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A Ship Carpenter Taken on Board the John A Briggs Under Strange Circumstances.

Two Binejackets Were Also Found Aboard the Merchantman by the Police.

Capt. Balch Has Much Difficulty in Securiug Sailors for His Ship.

Quite a sensation was caused last night when Superintendent Hussey, of the provincial police, and several other ers, went in company with Mr. J E. Macrae, of the Northern Pacific Steamship Company, out to the American ship, John A. Briggs, in the Royal Roads, and brought ashore a man named Hynes, who was about to be taken to Australia as an able seaman against his will. Hynes is a ship carpenter, who, until Thursday evening, was one of those employed in the construction of the new river steamers which Mr. Frank Yorke is building in the upper harbor. On finishing his work on Tuesday evening he went to the Rock Bay hotel, where he was boarding, and which is managed on behalf of a city hotel keep-Mr. Orth. While lounging around the hotel after dinner, according to his story, he was asked to drink, and as the drinks came somewhat rapidly and he was unused to liquor, he soon became intoxicated. While drunk he must have fallen asleep, he says, as he remembered nothing more until he wokesampson Friday morning on board the ship John 'A Briggs. He then asked to be put ashore as he did not wish to go to sea. Imagine hiswsurprise, when he was shown the ship's articles bearing his signature and told that he must now consider himself one of the crew of the Briggs, and that as to going ashore, that was controf the

Mr. J. E. Macrae, who was instrumental in securing work for Hynes on the river steamers, on being informed that he had not turned out on Friday morning started to look him up and incidentally learning that he had been under the influence" on the preceding night, luckily for Hynes, began an investigation. After a short search he heard where the unfortunate ship carpenter was and at once communicated with

Superintendent Hussey. The captain showed the ship's articles, on which appeared the ship carpenter's name, and claimed that he was duly entitled to hold him, but Superintendent Hussey thought otherwise, and brought

Hynes, talking of his experience, says he was never at sea nor had he any wish to go to sea. He was getting a salary of \$3 a day by working at his trade, and it was hardly likely that he would throw that up to go to sea for \$30 a month, the rate of wages paid on the Briggs. He does not know whether the liquor he was drinking at the Rock Bay hotel was drugged, but says that ever since he has felt slight pains in his stomach and seems unable to see and think clearly, feeling continually as if he was half day

Another strange thing he discovered on coming ashore was that he had signed over his advance of\$35 to the hotel man at Rock Bay and in return received clothes valued at about \$9 and his week's board for which he had agreed to pay \$5 and a free "jag."

While they were out at the Briggs Superintendent Hussey and his officers earned that two British bluejackets. John Keown of the Imperieuse and Chas. H. Hill of the Phaeton were stowed away on the merchant ship. The police communicated with the naval authorities with the result that this morning another expedition-including police and naval men went out to the Briggs and brought the sailors ashore. The two men signed on the merchantman of their own free will, thinking they would like a change. One left the warship on Thursday and the other on Saturday, and since then the naval authorities have been looking for them as stragglers, no man being a deserter until he has been away from the vessel seven days. One of them when brought off the Briggs this morning was arrayed in his bell-bottom trousers peculiar to the British sailor, and a kind

of semi-uniform, while the other was completely in outfit They were handed over to the haval authorities and by them taken back to Esquimalt to be dealt with there.

Another man who shipped here is also endeavoring to get ashore, but, unfortunately, for him, the police authorities are unable to interfere. He is a negro, named Harrison, and signed the articles under the impression that he was to do general chores about the deck and odd jobs, but when he was put aboard the ship he was ordered aloft. Then he became sorry he had shipped. He could not go aloft, he says, and ian about in tears. praying the officers not to send him aloft, for "it would be the death of him." While the officers were on board this morning he built up fond hopes that they would bring him ashore as well as the bluejackets, and when he saw them leaving, he, with tears in his eyes, offered them all his capital, \$1.50 if they would bring him ashore. Having signed articles while sober, though perhaps under a misapprehension of his duties in a proper frame of mind, they

Captain Balch, of the Briggs, still wants seven men to complete his crew, and he is experiencing much difficulty in getting them, as the seafaring men who are now here are very reluctant to leave. They can secure plenty of work as dock laborers, on coasting steamers, and other ways at good wages, and notwithstanding the fact that merchantmen are paying nearly twice as much as was paid last year, they "would beg to be excused." The rate of wages is \$30 a month, as compared with \$17.50 last

When the Briggs began loading her lumber cargo at Chemainus, her crew of fourteen, which she brought from San Francisco, deserted her and walked to Victoria.

