

Captured by Burghers

Lord Roberts's Dispatch Telling of the Surrender of Dewetsdorp Garrison.

Fifteen British Soldiers Were Killed and Forty-Two Wounded.

London, Nov. 29.—Telegraphing to the war office from Johannesburg, on Wednesday, Lord Roberts says: "The Dewetsdorp garrison of two guns of the 68th Field Battery, with detachments of the Gloucestershire regiment, the Highland Light Infantry and Irish Rifles, four hundred in all, surrendered at 5.30 p. m., November 25th.

"Our losses were 15 men killed and 42 wounded, including Major H. J. Anson and Capt. Digby. "The enemy is said to be 2,500 strong. Four hundred men were dispatched from Edenburg to the relief of Dewetsdorp, but they did not succeed in reaching there in time. Knox joined this force, and found Dewetsdorp evacuated. Seventy-five sick and wounded had been left there.

"Knox pursued and is reported to have successfully engaged Steyn and Dewet near Vaal Bank on November 27th. They retired west and southwest. Knox's messenger failed to get through, so I have no details.

Departed to Natal. Standerton, Transvaal Colony, Nov. 29.—Seventy Boer women and children, whose husbands, and fathers are still fighting, have been deported to Pietermaritzburg, Natal.

Kruger's Stay in Berlin. Berlin, Nov. 29.—Ex-President Kruger will arrive here on December 4th, and will stay until December 8th. The government has been informed of his impending visit.

Unrest in Cape Colony. Capetown, Nov. 29.—The government of Cape Colony has refused the application for special trains to facilitate attendance at the People's congress at Worcester, on December 9th. The government officials declare such meetings unconstitutional in the present state of the country.

The Canadians in London. Montreal, Nov. 29.—The Star London correspondent says: "The heartiest welcome awaited the Royal Canadian Regiment this afternoon. Since their arrival at Southampton, the Canadians have been greeted everywhere with tumultuous applause.

"On reaching Addison road station from Southampton," continues the Star correspondent, "there were present to meet the Canadians, Gen. Trotter, commanding the home army, and a group of staff officers; Lord Onslow, representing the colonial office; Lord and Lady Strathcona; Col. Lake and Col. McKinnon, of the City Imperial Volunteers; and Chaplain Lloyd of the Queen's Own Rifles. As the train entered the station the band of the Scots Guards played the National Anthem. Crowds outside the station, who had been waiting for several hours, cheered enthusiastically. The cheers were renewed as Col. Otter alighted, with Col. Buchan and Surgeon-General Major Fiset, Captains MacDonald, Burdall, Lawless, Mason and Almond, and Lieutenants Swift, Caldwell, Lafferty, Temple and Carpenter and 250 men, who received most cordial greetings and congratulations upon the remarkably good condition they were in.

"The men were drawn up on the platform, and were inspected by the staff officers and Lord Strathcona. "Along crowded streets and headed by the bands of the Scots Guards and Coldstream Guards, the Canadians marched to Kensington barracks, meeting with the warmest reception en route. "The accommodation at the barracks is most comfortable. The officers are quartered in Kensington Palace hotel, which has a painful interest for Canadians, inasmuch as Sir John Thompson stayed there the night before his tragic death at Windsor Castle.

"The Canadians spent a quiet evening at night, having declined all invitations. Tomorrow they will be reviewed by the Queen at Windsor, and on Monday by the Prince of Wales at Albany barracks. They leave for Liverpool on December 1st.

LAPLANDERS RETURN. They Say Alaska Does Not Suit Them—Many of the Party Died.

(Associated Press.) Chicago, Nov. 30.—Four Laplanders, survivors of a party of fifteen who left their native land three years ago with 500 reindeers which the United States government desired to test in Alaska, passed through Chicago en route home. The four were Jabe Latt, his wife, a son of 1 year old, and a daughter, 8 years old. Through an interpreter, Lett said that the government's experiment with the reindeer had been unsuccessful for several reasons. He said: "The country did not suit either us or the reindeer. It was cold enough, but it was different in other ways. The deer did not get the same things to eat that they did in Lapland, and they did not get the same treatment. When we arrived in Alaska the deer were distributed, and each of us went with a certain number to a certain place. The men who worked with us did not know the habits of the animals, and could not treat them as they should have been handled. I do not know why the country proved so unhealthy for the Laplanders. Anyhow, it killed the most of our party."

Policeman Was Killed

And Five Workmen Wounded in Fight Between Unionists and Non-Unionists.

One of the Injured Will Die—Two of Striking Men Placed in Jail.

(Associated Press.) San Antonio, Tex., Nov. 30.—One man killed and five others wounded, one fatally, is the result of a clash last night between the union and non-union forces in the telephone strike inaugurated here on November 3rd. The dead: Wm. Lacey, policeman. Wounded: O. D. Blanton, striker, will die; Martin Wright, president of the Electrical Workers' Union, shot in left arm; Sandy Smith, employee of the telephone company; two other names unknown.

Smith did all the shooting. In company with other employees of the company, he started out to repair broken wires. The men had police protection. The party returned to the exchange. A little later Smith emerged and started to climb a pole on the opposite side of the street. A crowd of men surrounded him and began throwing stones, after which he ran into the Robin's stables to escape the crowd. The latter followed, and the fight continued in the stables. Shortly afterwards three shots were heard. Lacey was the first victim. The second shot grazed Wright's chest and entered his left arm. The last shot struck Blanton. Lacey died in a few minutes after the shooting.

The shooting caused a great deal of excitement and many wild rumors. Smith and one or the strikers were placed in jail.

DEVELOPING CUBA.

Santiago de Cuba, Nov. 28.—The Cosmopolitan Club entertained Sir William Van Horné last evening at dinner. In the course of his speech Sir William said: "The company's purpose is to develop the resources of the eastern portion of Cuba. After my first visit to the island, during which I saw the possibilities for the investment of capital that would yield enormous profits, I returned to New York and had no difficulty in organizing a company in two days. We expect in the course of the next eight months to complete the projected railway from San Luis to Santa Clara, thus connecting Santiago and Havana by rail. Our idea is then to be liberal in the matter of local rates, because in this way we can the more rapidly develop the resources of the interior of the province. It is our intention to encourage the immigration of Spanish and other white laborers, and we will give land along the railroad to such immigrants, expecting in this way to promote the development of the interior. We have no intention whatever of disregarding the Foraker law, but are willing to take our chances as to future legislation of whatever form of government is established in Cuba. Our company is now operating without a franchise, but we are only building a railroad on our own lands, which would be within the right of any one."

FERRY BOAT CAPSIZED.

Four Men Were Drowned in the Spokane River. (Associated Press.) Spokane, Dec. 1.—Four lives were lost here last night by the capsizing of a ferry boat in the Spokane river. The ferry is about two miles down the river. It was crossing the stream with eight team workmen, who had ended their day's work in a construction camp near the Great Northern's new bridge. The men crowded to the bow and it was forced under the swift current and the boat was swamped. All the men were thrown into the water. Five swam to the shore and the others climbed in the capsized boat. The waves ran high and washed four of them off to be drowned. The dead: L. Simons, colored; Jack Lovett and two unknown Italians.

CROKER APPEALS. He Has Been Assessed an Income Tax of \$5,000. (Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 1.—A dispatch from London to the World says: "Richard Croker, when he arrived at this country in England, had a notice served on him that he had been assessed an income tax of \$5,000 on a \$100,000 income. This is the high rate levied in England on account of the Boer war. The tax is levied on temporary residents as well as citizens. Mr. Croker consulted some legal counsel, and was advised to appeal against the assessment. Accordingly Mr. Croker went to Wantage to appeal personally before the local committee. The proceedings were strictly private."

REVIEWED BY THE QUEEN

At Windsor To-day Her Majesty Thanked the Canadians for Their Services to the Empire.

SAIL FOR HOME ON DECEMBER 11TH

Situation in South Africa is Causing Uneasiness--Dewet Continues to Elude the British--Kitchener Will Not Have Chief Command.

(Associated Press.) London, Nov. 30.—The members of the Royal Canadian regiment, who have just returned from South Africa, were enthusiastically received by the people of Windsor this morning. The soldiers then proceeded to the castle and were reviewed by the Queen in the quadrangle. Her Majesty, addressing the Canadians, thanked them for the immense services they had rendered to the empire. The officers were then presented individually, after which the Queen summoned Private Armstrong, of New Brunswick, who had lost a leg during the campaign, but who joined in the march on crutches. After the soldiers had been shown over the state apartments they were entertained at luncheon in the Royal riding school.

