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A Christmas Greeting

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characterized by so much that makes for happiness. Happy crowds have thronged

the streets and the stores; happy voices were heard on every side; happy faces

after generation of British people have used, and future generations will never

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

were to be seen everywhere. It has been a delightful Christmas season,

upon a city which is feeling the impulse of a new life.

This Christmas morning dawns upon a world at peace, upon a strong and

Perhaps never in the history of this community, has the holiday season been

There is only one thing to say. It is the old, old saying which generation

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Under Northern Skies

M ARY ADAMS turned down the lamp a little. Day was dawning. She had swept the cabin very clean and dusted it thoroughly. The kettle was singing cheerily on top of the heater, and there were some warm biscuits wrapped in a napkin on the table that stood near the stove. Mary pursed her little mouth primly and looked about her small domain complacently. Even mother could not have done much better, she thought to herself. The cabin was as neat as wax. But over in the corner stood the particular object of Mary's pride and delight, a small and shapely little fir-tree set firmly in a box. She and Davie had cut it yesterday, and tonight, tonight, when mother and father came home, and Davie and the twins were asleep, she and mother would trim it with candies and apples and toys, while father, who would be lame still of course, would sit and watch them, with his eyes full of smiles. Mary involuntarily burst into a snatch of song, then as the dawn grew brighter, she blew out the light, and going to the window gave a little laugh of purest ecstacy. Such glorious Christmas weather, the whole world white and glistening, and every tree wrapped in a garment of soft snow. She ran to the door, opening it a little way and peeping out. As she did so, suddenly and clearly there came to her ears the musical jingle of "Davie, Davie," she cried, bending over the round sleeping figure on the bed, "Oh, Davie, wake up. Mother's coming."

The little rosy cheeked boy sat up quickly.
"Is muvver coming?" he asked, drowsily.
"Yes, yes, can't you hear the bells?" Mary was put-

ting on his felt shoes, her own cheeks were glowing, and her eyes like stars, "An' my daddy too, an' the babies." Davie's voice was trembling with sudden excitement.

'Oh! Oh, yes, and bundles and parcels and apples and candies." Mary hugged him hard. "And you must be careful of daddy, because his leg isn't well yet. Most likely you can sit on his knee."

"Mos' likely I can't sit on his knees," repeated Davie

laughing nevertheless and jumping up and down as

Mary stood him on the floor,

She folded the qu'lt over the foot of the bed and rushing into the other room, stirred up the fire, and pulled her falmer's chair not the stood.

The music of the bells sounded nearer and nearer. and the dogs that hauled the coming sled sent back their sharp reply. Mary stood stock still and looked at Davie, who was climbing on the seat near the win-

"Davie," she whispered. "Davie, that isn't our dog-team. Perhaps, perhaps it isn't mother!" "Yes 'tis, yes 'tis," answered Davie, thumping on the

glass. "I know it's my muvver." But when Mary went to open the door, her little cheeks were white and she was swallowing hard. The sled had stopped very quietly and someone was knock-

"Oh, it's you, Mr. Ericson." Mary spoke very avely. "Won't you come in?" She opened the door

"I ain't got de time for dat," sald the big Swede, through his icicled beard. He smiled down upon the little girl. I bringed you dis letter," he went on. "You' mama's awful sad about you." He handed her a bulky envelope and then from his pocket took a small box. present from me Davie.'

"Thank you," said Mary, swallowing again. "Is, is my father worse?"

A Christmas Carol.

BY FRANK I. CLARKE.

Arouse ye, gallant gentles all Ye ladies fair awake; This day God's Son is come to earth For man his sinful sake.

This day a little tiny child Is born in Bethlehem; All in a lowly stable there Is hid this precious gem.

His cradle is the humble stall Where erst the cattle fed; But angels chorus loud his praise And hover o'er his bed.

Poor shepherds watching, from afar The heavenly voices hear And, guided by his natal star, To worship him draw near.

So, rouse ye, gallant gentles all, This blithesome Christmas morn; Good will and peace attend us all The day the Christ is born.

"You' daddy's fine, just fine, but he's lame yet," Ericson said kindly. "Neffer mind. Next week I think you'

mamma come home." When he had gone Mary gave the candies to Davie, whose little legs were trembling pitifully as he looked sorrowfully at her, then taking the letter to the window she opened it. Davie had begun to sob a little, but when he saw the candies he ceased immediately. Her mother

wrote that the doctor thought her father should not be moved from the hospital yet and she did not like to leave him. They would have their Christmas at New Years, unless, and the unless was underlined, it would be possible for Mary to take Davie on the sled and get to the bridge in time to catch the stage. Then they could all be together and have a Christma. tree at Uncle Peter's for that was next door to the hospital and they could wheel father in. "But perhaps you had better not try it," mother went on. "It is a long two miles to the bridge, and it may be storming. Be a brave girl as you always are, dear, and put the little horse that you'll find in father's trunk in Davie's stocking. Mr. Ericson could not take any parcels for me. He has a month's groceries, and his sled is more than full. With lots of kisses to you and Davie. Your loving mother."

When Mary finished reading, her face was brighter. She ran to Davie and took the rest of the candies from

ently they heard the horn blowing farther away and below them. Mary stood up, looking all about. There was no sign of the stage coming towards the bridge. Again the horn still farther away. What could it mean! Ah! Mary turned a little sick suddenly. She had never thought of this. The stage had left the main road long ago, and taking the winter short-cut had gone down to the river a quarter of a mile below the bridge. She could see it now, just as it turned the bend. Then it disappeared from sight.

'Oh, Davie!" Mary looked down upon him helplessly, biting her lip to keep back the sobs. The snow was falling faster now and the wind had risen. Davie did not like the snow.

at's de matter?" he as wiv de horses. Why don't you take me wiv de horses,

"Oh, Davie, I can't." Mary did sob once. She could not help it. "The horses have gone. I-I'm afraid we'll have to go back."

Whereupon Davie began to cry wildly. "I want to see my muvver," he sobbed. "You said you would take me to see my muvver. You promise an' you never break your promise. I don't like dis nasty old snow. It wets

Mary made up her mind suddenly. She did not know how far it was to Dawson, but she knew her father had

A Palmist's Weird

CHAPTER I.

AKE way, ladies. The King comes." The speaker stood among a group of brilliantly speaker stood among a group of brilliantly dressed women under the great wreaths of clematis montana, which make a fairy bower of the south side of Government House.

Through and through those white wreaths, with shrill whistle of tiny wings, darted and poised the ruby breasted humming birds, and across the unruffled azure of the Straits, the Gateway of the Angels stood open for all who chose to explore the mystery of sapphire and violet which lies beyond the Olympics.

From the very western verge of Britain's Empire, Carey Castle looked out of a land of homes to the white snow peaks and dimly beautiful Beyond, as Youth looks from its pride of life, across the seas of time to the unknown, seeing only beauty in the distant snows, peace

The ladies started, and turned towards the sunken

"What do you mean, Colonel Mansfield, His Excelncy is still receiving.'

"True! I spoke not of His Excellency but of the King. See he comes—Young Manhood crowned," and his glance led their eyes to a tall soldierly boy, who came sauntering towards them.

At his side was a girl, golden as a cottonwood in fall,

and graceful as that cottonwood in the wind.

He came with the springy stride of the mountains, a dark, curly-headed fellow, and she, long though his strides were, danced beside him like the smile that follows a thought, and between them was a link, which

though intangible, even worldly eyes could see. "Northern pine, and western honeysuckle," suggested

"Is it true, then?"

"Nay, you must ask the cyringa bushes. I am no authority, but I should guess that those have added one more to their sweet secrets today, and that I have lost an officer. Don't their faces look as if they had seen a

"She is a lucky girl," said the youngest of the party, and then blushed at her own frankness, as some of the others laughed, and a handsome woman with hard blue eyes and tailor-made gown realized.

"Yes, if she is a good sportswoman. I hate quiet cattle myself, but that colt will want a lot of breaking." "Not unlikely. Well-bred ones have generally plenty of spirit, but he is young enough to break. He has a lovely place to take her to."

Yes, I used to shoot there when we were quartered at Durham; a strange old pile in the Cheviots, looking over miles and miles of yellow downs, where only the cloud shadows move, or the wraiths of those moss troopers from whom he comes. He would not make a bad moss trooper himself, would he?"

