Co. announced that \$25,000,000 of British consols purchased jointly by them for sale in this country have been oversubscribed for fully ten times. No details as to allotments are yet obtainable, but in the opinion of Cecil Baring applicants are likely to receive more than five per cent of the amount of their subscription. QUEEN WILHELMINA SICK. AMSTERDAM, April 16.—The Neuwva Vanden Dag says Queen Wilhelmina is suffering from peritonitis.

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