The Queen's speech to the Canadians was as follows: "I am very glad to see you here today, and to express my warm thanks for the admirable services rendered during the war by the Canadian troops. I wish you a safe and happy return to your homes."

The Canadians marched past to the tune of "Vive la Canadienne." The regiment was afterwards photographed at the special request of the Queen. Not Yet Liberated.

London, Nov. 30.—The disaster at Dewetsdorp has sent a thrill of alarm through Great Britain. The censorship continues so strict that there is no hope of arriving at a clear conception of the actual position of affairs in South Africa. For instance, independent accounts of the subsequent proceedings and the recapture of Dewetsdorp give ample details, not omitting to announce the capture of two Boer wagons and a quantity of loot, but there is not the slightest mention of the surrender of 400 British troops and two guns, which were not even disabled; inasmuch as the Boers were able to use them against the British relief forces.

The ubiquitous Dewet seems again to have gotten away and, so far, there is no news that the captured British have been liberated. Taking into consideration the enigmatically military situation north of the

Orange river, the smouldering rebellion in Cape Colony, the rumors that France has promised Kruger to press arbitration on England if he is able to obtain the support of Germany, and that Lord Kitchener, after all, is not to be given the chief command in South Africa, the British government will meet the new parliament next week at an exceedingly inopportune moment. No attempt is made to conceal the extreme irritation felt at the adoption of a vote of sympathy with Mr. Kruger by the French chamber of deputies. The morning papers are unanimous in declaring that no intervention of any kind will be allowed to change the British policy.

Garrison Relieved. Vryburg, Cape Colony, Nov. 30.—The garrison of Schweizer Reneke has been relieved by a column of troops sent from here. The beleaguering Boers resisted, but were driven off.

Miner's Advice. Capetown, Nov. 30.—In the course of his address to the refugees' committee on Tuesday, Sir Alfred Milner admitted that there had been general miscalculation as to the time when peace would be restored. Guerrilla operations intended to inflict the maximum of injury upon the Boers were causing delay, and he finally pointed out that those fit and willing to render military service could hasten their own return and that of other refugees by joining the volunteers in the field.

Oom Paul. New York, Nov. 30.—The Boer sympathizers at The Hague are generally disappointed and dissatisfied that Mr. Kruger has changed his plans, says a Herald special from Antwerp. Some persons think that the Dutch government itself has been instrumental in keeping him away from Holland until the enthusiasm shall calm. The Boer headquarters in the Hague announce that the immediate plans of Mr. Kruger are unknown.

Dispatch From Col. Otter. (Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Nov. 30.—A cable was received to-day from Col. Otter stating that the Canadian troops got an enthusiastic reception in England, and that they intend sailing for Canada by the Lake Champlain, Elder Dempster line, on December 11th.

MANY VAGS ARRESTED.

Eight of Them Remanded Until To-morrow—Other Police Court Items. In the police court this morning, eight vags, James McDonald, Jno. Rogers, Jno. Ryan, Chas. Adams, Henry Turney, Patrick McDermott, Patrick and Edmonds, Chas. Paterson, who were found on last evening by Chief of Police Langley and Detectives Palmer and Perrine on suspicion of being implicated in thieving operations for some time past, were remanded until to-morrow. A drunk was fined \$2.50 or five days, and a butcher cart driver \$5 or ten days for driving at an excessive speed. He paid his fine. Lang Fook was charged with ill treating his horse. The charge was laid at the instance of President Dallin, of the S. P. C. A., and the society's counsel, Lindley Cressie, prosecuted. It was remanded until Monday next. Lang Fook was only recently convicted and fined \$35 for turning his equine out to die. Mark Walton, an aged colored man, was charged with allowing his horse to remain tied up and unattended from 6 p. m. on October 26th until 10.30 a. m. the next day. He pleaded guilty, but sentence was deferred until Monday.

Against the Emperor

Ten Thousand Chinese Troops Reported to Have Joined Prince Tuan's Rebellion.

Col. York, Commander of German Column, Is Dying—Striping by Natives.

London, Nov. 29.—A dispatch to a news agency from Peking says that Col. York, in command of the German column, is lying at the point of death at the village between Calgagan and Pekia. His illness was caused by inhaling fumes from a stove in his bedroom. Field Marshal Count von Waldersee will bring in York's column. Russia's Change of Front.

Ministers Returned

London, Nov. 30.—Dr. Morrison, writing to the Times from Peking yesterday, says: "M. De Giers, the Russian minister, who had assented to all the terms of the conjoint note, including the death penalty clause, has now intimated to the Chinese envoys that Russia will insist either upon the revision of the death penalty clause, substituting a provision that the guilty shall be punished by the Chinese in a manner acceptable to the powers, or that the terms of the note shall not be irrevocable, but may be modified by negotiations with the Chinese envoys." Russia has thus again proclaimed how farcical is the so-called concert. A French detachment is on the frontier of Shan Si, west of Ning Tze, prepared to start for Tai Yen Fu, an operation calculated to encourage the court to return to Peking. Tien Tsin, Nov. 29.—The Fifteenth United States infantry has departed for Tong Ku, where it will be embarked for Manila. It is reported that cold weather is driving the hostile natives into outlying villages, where there is much restlessness. Scouting parties constantly out report sniping along the Peking road and on remote trails, but severe reprisals are lessening it. Tung Wen Huan, provincial treasurer of Chihli, who was sentenced to death by the international military tribunal at Pao Ting Fu, is being brought here to be publicly beheaded by the city government executioner. This is at the request of the Pao Ting Fu military authorities. Asked for Guns.

Shanghai, Nov. 29.—A missionary in the province of Han Su reports that 10,000 troops of Gen. Tung Fu Hsiang entered the province, and joined Prince Tuan's rebellion against the Emperor. Tuan has been obtaining supplies from the viceroys of Sze Chuen. The governor of Shan Si has wired a request to the Wu Chang viceroy to send him, without delay, eight quick-firing guns, and the viceroy has ordered the guns to be sent. It is reported that Han Tung, guardian of the heir apparent, is still alive and in hiding. Vice-Admiral Seymour's visit to the Yang Tse viceroys is said to have been in every way satisfactory.

MRS. MAYBRICK. Washington Dispatch Says Ambassador Choate Will Renew Efforts in Her Interest. New York, Nov. 30.—Renewed efforts in the interest of Mrs. Florence Maybrick will be made by Ambassador Choate, in connection with instructions given by Secretary Hay, says a Herald dispatch from Washington. Additional evidence, showing that Mr. Maybrick was addicted to the use of the drug from which he died has been gathered, and forwarded to Ambassador Choate for presentation to the Right Hon. C. T. Ritchie, who has succeeded Sir M. White Ridley as secretary of the home department in the recent reorganization of the British cabinet. London, Nov. 30.—The officials of the United States embassy say they have just received instructions in connection with taking further steps for the release from Woking prison of Mrs. Florence Maybrick.

MAY SETTLE DIFFERENCES.

The Porte is Expected to Grant an Exequatur to United States Vice Consul. (Associated Press.) Constantinople, Nov. 29.—The opinion is expressed in diplomatic circles that the American claims arising from the Armenian massacres "may now be regarded as practically settled, as an trade providing for the building of a cruiser in the United States is officially promulgated." The question of the consulate at Harpoot remains open, the Porte persisting in its refusal to grant an exequatur to Dr. Thomas H. Norton. The moral effect, however, created by the presence of the United States battleship Kentucky at Smyrna in support of the representatives of the American legislation, taken in conjunction with the settlement of the other claims, leads the legation to hope for an early arrangement of all outstanding differences. No News from Smyrna.

London, Nov. 30.—Nothing in regard to the United States battleship is coming direct from Smyrna. The authorities there are censoring all dispatches.

Dr. DRIGES'S CREAM Baking Powder. Greatest in leavening strength, a spoonful raises more dough, or goes further. Working uniformly and perfectly, it makes the bread and cake always light and beautiful, and there is never caused a waste of good flour, sugar, butter and eggs. With finer food and a saving of money comes the saving of the health of the family, and that is the greatest of all.

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A MATTER FOR REJOICING.

All those who have cast upon their shoulders the responsibility of state affairs, and have an adequate idea of the trust reposed in them, will be exceedingly glad to hear that the life of the Czar of all the Russias has been spared.

admits of a body of men voting solidly one way. The case of the Indians of Ontario who were served with a bogus command from the Queen to vote for Dr. Montague gives an admirable illustration of how the oracle can be worked.