She will commence her voyage as soon as the sufficient number of men are found to complete the crew Three of the crew of the British ship

Commonwealth, hauled out to-day on Bullen's ways to be repaired, were arrested by the provincial police in the vicinity of the Rock Bay hotel this aftersoon. They were charged with attempt ing to desert.

SURVEY SHIP COMING.

The Egeria Arrived at San Diego on Her Way to Esquimalt.

H. M. S. Egeria, commissioned for survey work on the Pacific station, arrived at San Diego resterday on route to Esquimalt. She stopped at Mazatlan on the way north. One of the first duties the Egeria will be engaged in, it is said, will be the work of surveying Clayoquot Sound and other harbors on the West Coast for a naval chart.

FISHERMEN AS MINERS.

A Party of Greek Fishermen to go to the Klondike.

A short time ago a Greek, Eurethaerios Capos, arrived from Australia, bringing with him several large nuggets taken from his mining properties at Western Australia. Soon after his arrival he cught out his compatriots resident in this city and showed them the nuggets of gold. He also talked with them of Klondike, telling them that ere long he would try his luck in the northern gold fields as he had in Australia. Then the gold fever struck the Greek colony and Turrett Rocky and it was not long before 40 centy 5 was formed to, so to the sold fields. They put away their nets, housed their stoops and to days they are struggling with macking wishits and trying on moccasins, furs, etc., in fact, making every preparation for their departure for the north. The party, which is to be led by the man from Australia, will sail on the steamer Islander on Tuesday evening.

THE ELDER ARRIVES

Shirley Onderdonk Returns From a Trip to the Summit of the Dalton rail. aMrid Shirley Onderdonk arrived in the to the summit of the Dalton trail, coming down the coast on the steamer Geo. W. Elder, which reached Nanaimo yesterday. Mr. Onderdonk had nothing to say about his own trip, he having gone on private business. The name of Onderdonk being connected with any trip, however, has the suggestion of a railway project, the gentleman now in the city being a son of Mr. Andrew Onderdonk, of C.P.R. fame. The members of the Humburt expedition, Mr. Onder-

donk says, are still camped at Pyramid The Elder called at the scene of the wreck of the Corona, but the men still there, seventy-five in number, refused to come" down, it being their intention to await the arrival of a north-bound steam-Besides those who came down on the Alki, a number went north on the Oregon. The Corona was still hanging to the rocks when the Elder passed. The chief engineer and second steward of the

Corona came down. The Elder brought no news from Daw-

FIRES IN TASMANIA Whole Districts Swept Over, Destroying Much Valuable Property.

Forest fires have, according to advices brought by the Warrimoo, been playing havoc in Tasmania. A large number of residences, churches and inns in the suburbs of Hobart were destroyed and from all parts of the island comes news of the destruction of property and in some cases the loss of life. The following dispatches from Hobart to the Sydney Morning Herald tell of the loss and suffering in two districts, similar reports coming from a dozen different villages:

"A terrible bush fire swept over the Lyell field early this morning, the heat being intense and the smoke blinding. The fire made a clear sweep of all dwellings on the Mount Lyell, North Lyell, Tharsis, and South Tharsis properties, and the Linda Valley. The residents had. to fly only partially clad, and had to seek refuge in the creeks and tunnels, nothing whatever being saved. The house of Mr. Clarke, engineer for the Lyell Company, was burnt down in a few minutes, and his wife and family just escaped with their lives. The hotels are crowded with men, women and children. Several per-sons were badly burned, but so far as is known no lives were lost.
"A woman named Matthews, and

boy named Jones were burned to death at Longley. Other people were injured and have been brought to the hospital. The tale of distress when all told is likely to be very serious."

