THE CITY COUNCIL.

Many Matters of Business Attended to at Last Night's Meeting.

Sewerage Progress—University for Victoria Urged—By-Laws Passed—Franchise Granted.

At the regular meeting of the city council last evening, His Worship Mayor Grant presided, and Aldermen Renouf, Hunter, Robertson, McKillican, Smith, Holland and Munn were present.

The minutes of the last regular and of the special meeting were approved as read.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Robert Ward & Co.—In reference to sewerage, market and 4 per cent. corporation debentures, stated that they would not renew their bid on them, but would consider any proposition in regard to them from the council. Referred to the Mayor and Finance committee.

From Drake, Jackson & Helmcken re Capt. Simpson's claim for damages to his property, by the raising of the dam at Elk Lake. The Water Works committee to which the matter was previously referred, were allowed one week's further time to report, and clerk instructed to notify Drake, Jackson & Helmcken.

L. G. Henderson submitted an offer to take a correct census of the population of the city of Victoria, for the sum of $500. Laid on the table for further consideration.

J. Pierson submitted a communication, offering to take charge of the census, should the council desire to take it. Same disposal as former offer.

Application of J. W. Wilson for position of city carpenter. Referred to Street committee.

Poll Tax Collector R. Carter notified council that he had been ordered out of the customs house by Collector Milne.

Ald. Munn said that he had intended to bring the matter before the council. He thought that it was wrong and unjust for the collector to collect this tax from the sealers. Many of them had received but little money, and had really no more right to pay the tax than did tourists. Many of them who came here, merely stopped for supplies, proceeded on to sea and were now in town on their way home to the East. He thought that leniency should be shown. The matter was referred to the city barristers and Finance committee.

Robert Ward notified the Council that he had received an order by telegraph to tender 98 cents for the Agricultural Society debentures.

Ald. Renouf said that the offer should not be considered, as the tenders were offered at a previous meeting, opened and made public, and then laid over for one week. This placed Dalby & Claxton at an unfair advantage. That firm should either be awarded the debentures or new tenders should be called for. He moved that the tenders should be received and filed and that Mr. Ward be notified that the council cannot at present entertain the tender. The motion was seconded by Ald. Holland, and carried.

Sewerage Engineer Mohun submitted his report on the progress of the new sewerage system, it was as follows:

SEWERAGE REPORT.

August 5th, 1891.

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to report as follows upon the sewerage works now being executed by Mr. A. McBean for the Corporation:

The whole of the works completed, or partially completed, are portions of the outlet the Humboldt and Cook streets mains, the three principal sewers of the city.

No work has been performed on the laterals, hitherto owing to the lack of small pipes.

OUTLET MAIN.

A channel, 240 feet long, averaging five feet deep, has been blasted through the solid rock from H.W.M. seawards, for the reception of the outfall pipes. From H.W.M., running inland, a trench has been dug for the main outfall sewer through earth, hardpan, and rock for 600 feet, averaging fifteen feet deep, to the entrance of the tunnel.

The tunnel has been driven 989 feet, of which 564 feet were in earth, 180 feet in hardpan and 125 feet in rock. Six shafts, for man-holes and ventilators, have been sunk through earth and rock to the tunnel from twenty to forty feet deep. Beyond the tunnel, on Moss street, 450 feet of trench have been cut to grade from ten to twenty feet deep, in which the concrete portion of the sewer, for a distance of 411 feet, has been constructed, and 50 feet of brick arch.

On Snowden street the trench, with an average depth of 9 feet, has been dug, and the concrete portion of the sewer laid for about 1,900 feet, and about 60 feet of brick arch laid.

On Cook street, the trench has been dug 1,000 feet in length, an average depth of 8 feet, and about 400 feet of concrete sewer built, exclusive of brick.

COOK STREET MAIN.

The Cook street 18-inch main has been laid, on Cook street, for about 1,900 feet, and the manholes excavated ready for concrete.

On View street, 180 feet of pipe have been laid.

HUMBOLDT STREET MAIN.

On Humboldt street, 877 feet of 20-inch pipe have been laid; a considerable quantity of rock has been encountered here.

