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ed Anderson, the California Chamon, in Two Straight Falls at Nanaimo.

bing the wrestling match Wednesday etween T. Davies and C. Anderson no, the Herald says: the usual preliminaries, the men work on what proved to be one of est and most interesting wrestling ns ever seen in Nanaimo. It was any doubt a right down genuine and was fought out from start to with the greatest determinat son stripped much the bigger man wo, and komed quite bulky in comwith his antagonist. But Davies p for bulk with muscle, and it was dent that he was in better condi in the Californian. As usual also he with all his peculiar coolness and skill, and his wonderful agility in ds of his bulkier antagonist evolved again and again. He stayed right to as well, and the way in which he econd and winning fall will long bered in Nanaimo. It was in great match, a wonderful exposine game, and Davies not only de

no friends." was obtained with a half Nelson ch at the expiration of 45 minutes. ination leg and arm hold the sec and the victory was obtained in 19

is success, but has enhanced his n, great as it was, in the eyes of

THE ESTIMATES

Passed by the Council at Next

(From Thursday's Daily.)

eets, bridges and sewers commit meet to-night and consider a numtters referred to their considerathe council. It is altogether likely nishing touches will be placed on mates so that they will be ready sage by the council at their next It is impossible just now to forethe changes in this year's probut the council have been exer strictest economy. The reduction ictoria celebration appropriation to dred and fifty dollars may be an illustration of this fact. Up year it has been a custom more or ly established to grant one thousand for the celebration. The council, in ing the matter in connection with sent estimates, however, took the nat as there would be only one day's es this year it was unnecessary to usual appropriation. The decithe executive relative to the counpeal from the annual bill of the issioners renders the incorporatwo more items imperative. One for the increases in the salaries of olmen, and the other for a patrol

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RE-CRAIG—At Nelson, on April by Rev. Mr. Ross, Thomas A. Mc-e and Miss Mary Craig. DIED.

IGS—At Cranbrook, on April 12th, J. G. Cummings, aged 27 years. ON—At Vancouver, on April 19th, F. R. Robinson, aged 46 years. -At Kamloops, on April 18th, e Wilson, aged 65 years.

Author of "Lady Mary of the Dark House," "His Grace," "Queen Sweetheart," "Behind a Veil," "Fortune's Sport," "A Woman in Grey," "The Barn Stormers," &c.

CHAPTER X,

The Beginning of the Test. Dick had changed his mind, but not shout reason. He could not afford to woman slip out of his grasp, and not know how to keep a hold er, with all the other things he end to simultaneously, unless he her on the Xenia. But afterwould not let her go lightly, he way he would introduce her he did not believe the suspicions erly conjured up would enter of the captain of the port. He that official that he regarded an as a suspicious character, in and might lie the key to the mysshe would be-unknown to hermer rather than a guest.

ger to go on board the derelict I have some influence with eman who settles all these and I will do my best to get his break the rule. t magic mirror of yours gives nore gruesome pictures, per-ill try to get out of this busi-You might wait for me replied the woman. But

and gone she went to a win-tched him out of sight. No good English of a man she e the could find a telegraph for the right hurrying away in the direction of it." ated, it was not long before ned again. When Dick came he restaurant, after a second with the captain of the port, woman sitting in the dim of the shabby, low-ceilinged room its magic power. I'm sure that it has a sainst the wall, her head her eyes closed as if she had a sieep, and as Dick moved a propagation of the shabby, low-ceilinged room its magic power. I'm sure that it has an entertaining history." He spoke with a certain emphasis, and the quick look the black eyes gave him told that the woman comprehended. Perhaps she approaching she apparently woke with a start.

Dick had succeeded in obtaining the

permission he wanted from the captain the nort, who was interested in the Sir Peter Markham had inpired him with some of his own faith in young man's detective abilities, and e was willing to do his part in testing hem. He agreed to remain there until Knight should have had a fair time to try his experiment; afterwards she would sposed of according to the result of hat experiment. he had also to inform Dick that, during his absence, another search had been made on the Xenia, under his own superintendence, and the depositions of the men received. Later

the day, two new recruits would take lace of the departing ones. veiled woman heard the news of sently took them both out to the lict. But when they reached the Xenia, Dick's watchful eyes saw that the white draperies over her bosom rose and the flowing sleeves. He was sure that it was only by a supreme effort she was able to control violent emotion. When they had gained the deck of the yacht, Dick did not let a glance of her eyes

"She is looking for something in particular," he told himself, "expecting, per-haps fearing, something. Jove! If I could only get a sight of her face I should know whether she has found it or not." But aloud he said: "You shall go below with me, and have another shot at your magic mirror. Perhaps the pictures it shows you will be more depictures it shows you will be more de-

nd even looked back at it in passing,

but she gave no start, she showed no trace of emotion deeper than a surprised Dick's intention had been to take her

veiled woman to the store room, where the packing case still lay open as he had drawling courtesy gone. first seen it, and—so far as he knew—untouched. He simply led her on, and busy, her breath coming and going

"Here we shall not be disturbed or never leaving her.