BRITISH OPINION.

The press of the United Kingdom is all of one mind apparently in regard to the significance of the great victory of the Liberals at the late elections. From the Times down to the minor papers in the provinces all have had something to say upon a subject which a few years ago would never have been noticed at all except cursorily.

ORIENTAL VOTES.

The successful application of a naturalized Japanese subject of the Queen for the privileges of the franchise has raised a question which is likely to create a good deal of discussion before it is satisfactorily disposed of.

VICTORIA AROUSED.

The people have decided that Victoria shall no longer occupy a position of "splendid isolation" on the North American continent. It had frequently been remarked that we had reached the parting of the ways.

injury in the past, just as it must necessarily have a baneful effect on any commercial house to have it bruited abroad that it has fallen behind the times.

KEEP RIGHT ON.

The feeling was general in the city yesterday that the ferry by-law would be ratified by the ratepayers by a good majority, but there were very few indeed who expected such an overwhelming vote in its favor.

The Canadian officers, who returned here from South Africa this week, expressed no surprise at the renewal of Boer success. They only wondered that they had not been greater.

Too Much of a Humanitarian for the work now to be done. Once Kitchener gets to work on the Boers, nothing will stop him.

There is a noticeable incursion of Filipinos into London and Paris. The representative of a new campaign, Agoncillo, Aguinaldo's agent in Europe, was contemplating going to Hongkong to reorganize there the Filipino transport and resupply the Philippines with munitions of war.

We are afraid the Scots of Victoria are not alive to their privileges. Yesterday was the day when all men from north of the Tweed are permitted with impunity to sound the loud timbral to the honor and glory of the Scottish people.

YOU CAN'T BE ATTRACTIVE.

An Offensive Breath and Disgusting Discharges, Due to Catarrh, Blight Millions of Lives Yearly. Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder Believes in 10 Minutes.

To Deal With Boers

Much Is Expected of Mounted Police Force Now Being Established.

Canadian Officers Think Kitchener Is the Right Man For the Work

Philippine War—Member of Junta Says Native Resources Are Still Great.

London, Dec. 1.—South Africa once more monopolizes attention. The public is aghast at General Dewet's success at Dewetsdorp where he captured the British garrison of 400 men and two guns.

The Situation in South Africa is serious. It resembles in many ways America's trouble with the Filipinos.

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Japs and Their Votes

There Will Probably Be Trouble in Vancouver Should They Visit the Polls.

An American Syndicate Is to Erect Large Cement Works at Sidney.

(Special to the Times.) Vancouver, Dec. 1.—The decision of Chief Justice McColl, allowing the appeal of the Japanese to be placed on voters' list, is the sensation of the day in Vancouver.

Everywhere over the city to-day the threat is freely made that if force is necessary it will be used, and Japanese will not be allowed to cast their votes on election day.

Unless some particularly drastic action is taken Deputy Returning Officer H. J. Duncan, has to-day fully decided his question, by declaring that he will instruct election officers at polling booths not to allow any Chinese, Japs or Indians to vote.

Cement Works for Sidney. An American syndicate, with practically unlimited capital available, represented here by J. Keith Eisner, owner of the British Columbia Portland Cement Works in Vancouver, will erect, what will be the largest cement works west of Chicago, at Sidney, Vancouver Island.

Tired of Losing Officers and Men by death from sickness. We hope and believe that better times are in store.

Sir Thomas Lipton lately has been considering the proposal to send Shamrock I. into American waters for a series of trial races with Shamrock II.

Mr. Watson, who has designed the new challenger for the America's Cup.



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The delicate refined scent we constantly strive to secure in our perfumes has given us a lasting reputation. Besides our large stock of staple perfumes, we have imported a choice line of

Capture Imminent

Knox is Engaged in Big Fight With Dewet Near Rouxville.

Pilcher is Also Reported to Have Been in Touch With Wily Leader.

Lord Mayor and Corporation of London Entertain Members of Canadian Regiment.

London, Dec. 1.—The Evening Standard reports that a great fight is in progress between General Knox and General Dewet near Rouxville in the southern extremity of the Orange River Colony.

General Kitchener also reports that General Paget was fighting on November 28th and 29th with the Viljoen and Erasmus commandos, and that he drove them to a position in the vicinity of Rietfontein.

The British casualties were heavy. Colonel Lloyd and five other officers were wounded, five men were killed and fifty were wounded.

London, Dec. 1.—During a course of sightseeing in the metropolis to-day the members of the Royal Canadian contingent troops were received at the Mansion House by the Lord Mayor and corporation.

His Lordship expressed the high honor he felt in entertaining a regiment, whose services to the Empire were so great that they had been acknowledged by the Queen's own lips, the highest honor which could be bestowed on returning troops.

Lieut.-Col. Buchan gracefully acknowledged the heartiness of the reception of the Canadians everywhere in England.

Paris, Dec. 1.—Mr. Kruger left the Hotel Scribe at 1.10 p. m. to-day in a closed carriage, surrounded by a squadron of mounted municipal guards.

The Boer statesman was cheered as he drove away. The Boer committee which accompanied Mr. Kruger to the station will go as far as the French border.

The Journal Officiel this morning promulgates the conventions of the Hague peace conference signed July 29th, 1899.

Several papers note the significance of the publication at this moment. The Journal says: "It appears to us of great importance that these conventions are published on the morning Mr. Kruger's departure."

Mr. Kruger's departure, after declaring that he is ready to accept arbitration, and has indeed come to Europe to seek mediation, is not this indication a sort of reminder to him that he should not lose the hopes which were raised by the final acts of the conference." The Matin comments in a similar strain.

CANCER CURED PERMANENTLY.

Cases Cured Five, Six and Nine Ago by the New Method of Treatment and the Disease Shows No Sign of Returning.

People who have been operated on and have had the cancer come back on them again with increased severity; those who have had the cancerous lump drawn out by plaster or eaten away by a paste, and who find themselves worse than before; cancer sufferers who have spent hundreds of dollars on all sorts of remedies, seeking a permanent cure in vain, very properly are anxious to know if the constitutional treatment of cancer and tumor will cure so that the cure will be a permanent one.

We answer yes, and so there may be no doubt about it. We give cases in our new book, "Cancer, Its Cause and Cure," where the persons were cured many years ago, and up to the present time the disease shows no signs of returning.

One lady was cured of cancer of the breast six years ago and is perfectly well to-day. Another lady was cured of an obstinate tumor in 1896 and has never had any return of it since.

A case of cancer of the nose that was cured in 1894 shows no signs of coming back. Thus we might go on multiplying instances of permanent cures. Those who desire further information about this permanent and painless treatment for cancers and tumors should send 2 stamps to Messrs. STOTT & JURY, Bowmansville, Ont.

Sweet. Cut Glass. Bowes.

A Signal Victory

Big Fight Near. Orange River. first dispatch. in his capacity.

By-Law Secures Eighty-Four Per Cent. of the Total Votes. Polled. Great Majority Ruled Up in Its Favor-Rejoicing Over the Result.

Yesterday the electors of Victoria... The results were eagerly looked for by excited knots of citizens in front of the newspaper offices...

Table with 2 columns: Ayes, Nays. CENTRE WARD, SOUTH WARD, NORTH WARD, TOTALS, MAJORITY FOR THE BY-LAW, UNMARKED OR VOID BALLOTS, TOTAL VOTE CAST, 2,055.

It will be seen by the above that the by-law instead of securing only the 30 per cent. required by law for its passage, registered 84.87 per cent. of the total vote polled.