"Moss trooper? What is that? A sort of a hold-up man? I don't agree with you a bit, Colonel. Mr. Antrobus is as steady as a yoke of oxen, and the best business man in barracks, my husband says."

"You are a loyal friend to our youngsters, Mrs. Bridges, but he need not be a miracle to be the best (Continued on Page Three.)

a last look at the house, set off down the trail which was clearly marked now by the runners of Mr. Ericson's

and she put the biscuits in at the foo

should be hungry.

grow tired of using.

in warmly, she looked about her in vain for Tiger. He must have followed Mr. Ericson's train, she thought. He sometimes did. So she locked the door and taking

"You must not take your all sick," she said, as the little boy began to a Nonstrat forcibly. "We are going on a long, long journey. Dath I'm going to drag you on your sled, and I'll row readershield the way."

"Oh will you?" con a little way."

"Yes Mall, the promise and Mally always keeps her promise, doesn't she?"

"Yes, will you promise, Mally?"

"Yes," Mary nodded vigorously as she hurried about the room making preparations for departure. There was

the room making preparations for departure. There was

not very much to do. It took longer to dress Davie

than anything else. She made the little sled very com-

fortable. It was really an apple box fastened upon run-

ners. She lined it with an old fur cape of her mother's

When they were outside and the little boy was tucked

Davie was delighted. He sang, he shouted; he screamed. He slapped his little mittened hands to gether and told Mary to "Gee" and "Haw" over and over. The little girl ran very fast for the path was level and smooth, and Davie's weight was nothing at all. Once a brown rabbit ran out from the bushes at the side of the trail and scurried across in front of them into the trees at the other side. Davie saw it, and wanted to get out and catch it. Mary laughed at him and raced on. Above the mountains that looked down upon them on every side, shone slanting rays of sunlight. The sun itself had gone, after showing a pale golden disk for an hour or two. Very soon, Mary knew, the short daylight would be waning. There was a hill before her now, Beyond the hill, half a mile, was the bridge. The stage passed them at 2 o'clock. It was I o'clock when she left the cabin. By this time the little girl was breathless with running, and, in spite of Davie's cries of "hully up, hully up," she could do no more than walk. The hill seemed very steep, steeper than she had ever thought it before. After a long time she reached the top and could see, down below her, the frozen Klondike river, and the narrow white bridge across which the road ran. Even while she watched she heard the distant blast of a horn, and turning her head, she caught a glimpse of the stage, a long way off yet, but coming swiftly along the road towards the river.

'Hold tight, Davie," she called, and started down the hill with the speed of a deer. It was beginning to snow a little. She winked her eyes as she ran, while she watched intently the tuen of the road above the bridge, down which the stage must soon come. At last the bridge was reached, and, smiling wearily, Mary sat down upon the edge of Davie's sled and waited. She could hear the horn every now and then. The stage would be along very soon. She began to talk to Davie, with long pauses for her hurried breathing. Davie laughed and turning his head watched the road with her. Pres-

walked there from the bridge once, before he had broken his leg. She was very strong, and she was nearly eleven. Perhaps a sled would pass them on the road and pick them up. Besides long ago she had impressed upon Davie the value of a promise. She must not disappoint

"Never mind, Davie dear," she said brightly. She offered him a biscuit, which he disdainfully refused. "Never mind," she went on, "I'll take you to see mother, and I'll run just like a bunnie."

Davie laughed through his tears, but insisted that Mary should keep her word, so she had to jump along, imitating a rabbit as best she could. It was very tiring, and she did not keep it up very long. Besides, it was getting dark, and the snow made it darker. The road was drifted in places, and Mary could not understand it, until she remembered that the winter trail ran along the river, and that few people took the road except in the summer. She made up her mind that she had better try to get down the bank, before it got quite dark. But the bank was very steep everywhere, and once when she started down a seemingly gradual slope, the crust of snow broke on the drift that formed the incline and she went through up to her waist. It was lucky the sled was still on the road. Mary let the rope go and clambered out and back to Davie.

"Are you a bit cold?" she asked him anxiously, after they had traveled nearly an hour along by the river. Davie answered her crossly: "I want a biscuit," he

Mary handed him one, and taking off her mitten felt his little cheeks. They were very cold, but then that was not surprising. The wind was in their faces, and the

snow stung like needles. "Are your feet cold, Davie?" she questioned tenderly. "No," Davie spoke shortly, his mouth full of biscuit.

"Go'way, Mally. Be a bunnie."

He was evidently getting sleepy. Mary was frightened suddenly. She put her numb little hand down and felt Davie's feet. She knew that when people froze they always went to sleep first. But it was as warm as an oven in the little fur-lined box and Mary heaved a sigh of relief. She was getting very tired and her legs and arms ached curiously. It was quite dark now, a darkness that was noisy with the wind and thick with the snow. Once Mary stumbled and fell on a piece of ice, and the sled slewed around nearly upsetting Davie, who began to cry fretfully, and told his sister that he 'wanted his muvver now this instant minute.'

"I am going as fast as ever I can," Mary said, stopping a minute to get breath, and bending down to him. 'I'm being a bunnie, too, sometimes, Davie, only you can't see me," she tried to laugh, but her laugh was not very merry. Davie was not pleased. We wanted to go

"I want to see Santa Claus," he said, unreasoningly. "You told me dat'I would see Santa Claus tonight, an' it's night now."

"No dear, it's only dark. It's not nearly bedtime. Mary changed his position in the box and she felt his (Continued on Page Six.)

Christmas Greetings

By CLIVE PHILLIPPS WOLLEY

Back! we are back from the frontier lands, Where the greatest game of the world is played, Where men take their lives in their reckless hands, Play hazard with death and are undismayed.

We are back from the mine and the railway grade To our island home mid the orchard trees, Each to his merry Canadian maid-

Peace and goodwill to you over the seas.

We have seen the surf on the Arctic strands, Have tickled earth's ribs with a miner's spade, Washed gold at Nome from the frozen sands, Where mammoth and aurochs lie undecayed, Back in our overalls tattered and frayed, To kneel with our girls on bended knees, Praying the prayer that the angels prayed-Peace and goodwill to you over the seas.

We have done the work which the Race demands, Have worked for a wage that cannot be paid, Contented if only She understands

That 'twas not for a dole of fame, nor trade Alone, that we cleared, that the rails were laid, But just for her folk, whom such labour frees, Giving room to breathe in the homes we made-Peace and goodwill to you over the seas.

L'ENVOI.

Sire! if political critics upbraid As if we for sooth had not paid our fees To share in the empire your fathers swayed, Point to the world you rule over the seas.

MIER CONFIDENT OF PARTY'S SUCCESS Ing to our love of ease? But was not the way laid out by Jesus, who trod it first and left His footprints to guide us if we would follow? Have we again, like Mary Magdalen, sought Him in sorrow, and met Him with joy upon the way, rejoicing because we recognized His voice, when He called us as our Good Shepherd, for, "when He putteth forth His own sheep He goeth before them and they follow for they know His voice." But how apt we are to slip by the wayside, and in falling we recognize our own weakness. And then the strong arm is held out again to support and draw us close, so that we may follow again in the footprints, trusting in the strong arm is held out again to support and draw us close, so that we may follow again in the footprints, trusting in the strong embrace, and recognizing our own weakness. May we all again begin our new year. PREMIER CONFIDENT

Hon. Richard McBride Gives Reasons for Belief That Country Will Overwhelmingly Endorse His Administration --- W. W. B. McInnes Joins Liberal Forces.

The political situation is the all-absorbing topic of conversation. The announcement of the dissolution of British Columbia's tenth parliament has converted all the Liberal-Conservative and Liberal camps of the various constituencies into hives of feverish activity. Upon the street corners of Victoria yesterday afternoon were gathered little groups of local politicians, all discussing the forthcoming campaign and making dogmatic predictions as to the outcome.