On Johnson street, 254 feet of 20-inch pipe have been laid. Considerable difficulty was encountered on Store street in obtaining a solid foundation for the pipe, through the filling of the Johnson street ravine; a narrow concrete arch was thrown across, on which the pipes rest. On Store street 360 feet and on Chatham street 600 feet of 18-inch pipe are in place.

Through the rock on Humboldt street three shafts have been sunk to grade, about 17 feet deep, and from 50 to 60 feet of trench; all this through hard rock. Several hundred feet of trench are in a more or less forward state.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
EDWARD MOHUN,
Sanitary Engineer.

The report was received and filed.

Deputy Provincial Secretary A. Campbell Reddie notified the council of Mr. A. L. Belyea's confirmation by the Government as police magistrate. Received and ordered spread on the records.

Dalby & Claxton notified the council that their offer for debentures, which was deferred for action, was not a continuing one, and that should it be hereafter accepted, they would reserve the right of awaiting confirmation from the clients for whom they acted. Tabled.

Permission asked by James Wilson, superintendent of C. P. R. telegraph, to erect telegraph poles along Government, from Pandora to Trounce avenue, after which they would take down the other poles. Referred to Street committee, with power to act.

PETITIONS.

The following communication with reference to the establishment of a university in this city was received and read:—

VICTORIA, B. C., August 4th, 1891.

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Whereas at a meeting of citizens interested in higher education, held in the City Hall on Monday 6th July last, it was unanimously agreed that in view of the action of the Members of Convocation on the mainland in refusing Members of Convocation on the Island any voice in the governing body of the proposed Provincial University, and the impossibility therefore of looking for harmonious working under these conditions, that immediate steps should be taken to secure the establishment of a university in this city, where it is so much needed and would be so highly prized:

Whereas, the said meeting appointed the undersigned a committee to take the necessary steps to carry out the above resolution.

And, whereas the committee are of opinion that no more important step in the interests of the progress of our city has been brought before the Council;

Your petitioners humbly pray that a by-law be put before the people, at the earliest possible date, for the sum of $50,000 towards the building fund of the university.

Your petitioners would respectfully call the attention of the Council to the following facts, which they believe would amply justify them in granting the prayer of the petition:

First—The proposed gift will enable the commitee to proceed at once with the erection of such portion of the University building as will suffice for present needs.

Second—That this grant from the city will probably ensure the gift of an eligible site within the city limits.

Third—That this grant will greatly enhance the reputation of the city as a place of residence, and tend to the rapid increase of our population, and to ensure the maintenance of Victoria's present position as the legal, medical, scientific and educational centre of the province.

Signed: C. E. Renouf, Chas. Hayward, W. J. Macauley, N. Shakespeare, P. McF. Macleod, G. L. Milne, M.P.P., and J. N. Lemmens.

Mayor Grant and Ald. Renouf urged the importance of meeting the committee and discussing the matter, and Friday evening next was appointed by the Council to meet the committee and other friends of higher education for the purpose of giving the matter consideration.

The accounts against the city for the month of July were read and referred to the Finance committee and ordered paid if found correct.

BY-LAWS.

The by-law to fix the salary of the police magistrate was read a first time.

The consideration of disposal of Agricultural Association debentures was taken up and referred to the Finance committee with power to act.

The by-law for the sale of the Deluge Engine house property on Yates street was ordered placed before the people to be voted on, and August 18th was set apart as the day for the election.

The by-law to raise $50,000 by debentures, for the purpose of increasing the Electric Light plant of the city and extending the same, was called for a second reading. It was ordered placed before the ratepayers on August 18th next. The by-law to take effect October 1st.

The cemetery by-law, raising by loan $10,000 for cemetery purposes, was read a second time. The debentures run 20 years and bear interest at 5 per cent. Ordered to the vote of the ratepayers on August 18th.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

For the purpose of considering the by-law for the creation of a district telegraph and messenger service, the Council went into a committee of the whole. The by-law was read. It provides for the erection of poles and the extension of its wires throughout the city, and prescribes the methods by which work shall be done.

Mr. Benj. Springer, one of the promoters of the proposed service, was present, and explained his proposition to the aldermen. He stated that for the system a small, well-insulated wire was used, and was stretched from building to building. The call boxes were placed in various business houses. The company had secured the privilege from the Telephone company to use their poles, if necessary, and did not intend to erect any poles, except in outlying districts of the city, and then only such as were absolutely necessary.