AN INTERESTING CASE. Right of Vancouver Coal Company to Mine Under the Sea to Be

Tested. The right of the New Vancouver Coal Company to mine under the sea between Protection Island dand Newerste site is to be tested. The E. & N. rail-way company, through their solicitors, Messrs. Davie, Pooley & Luxton, have made application to the Supreme court for an injunction to prevent the New Vancouver Coal Company from continuing operations at the place named, their contention being that their grant to the land in the vicinity of the Newcastle townsite gives them the right to mine inder the sea, while the grant of Protection Island to the New Vancouver Coal Company does not carry the same right. The New Vancouver Coal Company have been mining for some time under the sea at the place named, the coal being raised from the Protection

Island shaft. The application for the injunction was to have been made to-day, but was held over until to-morrow. It is probably the commencement of a long legal fight between the two big corporations.

"Ye see," said Aunt Dinah, when she was asked why she had not been present at meeting, "de fax ob de case am, honey, I was a-meanin' for to went: but de going was so awful bad dat I just couln't

The money invested in British home railways exceeds the national debt by

Gone Forever.—Tye just let Mawkish have \$10, and I know I shall never see it again. "Why?" "It was \$10 he lent me a year ago."-New Orlenas Times-

Capt. Mosher, One of the Survivors of the Atlanta Looses a Sugar Steamer in Hawaii.

His Thrilling Experience on a Deck-House Off This Coast in Mid-Winter.

According to advices received by the Warrimoo the Inter-Island Steamship Company's steamer Kaala, with a cargo of 2,000 bags of sugar valued at \$11,500, was wrecked on the 18th inst., the steam er being entirely broken up and the cargo destroyed. She struck on the bar while leaving Kakuku harbor. The steamer by the owners; they carrying all their own insurance.

Captain Mosher, the master of the wrecked steamer, has been especially un-fortunate at sea. He was made of a ves-sel that foundered off Cape Horn in the dead nof winter and spent sixty-three hours in an open boat before he was picked up. He was mate of the ship Portland Lleyds when she was almost foundered in a hurricane and lost a number of men, and he lost the old Atalanta on the Vancouver Island coast in midwinter, on which occasion, with a number of the crew, he floated about for several days on the roof of the deck housen trus

The experience of Capt, Mosher and

his crew on the occasion of the less of the Atalanta is probably one of the most thrilling that has occurred to any steam-December 8 with a cargo of lumber When off Cape Flattery she commenced to take water, but as she had only to go to San Francisco Capt. Mosher thought that the lumber cargo would keep her afloat. He had not, however, counted on her age, the vessel having been built forty years previously, and when struck by snow squalls off the Columbia river, her age began to tell on her. On Decemcity to day from Manaimo. He has been ber 13th all the sails blew away and the deck load broke loose, and the next day the masts came down, breaking the boats ... The waves were washing over the ship all the time and her decks had an been cleared and the food supply destroyed. The vessel broke in half that day and the crew were left on the afteruse with nothing to eat or drink. For days they were on this raft, which was being carried 170 miles north and finally driven ashore in Clayoquot Sound. The captain and crew were brought to

> LOCAL NEWS. ard de Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

> From Friday's Dally. The formation of a farmers' institute: at Maple Ridge has been authorized. The meeting will be held on February

-Encouraging reports come from Wancouver as to the success of the Munhall evangelistic services there. Dr. Munhall omes to Victoria early in February ov

John Chapman, of 35 Perth avenue.

Toronto, writes Chief Sheppard asking him to inculve as to the whereabouts of Richard D. Chapman, who came to Brit-Brampton, County of Peel, and took up, land. His parents have not heard from him for two years.

The Maitland Kersey Company, of which Frank Yorke is the local manager, will have five steamers running from Lake Teslin to Dawson City, the frames for which are being built here. The engines for two of them were shipped from train will return from Saanich at 12. Pittsburg to-day, and the machinery for a third, a twin-screw steamer, was recently purchased in Great Britain Mr. Kersey! Mr. Yorke says that the company's steamers will make the trit to Dawson in two days. Work on the company's saw mill at Lake Teslin is well under way.