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Record of Legislatures

The legislature assembly just dis-

Premier McBride is among the most Premier McBride is among the most composed of those who will rally to his banner or those who will join the ranks of J. A. Macdonald, K. C., leader of the opposition, in the contest which will be fought throughout the month of Janaary. When interviewed Wadnesday the Premier expressed absolute confidence in the success of his party. Looking at the situation from an unbiased point of view, he did not think that there could be any doubt but that the Liberal-Conservatives would receive a good may servatives would receive a good majority. Their chances, at least, were one hundred per cent better than previous to the last general election. Then they had been returned. The inference was not a difficult one to understand. was not a difficult one to understand. But, of course, there was nothing more uncertain than a political contest, and, though the government might be pretty certain of receiving the endorsation of the people, no stone would be left unturned to place the situation as clearly as possible before the minds of the electors before polling day.

Outlook is Splendid

Referring to the prevailing conditions, the Premier stated that they could not be better. In the somewhat extensive traveling he had done recently within the confines of British Columbia, he had everywhere met with evidences of prosperity. Those residing in the towns, in the agricultural districts and in the mining camps, seemed to be doing well and to be contented. They were satisfied with the way the interests of the country were being attended to. That was the gratifying impression he had received, and it was one of the reasons why he was confident of the outcome of the campaign.

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Campaign.
'When will the fight start?" asked "When will the fight start?" asked the reporter. "Immediately," promptly seplied the Premier. He added that it was hardly likely that the fight would begin in earnest until the beginning of next month. He would leave, however, for his riding on Friday, and had arranged to deliver a couple of addresses there before commencing a tour of several of the largest and most populous districts of the province. Up to the present he had not drafted a definite it-inerary of the ronte which will be followed, but he stated that the principal centres of the Kootenay and Okanagan sections would be visited by him in the course of the contest. It also was his intention to spend a short time on Vancouver Island. In all probability he would speak in Victoria and adjacent districts. In d word, the Premier intended waging an aggressive fight, covering as much ground as possible in the short space of time at his disposal.

Draws a Comparison

Columbia and will strictly adhere to this platform, and will fight loyally for the adoption of the measures there in contained and generally for the cause of labor.

(c) That if I am selected as the labor candidate for this contest, I will not selected by the preliminary ballot. I will retire from the contest and throw the whole weight of my support in favor of the candidate selected.

(d) That if elected as a member I will not accept any office of emolument, either ministerial or otherwise, unless a majority of the members of the government are pledged representatives of the workers.

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Draws a Comparison Continuing, Premier McBride drew a comparison between the last general election and the conditions which prevail and might be expected to influence the present election. On the former occasion, he remarked, it was anyone's fight, his party being returned by a small majority. At present the organization of both sides, as far as could be ascertained, was not particularly strong. zation of both sides, as far as could be ascertained, was not particularly strong. If anything, the Liberals were in better shape than the Liberal-Conservatives. Still the same had been the case before, and the result was now a matter of history. The chances of the government being returned were improved one hundred per cent, as he had stated, so that he would enter upon the campaign, and he was sure all his adherents would do the same, enthused with a spirit of optimism.

was determined to make it an issue. For weeks and weeks they had harped upon the subject. Although he was not favorable to making it an issue in the fight, there was no doubt that the electors were interested in hearing of what was being done to obtain British Columbia's measure of justice from the Dominion treasury. The attacks which were being made upon him because of the attitude which he assumed while attending the conference of provincial premiers at Ottawa, also would make it necessary for him to give the public a

liscussed to some extent, Concluding, the Premier said that the prospects were that the fight would be keenly contested on both sides.

Hon. W. B. McInnes in Arena

It was announced by the Times Wed-uesday, the information being obtained from sources which, it is claimed, are authoritative, that Hon, W. W. B. Mc Innes would resign his position as commissioner of the Yukon, in order to join the British Columbia Liberals in the ensuing contest. His name is mentioned as a possible successor to J. A. Macdonald, K. C., as leader of the party.

siderable numerical strength. Both, it is reported, will present candidates.

Up to the present neither the Liberal-Conservative or Liberal associations of Victoria have held their nominating conventions. A number of names are mentioned in connection with the latter. It is affirmed that the four late members—R. L. Drury, J. D. Mc-

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(b) That I have freely and willingly accepted the recognized platform of the Canadian Labor Party of British Columbia and will strictly adhere to this platform, and will fight loyally for the adoption of the measures therein contained and generally for the cause of labor.

lar legislature.

(f) That if, after election as a Labor member, I find that I cannot keep my pledges to the Canadian Labor Party of British Columbia, I will tender my resignation as a member of the legis-ative or municipal body, and also as a member of the party.

(Signed) Candidate 4 Branch No...

At a recent joint meeting of the executives of the Labor Party and the Economic Club it was decided that the organizations would work in co-operation with each other, conducting joint meetings and sharing expenses.

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Record of Legislatures

The legislative assembly just dissolved in 1900; its successor existed only until 1903; and now the term of another legislative body has been cut short. Previous to the last three houses, provincial legislatures existed for the full four-year terms, and for the twelve years from 1836 to 1838 there were only three houses, each occupying its full legal term.

Labor Party's Convention

Tonight the local Labor party will meet in Labor Hall for the purpose of nominating candidates for the coming election. The selection can only be made from bons fide members of the party who will subscribe to the pledge as given in the constitution. They must also withdraw from any other political organization. It is not, yet to fall, but several names are mentioned in this connection, shong them being P. R. Smith, printer: Norman the president of the party; Johnson of the Trades and Labor Council, and Dr. Ernest Hall.

The following is the pledge exacted from each candidate for electoral honor:

(a) That I am a member of the Canadian Labor Party of British Columbia.

(b) That I have freely and willingly accepted the recognized platform of the Canadian Labor Party of British Columbia.

(c) That I have freely and willingly accepted the recognized platform of the Canadian Labor Party of British Columbia.

It is thought that W. H. Marcon, who ran as an independent against Hon. William Templeman at the bye-election for the Dominion House of Commons, will be a candidate at the approaching provincial election and will receive the support of the Labor and Socialist parties. He will, however, come out as an independent, with Royal Garrison Artillery serving under the commons of the permanent forces of Canada, and commanders of coast defences have been instructed to submit the names of any volunteers from the Royal Garrison Artillery serving under the common of the permanent of the permanent of the permanent of the canadian government, the army to be obtained in this country for enditors. will receive the support of the Laber and Socialist parties. He will, however, come out as an independent, will receive to a superior of the command. The conditions of service, pay and so forth are as follows: Sultable men to be enlisted as privates, to serve in the Royal Canson Artillery serving under their command. The conditions of service, pay and so forth are as follows: Sultable men to be enlisted as privates, to serve in the Royal Canson their corps in which there are vacanted and the corps in the corps in the corps in the soldiers. Practically all Swiss serve from the age of 20 to 50 in the militia and reserves. The powers to re-engage up to 21 years for pension. Men must be medically fit, unmarried and of at least fair character. They should be trained soldiers, between 19 and 25 years of age, with not more than six years' previous service. Fay on enlistment, 50 cents a day; after six years' service, 60 cents a day; after six years' service, 60 cents a day; after three years service, 60 cents aday; after six years' service, 60 course, are carefully trained in good schools for a period of years. The interestice would be insufficer, or course, are carefully trained in good schools for a period of years. This short service would be insufficer, or course, are carefully trained in good schools for a period of years. This short service would be insufficer, or course, are carefully all swiss citizens. Target shooting is the national sport, and the country of the canadian forces will date from the canadian forces will date from the canadian forces will date from the canadian pay and allow-to and the c

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ous Vintners, Distillers, Brewers and Cigar Manufacturers whom we have the honor to represent, and from ourselves, we have very great pleasure in thanking the licensed victualers and grocers for their continued and extended patronage during the year, and to wish

ONE AND ALL

Very Merry Xmas

and Cigar Merchants. Victoria and Vancouver.

ably be required to embark about January 1 next."

COL. FISET'S SUCCESSOR.

Ottawa, Dec. 26,-(Special)-An order in council has been passed appointing Surgeon Lieut.-Col. A. Carleton Jones of Halifax to be director of medi-

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ON ENGLISH COAST

sorts are offered by the national government.
This little Switzerland, with a population of less than 3,000,000 people has an army of 337,000 of the most martial soldiers of Europe—armed, equipped and ready to take the field at a mo-

PUBLIC CONTROL OF COAL MINES.