She noticed the packing case on the row you speak of yourself." stant of her entrance; and this time Dick was not disappointed. As she caught sight of it her whole body quivered, then stiffened itself in an effort of muscles to achieve self-control. She

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took a swift step which brought her clos to the big open box, with its wooden grating, bent quickly to look in and then heard her utter a long, deep-drawn igh, as she straightened her white draped body, and stood, her face turned once more towards him, as if waiting instructions. He would have given a good deal to know whether the sigh expressed relief or despair; but in either case he was certain that his strange companion had had some previous knowledge of the box and its vanished contents. He felt now that, if ever, his moment had come. He did not give the woman time to recover herself before the attack. "Well," he said, brusquely, "what do you know about that packing case?" The woman stared. "I, monsieur?

know nothing except what I see." "I am sorry," remarked Dick, "to con-tradict a lady; but you force me to be discourteous. Would it not be simpler to tell me the truth now, since you must tell t in the end? Why do you suppose I brought you on board this yacht, after refusing to do so when you suggested it

The white-draped figure moved unisily. The big eyes flashed a look past Dick at the door of the store room. "Monsieur wished to hear more of the dangers that threaten him and one he

"If you really believe that, you pay my talent for acting a compliment. When I first met you I was certainly taken in. I thought you were genuine. Now I know that you came further your own ends, not Miss Markham's. The reason I got permiss try to get out of this busit ts sure that I'm not sick of You might wait for me go and have a talk with the port."

you will tell me exactly what you know about the yacht Xenia, about those who were on board of her, and why they are not on board still, I can promise you not only that no harm shall come to you, but disappeared that she slip-the restaurant, inquired in that you shall receive a very large re-ward. I myself will give you the equivalent of one thousand English sovereigns for the right sort of information and

"I have no inforamtion to give," stolidly repeated the woman, "except what I may see in my topaz."
"One of the things I want you to tell me is about that topaz," said Dick. "It the shabby, low-ceilinged room has an interest for me quite apart from

> guessed now how he had found her out. "The jewel was given to me long ago," she answered, her voice unsteady. "If you wish to hear things which of myself I cannot possibly know, you had better let me consult the topaz again."

> "Very well," Dick said, willing to humor her for the moment, in case she had chosen this roundabout why of telling him what he really desired to know. "There is a table—and a chair also, if you would like to sit down." "We are, then, to stay here?"

> "For the present. It depends upon yourself whether you will be allowed to gratify your very natural curiosity by further explorations later." He stepped forward, to place the one common deal chair which the store room

contained closer to the shelf-like table, and in doing so saw something which he had not noticed before. The tins of pre-Knight's success calmly, and was very quiet and submissive in the boat which packing case had been disturbed. Sevpacking case had been disturbed. Sev-This discovery surprised and disconcerted Dick. Could the watchers have

fell tumultuously. Her hands were tightly clasped together under shelter of considered it no harm to help them, and have considered it no harm to help themselves might have been displaced, and the two

The woman did not even look up to note the effect that they produced. Dick Knight drew in his breath sharp-

There was a sudden wild confusion of the ringing of alarm bells in his ad, so clear only a moment ago. He deen so pleased with his own wretch little subtlets, he had thought he had.

Worth the belief of the worth in the belief of the subtlets wild end accordingly she kept her little and tightly closed over the unseen thing which the bell-dancer had given the subtlets, he had thought here. as of the ringing of alarm bells in his head, so clear only a moment ago. He into the saloon for the conversation which was to end in a battle between his wife and how him is and how him is and how him is the saloon for the conversation had been so pleased with his own wretched little subtlety, he had thought him with and hers; but suddenly an impulse seized him. "She shall see the packing-Knight made no excuse for taking the as if a hand of iron had closed round his throat, and his voice came thickly. "You are lying" he broke out, all his

she followed, unquestioningly, her big, eager eyes always alert, always stealth-

"It is mere cunning!" cried Dick. "You want to torture me into letting you go, and leaving me ignorant of all watched." Dick said, standing aside for the woman to enter the store room, then threshed the threshed the store room, then might give me a short cut towards knowcrossing the threshold quickly, his gaze never leaving her.

ing; when you whine about another woman who must be in Tangier to-mor-

"The figure in the topaz does indeed esemble mine," responded the woman exclaimed Knight. "It is impossible that you should have told me the truth. Miss Markham is well protected by her

"My topaz gives me another picture," -going out of a restaurant to an office



All but a handful of his comrades have Correct answers to last week's puzzle were fallen and the old fort is strewn with the sent in by Henry Kroeger (Esquimalt), dead, but the young Frenchman still fronts Thos. Bailey (Esquimalt), Edith Maltravers the Iroquois undaunted, and meets a hero's (Victoria West). Answer to last scene: The martyrdom of | for mention. Answers should be sent in not

Father Lalemant, 1649.

the pain to the sweet young lady who lopez," she whispered. "I thought that loves you so well. In her terror and you would hear from Tangier, and I am anguish she would call upon your name, but you would not be there to help. And dream that you can tell anything in your if you repented afterwards in a time to answer which will put them on the right save her life, to-morrow, could she ever forgive you for having been passive while she suffered pain and mutilation, which you could easily have spared her if you had believed in the poor fortune-teller me alone. Yet I bear no grudge against her topay?" and her topaz?" Dick Knight glared at the veiled face

in impotent rage. "You deserve to be strangled!" he flung at her, from between "Yet monsieur will not hurt me,

think," the woman said, a horrid gurgle of triumphant laughter in her voice. The sound of it half maddened Dick. He forgot that he was a man and she was a woman; that, fiend as she might be, because of his strength and her weakbeen hungry for something daintier than ness the ewed her forbearance. In that murderess, an abnormal creature who

or three missing ones have been carried somewhere else.

The veiled woman was kneeling on one knee upon the chair, her elbows on the high shelf-like table, her draped head between her hands, her eves on the vellow.

"My topaz never lies. I hope that you hands, which tremulously replaced the had happened. Her glance caught the may not have black cause to-morrow to loosened disguise. It was at this instant eyes of the dancer—eyes like blue ber-

from shore for you, sir."

for a second.

from Tangier.

her. The girl is merely an instrument to be used for an end. That I can see in the topaz. It is for you, and only you, to save her if you will; and the way s simple. I tell you again that you can it by merely letting me go-soon, very

Every week replies are received too late

later than Thursday night.

Her voice dropped. Brown had re-turned with a blank sheet of paper.

CHAPTER XI. What the Bell Dancer Gave to Eve.

When Eve Markham gave money t the bell dancer of Tangier, and found that something had been slipped slyly to food which nobody wanted? It might exulted in torture, and he sprang on her, into her palm, as if in exchange, she was be so; or in the search lately supering seizing her by the throat, shaking her to and fro in his fury. eyes of Lord Waverley, to see what had With a stifled cry she struggled to her been given her. But the stealthiness of the old black man's act suggested a high shelf-like table, her draped head between her hands, her eyes on the yellow, glittering square of the topaz.

"I see all very plainly," she said. "I thought it would be so when on board this yacht. The beautiful young lady the property of the proper this yacht. The beautiful young lady face was at Knight's mercy.

The words fell slowly and placedy mow from the hidden lips as the tinkle of a foundant of the fact or—she was a magnifucnt actress. She stared at the cage, and watched actress. She stared at the cage, not word and actress. She stared at the cage, not word and watched the cage this woman did not even look up to note.

The words fell slowly and placedy and walled Eastern garden. The woman did not even look up to note finite now that you have got your wish and are on the Xenia."

The beautiful young lady whom you love is in terrible danger, even now. She has been stolen away from her father, and is held as hostage for another woman. If that woman has not safely returned to Tangier by to-morrow at this time the beautiful 'lady will be more definite now that you have got your wish and are on the Xenia."

No vision of beauty sprang to his he had hit upon this means of sending her a message? How foolish she should feel if she clue to the features not Moorish, but typically Italian, crypng out their nationality despite the brown stain carelessly spread over them. The nose was aquilline, the chine the brown stain carelessly spread over them. The nose was aquilline, the chine the brown stain carelessly spread over them. The nose was aquilline, the chine the brown stain carelessly spread over them. The nose was aquilline, the chine the physicians and the physicians of Moorish, but typically Italian, crypng out their nationality despite the brown stain carelessly spread over them. The nose was aquilline, the chine the brown stain carelessly spread over them. The nose was aquilline, the chine the brown stain carelessly spread over them. The nose was aquilline, the chine the brown stain carelessly spread over them. The nose was aquilline, the chine the factor—she was a letter from Dick Knight! The chine the brown stain carelessly spread over them. The nose was aquilline, the chine the factor of communicating with her in despair of communicating with her the pa covering was displaced, a thin trail of dark red hair, like a streak of blood, wandered over the round, tight-stretched worth the benefit of the doubt, the girl medicines, but to please my wife I de-

Even the frankest and most unsophis-Dick's senses came back to him, and cicated girl is cleverer at dissimulation, well again. I could sleep as I did in my he released the woman, flinging her away with a gesture of abhorrence, so that she fell back into the chair where that she fell back into the chair where she had been sitting, and sat still, pant- old man's shining ebony face, but by no ing-still, save for the action of the busy other sign did she betray that anything that Dick heard the tramp, tramp of ries floating in huge saucers of milk; and heavy boots that had no need to tread either she fancied it, or he flashed her a like Mr. Kierstead's, after doctors and utiously.
"Mr. Knight!" exclaimed the voice of ing, fuzzy brows. It passed so quickly the man Brown, who had not yet bean that she could not be sure; but she did relieved from duty by a successor. "Mr. not open either her lips, or the fingers Knight, a telegram has been brought out | which held the thing that felt like a ball om shore for you, sir." of paper. It was, however, only by the "Come and bring it here, please," said severest effort that she refrained from Dick, unwilling to leave the woman alone | yielding to her curfosity, which was so intense as almost to amount to physical The man obeyed. "They're waiting to see if there's an answer, sir," he said. Dick took the telegram and tore it watching her whisper in answer to a the wrapper around every box. If it doubt write direct to the Dr. Williams Can it be that she has gone to you? one glance at it she could learn where he father. No harm can have befallen her.

You do not leave this yacht until you have confessed what you know of the "Peter Markham," and had been sent to see what the bell dancer had given the sum of the second was how to recognize him, and what he anxiety." This message was signed wanted her to do! Oh, she was dying the confessed what you know of the "Peter Markham," and had been sent to see what the bell dancer had given the confessed was how to recognize him, and what he anxiety." This message was signed to see what the bell dancer had given the confessed was how to recognize him, and what he are the confessed was how to recognize him, and what he are the confessed was how to recognize him, and what he are the confessed was how to recognize him, and what he are the confessed was how to recognize him, and what he are the confessed was how to recognize him, and what he are the confessed was how to recognize him, and what he are the confessed was how to recognize him, and what he are the confessed was how to recognize him, and what he are the confessed was how to recognize him, and what he are the confessed was him to be a confessed was him to be a confessed was signed was here. her! The thought of what it might be It was true, then! That sweet, inno- was too exciting. Eve did not think that purred the veiled woman. "I see a cent child had been caught in the devour she could possibly bear to wait very much figure all in white—a figure like my own ing jaws of the Mystery. She was held longer. By-and-bye they would be going there as a hostage, and at any moment | back on board the yacht, and if she had where telegrams are sent. A message sharp death-dealing fangs might close flies over the wires. It fells a man, who upon her. Dick's heart melted within wanted to know before that it might be

its kind that cures and fives universal satisfaction. It promptly and permanently cures all forms of Nervoux Weakname of Nervoux Weakits kind that cures and fives universal satisfaction. It promptly and of Nervoux Weakits suffice over the wires. It tells a man, who is swift to act and who has no mercy in his heart, that unless another message reaches him by five o'clock this evening that the sender is safe and free, one of his prisoner's fingers is to be cut off. Ah, it would be a pity!—little, white, dimpled fingers they are. All the rest would miss the one that was taken.

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They would never be beautiful again his broad back was turned the woman and proceeding to read something writwithout it; and then—think, monsieur, of spoke. "Now you will believe in the ten thercon. But very likely Sir Peter

had told him a garbled version of the little broken love idyll, leaving her feelings for Dick Knight out of the question, and merely explaining the absence of the secretary by saying that Knight had een discharged for making love to his employer's daughter. In this case, if Lord Waverley saw her secretively por ing over a letter, he would almost surel suspect who was the sender. That

would be unpleasant, though he said nothing to Sir Peter. Suddenly Eve became aware that she was alone with Lord Waverley. This gave her the excuse for which she had been scarching. "We have lost Lady Drayton and dad," she exclaimed. "Perhaps they are dawdling among the shops, and didn't come on here. I think we had better go back." we had better go back."

"But we haven't half seen the Sok," protested Waverley, "There are lots of things I want to show you yet and tell

vou about." "We can come back again this after noon and to-morrow morning, too, if dad doesn't change his mind and go on sconer than he has planned," said Eve. "I think it would be nice now that we have had such a good glimpse to wander about among the shops."

Poor Waverley locked disconsolate. He had so revelled in having the girl all himself that it was hard to be cheated of the hour which might still have been But there was no help for it. If Miss Markham yearned for her parent's presence she must have it. Of all things he must not begin the trip to which he had been ardently looking forward by

thwarting or -worse-boring her.

They made their escape from the crowded Sok to the narrow streets through which they had come, and presently found Lady Drayton and Sir Peter in the shop of a jeweller and seller of curiosities. It struck Eve that the former did not look particularly overjoyed at the reunion, and the girl asked herself in half-amused, half-scornful sur-prise whether Lady Drayton could possibly design to captivate Sir Peter. It was said, Eve had heard, that the late earl had not left her too well provided for, and as she had no son the estates had gone with the title to a distant cousin. Perhaps—but the bare thought of so prosaic and middle-aged a flirtation was displeasing to the girl of eighteen. To her, a woman of forty might almost as well be a hundred and have done with , and she did not believe that twenty Lady Draytons could accomplish the subjugation of her hard-hearted father.

Once inside the shop, Eve opened a pretty netted gold purse which she carried, and, still keeping the bell,dancer's gift hidden in her palm, took from the purse a folded half-sheet of paper on which she had written down a list of small things which she wished to buy in Tangier. "Let me see," she said, osten-tatiously, "what do I want?" Then, so that she need not hurt her conscience by ing even a moderately white fib, she did actually re-read the items; but when she had glanced them over, with a beating heart she opened the closed hand, under cover of the list. Yes, the thing she had been hiding so long even from herself was indeed a crumpled ball of

per, no larger than a walnut. Moving apart from Lady Drayton and Sir Peter, who were examining some curious old diamond buttons, and turning away from Lord Waverley, who seemed inconveniently inclined to follow, the girl began to unfold the paper with fingers that frembied in time to the beating of her blood. Something was written on the side of it-that was certain!

(To be continued.) A CURE FOR INSOMNIA

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"Two hundred thousand immigrants for Canada this year is the expectation, it is said, of James A. Smart, deputy minister of the interior. I confidently expect 150,000 as against last year's total of less than 130,000. The world is just waking up to an appreciation of our grand country. It has come to this: Canada is the only tract of land left on the face of the globe that is suitable for settlement by the Anglo-Saxon. None of Russia's territory is favorable land for the English-speaking peoples, and the areas of arable tracts in the States are

filled up. "The peopling of this Western country will be accomplished with surprising rapidity, I believe. It will not be many ears before our Dominion will number 0,000,000 souls. The yearly influx will increase from 200,000 to 250,000, and then it will be half a million while we are trying to realize it. I am inclined to be of the opinion that Canada will fill up even more quickly than did the United States.

"The British influx is far in excess of the movement for the corresponding period last year. They predominate largely the other classes coming in. The foreigners will come, however, and I have already brought in a special train seventeen coaches of them to the Dates for Races Arranged at Committee West this season. When one puts beaind himself his prejudice and looks upon these splendid big specimens of manhood he cannot but be glad at their arrival."

THE POPLAR CAMP. Busy Preparing For Opening Season-Camping Ground Set Aside For

Prospectors.

The Poplar correspondent of the Neln News says: "The snow is rapidly going off in this a series of enlargements and improvements, and plastering, papering and em- as yet unnamed. bellishments seem to be the order of the

claims located there.

"There is another bridge for which an | contested race. propriation was voted, viz., across oplar creek, which is very much need-d, as the only way the teams can cross ciation in whatever class thought advisable. ed, as the only way the teams can cross now is over the railway bridge, and this is not the purpose for which that bridge schedule for the club races and the one de-

of the land between the railway bridge | winning boats in the regular club races. and the record office for the "camping Besides this, several prizes will be appropground" of the prospectors. The land | riated for the victorious craft in the one lies between the railway station and the design contests. iver, and has ample wood and water for all, is close to the record office, the races were decided upon as follows: May post office and stores.

highly delighted with the results. The days. For instance, in the first race the recent great strikes have broken the competing boats will pass the buoys on the eart of every skeptic, who new has to port side and in the second contest they mit that the values do go down

ing ready to do the assessment work."

MAY ACQUIRE LENORA. English Capital Has Become Interested in Vancouver Island Industries.

An English syndicate has been interested in the Lenora property at Mount Sicker, which may result in the taking

The corporation has made an offer through S. M. Matson, who is now in England. It involves a very large amount, and includes the purchase not only of the Lenora mine, but also the Crofton smelter and Lloyd's sawmill at Mount Sicker crossing, which supplies

the lumber for the mines. If the deal is consummated it will, it is believed, give sufficient capital to allow of the pushing of the property in volved to its fullest development.

It has been favorably considered by many of those interested, including the All interests are, it is said, recognized

J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M. P. P., of Na- lieves. naimo, is in the city.

THE BUDGET.

Increased Duties on Tea and Tobacco Adopted by Imperial Commons.

London, April 19.-In his budget speech in the Commons, Austen Cham-berlain estimated the expenditure for 1904-05 at \$714,400,000, and the revenue on the basis of existing taxation at \$695,300,000 a deficit of \$19,100,000 to be made up. His proposed two cent in-crease in income tax would provide \$10,-000,000 additional revenue. Mr. Chamberlain proposed to release from unclaimed government stocks \$5,000,000 towards the deficiency. The net gain by the fobacco changes was estimated at \$2,750,000. The increase of four cents per pound in the tea duty will amount to \$10,000,000, bringing the total estimated revenue up to \$718,050,000, or a surplus of \$3,650,000. Mr. Chamberlain's anuncements of increases in the income tax and in the tea duty were both re-

ceived with loud protests. On the motion to increase the tea tax the Liberal leader, Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman, congratulated the chancellor of the exchequer on the lucidity of his speech. He said he had discharged a difficult task in a manner to commend

general admiration.

Mr. Ritchie, the former chancellor of the exchequer, also congratulated Mr.

·Chamberlain. The House, after considerable discussion, adopted the increased tea and to bacco duties by majorities of 72 and 94, respectively.

SCHEDULES DRAFTED.

Meeting of Victoria Yacht Club on Monday.

Final preparations were made by the Victoria Yacht Club for the ensuing season at a meeting of the management committee held Monday afternoon. Among other matters the sailing boats belonging to the associa-tion were classified and the schedule of races I drafted. There was a full attendange. After the transaction of routine business, applications for membership were read from A. Dumbleton and L. McQuade, both of

It was then decided to divide the vachts. camp, and the residents are all getting to of the club into two distinct classes, the work in real earnest for the preparation cruisers and racers. Those placed in the of their hotels and stores for the welcome former class follows: Gwenol, Dorothy, they intend to give to the miners and capitalists they are inviting to the district. Most of the hotels are undergoing racer class are appended: Dione, six one design yachts and two new boats which are

Regarding the cruiser class, it is pointed out that these will be rated according to. The new government bridge across their measurements under the following new the Lardo river is almost finished, and is rule: Load to water, plus length over all, a continuation of Second street, just past divided by two, plus sail area in square the record office. It will be a great con- feet, divided by 6,000. The object of this, venience to the prospector in getting members of the committee contend, is to across to Lake creek, just opposite the handleap the new design cruiser boats with foot of First street. There are many fine overhanging sterns and bows, giving the older style craft some chance in a closely

The committee also decided to reserve the sign contests. In this connection it might "John Keen has set aside the whole be stated that \$50 has been set aside for the

Sailing dates for the Victoria Yacht Club "The work on the Lucky Jack group 30th, August 13th and 27th. The course ntinues uninterruptedly, and all are as laid down will be changed on alternate will pass on the starboard.

"The owners of several claims, staked ast year, are coming into town and geted upon for the one design races: May 14th and 28th, June 11th and 25th, July 9th and 23rd, August 6th and 20th.

As has been previously stated, the Victoria regatta will take place on July 2nd, and it is expected that yachts from California, the Sound and Vancouver will participate. A canvassing committee has been appointed to raise a fund for the purchase of suitable prizes for this regatta. The event, it is pointed out, is being arranged for the entertainment of the visitors. It will be followed on July 4th with the international regatta, in which all yachts will compete, and the prizes for which will be provided by the international association.

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