Ald. Hunter stated that the clause of the by-law which provided that the city could not compel the company to put their wires underground, unless other companies were notified at the same time, should be changed.

Ald. Hunter's suggestions were acted upon, and the by-law was changed accordingly.

The committee then rose and the Council re-assembled.

The by-law then received its second reading and was passed.

REPORTS.

The various committees submitted their reports, which were adopted.

The cost of operating the home for the aged and infirm poor, as reported by the committee, was for July, $201.51. There were fourteen inmates, one of whom died. The committee recommended early action towards the erection of a home on the ground donated by R. P. Rithet, as there were others who needed the accommodations of the home.

RESOLUTION.

Ald. Hunter introduced the following resolution, which was seconded by Ald. Robertson:

Whereas, It has been represented to this Council that the collection of the $3 school tax from men on the sealing vessels which are returning to this port inflicts injustice and hardships upon many.

And whereas, A doubt exists as to the legality of collecting the said tax in such cases.

Be it therefore resolved, That the Finance committee be requested to instruct the collector of the said tax when in their opinion injustice or hardship is inflicted on the parties from whom the tax is sought to be collected, or when in their opinion a doubt exists as to the legality of such action.

The resolution was tabled pending the decision of the city barristers, to whom the question had previously been referred in the matter of Collector Carter's letter.

The Council adjourned at 11:30 o'clock.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

THE OAR.

McLean's race with Peterson, now near at hand, is the all absorbing topic of talk in boating circles. While Victorians almost to a man appear convinced that the Californian is far the better man, no one seems anxious to bet; recent boat races have been so "fishy" that a square race is hardly looked for, and the saying that its safe for no one to bet, but those in the ring, is becoming well worn. Could the Capital City sports be convinced that this race is not already arranged, plenty of Peterson money would be forthcoming. Those in the confidence of Paine, of this city, say that he will be only too glad to make a race with McLean when the proper time comes.

THE TURF.

The Victoria Jockey Club have a fine new iron barrel sprinkler, with a capacity of 1,000 gallons, at work on their track, which is being put in condition for the Fall races, under the direction of Supt. M. Sparrow. This early move is made so that the flyers, some of whom are already at the park, can get all the training desired. The club intends making great—and very necessary—improvements to the grand stand, this summer, and the new stands for the judges and the press will also be erected in time for the Fall meeting.

Jewelry Thieves Captured.

CALGARY, N.W.T., Aug. 1.—Three men were arrested, this morning, while in the act of getting away with watches and jewelry stolen from Geo. Jacques' jewelry store about four months ago. They are Fred Schoultz, Fred Price and McDonald, the clerk, accused of the theft.

W. C. T. U.

Eighth Annual Convention of the Provincial Association Held in Vancouver—Its Proceedings.

List of Delegates in Attendance—Presentation of Reports—Addresses of Welcome, Etc.

MORNING SESSION.

The eighth annual convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of British Columbia was opened on Tuesday morning in the Homer street church, Vancouver. At an executive meeting which took place between 9.30 and 10.30, the programme was re-arranged, after which the roll of officers and superintendents was called and responded to as follows:—President, Mrs. Cunningham; recording secretary, Miss B. S. McDougall; superintendents, Mesdames Spofford, Johnston, Moore, D. McNaughton, D. Robson and Street, and Misses Bowes and Empey.

The president appointed Mesdames Spofford, Scoutler and Street a committee on credentials, who reported that Victoria was entitled to 9 delegates, Vancouver to 11, New Westminster to 11, Chilliwhack to 3, and North Arm to 2.

To the roll call of delegates the following responded:—

Victoria—Mesdames Humber, Siddall, Weir, McGregor, Shakespeare, Andrews and Moore; Misses Spencer and Leake.

Vancouver—Mesdames Thain, Shearer, McCraney, Betts, Cornan, Maitland and Morrison.

New Westminster—Mesdames Hughes, Corgnan, Vass, Scouler, Major, Whiteside and Chadsey; Misses Wells, Major and Pearson.

Chilliwhack—Mesdames Chadsey, Wane and Marshall.

North Arm—Mrs. Nelles.

The president appointed Miss Bowes and Mrs. Thain a committee on courtesies.

The Nominating committee, Mrs. Spofford, Mrs. D. Robson, Mrs. Wane, Mrs. Nelles and Mrs. Thain, presented the following report:

On resolutions—Mesdames Scouler, Siddall, Johnson, Street and Sexsmith.

Devotional exercises—Mesdames Maitland and Shakespeare.

Memorials—Misses Bowes and D. McNaughton.

Evening meetings—Mesdames Shearer and Fraser.

Press reporters—Mesdames Weir, McGregor, Major, Wane, Betts, and Vergulyear; Misses Goodrich and McDougall.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing and prayer, the minutes of the executive meeting were read and adopted.

After reading the rules of order by the president, Mrs. Spofford conducted a short parliamentary drill, which was both interesting and amusing.

Mrs. Scoutler, of New Westminster, presented the report of the corresponding secretary, which was received and adopted.

The treasurer's report was also received and adopted.

Mrs. Street gave notice of an amendment.

EVENING SESSION.

After singing and prayer an address of welcome was read by Mrs. Maitland, of Vancouver, and responded to by Mrs. Weir, of Victoria.

Addresses of welcome were delivered by representatives of the I. O. of G. T., Royal Templars, Sons of Temperance, the clergy and the press.

The president's address having been read was on motion adopted.

After a collection the meeting adjourned.

ARNOLDI'S EVIDENCE.

Another Official Got Boodle and Presents.

OTTAWA, July 28.—At the public accounts committee meeting this morning Gobeil, Deputy Minister of Public Works, questioned by Col. Amyot re the Bancroft signatures to the Kingston graving dock contract, said he remembered three gentlemen coming to sign the contract; two of them he knew to be the Connollys, the third was introduced to him as Bancroft by one of the Connollys. He did not know Bancroft. Gobeil added that as far as he knew no cheques for tenders were received by telegraph.

Arnoldi, chief mechanical engineer of the public works, admitted that the account for $500 in the name of J. R. Wilson, Montreal, for services of the yacht "Joe" in the fiscal year 1889-90 was made out under his own directions. After Wilson signed the receipt he always returned the cash to witness. Continuing, witness said the "Joe" was originally registered in the name of W. A. Allan, of Ottawa. Arnoldi purchased the yacht in the United States and paid the customs duties. Further on he admitted he had been given the boat by his brother-in-law, Mr. Weddie, in consideration of other private matters. He had her subsequently registered in Wilson's name in order to avoid notoriety. Lister created no little amusement by a rigid examination of Arnoldi regarding the expenses of the "Joe" the last fiscal year. The auditor-general's report shows that witness received during the season in all about $646. Of this amount $500 was paid Wilson for witness, the balance being made up of expenses charged by Arnoldi. During the year referred to Arnoldi combined business with pleasure in a cruise from Valleyfield to the head of Lake Ontario. Mrs. Arnoldi and several friends kept him comdany. It came out that the witness bought all supplies and furnished meals to the crew at 25 cents each. All this time Mr. Arnoldi drew $3.50 per day for government allowance for traveling expenses. Dovetailed in the accounts were various items for hack hire and railway fares en route. Turning to another phase of the subject, Arnoldi said his private transactions with Mr. W. A. Allan, of Ottawa, aggregated $60,000. Both visited Lockport together. In that city Arnoldi purchased dredges for Allan, securing a reduction of $500 on each. Witness admitted he had made a good bargain because he had given government orders to the dredging firm. Allan gave him substantial acknowledgement in the shape of a cheque.

Lister—Did you not declare here last year that you did not own the "Joe?"

Arnoldi—I was not under oath, and I think I evaded the question by stating that she was registered in Wilson's name.

Continuing, he admitted he had charged the Government for storage of dredging plant on his private property here. Arnoldi stated he dealt largely with Mr. Chanteloup, brass founder, Montreal, but never received any commission or rebate. The firm gave him a pipe, and last winter while in Montreal he ordered a handsome table, but thus far no bill had been received. A gold chain he wore was also a gift from the Chanteloups.

Arnoldi became very indignant when Lister asked him if the firm had given diamonds to Mrs. Arnoldi. "No, they didn't," he replied, "I am not a beggar on the street." Witness added that his daughter was given a brooch by Chanteloup. He had also taken a fancy three years ago to a horse then owned by a hotel keeper at Lacolle. John Wilson and witness visited the place together. Wilson paid $200 for the animal. Witness admitted he had not yet refunded the amount to his Montreal friend. He gave a history of the introduction of the incandescent systems of electric lighting in the Parliament buildings. The plants were put in by the United States Electric Light Company and the Edison. After a short time the United States system was discarded and the Edison plant retained. It came out under further examination that Charles Benton, agent for the Edison company in New York State, had presented Arnoldi with a pair of bronze dogs, valued at $500. The story is best told in his own words: "I took quite a fancy to them and mentioned it to Charlie. I said, 'Charlie, I wish you could steal them and drop them in my back yard.' This was in the store of Mitchell, Vance & Co., New York. The dogs, sure enough, were dropped into my yard." (Laughter.)

Arnoldi, continuing, went on to say he had precedents for his conduct. He claimed that Robert Steed and Charles Mackenzie, brother-in-law and brother of Hon. Alex. Mackenzie, had drawn government money seventeen years ago under assumed names.

A moment later a scene occurred. Lister, interrupted by Sproule, grew furious, and, leaning over the table, he sarcastically imitated the deep, guttural voice of the member for East Gray. It sounded like this, "Br-r-r-r-r." The uproar which followed was simply deafening. Chairman Wallace rebuked Lister for his want of dignity, and for a few moments his voice could not be overheard amidst the noisy clamor. Lister attempted to reply, but finally McMullen, Landerkin, and Mulock had their say. Witness came in for a severe handling for his flippancy, and the chairman was plainly told he had exceeded his functions. Foster and Bowell defended the chairman, and Lister finally explained that he was simply imitating Sproule.

Mulock moved that James Stewart and Watts, of Winnipeg, be summoned to explain items charged to civil government in Keewatin in connection with the patrol yacht Keewatin. He had a declaration from Stewart. He also read a communication addressed by Stewart to Ottawa and Winnipeg papers, asserting that the charges of the yacht Keewatin were excessive and incorrect, and added that it affected a high public official.

Foster suggested that the witnesses be not summoned until Gov. Schultz could be communicated with. This was agreed to. Witness will be sent for next week, unless the Lieut.-Governor makes satisfactory explanations in the meantime.

ON PLEASURE BENT.

Raymond-Whitcomb Excursionists Who are Spending To-Day in Victoria.

Travellers by Special Train Over the C. P. R., Who Will Now Visit Alaska.

Mr. Coolidge Barnard and Mr. W. A. Edwards, of Boston, are in charge of the seventh Raymond-Whitcomb party, of this year, which arrived over the C.P.R. last evening, will spend to-day in admiring the many beauties of Victoria, and then go on to Alaska by the popular steamer, Queen.

This party, which includes several notable people—among them President Julius D. Dreher, of Roanoke College—started westward from Montreal about the middle of July, and have paid incidental visits to Banff, Glacier and Vancouver, *en route* to Victoria. The Canadian Pacific sleeping cars, "Mattawa," "Nepigon" and "Tokio," and the diner "Windsor," in charge of Mr. A. H. Magridge, have formed the tourists' special train on the first stage of their journey just completed.

After viewing the wonders of weird Alaska, the travellers will pay Victoria a second call, and then see what there is to be seen in Seattle, Tacoma and Portland, and along the picturesque Columbia. The homeward run will be over the Northern Pacific, and will embrace visits to the Yellowstone National Park, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Chicago and Niagara Falls.

Below are published the names of all members of the party:

Atlee, Mr. E. A., Philadelphia, Pa.
Bell, Miss Emily, Philadelphia, Pa.
Bell, Miss Laura, Philadelphia, Pa.
Benjamin, Miss S. F., Pittsfield, Mass.
Cooper, Miss Dora E., Perth Amboy, N.J.
Cooper, Miss H. C., Perth Amboy, N.J.
Crockett, Mrs. Geo. K., Springfield, Mass.
Crozer, Mr. S. A., Upland, Pa.
Davidson, Mrs. Mary G., Newtonville, Mass.
Dewing, Mr. Hiram, Stamford, Conn.
Dewing, Mrs. Hiram, Stamford, Conn.
Dickenson, Mr. E. M., Fitchburg, Mass.
Dickenson, Mrs. E. M., Fitchburg, Mass.
Dreher, Mr. J. D., Roanoke College, Va.
Edwards, Mrs. W. A., Boston, Mass.
Faies, Mrs. Lewis, Milford, Mass.
Flint, Mr. J. G., Milwaukee, Wis.
Flint, Mrs. J. G., " "
Flint, Mr. W. K., " "
Geib, Henry P., M.D., Stamford, Conn.
Goff, Mrs. A. O., Appleton, Wis.
Hildreth, Mr. E. A., Harvard, Mass.
Hildreth, Miss Ellen E., Harvard, Mass.
Hildreth, Mr. Horace E., Harvard, Mass.
Hoyt, Mr. Willard E, Stamford, Conn.
Hyde, Miss Julia E., Sturbridge, Mass.
King, Mr. F. A., New York, N.Y.
King, Rev. Henry M., Providence, R.I.
King, Mrs. Henry M., Providence, R.I.
King, Miss Grace H., Providence, R.I.
King, Miss Lyda S., Providence, R.I.
Knowles, Mr. Morris, Lawrence, Mass.
Leeds, Miss Emily, Stamford, Conn.
Leeds, Mr. Charles H., Stamford, Conn.
Lewis, Mr. J. Wm., Upland, Pa.
Lyon, Miss Louisa W., Appleton, Wis.
Metcalf, Mr. H. C., Roxbury, Mass.
Metcalf, Mrs. H. C., Roxbury, Mass.
Metcalf, Mr. Thomas, Normal, Ill.
Metcalf, Mrs. Thomas, Normal, Ill.
Parker, Dr. M. G., Lowell, Mass.
Pierce, Mr. J. F., Milwaukee, Wis.
Pettee, Mr. Otis, Newton Upper Falls, Mass.
Pratt, Mrs. Geo. Dwight, Springfield, Mass.
Read, Mr. J. R., Charleston, S.C.
Richardson, Rev. Cyrus, Nashua, N.H.
Richardson, Miss A. R., Nashua, N.H.
Richardson, Mr. W. D., Nashua, N.H.
Rowell, Mr. B. W., Boston, Mass.
Sartain, Paul J., M.D., Philadelphia, Pa.
Sartain, Mr. Samuel, Philadelphia, Pa.
Sartain, Mrs. Samuel, Philadelphia, Pa.
Sartain, Miss Amy, Philadelphia, Pa.
Shapleigh, Mr. Charles, Haverhill, Mass.
Shapleigh, Mrs. Charles, Haverhill, Mass.
Smith, Mr. G. H., New Haven, Conn.
Smith, Mrs. G. H., New Haven, Conn.
Stearns, Mr. A. T., Boston, Mass.
Stults, Mr. John L., Roxbury, Mass.
Tatlock, Mrs. Wm., Stamford, Conn.
Treacey, Mr. James F., Albany, N.Y.
Wentworth, Mr. E. E., New York, N.Y.
White, Mrs. Sally Joy, Boston, Mass.
Wilson, Mrs. N. L., San Francisco, Cal.
Woodhead, Mr. E. B., Huddersfield, Eng.
Woodward, Miss S. A., Fitchburg, Mass.
Van de Carr, Mr. H. S., Stockport, N.Y.

Railroad Wreck.

BELLAIRE, O., July 31.—A serious railroad wreck occurred on the narrow gauge road, near here, about noon, to-day. Twenty passengers are reported seriously, and several fatally hurt.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP.

VISIT OF THE FRENCH FLEET.

LONDON, Aug. 4.—The French fleet is to arrive at Spithead, on the morning of August 20, and in the afternoon the Queen will receive the officers at Osborne, and they will dine with Her Majesty in the evening. On the morning of the 21st, the Queen, accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, and Duke of Connaught, will pass around the fleet in the royal yacht Albert. The Prince of Wales is to leave for the continent, according to present arrangements, on the evening of August 16, direct from Hamburg. He will remain in Hamburg until September 5, and then proceed to Denmark, to visit the King and Queen at Fredburg, where the Princess will already have arrived.

ORDER OF THE BLACK EAGLE.

Emperor William offered to make Lord Salisbury a Knight of the Black Eagle. There never was any idea of the Prime Minister's accepting the order, for, by doing so, he would have created embarrassing and undesirable misapprehensions in every court in Europe. Moreover, the Queen must have returned the compliment by giving the Order of the Bath to Caprivi, which would have strengthened the impressions abroad, which it was the object of Her Majesty and Salisbury to remove.

The only statesman who was ever made a Knight of the Black Eagle was the Duke of Wellington, who received the great Prussian order from Frederick William III. after the battle of Waterloo.

MUZZLING THE PRESS.

The consideration of nearly 100 cases of what is called an outrage to the emperor are pending in Germany, and their increased number excites wide-spread uneasiness. Several new charges have arisen out of the recent slight accident on board the Imperial yacht, one of them appropriately enough having been exaggerated by foreign papers. They are, as a rule, disposed of by a brief term of imprisonment, but they are calculated to make the existing regime very unpopular.

A SICKLY PRINCE.

Crown Prince of Portugal, a weakly child of four years, is suffering greatly from a severe illness. His father, who has increased in weight to an alarming extent since his accession, is advised very strongly by his physicians to make a visit to Carlsbad, but the political and financial complications of Portugal render it impossible for him to quit the kingdom.

ANOTHER ROYAL VISITOR.

Before the year is out England is to welcome another royalty in the wealthy Maharajah of Mysore. His departure, however, is attended by some difficulty. Certain priests in Southern India have been deputed to study the abstruse questions involved in the project before the Maharajah imperils his caste by crossing the black water.

DEATH OF A FAMOUS CHARACTER.

One of the most familiar characters in Parisian musical circles has vanished forever. Countess de Chambrun was a personal friend of every singer who has won success during the last 40 years, and she devoted large sums, for she was wealthy as well as Wagnerian, in the organization of musical performances in her magnificent music room, with her own maitre de chapelle, Mme. Colonne, as conductor. Nilsson, Melbai, Unzande and Conneau have been among her latest favorites, and she patronized Bach and Handel as well as Wagner. Her trunks were already packed for that yearly pilgrimage to Bayreuth, which she never missed, when she caught a cold which carried her off.

NEW YORK, July 31.—The Mail and Express says the banking house, about which rumors have been afloat for several days, is that of Brown Bros., but adds that it is learned, to-day, that the reports were false, and that the house is in excellent condition. The Journal of Finance's London cablegram says that a financial house, having important Italian connections, is in trouble, and will probably go down, unless it obtains an extension of its $30,000,000 liabilities.

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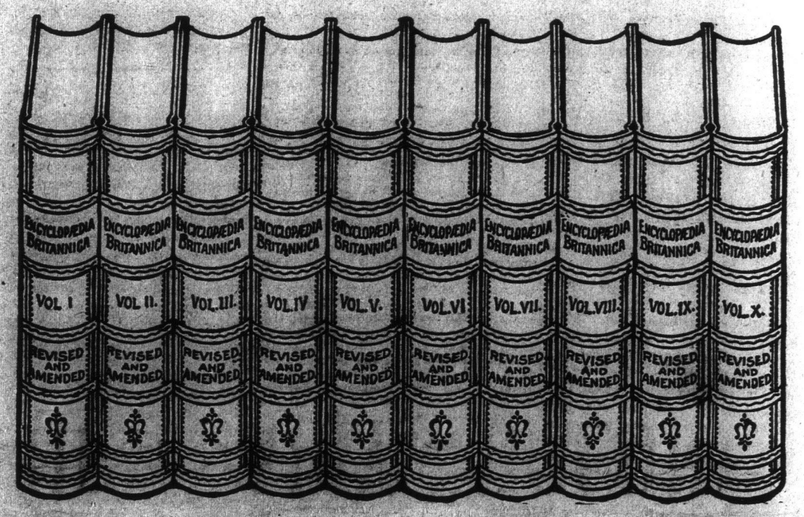

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