The government majority in the House of Commons this week voted down a resolution setting forth that the time has arrived when coal lands owned by the government should not be allenated save under such conditions and regulations as will provide for ar immediate supply of coal, adequate at all times to the requirements of the people and at a reasonable price to the consumer, and recommending that in respect to lands already alienated legislative provision should be made for their control and regulation in case of emergencies.

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tive provision eshould be made for their control and regulation in case of emergencies.

It is improbable that this vote reflects any definite policy on the part of the government unfavorable to the strengthening of the public grasp upon the production of this great public necessity. The real significance of the resolution was clouded by political manoeuvring on the part of its supporters. It was moved during the discussion of the government's action on mediating between the mine operators and the strikers at Lethbridge and was so placed before the House that its passage would have been practically a vote of ceasure of the government, and naturally causing its defeat. But we venture to predict that before long the government of Canada will be found taking action slong the lines recommended in that resolution. In the United States, President Roosevelt, alarmed at the increasing helplessness of the people in the hands of the private corporations now owing the bulk of the coal mines under operation, has given orders that no more coal-bearing lands may be allenated from the 50,000,000 acres known to exist. It is said the president hopes to secure from congress a law providing that in future all such lands shall be granted on the leasehold rather than on the freehold plan. This would give the government the whip hand over lessees who proved as recalcitrant as Mr. Baer, "the coal operator by divine right."

This policy is wise and well worthy of imitation. In the present state of political morals the success of operation of coal mines is doubtful but that the great natural resources, these natural reservoirs of light and power and heat, upon which the prosperity of the nation and the comfort of every person depend, should be kept sufficiently under the public control to prevent them from becoming a means for private extortion and oppression is incontrovertible.—St. John Sun.

AUTOMOBILE TRAGEDY.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—The coroner's jury today returned a verdict of unavoidable accident in the case of Samuel West, the colored boy who was run over yesterday and killed by Joseph H. Leiter's automobile. Mr. Leiter will meet the funeral expenses and also make an allowance for the family of the dead boy. Charles H. Raymond, the chauffeur, was arrested.

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Bretywhere the same tale was to be told, victorians had found themselves, and their felt their future was assured and were earer to make merty.

With holly, evergreen, and the flowers that grow here when snow breaks down like the Christmas trees were dressed while the Blittle ones who had watched in vain and asked him the question the growing and and seld upon the legendary bringer of presents, were asseep. Childhood's faith is grand, and asked him the question the growing and asked him the duestion the growing

EARTHQUAKE DESTROYS HALF OF THE TOWN

A PALMIST'S

Friday, December 28,

"You are a loyar friency youngsters, Mrs. Bridges, bu not be a miracle to be the

ness man in barracks, you think he looks quite Saue enough for an Eng. Sapper anyway," she ret the Colonel joined good-natur laugh against himself.

At that moment a very n tleman strode across the gr

the pair, saluting the lady devotion and hailing her i

"Ah, Miss Versturme, you the girls. You spoil these yo cher-knows from the Old Co forget that you belong to us. been looking for you all after The girl laughed.
"We can't all belong to your Perkins. The law forbids."
"The law be hanged. Whare concerned there is no ladiers," and his chest expands braces creaked.
"I thought that the army we

his braces creaked.
"I thought that the army we do to support the law."
"Quite wrong, my dear, I a To support the ladies. Your has been neglected; let me i Antrobus has had his turn."
The girl flushed to the ti delicate ears, and the vertica tween her companion's eyes brows, whilst the eyes thems tracted and flashed savagely.
"Does he look same now?"

"Does he look sane now?" Colonel Mansfield to Mrs. B "Miss Versturme has don honor to ask me to take he father, sir. When I have do will come and talk to you miss Versturme if she will a "You! Oh, no one wants you; at least, I don't when on many pretty girls about," I unabashed militia man. "Kee unabashed militia man. "Kee for your most devoted toni Versturme," and he strutted g

that splendid political organ, soon making itself heard as ant note in the chorus on the "What a brute that fellow ed Antrobus, as he led his round a buttress and out broad walk looking seaward. "The world is full of such, means no harm. What did yo say to him if he had accepted vitation?"

"It would have been a liview, but, Harry, how do you are going be get through life, to teach every one manners tures to look at me? I am afr "Sorry already, little wome She paused and looked up and as she did so her laug grew grave. It was almost possion a man to quarrel over the But the wistfulness in her ed him. It was too soon even

ed him. It was too soon even "Ah, forgive me, Francis! trobus temper is a devil which exorcised, but that Satyr's loo most a defilement. My fings to meet in his bull throat. But good if you forgive me."

"There is nothing to forgive, softly, putting her hand in harm, "but I am a little afras you know. He must remark the street was those the second transmitted to the second transmit the second transmit the second transmit the second transmit again, the two came in sight of older people gathered round hued pavilion.

"There's my father taking " ellencies to the palmist. A ord X want to consult her for only India left for him, and at will tell him his characte "She may not agree with

"She never does with any on is awfully rude sometimes."
"Was she rude to you?"
"Not rude, but she wasn't
"Then you have been to

"No, I will not, sir. You may
my faults for yourself or stay
make a bargain. Go and ha
hand read, and we will "swap y
the Americans say. Will you
"Isn't it rather feeble?"
"I want you to. Won't you? "Your lady does, and wish bonne fertune," and with a da sumption of dignity she swep

urtsey and went to play hericks as she called them to tellencies. On a patch of mountain grounds rocks as Nature clad golden stonecrop, and ping peuce in a glade of stunted wind twist stood an Indian tepee, vivid

As soon as he could gain as Antrobus entered.

Through the coloring of the strong afternoon sun barely masses that he found himself in a climbt face to face the face with tht, face to face with a cur

She was beautiful, that was denial, but her beauty was t agniline beauty of the Cree, tho was as white as he was, or ne that its statement. the rich autumnal coloring on he being perhaps the effect of the which she sat. At any rate no one could have her hole on her fantastic gast than she did.

Of course Antrobus had met fore, but she put a stop at one badinage. She was the seer n would play no other part.

"You don't believe in palmist Antrobus?"

Antrobus?"

"Is that written in my hand?"

"No, but many other things a astonishing plainness, and some not in harmony with the disbel profess. For instance, you a tremely superstitious as your were."

Antrobus colored uneasily. We this woman know of his people? "And yet they must have ha age since some of them faced with feared before they were obliged. The man's face went white wi and she saw it, but instead of o ing any sign of fear, a gleam of came into her eyes and she said. "If you are afraid I will not Mr. Antrobus, but you have chathe sybil and you cannot expect lie." "Continue, if you please he of the sybil and you cannot expect the sybil and you please he of the sybil and you cannot expect "Continue, if you please he of the sybil and you cannot expect the sybil and you cannot expec

lie." Continue, if you please, by all but it was my fortune you were was it not?"

"Certainly, and there is plenty and the first of it is plainly but." and she bent her head low paused. "It grows confused. It here and begins again. Yes! It same woman and you will mand—oh!"

She looked up at him, and

is in the northernmost provabili and borders on Peru. It rea of eight thousand square is mainly a rainless desert by scanty and intermittent Earthquakes are frequent, on the sea coast. It was formuch more important place than e population once estimated at unsand is today about three In August of this year, when us earthquake visited Santiago paraiso, severe and 'numerous

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t C. P. R. Stations Continue ow the 1905 Figures.

g, Man., Dec. 26.—Grain recoints on the lines of the Cancific railway on Monday
to 60,000 bushels of wheat
bushels of other grains. On
onding day of last year the
are 124,000 bushels of wheat,
bushels of other grains. The
receipts to date this year
nted to 41,054,000 bushels of
3,721,000 bushels of other
the corresponding period of
the receipts were 43,162,000
wheat and 2,325,000 bushels
rains.

ke, Sask., Dec. 26—The office k of British North America yed by fire last night. All but the ledger were burned.

Dec. 26.—The summit of twins is covered with snow lucing a picturesque effect. Ilso filled the cracks in the liting from the recent erupic feared that when it melts

the region of fire new

Ministers mak' muckle ado hard work, but what's two has in the week tae make up? it myself." net," replied the minister, lly, "let's hear you' try it." a' wi' a text, then," quoth

with emphasis: "It is bet-in the corner of the douse-a brawling woman and in

mherst solid leather foot-

QUICK ABOUT IT.

BANK BURNED.

are going to get through life, if you try to teach every one manners who ventures to look at me? I am afraid I have promised to marry a firebrand."

"Sorry already, little woman?"

She paused and looked up at him, and as she did so her laughing eves grew grave. It was almost possible with such a man to quarrel over the first kiss. But the wistfulness in her eyes melted him. It was too soon even for him.

"Ah, forgive me, Francie! The Antrobus temper is a devil which won't be exorcised, but that Satyr's look was afmost a defilement. My fingers itched to meet in his bull throat. But I will be good if you forgive me."

"There is nothing to forgive," she said softly, putting her hand in his sinewy arm, "but I am a little afraid of my tiger, you know. He must not show his claws for my sake," and so, laughing again, the two came in sight of a group of older people gathered round a bright.

Some former, and with a desire as overgreen and well to play he produce the product of the produ

diddle in the sand, or nguing some signed that there is heart Them when dawn came, he roke and passed swiftly to the Colonia's steam and passed swiftly to the Colonia's steam galloping to the heart steam and the colonia's the same galloping to the heart steam and the colonia's the same galloping to the heart steam and the colonia's colonia was tool that Major Antrobus was going home.

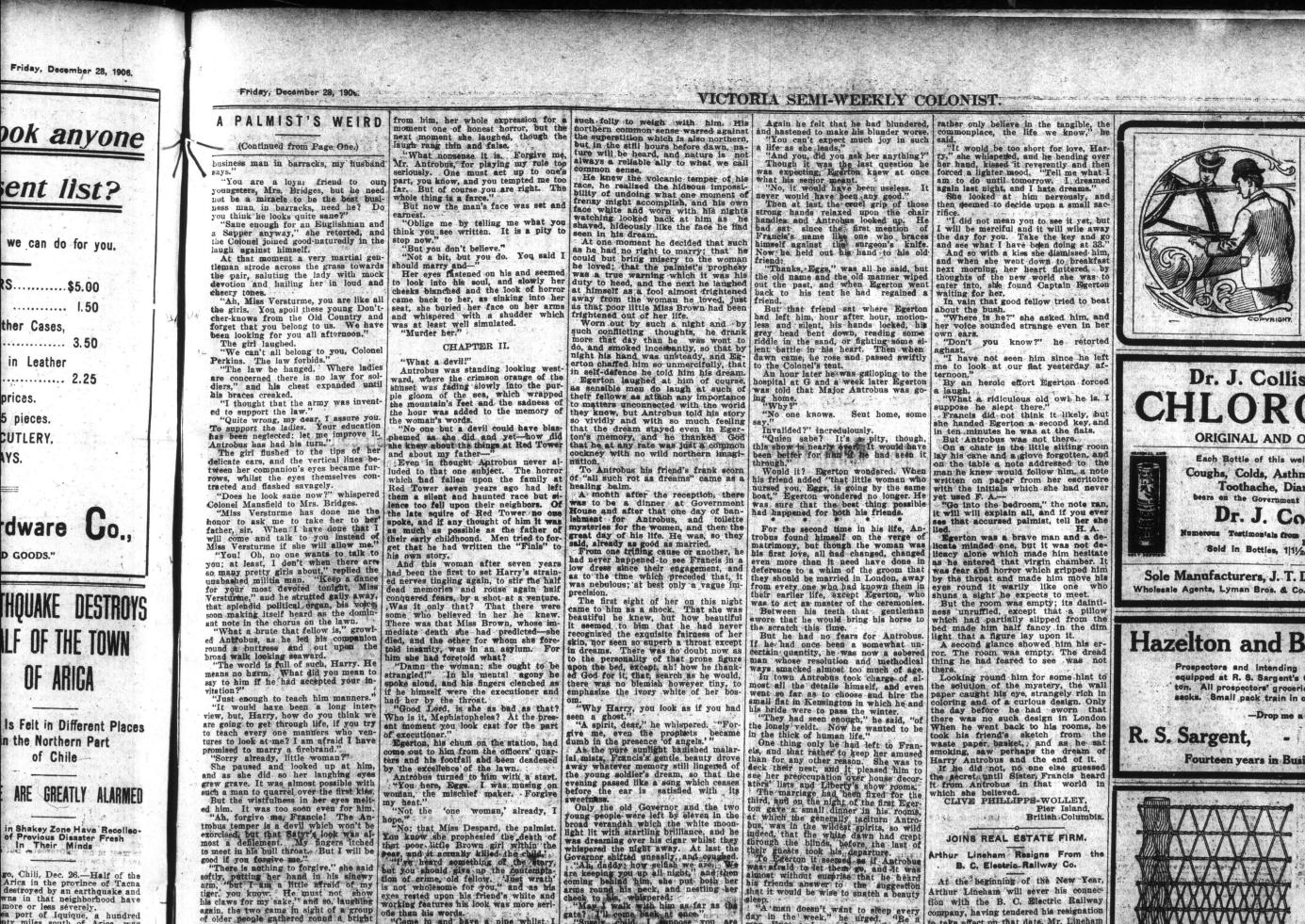
"Why?"

"No one knows. Sent home, some say."

"Invalided?" incredulously.

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THE OTTAWA MACHINE.

The report that Mr. W. W. B. McInnes is about to resign his position as Commissioner for the Yukon, is accepted as correct by the Liberals of this city. This is rather an extraordinary step. The commissionership carries step. The commissionership carries with it in salary and living allowance mo less than \$12,000 a year, and Mr. McInnes' tenure of office was assured for two or more years longer, if he simply marked time. This is a large salary to surrender on the off chance of getting into the local legislature. There is only one explanation of it, and it is that the Ottawa government is going to McInnes' tenure of office was assured for two or more years longer, if he simply marked time. This is a large sal thus it can contribute, indirectly, it is true, but none the less most effectively, use every means in its power, patronage, money and influence, to defeat the McBride administration. This view of the case is strengthened by the report, which was sent from Ottawa to the News-Advertiser, to the effect that the whole British Columbia delegation is about to come west to engage in the see every means in its power, patronage, money and influence, to defeat the McBride administration. This view of the case is strengthened by the report, which was sent from Ottawa to the News-Advertiser, to the effect that the whole British Columbia delegation is about to come west to engage in the campaigu on behalf of the Opposition.

Mr. McInnes' entry into the fight also implies that some arrangement satisfactory to him has been arrived at as to what shall happen in the event of the defeat of this plan. What it may be, we shall not venture to surmise. There can be no doubt, however, that in the coming campaign the provincial government will have to contend with all the agencies, which the Dominion government will have to contend with all the agencies, which the Dominion government will have to contend with all the agencies, which the Dominion government is the stability of Canadian investments would be badly shaken. What is true of Canada as a whole is true of British Columbia. When Mr. McBride took office, the financial condition of the province was very serions.

THE DISSOLUTION.

The Colonist has been at some little trouble to ascertain how the announcement of the dissolution of the legislature has been received by the people, and the universal opinion seems to be that the government has taken a course, which is in the interest of the province. which is in the interest of the province. No advantage was likely to result from holding another session of the late House, and there always is a chance House, and there always is a chance that, in a province where there is so great diversity of opinion as in British Columbia, members might feel disposed on the eve of an election to pass legislation without sufficient consideration. The last session of a representative body is usually marked by the passage of measures intended to catch votes, and governments, no matter how strongly they may feel in regard to any proposal, do not care to embarrass their friends by opposing legislation, which the latter believe will strengthen their position. All conditions, which have a bearing upon politics, are at present exceedingly satisfactory in this province, and

Nacy opens, which will give a month, and as most of the constituencies are not large, this ought to be ample time for effective campaigning. Any longer period would unnecessarily prolong the unavoidable interference with business. Looking at the matter from every point of view, we think popular opinion, in approving of the dissolution, is fully justified.

MACKENZIE & MANN.

Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann were recently bunquetted by the Toronto Board of Trade. There was the customary round of speeches, and much was said about what this wery enterprising firm of Canadianshave accomplished in the way of railway building during the ten years in which they have been engaged in that work. It is a very remarkable record. At present the various companies comprising the system of which these gentlemen are the head have a combined milicage of 3,850 miles of railway, of which 8,000 miles are in the West. They include among others a line to the Pacific Coast. Mr. Lash, the general counsel for the Mackenzie extinctions on the plants of the Pacific Coast. Mr. Lash, the general counsel for the Mackenzie were as and the plants of this company, which is of the greatest interest to Victorians, is the an ouncement of an intention to build through from Edmonton 40 the Coast. Already surveys are complete as fars as the British Columbia frontier. We may accept it, therefore, as settled that bould be a serious error to try any politice. Some of our contemport, the province. Some of our contemport this province. Some of our contemport, the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk will shortly be building lines in the West. The province of the government is the east the British Columbia frontier. We may accept it, therefore, as settled that bould the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk will shortly be building lines in the west of the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk will shortly be building lines in the control of the Some of our contempor

outlook along all lines is very bright indeed. We are not so absurd as to claim
that this is due to local influences entirely. The whole country is buoyant,
and this province feels the beneficial
result. Yet this is not the whole truth.
A general wave of prosperity has before now been diverted from its natural
course by unwise legislation and blundering administration. The history of
all countries shows this. Suppose that
had laws had been placed upon the statute books of this province, that the administration of the public departments
had been careless, inefficient or disministration of the public departments had been careless, inefficient or dishonest, that the public finances had not been properly handled, that there had been no effort made to take advantage of a period of general prosperity to make known the great resources of the province, there would have been a different story to tell. Perhaps a government may not be able to create prosperity to any great extent, but it can avoid ity to any great extent, but it can avoid

placing obstacles in the way of prog-ress, it can smooth the way for enter-prise, it can keep the public credit high, it can establish a feeling of confidence in the administration of the laws and Few people quite appreciate what an

are measured took office, the financial condition of the province was very serious. It was idle to talk about our great resources, idle to speak of the wonderful things that would be accomplished in the future, as long as there was a big balance on the wrong side of the provincial ledger, and a large amount of banking capital, that might have been loaned out to business men amount of banking capital, that might have been loaned out to business men, was locked up in a government overdraft. The first duty of Mr. McBride and his colleagues was to set this matter right. It was a duty that was not a very agreeable one. It involved the curtailing of expenditure and the recasting of a considerable extent of the system of taxation but the government.

ing of a considerable extent of the system of taxation, but the government grappled courageously with the task, and every one knows the excellent results that have been achieved. This of itself was an act of administration for which the government deserves the thanks of the whole province and a re-newal of confidence for another term. Another feature of the past three and a half years has been the sense of sta-bility, which every one has felt in the administration of affairs. This has been

a half years has been the sense of stable compositions, which have a bearing upon politics, are at present exceedingly satisfactory in this province, and therefore the time is opportune, in the interests of the whole community, to give the electorate an opportunity to decide as to whom they shall entrust with power during the next legislative term. Under any circumstances a general election would have had to take place within a few months, and the public as a whole are glad that they are going to have it soon.

January is a very good time for an election contest. It is perhaps the least susystime of the year, and it is a very good time to travel around the country. No business interests will suffer by reason of the fact that next month will be largely devoted to politics. In fact it is rather an advantage to get the inevitable campaign over early in the year. Our Opposition friends cannot claim to have been taken by surprise, or that they have had insufficient notice. They have professed to believe all along that they knew the late House would have resit again. They have seen the friends of the government busily engaged in making preparations, and, if they have only themselves to blame. As a matter of fact, we think they have done during the present week, but we suppose every one will get down to business immediately after the New Ycar opens, which will give a month, and as most of the constituencies are not large, this onght to be ample time for effective campaigning. Any longer period would unnecessarily prolong the

tention case to which we invite the attention of the Times, and upon which it ought to be able to speak with some degree of authority. The claims of the province are not of a partizan nature; that is to say, every public man in British Columbia has advocated them in one way or another. When Mr. McBride went to Ottawa. Mr. Templeman was in the different and man in British Columbia has advocated them in one way or another. When Mr. McBride went to Ottawa Mr. Templeman was in that city, and Mr. Templeman was in that city, and Mr. Templeman is the representative of this province in the Dominion cability of the sale of the Colonist that it annot be said of the Colonist that it annot be said of the Colonist that it annot be said of the claim of Mr. Templeman and the colonist that it annot be said of the claim of the government and hence that anything he may say publicly may to a certain degree be regarded as lock of the government and hence that anything he may say publicly may to a certain degree be regarded as lock of the government and hence that anything he may say publicly may to a certain degree be regarded as lock of the government of the man and the province will derive from this winch the province will derive from this province. The people of British Columbia in a way that is out of the province. The people of British Columbia in a way that is out of the province. The people of British Columbia in a way that is out of the province. The people of British Columbia in a way that is out of the province. The people of British Columbia in a way that is out of the province. The people of British Columbia in the subject, because his remarks on the subject, because his remarks of the subject his province, in the subject his province, in the subject his province, in the subject his province will have been in the subject his province will have been in the leader of the cabinet, we have a capture of the cabinet,

so much as said a single word to assist the province in obtaining its just rights. It is true that they were not at Ottawa during the conference, but they have gone to Ottawa before now upon little questions of patronage, and surely they could have managed to go upon the most important public business that has arisen during the last ten years. The truth of the case is that they did not want Mr. McBride to succeed in his mission. They were afraid that if he came back with a just and equitable recognition of the rights of the province, his position would be so strengthened that successful opposition to him at the provincial elections would be absolutely out of the question. They wanted him to be elections would be absolutely out of the question. They wanted him to be defeated at Ottawa. Therefore not a man of them extended a hand to help him. The people of British Columbia will remember this, and on the second day of February will know how to show their displeasure with a political party, which had a signal opportunity to benefit the province, and yet held aloof for fear that credit might attach to a political opponent.

liance with none of the other elements in the political field, and will have candidates in every constituency. It appeals to the electorate upon its record, and with every confidence that the verificit will be in its favor.

On the present occasion, for reasons that are obvious, the Colonist will not deal with any of the campaign issues, but will content itself with asking for the government a consideration of its course during the three and a half years in which it has been in power.

MR. GREEN'S RESIGNATION.

the gentlemen constituting it. In this paper is contained a statement of the claims of the province for exceptional it areament. The Times ought to read it. If it does so, it will change its opinion as to Mr. McBride's preparedness to deal with the subject at the Conference. If it reads further, it will see that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was so greatly impressed by what Mr. McBride had advanced that he frankly admitted that a substantial case had been made out for the province.

There is one aspect of this better terms case to which we invite the attention of the Times, and upon which the substantial case had been made out for the province. tainly has been. The Department of Lands and Works was never in any-thing like as satisfactory a condition as it is today, and the change has been due almost wholly to Mr. Green's executive ability. He leaves public life with an excellent record, and the most strenu-ous critics of the government will hard-ly assert otherwise.

than anything else at this particular time is a number of married laboring men, who will come here intending to remain permanently. One great of jection to Oriental labor is that to men are nearly all unmarried. Course, if it were otherwise, there won be serious objections, especially to the Chinese and Hindus, because of their manner of living; but no labor conditions, which creater communities where single men herd together, are good. single men herd together, are good. Even in the case of white people, a community consisting chiefly of unmarried working men has many objectionable features, especially when, as is the case on the Pacific Coast, the rate of wages is high. Men, who are earning a good deal of money, and are without family ties, are apt to become careless in their habits, and the result is loss of time to themselves and great incommunications. time to themselves and great inconvenience at times to their employers. If you walk up Government street, above Chinatown, any evening after 6 o'clock you will meet a number of Chinamen returning from their work. In an Eastand yet held aloof for fear that credit might attach to a political opponent.

THE HOUSE DISSOLVED.

A Gazette Extra issued last evening amounces the dissolution of the local legislature. Nomination day is fixed for January 19, and election day for February 2. The new House is to meet on While the campaign will be a short one, it will be long enough for every legitimate purpose. Everybody has ations are already well advanced.

The contest will doubtless be vigor of success, will spare no effort to make attenuous fight. What effect that success as complete as possible. The Opposition claim to be very hopeful attenuous fight. What effect that success as complete as possible that success factor, and it may have only as a disturbing influence. The Socialists and a disturbing influence. The Socialists afforded them.