-Dr. G. H. Symons has been appointed medical officer at the Nelson jall; William Graham McMynn, of Midway. deputy clerk of the peace for the county of Male; Dr. Stanley Smith, of Grand Forks, coroner for the Grand Forks division of Male district; land F. J. Tytler inspector of dykes for the Sumas, Matsqui, Hitt Meadows, Maple Ridge and Coquitham dyking districts A .nic

capital, \$10,000, with head office at Vanouver; Forfarshire Mines, Limited, capital stock, \$20,000, head office at Van-couver; Vancouver Power Co., Ltd., capital stock, \$75,000, head office at Victoria: The Odd Fellows' Building & In-

toria; The Odd Fellows' Building & Investment Co., Ltd., capital, \$20,000 with headquarters at Nelson.

Frank A. Wilson, who has served a couple of ferms in 121 for stealing from and assaulting Rev. W. H. Ellison, who had shown him much kindness, was in the police court this morning for threather the creating something plants.

The Calculus as bridesmaid, while the bride, acted as bridesmaid, while the bride, acted as bridesmaid, while the brides acted as supported by Mr. H. Eirth. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. That gale!" repeats Agnes questioning to a mount to a period of nearly thirteen with the recipients of numerous handsome prefers. Walpole was premier for 27 was premier for 27 was premier for 27 was premier for 28 which, however, does not form a the receptance with the recipients of numerous handsome prefers. Walpole was premier for 27 was premier for 27 was premier for 28 which, however, does not form a distribution of the ceremony was performed by the Rev. That gale!" The ceremony was performed by the Rev. That gale!" The ceremony was premier for 27 was premier for 27 was premier for 28 which, however, does not form a distribution of the police released from fail, and on Wednesday tion of valuable information as to how went to Canon Paddon's residence to make money in Manitoba and the threatened to burn the house and kill Klondike by Canadians who intend emitthe reverend gentleman. He was bound grating from the older provices. The

gation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian whole continent. church on Wednesday evening the reports of the presidents and managers of church were read, all being very encour- the funeral services yesterday at 2:30 aging. "The managers' report was also p.m., at the home of the late Thomas most satisfactory. It showed that since Collins, Avelon, road, and later at Ross the last annual statement was presented about \$10,000 had been contributed for church purposes. The following gentlemen were elected to fill the vacancies on pallbearers were: Robt. Dunn, J. Crowe, the board of managers: D. McLean, A. T. Booz, J. E. Painter, J. Jackson, and Carmichael, James Hogarth, James Si- J. Newbigging. The Odd Fellows march. mon, P. J. Riddell, F. M. Henderson, F. ed to the cemetery in a body, who is a part A. Small and J. B. McKilligan.

the first paper west of Winnipeg at Por- Ralph Emerson, and Tel

two years mayor of Portage la Prairie. In 1888 he came to Victoria, and was editor of the Standard; afterwards taking a years deceased had been a great sufferer from rheumatism and had been practi-cally unable to leave his house. He leaves a wife, a son and one daughter, Mrs. J. Byrn.

Alexander Campbell, a deserter from the British navy, is in the city jail and will be taken to Victoria to-night on the City of Kingston, says the Seattle Times. Campbell deserted the flagship Imperiease lat. Esquimalt on January 5th of J. E. Church, and secretary, Mr. A. this year, and since that time he has been St. G. Flint. Messrs. Fell and Gregory spending his time in Seattle, Fairhaven, Whatcom and McMurray. He soon tired, of seeing life on his "own hook," and yesterday gave himself up to the civil authorities at Whatcom. An officer from that city brought him to Seattle to-day and he will be taken to Victoria to-night, as stated. In conversation Campbell was valued at \$30,000, and was insured said he was led to desert by two former comrades of his who had deserted prior to him, and who led him to believe that work was easy to get in Seattle. He frankly admitted that he was tired of roving,

From Saturday's Dally. -According to reports received by the Danube, both the White l'ass and Chilkot trails are in good condition, and a large number of men are passing over them daily. The men at Wrangel expected to make a start up the Stilline river in a few days.

-Messrs. William and E. Wilkinson. acting as arbitrators, are now holding meetings to decide what price the cit will pay for ten acres at Beaver lake; this land owing to the raising of the level of the improvements at the water works, The Atalanta left Post Gamble on has been flooded. Mr. Wilkinson is acting for the owner of the land. Mr. Jos. Dwyer asks \$100 an acre for his land, the city offering but \$50. Mr. A. S. Going is acting as referee.

> Father Cremer, a Roman Catholic aissionary, with headquarters at Victoria, while out driving a few days ago, ages for saying that he (the son), his at Comox, met with a very severe ac. son's wife and his own wife (the father's) at Comox, met with a very severe accident. The horse became unmanageable and ran away, throwing the unfortunate clergyman to the ground and breaking his leg in three places. The injured man was brought [to,n:Victoria yesterday and is now at Ste Joseph's hospital, where every hope is entertained for his speedy recovery

The Danube, which arrived this morning, had few pasengers from the north, sixteen in all, and none of them from Dawson, in fact there have been no late arrivals from the interior. Of sixteen passengers, fifteen were members of a survey party, who surveyed a route for a railway from Pyramid Hartor to the summit. They had comparatively mild weather. One of the members of the party reports that a notorious individual known as "Faro Pete," was recently killed at Skagway.

From Monday's Daily.

H.M.S. Leander sailed on Saturday world, will be found interesting.

Rt. Hon. C. P. Villiers.

Mr. T. Sidney Cooper.

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Dr. Jas. Martineau.

Earl of Mansfield.

Earl of Perth.

Ald. Sir Henry Keppel.

Mr. Glaisher. From Monday's Daily.

The steamer Boscowitz and the river Lord Armstrong.

Pope Leo XIII.

Buke of Northumberland.

act as a ferry between Wrangel and Lord Gwydyr. Stikine Island, will sail for Wrangel to Dr. Samuel Smiles morrow evening. The Boscowitz will call at the various northern way ports en route.

A train will leave Victoria on Friday forning at 7:30 for Sagnich to enable Victorians to attend the tableaux, concert and ball to be given in the Agricultural Hall at Saanich that evening. The midnight. The entertainment is for the purpose of paying off the debt remaining on the agricultural hall.

--Lieut.-Col. Peters, D.O.C., has written to Lieut.-Col. Gregory, of the First Battalion, offering to send an instructor to the drill hall to teach the militiamen the art of military signalling. Those n.c.o.'s or men of the battalion who wish to take this course are asked to send their names to Sergt. Major Mulcally before Thursday next. interior of I

of this city, sentenced to two years and | about ten years after resigning the pre-

Saturday evening at the residence of sixty two, Lord North at sixty, Canning Capt. Wm. Owen, of the City of Nanaimo. Miss E. Firth, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, while the bride, acted as bridesmaid, while the green was supported by Mr. H. Firth. vestment Co. Ltd. capital, \$20,000, with bride, acted as bridesmaid, while the four occasions on which Mr. Gladstone

over to keep the peace, or in default Family Herald and Weekly Star is right of securities three months in jail. lightened, reliable papers, not only in Canada, but it may safely be said of the

The Right Rev. Bishop Cridge, as the different societies affilliated with the sisted by Rev. W. Leslie Clay, conducted Bay cemetery. There was a large attendance including members of the Prin-

Constable McIntosh, of Vancouver Thomas Collins, a native of Pry- who arrived here on Saturday evening mouth, England, died at his residence, 14 Avelon road, at 4 o'clock this morning. Mr. Collins came to Canada in 1870, settling in Ottawa, whence he went to Winnipeg in 1872. He published who is wanted on a similar charge. tage la Prairie, the first issue appearing back two prisoners with him instead o in 1878. Mr. Collins was personally very one. Soon after McIntosh arrived a telepopular in the prairie province, being for gram was received asking him to arrest

Emerson.' The matter was referred to Detective Perdue, who soon located and arrested his man at the Delmonico.

-At the annual meeting of the Victoria Building Society, on Saturday evening directors were re-elected: W. D. McKillican, M. McGregor, W. W. Northcoff, James F. Fell, C. D. Mason, McKilican, M. McGregor, W. W.
Northcoft, James F. Fell, C. D. Mason,
A. Stewart and Samuel Reid. At a
meeting of the directors after the business meeting, they elected the following
officers: President, W. D. McKillican;
vice-president, M. McGregor; surveyor,
I. Worlden and the Scotchmen will be were appointed solicitor.

mittee of the Provincial Teachers' Institute, held on Saturday afternoon at the office of the Superintendent of Education, preliminary arrangements were made for the coming meeting of the assomade for the coming meeting of the assomate for the coming meeting of the coming meeting meeting of the coming meeting of the coming meeting meeti ciation which is to be held during Easter week. The following have been selected as a committee of management: Dr. S. D. Pope, Inspector Wilson, Miss A. D. And when the battle's ended, and the vic-Cameron, of Victoria; Inspector Cowperthwaite, Miss M. E. Speers, Mr. Alex.
Robinson, B.A., Mr. J. H. Kert, B.A.,
Mr. G. H. Tom, of Vancouver; Mr. W.
C. Coatham; of New Westminster; and
Mr. John Shaw of Nanaigho. Mr. John Shaw, of Nanaimo

LAW INTELLIGENCE

The Centre Star vs. Iron Mask case is again before the courts. The motion to vary the injunction order granted some time ago is being heard by Mr. Justice Walkem to-day. T. M. Daly, Q.C., for plaintiffs and E. V. Bodwell

Listice Walkem to-day. T. M. Daly, Q.C., for plaintiffs and E. V. Bodwell and A. H. MacNeill for defendants. At the conclusion of the Centre Star-Iron Mask case the full court will take up the appeal in Ruckle vs. Johnson.

McKelvey v. McKelvey, a Comox slander case, is being tried before Mr. Justice Drake and a special jury. The son is suing the father for \$5,000 andrages ages for saying that he (the son), his son's wife and his own wife (the father's) procured an abortion on the person of the old man's wife. The defendant is an old man of 72 years of age and his wife a youngest sister of his son's wife. At the conclusion of the plaintiff's case Mr. Hunter moved for a non-suit on the ground that an unlawful aboftion was not alleged. The non-suit was refused. A. L. Belyea for plaintiff and G. Hunter and L. P. Eckstein for defendant. The defendant is having a lot of trouble as his wife is suing him for a nullification of the marriage on the ground that she was coered into it.

The WORLD'S OLD MEN.

Lin view of the completion of Mr. Gladstone's eighty-eighth year on December.

In view of the completion of Mr. Gladstone's eighty-eighth year on December 29 the following list giving the ages of the most noteworthy old people of the

Esqui-Sir Thos. Acland..... Mr. Gladstone.... Lord Bridport...... Sir James Paget.... Sir John B. Lawes... Sir Richard Moon... Lord Masham.... Earl Fitzwilliam...

Bishop of Liverpool.
Sir Richard Quain.
Sir Charles Gavan Duffy.
Sir Henry Hawkins. Of all the English prime ministers the last two centuries, Mr. Gladstone has attained the greatest age. Lord Palmerston, in fact, is the only premier besides Mr. Gladstone who became, while in office, an octogenarian, and he died when nearing his eighty-second year. In point of age, too, whether in or out of office, Mr. Gladstone easily takes the lead. Lord Sidmouth (Henry Addington) died when eighty-seven, and Earl Russell was eighty-six when he succumbed—about ten years after resigning the premiership. The Duke of Wellington lived to eighty-two, and with Earl Grey, who died out of office at the age of aighty-one, the list of prime ministers who hived to be octogenarians is exhibits red. Of other notable statesmen Lord Beaconsfield died at seventy-seven, Chatham at seventy, Walpole at sixty-nine, Peel at sixty two, Lord North at sixty, Canning and Lord Liverpool at fifty-nine, Fox at fifty-seven and Pitt af forty-seven. The died when nearing his eighty-second year. -The Hawaiian government recently lead. Lord Sidmouth (Henry Addington) pardoned a number of presoners in the died when eighty-seven, and Earl Russell Hosplutu jair, including Capt! Anderson, was eighty-six when he succumbed a heavy fine for smuggling, he having miership. The Duke of Wellington lived been master of the schooner Henrietta, which took a cargo of opium from here and was seized off Honolulu. Capit. Another capital, \$10,000, with head office at Vanderson had served eighteen months. -Mr. A. Garland, Douglas street, and field died at seventy-seven, Chatham at Mrs. M. H. Cooling were married on seventy. Walpole at sixty-nine, Peel at

Huge Pile of Rock Which Is Slowly

Moving From Its Base.

There is a mountain of dark brown basalt on the Columbia river nearly 2,000 feet high, and stretching along the stream for five or six miles. When the white settlers first came into this country the Indians told them that this mountain was trevelling, that some day it would move across the Columbia and form a lake which would reach from the Cascades to the Dalles. What the Indians said has been found true in some respects. The mountain is in metion. Its motion is forward and downward. The railroad builders who constructed their line along the base found tracks continually forced out of place. In some places the movement has amounted to eight and ten feet in a few years Geologists attribute the phenomenon to the fact that the mountain rests on a substratum of conglomerate, or of soft sandstone, which is steadily being washed away by the currents

Ethel Have you noticed how Lord Slabsides drops his aspirates? Penelope Oh, but that's nothing to the way he drops his vowels-papa says he has got more than a dozen of his i-o-u's.-Judge.

AN IRISHMAN'S REPLY

In the Y. M. C. A. at Hamliton, Ont., they recently had a discussion about the part the various races, English, Irish and Scotch, had in the success of the British power. The captain of the "Roses" perpetrated some poetry and "Shamrock" made the following reply:

ice-president, M. McGregor; surveyor,
I. Taylor; auditors, W. Scowcroft and
I. E. Church, and secretary, Mr. A.
St. G. Flint. Messrs. Fell and Gregory
were appointed solicitor.

—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Provincial Teachers' In
mittee of the Provincial Teachers' In-

will this suit you, boastful Englishman Be good enough to say.

Through the Wire.

A STATE OF S Little Miss Myers was seated at a sewing machine working over a dress. Mrs. Run kle and her daughters had gone off to see a military parade, and she had time to dream of the past.

t was the name he had asked her to give him twenty years ago, and now it came her lips and passed from them into the strument almost before she realized was spoken.

was spoken.

"Agnes, is it you? Where are you? Street and number instantly before the connection—"

She heard no more, but with a gasp called out the Runkies' address, then flung up the ear piece and dropped into her chair with a face as white as snow. Yet even now the instinct to work was strong within her, and not many minutes had elapsed before her feet were again on the treadle and the whirr of the machine once more filled the room. Now, however, its accompanying rhythm in her brain was not all in the past tense, for "Did he hear me? With he come?" kept up its ceaseless throbuntif it seemed as if the words must be stiched to every seam of the skirt she was making. But as the time went by the little dress-maker tried to prepare her heart for the maker tried to prepare her heart for the disappointment.

"I may have dreamed it all while listening to the playing of 'Marching Through Georgia' so many blocks away," she said to herself. "It's twenty years since we parted, and he was 20 then and I 16. Absence, they say, is the tomb of love, and though of course, with me—" Here Miss Myers sprang up with the second little scream she had given that morning.

"I must open it myself. There's nobody else." And she hurried out to the stair. "I dare say it's only the milliner's boy with Miss Helen's bonnet."

But was it for the sake of the milliner's boy that little Miss Myers paused to give her hair a smoothing before the hatrack mirror in the hall? and surely no milliner's boy was ever so received on his business rounds as this one when the door was opened and closed—nobody remembered how or by whom—on a tableau that would have delighted the soul of gossipy Miss filckett over the way could she but have seen it.

Yes it was "Harry," 20 years older, to be a sure but handsomer, if possible, than ever, with not a gray hair in his head

REQUIESCAT.

She moaned and tossed through all the weary night; Then quiet, through white lips drew painful breath; And tried to ask him with the dawning If this were death.

The night lamp flickered but. One quiver-Of sunshine touched her still breast with a kiss. He rose, alone to ask the golden day

If this were—this!

—Ellzabeth Dike Lewis in New England

TO BE BOUGHT IN AMERICA.

Japan's railway companies are to duplicate their lines early in 1898. In consequence, arrangements are about to be made by which great increases of rolling stock, locomotives and other material will be made every year to 1903. In the case of one company alone it is estimated that the duplication with the extra rolling stock, etc., will cost \$15,000,000, and no less than 300 locomotives and 4,000 passenger and freight cars will be required Much of this material is to be purchased in the United States. New York Tri

dression for the Kione les. Hon. T. Mayne Daly, A. H. Macneill and J. D. Sword, barristers of Rossland, are at Provincial

Snow Fell heavily in the

all day yesterday. No w

eceived from up river as

NEW WESTMINS

of the ice, but for the next ver boats will be tied u ing the results of the cold At the St. Andrew's lec Tuesday evening a Burns' given by the St. Andrew's iety, at which an addre llustrated with reading oems, was given by Mr. J M.P.P. Mrs. Calbiek, the and Draper, and Messrs. Pe n, Knight and Snell conand instrumental music and of which were heartily app Robbie Burns' natal day in real good "Hieland" eonard's Hall on Tues The programme was a long well carried out from the the end, and every item w appreciated by a large and audience. Two of the print Doon" and "Robin Adair," oth rendered by Miss Kat with much effect and rece served applause. Miss E young artist, sang "The Reached My Heart" very v the gentlemen vocalists Mr the gentiemen votalists in land came to the fore in "Mary o' Argyle," which we rendered. Mr. J. Marshall morous songs, "The Deil's Exciseman" and "Scootel which were thoroughly enjo Ewen Martin sang a goo song called "E'lean an Ph Island of Heather). A dis in this city was the sword lex Beaton: as also was the Foursome) in Highland cos Beaton's Sailor Hornpipe on the pipes. Last, but n the recitation, "The Hi Dargai," by Mr. J. Theo. 1 was made especially interest playing of the "Cock of the Mra Murchison on the ba Mr. Wilson reached the par where the Gordon Highland After the concert was

he eastern train yesterday Mr. H. F. Clinton left h or Kamloops, Mrs. Clinto ing him. Mr. Clinton has eate health for the last six s leaving for the upper of ope that the change of clir improve the state of hi Changes have been made .'s service on the Frase Bishop, who was purser or Louise, is appointed to tr osition on one of the Kl ond Mr. A. Ferguson. of Transfer, takes Mr. Bishop Princess Louise. Mr. W. 1 en appointed purser of Many are inquiring what chants and leading men are enefit of the city during ish. Some will say: nd we shall have all or illed. Vancouver will be ple that some of them is bound to be of benefit minster." People are wo, will happen, and if it sh will make a very mate Vancouver man made short time ago that the people must be always be and must have lost all the vim, as he thought one hings they should have o start a company, and nore boats running from Klondike, and advertise starting, as well as an or the new gold fields.

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of ending the celebration

Mr. Aulay Morrison, M.P.

great poet's birthday.

present, it seems a hing that Westminster enefit from the rush. A meeting of the board ees was held Wednesday ollowing estimates for the ere passed: Tacher' sal cretary's and janiaors' se painting, \$100; fuel, \$400; printing, \$150; water rate te. \$75; janitors' supplies \$250: seats. \$300: miscel olumbing \$100. Total o ure. \$18,240.

Two cars of horses arr rday from Ashcroft for Exploration & Mining Co. will be shipped to Victoria Owners of horses will ready sale for their sto ext few months, as the e a good demand for th port purposes. Owing to the increased arm produce, it is report rice of oats and hay has iderably. There is every p armers in the Fraser Va ter than they have for ye iven a good season this

hould all be in a more han they ever have eing so will help out th listricts. Money wil be ea and mortgages will be pai enabling the farmers to nefits of their labors an Mr. Moir's shipyard pro ene at the present time, imber of men being emp

A meeting of the provis appointed to take ste nation of a chamber of ovince, was held last nigh ncouver, but, though a esent, it was decided ov nce from town of severe journ till Saturday nigh the same place, when it ery member will be pres ating the objects of the have been sent to mining ut the province, as it is chamber should be the

entative. A sudden death occurre al hotel yesterday morni Edmonton, was found dea He was a man of about 50 and had come down to obtain particulars for our from Edmonton for the

laty, A. H. Micuel