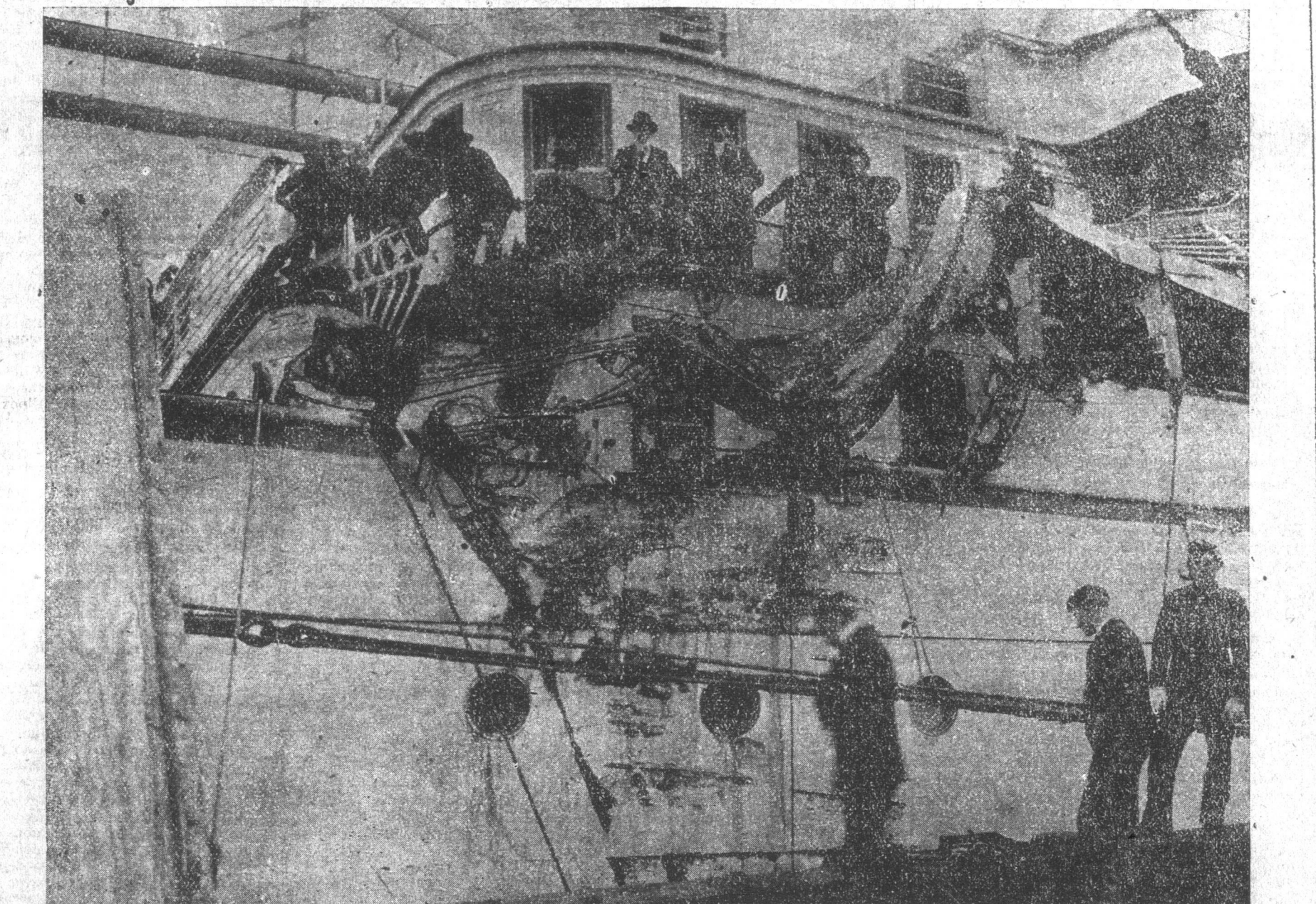
GRADUATED TAXATION. Interesting Lecture by Rev. Dr. Wilson in A. O. U. W. Hall Last Evening.

The evening, Rev. Dr. Wilson, with a happy allusion to the reverend gentleman as one of the reformers who was possessed of a well-founded idea regarding a satisfactory solution of the question.

The speaker then dealt directly with his plan of taxation, which was on the principle that the rate should be graduated according to the income—that is, as far as the income tax was concerned.

After the conclusion of the lecture a resolution was carried, pledging the meeting to support the course to be given subsequently.

Damages to the Empress of Japan—The C. P. R. Liner at Victoria Wharf.



The above cut, from a photo by Fleming Bros., shows injuries to R.M.S. Empress of Japan, which put back to Victoria on the evening of Nov. 3 after colliding with the American bark Abby Palmer off the entrance to the Straits while on her way to the Orient from this port.

Committed For Trial

Eugene Brooks and Willie Maltby Had Their Preliminary Hearing This Morning. Must Appear Before Higher Court—No Witnesses Called for Defence.

The police court room this morning was crowded, the piece de resistance being the preliminary hearing of the case of Eugene Brooks, Zionite elder in the city, and Willie W. Maltby, charged with causing the death of the six-year-old child of the latter.

Witness resided with the Maltby family since October 1st. She knew Rev. Mr. Brooks, pastor of the Christian Catholic church, the adherents of which were sometimes called "Zionites" by people.

Continuing, the witness said that he had had considerable experience in diphtheria cases. Q.—What percentage of recovery is there under the present system of treatment? A.—Eighty-five per cent.

Q.—Suppose you were a mother with a sick child, following out the doctrine of your church, would you call in a doctor? A.—I could not suppose anything like that at all.

Q.—Would you summon a physician for your child? A.—I would not call in a physician myself. That would be doubting God.

Q.—Is that the way good members of the Zionite church would act? A.—Yes. Q.—Were Mr. and Mrs. Maltby earnest believers in the teaching of the church? A.—Yes.

Continuing, the witness said she was in the house on Wednesday, 21st, the day on which the child died. She was also in the house the evening before the child died.

Continuing, witness stated that one means of cure was by opening an avenue in the windpipe below the seat of obstruction and inserting a tube. This would allow the child to breathe.

Q.—How long before death could the child's life be saved through the insertion of the tube? A.—Two or three minutes. In fact, I have known cases in which life has been saved after the child was black in the face.

Q.—How many cases in the immediate neighborhood have you recently attended? A.—Five cases. Q.—With what success? A.—Recovery, in each case.

Q.—How was it that the children understood the child to be dying? A.—Because he had no color, and appeared white in the face. Q.—How was it that the children understood the child to be dying? A.—Because he had no color, and appeared white in the face.

Great Loss Of Life

A Typhoon's Work of Destruction in the Far East—Terrific Explosion.

Daring Attempt at Piracy on a Steam Launch Running Out of Hongkong.

On or about the date the steamship Idzuma Maru, which reached here from the Orient at noon yesterday, left Hongkong, the steamer Progress arrived reporting that a typhoon at Tonraue in the early part of October, lasting forty-eight hours, destroying villages, ricefields, and buildings, and laying the harbor bare.

At Quinhon on the 16th of October there was another typhoon doing enormous damage, which lasted three days. Tongking sent supplies immediately. The desolation extends for miles, the tea and coffee plantations being wrecked.

A dispatch from Aokio says: It is reported that Field Marshal Count von Waldersee, supreme commander of the allies, will shortly return home. The chief reasons given for this are that the general, who expected that the supreme command of the allies would be entrusted to him on arrival in China, was deeply disappointed at the outset by the American attitude.

The steam launch Perseverance had an adventurous trip while on her last trip from Hongkong to Canton. She carried about sixty passengers, all Chinese. The launch arrived at Macao shortly after 11 o'clock, nothing unusual having transpired during the run.

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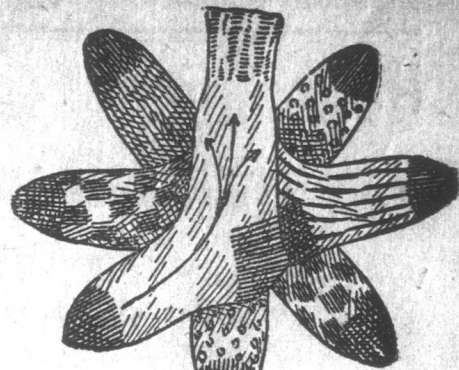
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MILBURN'S HEART AND NERVE PILLS MAKE WEAK PEOPLE STRONG. Description of the pills' benefits for heart and nerve ailments.

BEFORE RETIRING TAKE A LAXA-LIVER PILL. Advertisement for Laxa-Liver Pills, claiming to improve sleep and digestion.

Honoring St. Andrew

Victoria Scotsmen Hold Their Annual Dinner at the Friar Hotel.

Eloquent Speeches and Loyal Toasts the Order of the Evening.

St. Andrew's night is one which is never forgotten where Scotsmen are to be found...

Keen regret was felt that owing to indisposition both His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor...

Dear Sir—I am very sorry that I shall not be able to attend the St. Andrew's banquet on Friday evening...

With best wishes for the success of the St. Andrew's banquet.

H. G. JOLY de LOYBNIERE.

Sir—Will you kindly present my compliments to the assembled guests...

It was bad enough to lose the banquet of the American consul...

I should have liked more than ever to be present to-night...

I hope, too, that the representatives of those forces at Ladysmith...

Scotland, too, has witnessed, only last month, the extraordinary union in ecclesiastical matters...

Letters of regret were also read by Secretary Russell from R. E. Gosnell...

In the absence of President Helmecken the second vice-president...

The complete list of guests who sat about the table was as follows:

- Bishop Cridge, Senator Templeman, Hon. J. H. Turner, Mayor Hayward, Capt. Fleet, W. A. Robertson...

TO GOVERNOR-GENERAL. Ottawa is further from Victoria than Rawick from London...

TO VANCOUVER. Nowhere beats the heart so kindly as

beneath the tartan plaid. We wish ye a merry night.

TO SAN FRANCISCO. We'll hae a richt guid willie-waught for auld lang syne.

TO WINNIPEG. Ye, my bairnies, blythe and gay, Why laugh and sing the levee lang day...

TO OTTAWA. Sons o' the heather, we're unco thankful for your greeting...

TO WESTMINSTER. We'll mind yer guid advice, tak' tent to it yerse's...

TO HALIFAX. East and West thegither ca', an' sociel glee unite us a'.

TO MONTREAL. We'll mak' oor mant, we'll brew oor drink, we'll dance an' sing an' rejoice, man.

TO NEW YORK. Here's a han', my trusty freens, for auld lang syne.

The following telegrams were received in reply during the evening:

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 1, 1900. To H. Dallas Helmcken, Victoria:

His Excellency thanks you heartily for good wishes, which are warmly reciprocated.

FROM KAMLOOPS. In this land o' brown heath and shaggy wood...

FROM PORTLAND. Our twenty-fifth anniversary, we wish muckle joy the richt...

FROM SAN FRANCISCO. Hail ye breath to cool yer kail. Here's wishin' ye a' weel.

ALLAN POLLOCK, President.

FROM WINNIPEG. Ye Western Scots attention len, We were ye this to let ye ken...

FROM OTTAWA. Fraternal greetings to our fellow countrymen of Victoria...

FROM WESTMINSTER. Leese me on ye eanty caris. Lang may ye hae a rowth o' faris...

FROM HALIFAX. The East send hearty greetings to the West on this St. Andrew's Day.

FROM VANCOUVER. Vancouver Scots rax a friendly han' tae their brithers in the Paecefic Island...

FROM ROSSLAND. The nicht nae cottillions brent new frae France...

FROM NELSON. May the win's waft a snuff o' oor haggis tae the chieft in Victoria.

FROM MONTREAL. Here's to the grand fedioc, the great fedioc, the great fedioc...

The first toast of the evening, "The Queen and members of the Royal Family," proposed by the chairman...

Mr. Robertson then proposed the toast to the "President of the United States..."

Consul Smith, in replying, thanked the guests for the hearty way in which the toast was drunk...

Mr. C. Smith, in proposing the toast, "The Governor-General of British Columbia," pointed to the fact...

James Deans then followed with an original poem, entitled "Victoria's Welcome to Her Sons from the Transvaal..."

which evoked great applause and called for an encore...

The poems were as follows: VICTORIA'S WELCOME TO HER SONS FROM THE TRANSVAAL.

Thou art welcome again to thy dear native plain. From the fields of thy fame, fresh in my mind...

When thy country did crave, from the gallies and waves, A help from her sons in her sorrow...

When the wanderings afar, 'midst the fortunes of war, Thou returnedst unscathed from the foray...

When thy country did crave, from the gallies and waves, A help from her sons in her sorrow...

Our friends who did fall—by veidt, Modder or wall— We will drink to their memory in sorrow...

THE WEDDIN' OF MARY MACAULAY. A reminiscence of olden times. In the month of May, 1853, William MacNeill...

On a point in the sea, in the year fifty-three. Lived a lassie baith tidy and brawly...

When she kent his intent, she gave her consent. And her auld folks they quickly did rally...

Then homeward ance mair, to the point they repair. Where the guests were invited to rally...

When the sun's early ray cast its tints on the brae. And the mist still hung low o'er the valley...

When the mist still hung low o'er the valley. Each started for home, by the way which they came.

Short speeches were also made by Major Muttter and Corp. O'Dell, who spoke of the gallantry of Canadians in Africa...

Allan Graham proposed the toast "The Land We Left and the Land We Live In," which was enthusiastically received...

Sir Henry Crease was to have proposed "The Senate, the Dominion Parliament and the Legislative Assembly of

British Columbia," but being absent, this duty was assumed by Mr. E. V. Bodwell.

Sensor Templeman then offered the toast, "The Mayor and Corporation of the City of Victoria." His Worship Mayor Hayward and Ald. Williams replied.

"The Press" was proposed by James Deans and responded to by C. H. Luigin.

"The Day and All Who Honor It" was proposed by Major Muttter, and replied to by W. A. Robertson.

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Advertisement for DIXIE H. ROSS & CO. featuring a bicycle and various goods. Includes a list of prices for various items.

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At Wholesale. From all the leading European and American makers. Wholesale Dry Goods, Victoria, B. C.

J. PIERCY & CO.

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WEEK'S OFFICIAL NEWS.

Craigflower Road Bridge to be Closed For Repairs After Monday Next—Companies Incorporated. The Official Gazette published last evening contains the following appointments...

THE GREEN SICKNESS.

Onia who lack sufficient nerve force to develop into healthy womanhood become pale, weak, nervous and irritable...



Bald Spots Without help, a bald spot never grows smaller. It keeps spreading until at last your friends say, "How bald he is getting!"





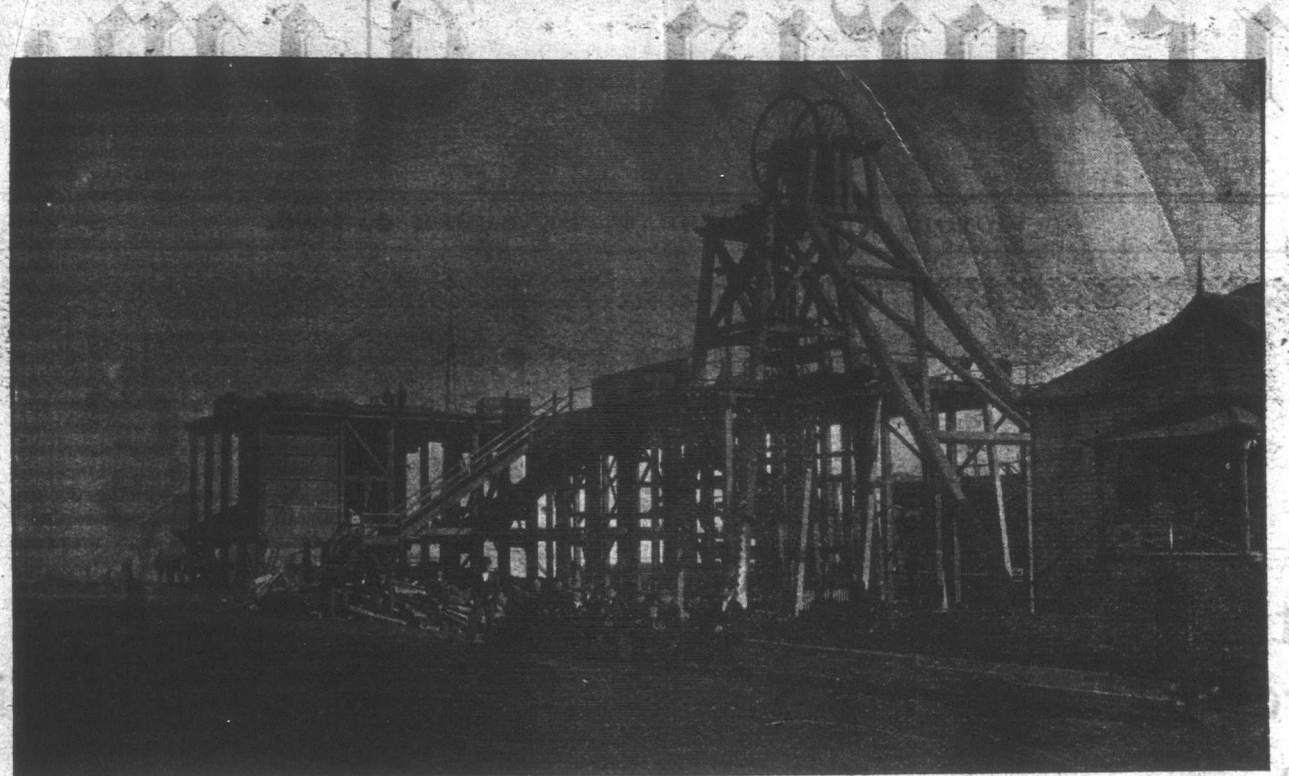
where it may accumulate, and men are not permitted to enter any part of the mine where the fireman has reported the presence of gas.

The stables are located in the south level in large quarters which have been excavated, and there are kept a number of mules, and although they are well housed and fed, they have few glimpses of daylight after they are taken into the mines.

PROTECTION ISLAND SHAFT

Is Another Outlet for Number One, and is Over Six Hundred Feet Deep. The Protection Island shaft is really another outlet or extension for No. 1 shaft, and is 670 feet in depth.

There are also two air compressing engines, one pair cylinders being 12x14 and one single, 12x18. On the northeast side of Newcastle Island, on the shores of the Straits of Georgia, a shaft was sunk last year which reached the upper seam at 324 feet, where good coal was found.



NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO.—NO. 1 SHAFT.

diameter, and an air compressing engine, 12x14. The workings of these mines are similar to the description of No. 1.

Among the mines soon to be opened are the Harewood and No. 2 Southfield mines.

This mine from the Southfield mine, and coal can then be hauled to the bunkers at small expense.

are turning out an excellent quality of coal, and it finds a ready market, the bulk of it going to California.

THE OUTPUT

Last Year Was 614,773 Tons—Number of Men Employed and Wages Paid.

The output of the mines last year was 614,773 tons, and of this amount 447,464 tons went to the United States.

In his report to the Minister of Mines last year, Mr. Robbins made the following interesting statement: There were employed in the mines 830 white miners, earning from \$3 to \$4.50 per day.

COMPANY'S FARM.

Large Tracts of Land Cut Into Five-Acre Lots for Miners—The Athletic Club.

Strangers in the city always find a visit to the company's farm an interesting event. Here many acres of land have been cleared and are in perfect condition for agricultural purposes.

roots which thrive so well in this vicinity. Under the personal direction of Mr. S. M. Robbins large tracts of wild land have been made to bloom and blossom and these tracts have been cut up into five-acre lots and sold to employees of the mines.



The March of Victoria's Progress.

Some of Improvements Which Have Been Made in the City During the Past Year. On Every Side There Are Unmistakable Evidences of the Tide of Prosperity.

Large Number of Imposing Structures and Palatial Residences Have Been Erected.

It requires little consideration on the part of the observer to convince him that during the past ten months Victoria has entered an era of progress which, should it continue, will place her in the very front rank of the cities of the Pacific Northwest.

In the first place, never before in the history of this solid municipality have so many remnants of the past in the way of antiquated structures been removed from the heart of the city.

This marked transformation brings out several significant facts. In the large operations carried on many men have found work. The pavement of Broad and Yates streets, the erection of the pumping station and of the fire hall, the macadamizing of the various thoroughfares and other works unnumbered have given employment to the brain and muscle of the laborer and the skill of the artificer.

The tramway company has double-tracked a couple of streets in the central part of the city, and a large number of workmen were employed in the operations. The company contemplate additional works in the near future.

Adequate fire protection has been provided the citizens of Victoria West through the construction of a new fire hall. Many handsome residences have been erected, while a glance at the list in this article will give an idea of the nature of the building operations during the present year.

This period, too, has witnessed the commencement of construction of a new rifle range at Clover Point. At Esquimalt hundreds of men have been employed in various works instituted by the naval authorities. At Work Point a new barracks has been constructed and officers' quarters and other structures are in course of erection.

DECADENCE OF SHACKDOM.

Forceful Steps Taken to Eradicate Eye-Sores—Delapidated Landmarks Demolished. Undoubtedly one of the most conspicuous improvements carried on in Victoria during the past ten months was the destruction of the delapidated shacks which for many years intruded themselves with almost painful irregularity upon the view in different portions of the city.

The Wiping Out of Old Shacks in Chinatown a Conspicuous Feature of Operations.

any degree of rapidity, and even he would be tempting Providence.

The danger to this city of the existence of these buildings was obvious. Bubonic plague and kindred evils could find no better breeding places, and this fact commended itself forcibly to the health authorities.

When a building is condemned by the building inspector the adoption of his recommendation by the city council clothes him with the authority to order the destruction of the premises.

This was one of the starting points of the campaign of eradicating eye-sores, which is still going on. On April 2nd a report was submitted, recommending the destruction of six one-story cabins on Fisguard street, between Government and Douglas, two more in the same vicinity and four more not far distant.

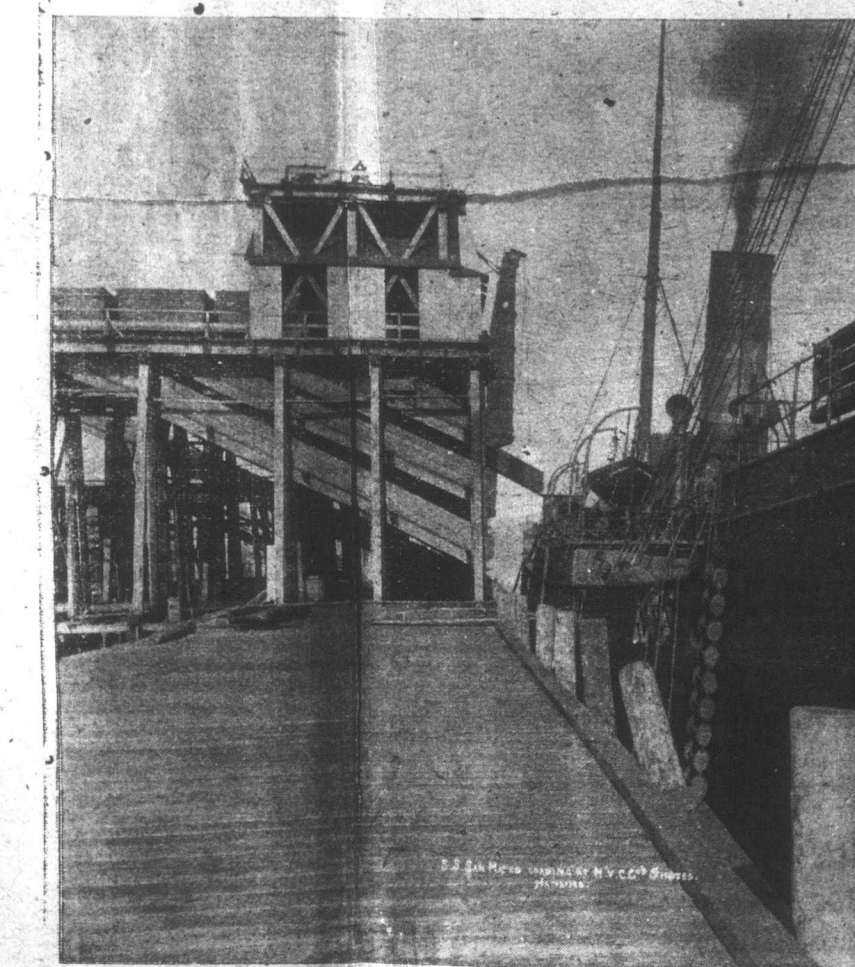
Many Works Instituted by Naval and Military Authorities--Activity in Shipping Circles.

removing the objectionable building features in the way of buildings greatly advanced along the line of decadence this year has seen the most extensive improvement.

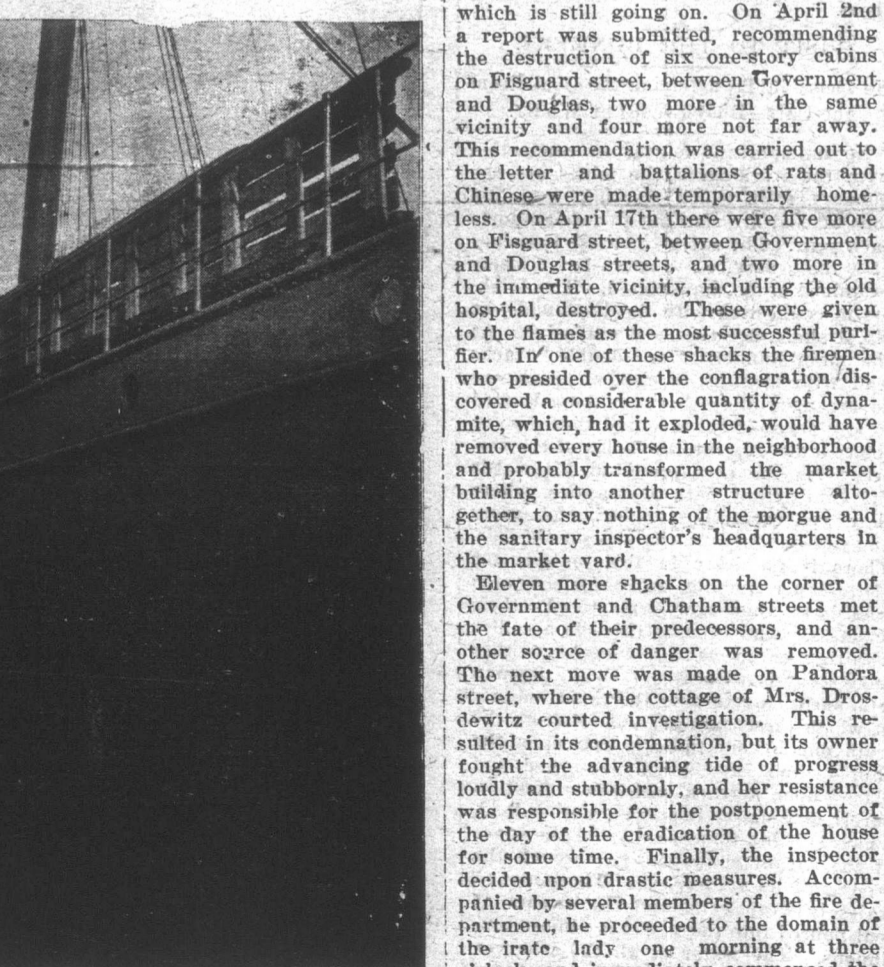
PLETHORA OF BUILDINGS.

Many Handsome Structures Have Been Erected During the Past Ten Months. There is one sign by which the status of a municipality in the line of progress may be accurately gauged. That is the extent of building operations carried on, and such a criterion may be considered as more valuable than any other.

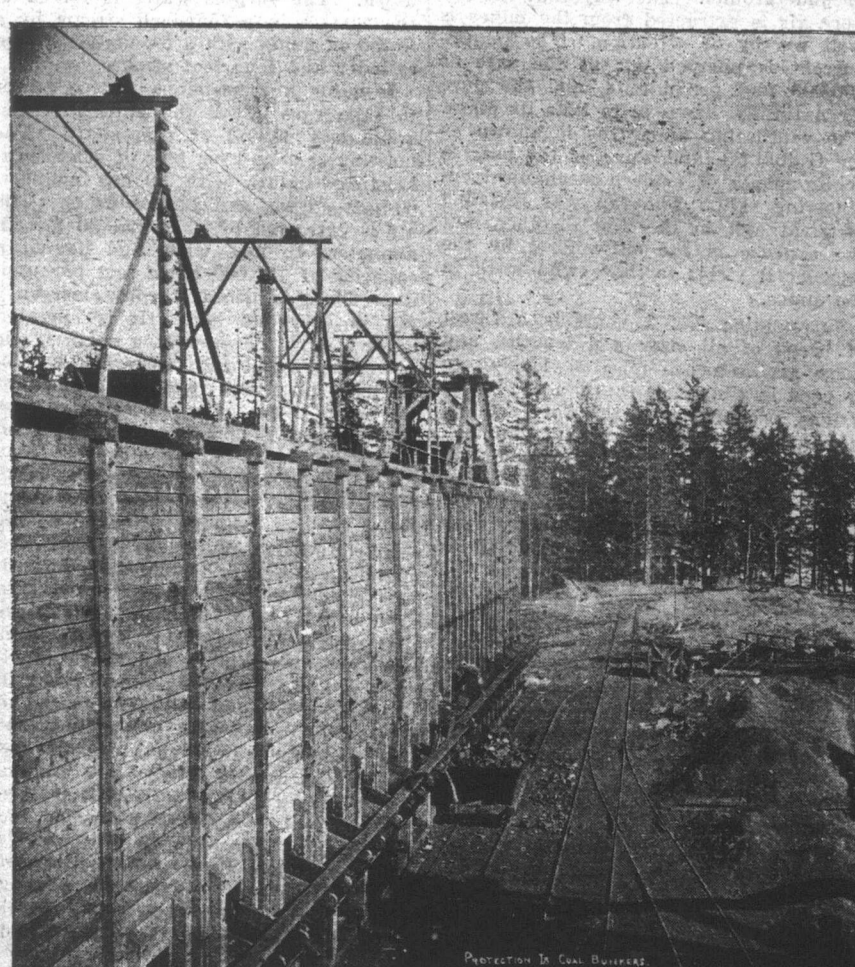
The community in which no building takes place is of a certainty dead, and stagnation in this particular is nothing less than the precursor of retrogression. No far-seeing, enterprising man of business, follower of any of the professions or artificer, would willingly invest in a city that, owing to adverse conditions, is incapable of giving him some return.



NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO.—S.S. SAN MATEO LOADING.



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Among the prominent works erected during the past ten months was the construction of the Government block on the corner of Broad and Broughton streets. This is the first large building now occupied by the Government.

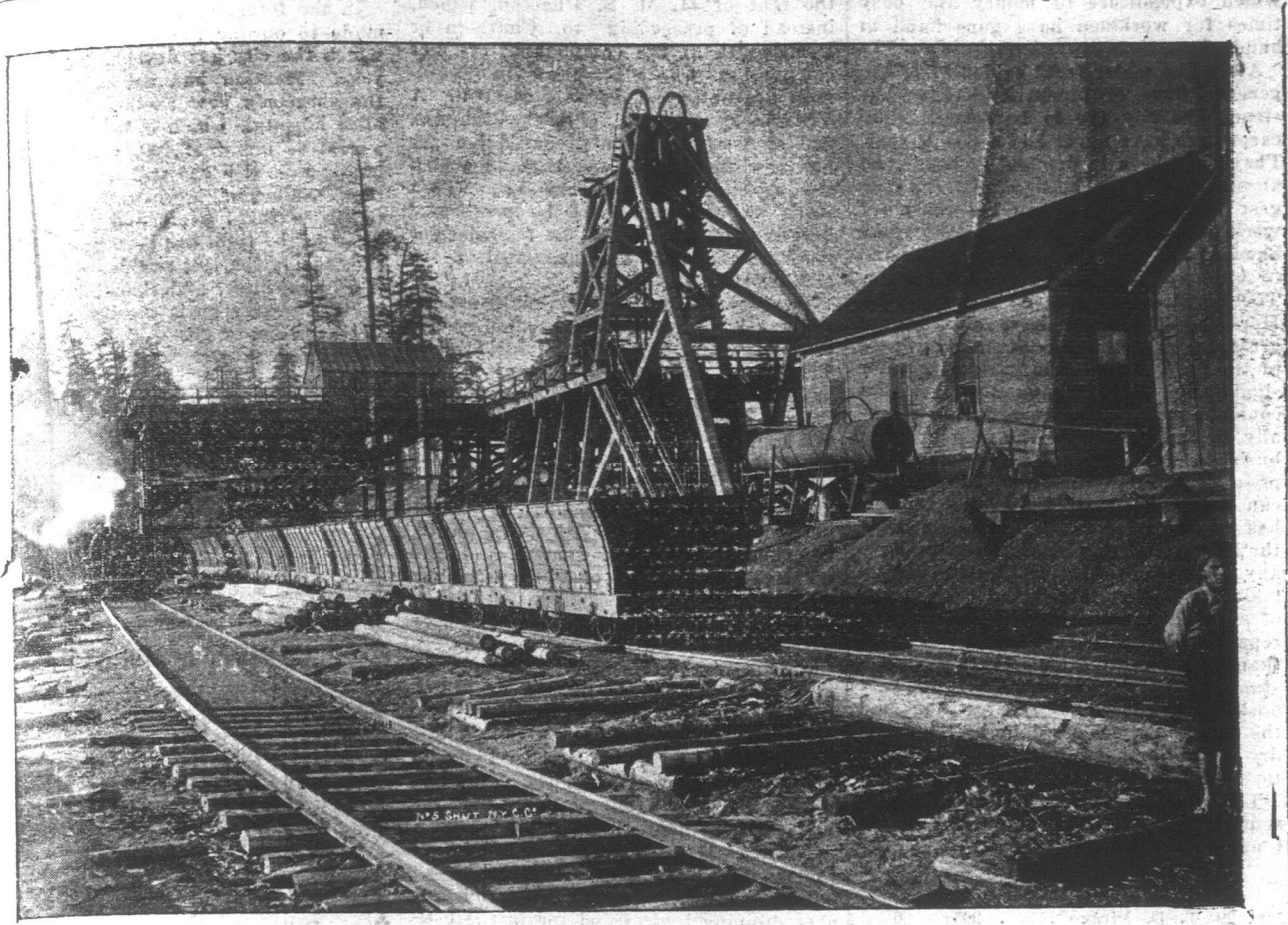
the old shacks of the by palatial brick structures beautiful sites for suburbia is noted are some residences, none proclaim it to the sky vined that despite the inflated "boom" of this making rapid progress. There is an old slang world, which misdescribe the manner ple of this city worth vancement of its into "that Victorians say wood."

Several of the architect viewed by a Times re out flat-footed with this year so far has more than any of its predecessors. Visitors who ago and who have expressed themselves the large number of structures that have the past ten months. stance, the old Alberta street, which, although structure, was not the appearance of it to town in which it stood on this site a brick edifice. Direct many years an old view by the evidence This met the fate of and a three-story structure in its place. Another frame building Broad and View street induced perhaps by degree of sentiment owners, kept it standing beyond its time and able to come with the structure now contr proved appearance of splendid new est erected on the corner Douglas streets for by over which many of these are a few which the metamorphosis portion of the city while a "constitution" of Chinatown will show improvement that has district, which is a identity as an eye imposing structures, prophesied the decad oughtfare as the mat toria should rub his and standing, say, a tage on the corner of ment, gaze toward the be speedily unnecessary it, must be Yates street has tak very front rank, as some buildings and on it is quickly dimpi one of Douglas str disheartened by the ment still retains its ing avenue of trade, to prevent the build ing there.

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NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO.—NO. 5 SHAFT.

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that it will be ready for occupancy in the course of a couple of months. There will be accommodation for four stores...

year in the laying of permanent sidewalks was in the neighborhood of \$30,000. Of the expenditure in improvements of this description two-thirds of the cost is borne by the property owners affected...



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station, described elsewhere in this article, represents an expenditure of about \$20,000 in itself, while the annual appropriation of \$30,000 for streets and bridges is an easily exhaustible quantity...

street (north side), from Quadra street east; (15) On Frederick street (south side), from Quadra street east; (16) On View street (north side), from Cook street east; (17) On Blanchard street (west side), between Chatham street and Discovery street; (18) On Cook street, between Pembroke street and Hillside avenue.

Surface Drains. We recommend that surface drains be laid on the following streets: (1) On Douglas street, by an expenditure of the sum of \$337, and (2) On Blanchard street, by the expenditure of the sum of \$282; (3) Also that the sum of \$75 be expended in providing drainage for Ocean street.

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Several of the architects when interviewed by a Times representative, came out fortified with the statement that this year so far has seen more building than any of its predecessors for a long period. Visitors who came here a year ago and who have returned here, have expressed themselves surprised at the large number of buildings which have been erected in the past ten months.

The remodeling of the court house has effected a much-needed reform in the internal arrangements of the building, and although the cost has been very large the province has been amply repaid in the increased value of this asset.

Next year, it is predicted, will eclipse the present in building circles, and should this optimism be justified the stamp of discreditability undoubtedly will be placed upon the asseverations of the croakers who dogmatically endeavor to exploit the played-out theory that this city is not destined to take a leading position in the front rank of the municipalities of the coast.

Douglas street from Chatham to the north will be macadamized also, and it is entirely the intention to maintain the city streets in a condition which will silence all criticism. Sundry repairs have been instituted in the park, and we are confident the individual who audibly gives vent to the belief that the city is not destined to take a leading position in the front rank of the municipalities of the coast.

Another large and imposing building was erected during the past ten months the Vernon block on the corner of Government and Broughton streets is conspicuous. This is the fine three-story stone building constructed by Messrs. Pither & Lyles on the old American hotel site on Yates street.

The paving of Broad and Yates streets stands with the eradication of eyesores as the most striking improvement undertaken by the city council during the ten months past. To those who a year ago during the wet weather, were unable to cross either of these thoroughfares without carrying many ounces of mud on their shoes, this improvement commends itself as particularly important.

years will see the much-needed improvement established on all the other thoroughfares in the heart of Victoria. Almost simultaneously with the inauguration of these was the institution of permanent sidewalks on both sides of Broad street as well as on the greater portion of Yates from Wharf to Douglas.

cordance with the petition of James Pottinger; (2) On the old Esquimalt road, in accordance with the request of W. J. Bowden; (3) On Market street, as per petition of Edward Merton et al; (4) On the south side of Fisguard street, as per petition of J. P. Walls, by an expenditure of the sum of \$50; (5) Around the Hebburn block, corner of Government and Cormorant streets, by an expenditure of \$100; (6) From Cadboro Bay road to the hospital gate on Mount Toft road; (7) On Baronet street, 300 feet; (8) On Chatham street (north side), from Blanchard street west, 350 feet; (9) On View street (north side), from Cook street to Vancouver street; (10) On Kane street (south side), between Blanchard and Douglas streets; (11) On Menzies street (east side), between Superior and Toronto streets; (12) On Niagara street (south side), between Dallas road and Montreal street; (13) On Quadra street (west side), between Pioneer and Fisguard streets; (14) On Frederick

Work was completed a few days ago in the construction of the new swing for the Rock Bay bridge. The opening commenced some time ago in building a temporary passage for traffic. There is now a substantial swing in position, strong and durable to such an extent that there need be no fear but that it will stand every strain brought to bear on it. The cost of the new swing was \$22,500.

When the machinery is installed in the new pumping station connection will be made with the 16-inch Cook street main. The conditions require that the Albion Iron Works, which has charge of the installation, shall bring the pipes four feet above the building, and the city will do the remainder. In fact there is little to be done by the corporation, for the main is already on the scene for connection.

The new pumping station at North Dairy farm indicates that the city council is determined upon giving this city a water supply which for quantity will be above the criticism of those who have based a pet kick against the city on any deficiency in this important particular. Your committee recommends that the above mentioned works be carried out.

Two pavements in one year is not a bad record, and at that rate a couple of

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but in perfection of detail and in essential points the new structure is an excellent one. It is of brick, one story in height. Its dimensions are 56x11 feet, and it is divided into two apartments. The front apartment is for the pumping machinery, and the rear room for the boiler. Each is large and convenient, and the engineer and his assistants will not be compelled to perform their duties in a cramped and ill-ventilated space. There is a huge chimney, nearly 75 feet high—one of the highest in this part of the country. The cost of the construction of the machinery is being supplied and large pumps was secured from the Albion Iron Works. The cost of the building proper was in the neighborhood of \$6,500, and the total cost of the station and everything connected therewith will be about \$20,000. There will be three men stationed there. The immediate supervision of the construction was capably exercised by Wm. Humphrey.

AND THE SCHOOLS, TOO. Boys' Central thoroughly renovated. Other alterations and repairs effected. The schools have also received attention during the present year and many material improvements have been instituted. Most of these have been effected during the summer months when the pupils were enjoying their vacation. The school board understand quite well that it is a moral impossibility for workmen of several hundred of young Victorians for an inconsiderable portion of each day, and consequently as each vacation is nearing the arrangements for a renovation of the schools are entered into.

This year the chief expenditure was on the Boys' Central school. The lower floor was rearranged to make better class accommodation. The work was executed well and the result is a large, well-lighted and airy school. The cost of these improvements was \$1,300. The expenditure on the Girls' school was appreciably less. The operations were confined to repainting and re-arranging the class rooms and the halls. The cost of this work was \$152. At Hillside avenue school nearly \$200 was expended, two sheds being erected for the purpose of protecting the children from the inclement weather. Some minor repairs were inaugurated at Spring Ridge, about \$100 being expended in graveling and grading the school yard. In North Ward \$100 was expended on a heating apparatus and boiler. The total expenditure in repairs and alterations on the schools during the vacation has been \$1,400. The acquisition of adjoining property, this also constitutes an item of expense, these plots having been rented. In this connection, perhaps, it would be well to point out the existence of several urgent necessities. Among these is that for more accommodation in the Central school. All the present available class rooms are required for the two graded schools, making it necessary that some provision should be made for the High school. In fact, a new building is required, for comparison of the present structure with High school buildings in the majority of the neighboring cities would be distinctly invidious to that of Victoria.