The government enters upon the campaign with the resolve to secure a maniform the legislature. It will act in all ince with none of the other elements didates in every constituency. It appeals to the electorate upon its record. mill, they will find plenty to do where they have learned their trade, and thus British Columbia will lose a couple of stirdy, industrious young fellows, who would have been glad to have remained at home, if they could have worked alongside of white boys. This is not a alongside of white boys. This is not a solitary case by any means. We concede the apparent and temporary advantages resulting from coolie labor, but in the long run what pays best is the white laborer, who marries, establishes a home and brings up a family. Of these we can never have too many.

to the Pacific Cossi. All Lash, the total transport of the Pacific Columbia file Columbia file Columbia from Edward and the Conservatives will really the conservative and the Conservatives will really the Conservative will really the conser

tributed to the strength of the Social-ist movement in this province so much as the persistent assertion of the Times that a few Socialists really ontrol the government and legislature f British Columbia. It is not true, control the government and legislature of British Columbia. It is not true, and it never was true, and there is not the least danger of its becoming true; but the Times, in its unreasoning craze against the McBride ministry, has done, and is now doing, everything it can to bring about just such a result. It may not intend to, but it recently has done quite a number of ecently has done quite a numb hings that it had no intention

IBBONS—At the Poplars, Head street, The wife of C. H. Gibbons, of a daughter.

HEELER—At Victoria, December 24th, the wife of Herbert Wheeler, White Horse, Y. T., a daughter.

KENZIE—At the St. Joseph's Hospita on the 20th instant, Mary Jane, the beloved wife of William McKenzie, anative of St. John's, New Brunswick, aged 61 years

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If our evening contemporary is as much opposed to Socialism as it pretends to be, why does it advertise the so-called Socialist leader so frequently? Probably nothing has contemporary in the Social Social

*************** Births, Marriages, Deaths

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Levely At Victoria on Tuesday, December 25th, 1906, the wife of F. C. Kennedy, of Winnipeg, of a daughter.

MARRIED ANZANT—ARMSTRONG—At Vancouver, B. C., on December 19th, by Rev. A. J. McGillivray, Jacob Vanzant of Port-kind, Ore., to Ethel Irene Armstrong, of Victoria, B. C.

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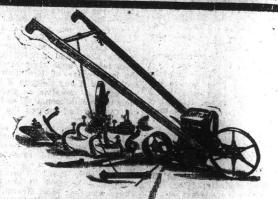
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the chairmanship of the joi ence, and expressed on beha self and colleagues his ap of the welcome accorded to Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

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Conference Chamber, October
The chairman of the join ence took the chair at 11 o'c all the members present at ton the 8th inst. were convented addition thereto, as represe Province of Nova Scotia, the H. Murray, premier and provinctary, and the Hon. Arthur retary, and the Hon. Arthur attorney-general: also the I lard Turgeon, C.M.G., min lands and forests in the government of Quebec.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid proposed that Mr. Chas. Lard and Mr. Jos. Pope, C.M.G., uretary of state, be appointed ies of the Joint conference, wagreed to.

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The following is the official report of the proceedings of the conference between members of the government of Canada and of the various provin-S & CO. cial governments, assembled at Ottawa, October, 1906: GOVERNMENT STREET.

Conference Chamber Houses of Parliament, Ottawa, October 8, 1906.

In response to an invitation addressed by the Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Lau-rier, C.O.M.C., to the several provin-cial premiers throughout the Domin-ion, which invitation was couched in

these terms:
Ottawa, 10th Sept., 1906.
Sir:—In accordance with the request of the provincial governments for a conference with the Dominion government to discuss the financial subsidies of British Columbia which interest of the provincial government to discuss the financial subsidies conference with the Dominion govern-ment to discuss the financial subsidies which you are invited to attend.

WILFRID LAURIER.

The following gentlemen assembled at the conference chamber in the parliament buildings at Utcawa on Monday, the 8th day of October, 1906, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forencon:

From the Province of Ontario: Hon. J. P. Whitney, premier; Hon. J. J. Foy, K. C., attorney-general; Hon. A. J. Matheson, provincial treasurer.

From the Province of Quebec: Hon. Lomer Gouin, K. C., premier and attorney-general; Hon. W. A. Weir, minister of public works.

From the Province of New Brunswick: Hon. L. J. Tweedie, premier and provincial secretary; Hon. William Pugsley, attorney-general.

From the Province or Prince Edward Island: Hon. Arthur Peters, K. C., premier and attorney-general; Hon. G. E. Hughes.

From the Province of Manitoba:
Hon. R. P. Roblin, premier, minister of
railways and minister of agriculture;
Hon. C. N. Campbell, K. C., attorneygeneral

From the Province of British Col-umbia: Hon. Richard McBride, pre-

This Province's Position Clearly Statsubmit the foregoing resolutions to the government of the Dominion of Can-

ada.

The Hon. Mr. McBride submitted the following memorandum embodying the claims of British Columbia to special and distinctive treatment:

and distinctive treatment:
Memorandum re British Columbia's
Claims for Special Consideration.
On behalf of the government of British Columbia, I adhere to the general principle of the rights of the province to increased subsidies, and, therefore, support the resolution which has been submitted in favor of affirming the resolutions of the Quebec conference, in so far as they are not inconsistent with or prejudiced to the claims of any paror prejudiced to the claims of any par-ticular province for additional recognition with respect to such matters as form the subject of those resolutions

case of British Columbia which involves additional recognition in its behalf. These considerations are set forth in the memorial presented to the the city of Ottawa on Monday, the of October next, at eleven a. m., which you are invited to attend.

WILFRID LAURIER.

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better, if as well off. This is obvious for two reasons.

First. Owing to the excessive contributions to the Federal treasury, as compared with other provinces, the province would pay an undue proportion of the amount of the increase in subsidies to all the provinces. A parallel in support of this is afforded in the allowance which was made at the he allowance which was made at the ime of Confederation to certain provinces on account of the greater debt of other provinces in the payment of which the people of all the provinces had to share. Our case is precisely sim-ilar now to that in which those pro-vinces would have been had no such

vinces would have been had no such allowance been made.

Second. The proposed increase in subsidies being largely based upon population, the special physical conditions which make the cost of government in the province of British Columbia dispropertionately great are not provided for.

ment of the British North America Act, if such amendment should be deemed necessary.

It is also unanimously Resolved, That sub-section C of resolution 1, adopted at the conference held at Quebec in December, 1902, be amended so as to read as follows:

(0) The population as assertained at the last decennial census to govern, except as to British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta; and as to those four provinces, the population to be taken to be that upon which under the respective status in that behalf, the annual payments now made to them respectively by the Dominion are fixed until the annual population is by the census ascertained to be greater; and thereafter the population so ascertained to govern.

It is also unanimously Resolved: That the Hon. Mr. Gouin, premier of the province of Quebec, and the Hon. Mr. Whitney, premier of the province of Outario, be a committee to submit the foregoing resolutions to the government of the Dominion of Can-WITHIN CITY LIMITS

Fred. Harling Bags Big Game on Senator Macdonald's Property, James Bay-Wild Beast Wanders Into City in Search of Chickens



PHOTO OF PANTHER, TAKEN BY GEORGE LANGLEY AFTER THE KILLING.

RED HARLING, a young man of 21 years, resident at 129½ Oswego street, killed a panther on Christmas morning in the grounds of Senator Macdonald, Niagara street, James Bay. The bold denizen of the wilds, a big brute measuring six feet is from tip of nose to tip of tail, had wandered into the city by way of Beacon Hill on Christmas Eve; and many gardens of James Bay, notably those where chickens are kept, have a panther tracks in them. The unusual visitor was not attracted amidst the strange houses and bright lights because of the pangs of hunger. Its sleek, fat carcass betokened that it was not in want of food.

Mrs. Craig, who resides on San Juan avenue, was the first person, as far as can be learned, to see the salimal in the vicinity. At 2 o'clock on Sunday and she rose from bed to discover

unalterable and fixed way for the requirements of the various local governments of the various local governments for all time to come except lonal in the case of British Columbia as to demand exceptional in the case of British Columbia as to demand exceptional in the rewision of financial terms now deemed necessary.

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ably you will have reached some satisfactory agreement."

After some discussion the joint conference adjourned at 12 o'clock noon, to meet tomorrow at 11 a. m.

Conference Chamber, Ottawa,
Saturday, October 18, 1906.

The chairman of the conference took the chair at 12:30 o'clock p. m., when all the members were convened with the exception of the Hon. Messrs.

Lemieux and McBride.

(Extract from the deliberations of a sitting of the conference of the representatives of the several provinces of Canada held at Ottawa on the 13th day of October, 1906.

Canada held at Ottawa on the 13th day of October, 1906.

It was resolved:
That in the opinion of the confernment of it is inadvisable that the claim, in the way of subsidies, of any province be referred to arbitration.

CHARLES LANCTOT,
Secretary of the Conference

The chairman submitted a resolution of the inter-provincial conference on the subjects of the claims of British Columbia for special consideration, which is as follows:

(Extract from the deliberations of a sitting of the conference of the representatives of the several provinces of Canada, held at Ottawa on the 13th day of October, 1906.)

It was resolved:

That in view of the large area, geo-graphical position and very exception-al physical features of the province of Particle Columbia, it is the principles British Columbia, it is the opinion of this conference that the said province should receive a reasonable additional allowance for the purpose of civil gov-

part in the proceedings of the interincial conference, after which he

At this stage the Hon. Mr. McBride entered the conference chamber and took his seat at the board.
At 1:10 p. m. the joint conference took recess.

The joint conference reconvened at 8:30 p, m, when the chairman took the chair, all the members being present with the exception of the Hon, Messrs. Lemieux, McBride and Drysdale.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier announced that the Dominion had come to the conclusion to agree to the resolution embodying the views of the inter-provincial conference, submitted by the Hon. Mr. Gouin on the 10th of Octhe Hon. Mr. Gouin on the 10th of October, with the exception of that portion of the first resolution proposing an increased subsidy towards the cost of the administration of criminal justice, and also of the proposal that a bill should be introduced into the parliament of Canada providing for the payment of the increased subsidies and allowances pending the necessary amendment to the British North America Act, neither of which he was prepared to entertain.

The prime minister added that his

INTO UNITED STATES

mmigration Officials Have a Busy Time on the Rio

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 26.—Japanese are flocking to the Rio Grande border, to get into the United States. Most of them are said to have been discharged from the Japanese army. Yesterday 54 were refused admission here. Later a number were smuggled over at Fort Hancock, Texas. Today they were recaptured by immigration offi-cials, who are patroling the entire bor-

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—Governor Magoon at Havana today cabled United States Secretary of War Taft that a Havana newspaper yesterday printed a story to the effect that Japanese had been heard intriguing to contain control in Cuba. Governor Magoon ridiculed the story, and Secretary Taft ridiculed the story, and Secretary also characterized it as absurd

BARGE LOST AT SEA.

allowance for the purpose of civil government, in excess of the provisions made in the Quebec resolutions of 1902 and that such additional allowance should be to the extent of one hundred thousand dollars annually for ten years.

CHARLES LANCTOT,

Secretary of the Conference.
The chairman informed the conference that Mr. McBride declined to assent to the terms of the resolution, and declared he could take no further part in the proceedings of the inter-

Toronto, Dec. 26 .- The railroads of Toronto, Dec. 26.—The railroads of Canada have contracted for new equipment this year to the extent of \$62,200,000. The new lines under construction total 3,314 miles. The following expenditures are given: Canadian Pacific, \$23,000,000; Canadian Northern, \$15,000,000; Grand Trunk, \$5,000,000; Grand Trunk, \$5,000,000; Grand Northern, \$10,000,000; Temiskaming and Northern Ontario, \$2,000,000.

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North Battleford, Sask., Dec. 26. North Battleford, Sask., Dec. 26.—A. marriage license was issued on Saturday to Nep Seek Fin, aged 25 years, Chinese, of Dauphin, Man., and Eloise Louisa Eglantin Willard, an English girl of 16 years, daughter of G. Willard, a wealthy rancher of Saskatchewan. The Willards are from Collingwood, England, where Seek, who was attending school, first met Eloise. Seek came from Canton, China. He now has a dry goods store in Dauphin, and is prosperous.

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Nominations January 19th; Elections February 2nd; House to Meet March 8th-Situation in Constituencies at Time of Writing

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L. Wilson: No. 138, W. C. Thompson: No. 203, W. S. Duncan.

The following men, having been unavoidably absent from the examination, will be given an opportunity to be examined next month; No. 54, Corporal T. A. Ross, and No. 151, Bombardier W. H. Spofford.

The regular drill season will commence on January 7th, the company a drill nights being as heretofore; No. 3 company on Mondays, No. 1 company on Tuesdays, No. 2 company on Wednesdays.

The following N. C. O.'s and men, having been granted their discharge, are struck off the strength of the reginent; No. 102, Company Quarermaster-ser geant C. E. Lawson: No. 128, Sergant J. A. Anderton; No. 142, Gunner R. B. King; No. 121, Bombardier H. W. No. 175, Gunner A. Margison; No. 108, J. A. Anderton; No. 144, Gunner R. O. J. A. Anderton; No. 144, Gunner R. O. J. A. Anderton; No. 144, Gunner R. O. J. J. A. McGregor; No. 108, J. A. McGregor; No. 108, J. A. McGregor; No. 190, Gunner J. T. Croot; S. Gunner R. O. J. Gunner J. T. Croot; S. Gunner J. A. McGregor; No. 190, J. Gunner J. T. Croot; S. Gunner J. A. McGregor; No. 190, Gunner J. T. Croot; S. Gunner J. A. McGregor; No. 190, Gunner J. T. Croot; S. Gunner J. A. McGregor; No. 190, Gunner J. T. Croot; S. Gunner J. A. McGregor; No. 190, Gunner J. T. Croot; S. Gunner J. A. McGregor; No. 190, Gunner J. T. Croot; S. Gunner J. A. McGregor; No. 190, Gunner J. T. Croot; S. Gunner J. A. McGregor; No. 190, Gunner J. T. Croot; S. Gunner J. A. McGregor; No. 190, Gunner J. T. Croot; S. Gunner J. J. A. McGregor; No. 190, Gunner J. T. Croot; S. Gunner J. A. McGregor; No. 190, Gunner J. T. Croot; S. Gunner J. J. A. McGregor; No. 190, Gunner J. T. Croot; S. Gunner J. T. Croot; S. Gunner J. J. A. McGregor; No. 190, Gunner J. T. Croot; S. Gunner J. T. Gunner A. Gunner K. O. J. Gunner J. T. Croot; S. Gunner J. T. Gunner K. O. J. Gunne

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ward boldly taking the present and receiving, in addition, a kindly pat on the head. She came back cooing to just the sweetest doll imaginable. Then Mabel underwent the same ordeal with like fortitude afterwards, comfiding that she "liked Santa Claus and didn't see why others should be so frightened."

When Margaret and Mabel went home, their hearts glowing with pleasure.

When Margaret and Mabel went home, their hearts glowing with pleasure, they confided the day's story to their father and mother expressing the hope that "dear old Santa Claus" would prove as gentle on Christmas day, even though he had so many homes to visit, as he was to those who went to school. And then, before going to bed, they intoned a Christmas carol, the sweet childlike notes penetrating to the very souls of their hearers. It follows:

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Woman's Trials.

The bitter trail in a woman's be childless. Who can tell how struggle may have been ere she resign herself to her lonely lot? sence of this link to bind may together, the absence of this on to mutual affection is a commo pointment. Many unfortunate become estranged thereby. Ever do not drift apart, one may read it extent of their disappointment in of such a childless couple when to not the children of others. To targest family does not seem too nu. In many cases of barrenness o lessness the obstacle to child-be easily removed by the cure of weather part of the woman. Dr. Pier vortie Prescription has been the n restoring health and fruitfulness a barren woman, to the great jo household. In other, but rare construction to the bearing of child been found to be of a surgical chouteasily removable by painless or treatment at the Invalids' Hotel gical Institute Buffalo, N. Y., ove Dr. