BALTIMORE'S MAYOR COMMITS SUICIDE

Shot Himself Through Head While Standing Before a Mirror—Was Elected a Year Ago.

Baltimore, Md., May 30.—Mayor Robert M. McLane, of this city, shot and killed himself in his bedroom at his residence, No. 29 West Preston street. His bride of less than two weeks was at the time of the tragedy asleep in an adjoining room and was awakened by the discharge of the revolver, which Mr. McLane evidently fired while standing before the mirror of the dressing case. The bullet entered the right temple, and, crashing through the head, escaped in the rear of the left ear.

Mrs. McLane and other members of the household rushed to the mayor's assistance, but he did not regain consciousness after he fell to the floor, and expired within an hour.

A number of physicians, who were immediately summoned, at once expressed the opinion that the wound necessarily was fatal.

No cause can be assigned for the act. Since the fire of last February he has been assiduously at work administering the affairs of the city besides endeavoring to direct the rehabitation and rebuilding of the burned district.

This, together with criticisms by his political opponents, is thought by many to have caused a temporary aberration of mind. Coroner Benjamin signed a certificate giving suicide as the cause of death, and the remains were turned over to an undertaking firm to be prepared for burial.

Mayor McLane was elected as a Democrat to the office of chief magistrate of the municipality in May of last year for a term of four years. Under the city charter he will be succeeded by E. Clay Timus, Republican, president of the second branch of the city council to serve the unexpired term. The second branch of the council, which is Republican, will elect a president, not necessarily a member of the present board, to preside over its deliberations.

Mayor McLane was 36 years old, the youngest chief executive Baltimore ever had. He was a son of James L. McLane, president of the First National bank, and nephew of Robert M. McLane, former governor of Maryland and United States ambassador to France during President Cleveland's first administration. Previous to his election as mayor he had for four years filled the office of states attorney, where he had distinguished himself by a zealous and intelligent discharge of his duties. During his brief administration of the mayoralty office he had brought upon himself the antagonism of the regular Democratic organization members of the party. Recently there has been marked opposition to him among the Democratic members of the council in matters relating to the rebuilding of Baltimore, and this is ascribed by many as a contributory cause of suicide.

Mayor McLane was married two weeks ago to Mrs. Mary Van Bibber, a well known and popular society leader of Baltimore, and the newly-married bride is prostrated by the terrible tragedy. The dead mayor was very popular among the people generally, irrespective of party, and the whole community has been profoundly shocked by his tragic end.

ROBBED SAFE.

Four Masked Robbers Secured One Hundred and Fifty Dollars in Cash.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 31.—Four masked robbers early to-day visited the car barn of the Delaware county electric railway at Clifton Heights, near here, and blew open two safes, securing $150 in cash, but failing to get $1,000 which was in one of the safes. The cracksmen bound and gagged three employees of the company and two male passengers, and terrorized two belated women passengers.

FILIPINO LEADER TAKEN.

Manila, May 30.—Ricardte, the former Filipino leader, has been captured by a constabulary and sent to Guam in exile. He was the instigator of an uprising at Vigan in February last.

AMATEUR GOLF CONTEST.

London, June 1.—In the third round of the amateur golf contest at Sandwich today, H. M. Cairnes beat Devereaux Emmett, of the Garden City, N. J., Golf Club, by five up and four to play, and H. E. Reade beat W. W. Button, an American, by nine up and eight to play.

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JAP SUCCESSES DUE TO SUPERIOR GUNS

HANDLED BY EXPERTS SECRETLY TRAINED

Were Made in Japan and Have Very Long Range—Atrocities of Bandits.

Secretly trained artillerymen who use specially manufactured Japanese rifles and machine guns, superior in range and accuracy to those employed by the Russians, and defective cannon and fortifications on the Russian side, are factors which count for much in the successes of the Mikado's forces in the Far East, according to well informed passengers who arrived here Tuesday evening on the R. M. S. Empress of Japan. One passenger, who did not wish his name mentioned, had been pretty much all over Manchuria just before the war broke out. He had been in Pekin also, and had there been told by Chinese officials that Russian corruption was largely responsible for many of the disasters now befalling the nation. Many of the country's defences were stated to be quite imperfect, and money belonging to the public has been prospected by those to whom important undertakings had been entrusted.

According to one intelligent Japanese passenger, the machine guns used by the Japanese were specially constructed for the purpose of meeting the Cossacks. When the Jap read in a local paper of the repulses of the latter at Aiyang, he at once attributed them to the effectiveness of this weapon. The gun, he says, can be moved readily by hand in the field, and long before the war began men were secretly trained in the use of it. In the hands of these experts the ranks of an opposing force are decimated long before they come within range of other guns. In the matter of the heavier artillery, this Jap also said that his country had an advantage over Russia. The guns were not only of greater range than those belonging to the Czar's forces, but the men who stood behind them could place one shot upon another with almost unvarying accuracy.

Telegrams were received by the most prominent Japanese passengers on arrival telling them of the naval losses which their country sustained. The news saddened them, but when they learned of the successive victories which Japan has had they could hardly restrain their feelings.

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Several of the men who escaped from the Kinshu Maru reached Sasebo before the Empress of Japan departed on her voyage across the Pacific. They told of passing through some terrible experiences after the sinking of the transport.

Thirty-seven soldiers escaped to Mayong-to in a boat, and six others in another boat, as well as three others in a sampan. The greater number of the soldiers were determined to share the same fate as befell the ship.

One of the crew, in speaking of his escape, said: "We jumped into a craft, but the question was how could we elude the vigilance of a Russian torpedo boat keeping watch on the right of the Kinshu Maru. At last we rowed out, taking care that the enemy should think we were going to the Russia, but the strong searchlights thrown upon us by the latter compelled us to row back to our former position. Here we were divided as to whether we should endeavor to escape or surrender ourselves to the enemy, but we finally decided to take the former step.

"Immediately we resumed our rowing, three men being at the oars while the remainder hid themselves in the bottom of the boat. The moon was then shining brightly, so that our fears were exceedingly great. It was, however, fortunate for us that shortly afterward the moon became obscured by clouds. When we had rowed about 200 yards, a shot was fired at the Kinshu Maru by the Rossia, and was followed, three minutes later, by a cannonade lasting for about 20 minutes, 150 shots being counted.

"Searchlights were then put out and the Russian war vessels faded away in the dark. It was 2 a.m. The skies cleared up soon after and the moon shone brightly. We followed the course of the latter westwards until it sank below the horizon. It was now near dawn, but very dark. We did not know in which direction we were going, and had to wait for the morning, in the meantime allowing the boat to drift. The morning came, but we could not see the sun, owing to a dense fog, until 9 o'clock, when the direction became clear. We rowed with all our strength, but the fog became more and more dense, nothing being visible 30 yards off. Our clothes were wet through, and the sufferings of the party were beyond description.

"We suffered from hunger and thirst. There was absolutely nothing to eat or drink. We stuck to the oars, however, and at 2 a.m. an island was sighted in the distance, and steering towards it we saw at 4 p.m. another boat also making for the island. We concluded that it carried the survivors of the Kinshu Maru, and we reached the island one hour later than the other boat.

"We saw a man standing on a hill, who did not seem to be a Japanese, and he asked us if we were Japanese. When we answered in the affirmative he began to descend the hill, with rifle in hand. This was rather unexpected and we stopped. But the man told us not to be afraid, for he was a Japanese soldier, who had escaped from the Kinshu Maru. We congratulated one another on our safety. He also informed us that 37 soldiers from the Kinshu Maru had landed on the island and were sheltered beyond the hill."

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The condition of the unfortunate Chinese in Inkao and the neighborhood of Newchwang is pitable in the extreme. Oppressed by the Russians and hunted down by bandits, their lot is indeed terrible, and the sooner the country is administered by the Japanese the better. Armed robbers and thieves often go about in gangs. Members of the gentry and well-to-do merchants have been forcibly kidnapped. One of the captured was allowed to return in order to procure money to ransom the others. Thousands of taels have been demanded as ransom. Should the person released not supply the sum demanded for the redemption of the others within a certain period, then the others are killed, and their corpses marked with their names and addresses are thrown by the roadside as a warning to others who may refuse to comply with the captors' extortionate demands. If the master of the house refuses to reveal the hiding place of his wealth woe to him. He is placed on a charcoal stove and baked, his body is pricked all over with sharp knives, and sore spots burnt with incense sticks, or he is forced to sit upon iron utensils burnt red-hot. This punishment is termed by the robbers as "locomotive riding." His life is, however, still safe if he has other property to offer; those who have not, suffer further tortures and die from the results. Several cases of this nature happen every night in the neighborhood of Inkao.

PREPARING FOR THE LABOR CELEBRATION

All Unions in This Province and Washington Notified of Approaching Festivities.

President Geo. Coldwell presided at the regular meeting of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council, which was held Wednesday. The following presented credentials from their respective unions: J. H. Carmichael, boilermakers' helpers; Joseph Basso, iron moulders; Oswald Margison, printing pressmen.

The executive committee were unable to report a settlement of the Tailors' Union grievances, as these had not been laid before them.

The Tacoma Trades and Labor Council invited the Victoria council to visit them on July 4th. As the whole council would be unable to attend, it was decided to send a delegation. In this connection a communication was received from the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council inquiring what course the Victoria organization intended to pursue with respect to the invitation from Tacoma. They will be informed of the above decision.

P. M. Draper, secretary of the Dominion Labor Congress, requested the council to recommend one whom the congress could appoint as official organizer in Victoria and vicinity. Wm. McKay was recommended to the congress.

The secretary also was instructed to communicate to the American Federation of Labor the council's desire that Wm. McKay be appointed one of the federation organizers in succession to T. H. Twigg, who was incapacitated through illness.

Vacancies on the finance committee were filled by A. R. Sherk and H. Carmichael.

President Geo. Coldwell was appointed permanent chairman of the general Labor Day celebration committee, which will consist of the entire council, together with two extra members from each union. The committee reported that steps had already been taken to notify all labor unions in British Columbia and Puget Sound regarding the Victoria celebration. They confidently assured all concerned that it would be on a grander scale than any Labor Day celebration ever held in British Columbia.

The following sub-committees were then appointed:

Parade and sports—Messrs. Greenwood, Sherk, Scott and Elliott.

Reception and platform—Messrs. Coldwell, Watters, Gilligan, Kermode, Johnson, Sivertz, Greenwood and Marion.

Music and dancing—Messrs. Meiss, Keown, Pointer and Miss Tolmie, Miss Gregg, Miss White and Miss Sweeney.

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LIVELY SCENE IN PREMIER'S OFFICE

STUART HENDERSON SPEAKS FORCIBLY

The Question of Broken Faith Regarding Kamloops Election Made Subject of Debate.

Stuart Henderson, M. P. P. for Yale, is back from California. He took the earliest opportunity upon his arrival to visit Premier McBride and exchange courtesies with him. It is not recorded that he congratulated the Premier upon the success of the Conservative party in Kamloops. They discussed that seat, however, and Mr. Henderson expressed himself very freely upon the subject of faith having been broken in the altering of the date for the election. Naturally little satisfaction resulted from the meeting of these two.

Mr. Henderson's contention that the date for the nomination in Kamloops was to be June 20th, with the election following about the 30th, is contradicted by the Premier.

When the meeting took place yesterday a rather exciting scene developed. Mr. Henderson is not a mincer of words and finally described the Premier as a liar, with a strong descriptive limitation to the term. The Premier reached the point of calling Mr. Henderson "a bluffer," and requested him to leave the office. It is not for a moment denied that the Premier should be a competent judge of what constitutes a bluffer.

It is not recorded that Mr. Henderson followed the advice, but he further complimented Mr. McBride upon having a splendid faculty for breaking faith.

The Premier as a sign of his resentment at being described as a liar intimated to one who was present that he would not recognize Mr. Henderson in any further negotiations which might be conducted between the two parties. He says he will communicate the same to J. A. Macdonald, the leader of the opposition.

In connection with the incident it is difficult to conceive how Mr. Henderson could have misunderstood the Premier if the arrangements were not for the election to come on late in June. Bearing out the member for Yale is also the fact that the same dates which Mr. Henderson contends were agreed upon were given in the government organ in this city as the date of the election in the first instance.

Then again there stands against the Premier other charges of breaking faith in political life. There is the promise to his followers in the old parliament that he would form a composite government if called upon by the Lieut.-Governor, which was forgotten when he became Premier, and resulted in the selection of a purely Conservative administration. Later, in the face of the loud protestations that the opposition would be given a fair deal in the general election, the Premier sprung the date suddenly, thus gaining a decided advantage. In view of all these facts there is a general tendency to believe that Mr. Henderson was misled in the matter of the date of the Kamloops election, which accounts for the unopposed return of the provincial secretary.

PARTIES COMING.

Two Raymond Excursions Expected, One To-Morrow and the Other on Saturday.

To-morrow the first Raymond excursionists of the year to reach Victoria are expected to arrive from the Sound. In the party are twenty people. They have been visiting in Southern California, and, according to their itinerary, they will spend three or four days in Victoria, returning home over the C. P. R. The party is in charge of C. A. Cook and A. O. Hewitt, and was organized at Grand Canyon. Another Raymond party of 26 members is due on Saturday. Both will unite here before proceeding overland.

Manager Harrison, who has been advised of the visitors coming, says that travel will be good this year from California. He has information from Los Angeles that many of the ministers who were attending the big Methodist conference in that city will pay Victoria a visit on their return trip.

Mr. Harrison continues to make important improvements in the Driard. He says that he has now the best billiard hall in the city. He has introduced a barber shop on the office floor. The Indian curio department recently provided has been meeting with general favor, judging by the patronage which it has been receiving. Eight sample rooms have just been opened for the convenience of commercial men. The kitchen and pantry have been renovated; the upstairs is to be improved and the dining room is to be all repapered. Manager Harrison is much pleased with the outlook. He says business is increasing all the time, and to the people of Victoria he is most grateful for the treatment they have accorded him.

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OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS.

Crown Grants Will Be Issued to Two Claimants Under E. & N. Settlers Act.

This week's Provincial Gazette contains notice of the following appointments:

John Flewin, of Port Simpson, S. M., government agent, to be gold commissioner, assistant commissioner of lands and works, and district registrar of births, deaths and marriages for Skeena river mining division.

Fred. A. Barnes, of Mount Pleasant, Vancouver, to be commissioner for taking affidavits in the Supreme court for the purpose of acting under the Provincial Elections Act in the Vancouver city district during the year 1902.

Edward J. Thain, of Atlin, mining recorder, to be district registrar of the Atlin registry of the Supreme court and registrar of the County court of Vancouver, holden at Atlin, vice E. M. N. Woods.

Jas. A. Fraser, of Atlin, S. M., government agent, to be a magistrate under the Small Debts Act for Atlin Lake mining division, vice E. M. N. Woods.

Wm. Workman, of Kingston, Ont., M. D., to be assistant medical superintendent of the Hospital for the Insane at New Westminster, vice Dr. C. E. Doherty, resigned.

Field Yolland, of Quesnel, to be clerk and general assistant to the agency at Quesnel Forks, vice G. E. Stephenson.

Notice is given that the following applications for crown grants under the E. & N. Settlers Rights Act of 1904 have been approved of: David Hoggan for lot 96 G in Nanaimo district, and Geo. McGregor for lot No. 7 G, Oyster district. The crown grants for these are now prepared, and will be issued forthwith. These will afford an opportunity to test the act passed by the government.

Notice is given of the incorporation of the Boyd, Burns & Company, Limited, with a capital of $150,000.

An assignment of the property of G. I Dunn, of the Occidental hotel, to B. S. Oddy is noted. The sale is to take place June 3rd at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

PREPARING TO REBUILD THE PITHEAD WORKS

Reconstruction to Be Rushed as Quickly as Possible at Western Fuel Company's Mine.

Nanaimo, May 31.—The work of rebuilding the pithead and boiler house of No. 1 shaft will be commenced immediately. Orders to rush the work of reconstruction were received from San Francisco to-day.

Meantime all the coal will be hoisted from Protection island shaft, which is rapidly being placed in shape.

This morning the huge timbers at the pithead of No. 1, supporting the large hoisting wheels which were left standing after the fire, were blown up with dynamite. Everything is now being cleared preparatory to rebuilding.

Andrew Haslam has also commenced to rebuild the sawmill destroyed by fire three weeks ago. The new mill will be ready for cutting timber in a fortnight.

VANCOUVER NOTES.

Under the new freight tariff applying to C. P. R. lines in the Kootenay, the following places will be known as Kootenay common points. All are situated on the main line of the railroad, and transportation of freight to them involves a costly side-line haul: Beasley, Bonnington Falls, Burton City, Castlegar Junction, Genelle, Granite, Halcyon, Nakusp, Nelson, Rossland, Slocan Junction, Smelter Junction, Trail, Warfield and West Robson. A large number of other stations which were common points under the old tariff will not enjoy that privilege in the future. Rates to common points will remain the same.

Ninety-one building permits were issued during the month of May, aggregating in value $171,360. For April the amount was $327,130.

The number of births for May was 43 (including 3 Orientals), there were 13 marriages and 34 death (including 4 Orientals).

There were 119 cases before the police court during the past month.

"Cranbrook is the best town in the interior," said H. B. Gilmour, western agent of the Waterous Company, who has arrived from a trip, having gone as far as Fernie. "It is the centre of a district in which is located a large number of sawmills, all of which are now working. Fernie, too, is a good town, and when the Great Northern runs a branch to there, as is expected, it will be better than ever." Mr. Gilmour said it was surprising the large number of orchards springing up on Kootenay Lake, between Nelson and Kootenay Landing. The product is good, and the market is right to hand.

The will of the late Senator James Reid was probated in the Supreme court on Tuesday, the application being made by A. D. Taylor, Mr. Justice Duff presiding. The estate is valued at about $100,000, consisting principally of real estate in Vancouver and Cariboo, and enterprises in the latter district. The widow and children are the principal devisees, having been given a third, and the remaining two-third going to the two sons. Sisters and brothers of the deceased are left legacies of several hundred dollars each. The widow is named as executrix and guardians of the two sons until they reach their majority.

ASYLUM FOR INSANE.

New Assistant Medical Superintendent Has Arrived at New Westminster.

Dr. W. Workman, the new medical superintendent of the provincial hospital for the insane, New Westminster, arrived at the Royal City on Tuesday from Kingston, Ont.

The new assistant superintendent has spent three years in the leading institutions in Ontario where the unfortunate weak-minded are treated, and besides this comes of a family whose name is famous for the treatment of insanity. His grandfather, Dr. Joseph Workman, was for 22 years medical superintendent of the Toronto asylum for the insane. He took charge at a time when the insane were very poorly looked after, and soon his institution was a model. He has often been called the Nestor among Canadian alienists, for he has done for his patients what the other leading specialists of the world have done for theirs.

NEW WAGE RATES FOR TRAMWAY EMPLOYEES

A Three Years' Agreement Will Be Entered Into, Applying to the Whole System.

A new schedule of wages for the employees of the B. C. Electric Railway Company will go into force July 1st. This will apply to the system as operated in Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster. The Street Railway Employees' Association have accepted the proposed schedule, and the agreement covering a term of three years will be signed, probably to-day.

The B. C. Electric Railway Company has ever maintained with its employees an enviable good feeling, with the result that those engaged on the line look well to the company's business. Anything like a strike or trouble of that kind is therefore unknown in the affairs of the tramway, so that losses and inconvenience from that source is avoided.

Under the new rates there is a considerable increase in the daily allowance to the employees.

Motormen, conductors and car maintenance men will be paid under the following schedule: For first six months in service, 20c. per hours; next six months, 21c.; second year, 22c.; third year, 23c.; fourth and fifth years, 24c.; sixth and seventh years, 25c.; eighth and ninth and tenth years, 26c.; after tenth year, 27c.

Trackmen will be paid as follows: First year, 20c.; after first year, 22c.

The increased rate to the car men was advanced on July 1st, 1902, also. Previous to that the rates paid were 20c., 21c. and 22c. In 1902 the first year's pay was made 20c.; second and third year, 22c.; fourth and fifth years, 23c.; and after fifth year, 25c. Under the new schedule the increase continues to men who have been a long time in the service.

In addition to this increased allowance the company deals very generously with the employees in the matter of privileges. These include cheaper rates for lighting in their houses and a share in the profits of the company.

CHANGE OF STEAMERS.

Valentia Takes the Place of the Senator for One Trip on 'Frisco Run.

Instead of the Senator, which was temporarily taking the place of the steamer Queen on the San Francisco route, the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamer Valentia will call here to-night on her way to the Bay City. The Senator has been withdrawn from the service to enter the Nome trade and the Valentia substituted for one trip. It is expected that by the time she has done this the Queen will be ready to resume service.

The City of Puebla, of the same line, reached port from the Golden Gate last night. Her Victoria passenger and freight lists are as follows:

Passengers—J. James, Miss Green, Mrs. Searle, Miss Harrison, Miss Densmore, Miss Davie, Miss T. M. Newton, Miss H. W. Newton, R. Monro and wife, R. Sivanson, L. Tipton, Miss Sadler, Mrs. C. Adams, G. J. Ramsay, R. Maginnis, W. T. Jones, Mrs. E. McKibbon, Miss C. Crawford, D. Campbell, Mrs. I. Davis, Mrs. H. Reed, H. Therian, wife and four children, Misses Temple, Jackson Temple.

Consignees—A. A. Clayton, Cal. Prod. Co., Ching Cheng, D. H. Ross & Co., F. R. Stewart & Co., F. Norris & Son, G. L. Campbell, G. E. Munro & Co., Hinton Elec. Co., H. A. Lilley, Harris & Moore, J. H. Todd & Son, Munroe & Co., O. Brown & Co., Pioneer Coffee & Spice Mills, R. P. Rithet & Co., R. S. Byrn, R. Baker & Son, S. Leiser & Co., S. J. Pitts, Thorpe & Co., Victoria & Phoenix Brew. Co., W. Grimm, Wilson Bros.

POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

Regular Monthly Meeting Yesterday Afternoon—To Alter Old Fire Hall.

The police commissioners held their regular monthly meeting in the committee room of the city hall yesterday afternoon. Mayor Barnard presided, and the two other commissioners, Ald. Grahame and G. S. Russell, were both present. The monthly criminal statistical report of the chief was submitted, the figures being the same as those published in these columns the other day. The building inspector reported on certain alterations required in the old fire hall adjoining the police station to convert it into quarters for the patrol wagon, which is under construction at Meston's carriage factory.

The report stated that new entrances, a of the side entrance, a stall, kalsomining of the side entrance, a stall, kalsomining and painting the interior and other improvements would cost about two hundred and sixty dollars. He also reported that the extension of the detectives' office, by adding the space occupied by a cell, would cost about one hundred dollars. The commissioners decided to defer the latter improvement, but referred the matter of altering the old fire hall to the favorable consideration of the council.

Col. Ross Monro, of R. P. Rithet & Co., was among the arrivals from San Francisco Wednesday evening by the steamer City of Puebla. He has been spending some weeks in the Sunny South for the benefit of his health, but his many friends will regret to hear that the change of climate has failed to effect an improvement.

CANCER! CANCER!

If you know of anyone suffering from Cancer or Tumors, send 6 cents in stamps for a booklet called "Cancer, Its Cause and Cure."

V. Stott & Jury, Bowmanville, Ont.

SEALING VESSELS BEING OVERHAULED

IN PREPARATION FOR BEHRING SEA CRUISES

First Will Sail About June 18th—The Manuka Has Large Passenger List—Notes.

Manager Turpel, of the Turpel shipyard, has been busy during the past week hauling out vessels of the sealing fleet, which are going to Behring Sea this year. The Zillah May, Ida Etta, Libbie, Oscar and Hattie, Victoria and Teresa have all been placed on the ways. Two are now out of the water, one being the Oscar and Hattie, which sprang a leak when at sea, and had to put into Yakitat for repairs. On examination it has been found that some of the oakum in her seams had fallen out, allowing the water to enter the hull through the stern. As soon as she and the Victoria have been launched the Umbrina will be hauled out, and will be given quite an extensive overhauling. Others will follow her on the ways until all to be sent to Behring Sea have been placed in sea-going condition.

It is expected that the first of the fleet to depart for Behring Sea will be leaving about the 18th inst. The number to sail will depend on the number of Indians who can be engaged for the season. The Teresa did not go out during the early part of the year, but will be among the first to start for the north this month. As usual all the vessels carrying Indians will first go down the coast for their crews.

THE SEALING AWARDS.

A St. Petersburg dispatch of yesterday's date says:

"The signature of the Russo-British treaty in settlement of the Canadian sealing claims is generally anticipated in diplomatic circles here as being the first step in the adjustment of all outstanding differences between the two countries. The announcement came as a surprise, no news of the negotiations having leaked out in St. Petersburg. The claims, which date back twelve years, have frequently been the subject of representations by the British government, but Russia delayed action until March, when she notified Secretary Lansdowne that she would negotiate a settlement. The Canadian claims were similar to those of the American sealers, which were submitted to The Hague arbitration tribunal over a year ago, when the award was given in favor of the American claimants. The Russian authorities, after examination, were convinced that the arbitration tribunal would give an award in favor of the Canadians, and, therefore, preferred a direct settlement rather than undergo the expense of arbitration, Russia agreeing to pay $44,700 indemnity to the Carmelite and Vancouver Belle, two of the six vessels seized. The claim amounted to $93,497."

MANUKA'S BIG LOAD.

According to advices from Honolulu the new Canadian-Australian liner, which is due here on Wednesday next, has left that port for Victoria, crowded with pasengers. From points in Australia she has a large number of people who compose the second big shipload to have taken Canadian steamers during the last few months. The Manuka is described as an up-to-date passenger ship. She is taking the place of the Moana for at least one trip, and if it is found that her superior passenger accommodations have been the means of bringing travel this way which, with an inferior vessel might have been diverted to the splendid liners plying on the Suez canal route, the effect of the ship's services may have an important influence in the farther management of the company's business. The Canadian route is the shortest and pleasantest for tourists going to England from Australia, and it is believed by some that more attractive ships plying on it might induce a greater travel this way.

NEW JAP LINER.

K. J. Burns, local agent of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, is daily expecting news through Seattle of the departure from Japan of the steamship Kanagawa Maru, which is to inaugurate the company's steamer connection with Victoria and Seattle. This ship took coal out to Japan from Wales, and previously was a European freight and passenger steamer. She is a vessel of 7,000 tons, and has good power.

MARINE NOTES.

Tug Sadie returned on Wednesday from Sooke, bringing back a pile driver which had been employed in driving piles for the new fish trap being constructed at that point. The Sadie reports that building operations are now almost finished, there being but another half day's work for the pile driver.

Steamer Tees is expected from the Skeena on Saturday. If she arrives on that day an effort will be made to get her away for northern British Columbia ports on Sunday.

TROUT FRY.

Satisfactory progress is being made in the distribution of trout fry in some of the depleted lakes in the neighborhood of Victoria. It is reported by the secretary of the Fish and Game Club that C. B. Sword, inspector of fisheries, has successfully deposited about 50,000 fry at Shawnigan Lake. This was done with a loss of only 7 per cent.

Next week 200,000 fry will be sent from the Dominion hatcheries and placed in the Highland lakes and at Sooke. There are three of the former bodies of water, and although they were at one time well supplied with fish the sport has recently been exceedingly poor. It is therefore gratifying to learn that the lakes are to be replenished. The reasons actuating the Game Club in deciding to deposit some in Sooke is not to increase the number of fish, but, by the introduction of new blood, to increase the size of the present trout.

PERSONAL.

F. P. Gouge and bride, of Nanaimo, are in the city. They arrived on Tuesday from Seattle after a tour of the Sound cities lasting several weeks. Mr. Gouge was formerly a resident of this city and is especially well known among local pioneer baseball players, all of whom wish the newly-wedded couple every happiness. Mr. Gouge will be well remembered as one of the most enthusiastic votaries of the American national pastime. He was connected with the old Amity nine, which established for itself a record that will be told in sporting circles for years to come, having held the Northwest championship for seasons.

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Co. Sergt.-Major Caven returned on Sunday after representing the local branch of the British Columbia Rifle Association at a meeting of the general executive held in Vancouver on Saturday. When in the Terminal City he visited the range and reports that the riflemen there have taken up shooting with enthusiasm. They were all young shots, and are showing up in splendid style. He expects that there will be a larger number of entries from Vancouver at the forthcoming shoot than in any previous year.

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J. J. Hill, an experienced mining man, is in the city at the present time. He is on his way to the Fraser, where he intends putting into use a recent invention of his for the recovery of fine gold which has hitherto gone to waste. The machine is covered by patent and is inexpensive. He believes the device will be useful in treating tailings where the fine float gold has never been recovered heretofore.

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L. B. Joseph, of San Juan, is in the city. He reports that the logging industry at that place is flourishing, and expects that an exceptionally big business will be done during the summer months. At present he has twenty men employed at his camp at Port Renfrew, and announces that the export trade is increasing. Mr. Joseph will leave for the West Coast by the steamer Queen City to-morrow evening.

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W. S. Overton and Mrs. Overton, of New York, arrived from the Sound on Monday afternoon. They are making a tour of the Coast cities, and have visited most of the well known tourist resorts of Southern California. Hearing of Victoria and its beauties they decided to spend a few days here before returning East. While in the city Mr. and Mrs. Overton will be guests at the Victoria hotel.

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White Fraser, the well known civil engineer, of Dawson and White Horse, is in the city. He is outfitting for the locating of the boundary line between Canadian territory and Alaska, having been appointed at the head of one of the parties which will be engaged in that work. Mrs. Fraser will take up her residence at the Coast, either in Victoria or Vancouver, during the absence of Mr. Fraser.

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Rev. J. P. D. Knox, formerly pastor of Victoria West Methodist church, who left on Tuesday evening for his present home in Greenwood, has been invited to remain for a fourth term as Methodist pastor for that place, which attests his deserved popularity with the people of Greenwood.

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Rev. J. D. P. Knox, formerly pastor of the Victoria West Methodist church, has been visiting the city during the past few days. He witnessed the conference in New Westminster and from there came over to his old field by way of Nanaimo. He left for Greenwood Tuesday night.

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C. S. Muir and F. Muir have returned from Sooke where they have been at work on a fish trap being constructed by C. F. Todd & Company. They report that satisfactory progress is being made, the site being in every way favorable for the purpose.

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Miss Stella Taylor, of Victoria, leaves for a two months' visit to her former home in Halifax, N. S. Miss Taylor will be accompanied on her trip by her uncle, Capt. Balcom, and Miss Edith Balcom.

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Miss Elsie M. Arthur, formerly of this city, but now of San Francisco, is visiting friends here. She will spend the summer in Victoria.

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Mrs. W. A. McKeown, of White Horse, is the guest of her father-in-law, A. McKeown, 311 Yates street, and will be in the city for a fortnight.

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H. A. Bull, a storekeeper at Herlot Bay, is in the city. While here he is making his headquarters at the Dominion.

—"Ploughshares are being turned into swords and spears are being converted into pruning hooks to make war upon the army of caterpillars that are now resting in their tents upon the choicest apple and alder trees of the country," says the Seattle Times. "The slogan issued by W. H. Brown, fruit inspector, has been taken up and has gone thundering down the highways and byways of the county. Men and boys have discussed the situation with bated breath in the rural districts, and all are agreed that war must come and come soon if the tender young shoots of the apple trees are to be preserved from the ravages of the caterpillar. Chief Strategist Brown has suggested the remedy that is approved by every thinking member of the army that will move upon the caterpillar strongholds. He carefully explained in the Times last Monday that for four days from that date the caterpillars would remain in their tents at night, and that the pruning hook brigade should cut off the tents and deposit the caterpillars inside into a stove containing a red hot fire." The enemy is also operating in force in this city.

TO PRESERVE ORDER.

Columbus, O., June 1.—Four companies of militia were to-day ordered to proceed to Hanging Rock, near Ironton, on the Ohio river. With Col. Thompson in command the companies left at once on a special train. The sheriff of Lawrence county to-day wired the attorney-general making the request for military aid at Hanging Rock. The sheriff asked that an entire battalion be sent forthwith as there was every indication that there might be an outbreak at any moment. The request was at once delivered to Governor Herrick.

The trouble grew out of the importation of negroes from Virginia to take the places of striking furnacemen. One man was killed last night.

In washing woollens and flannels, Lever's Dry Soap (a powder) will be found very satisfactory. 18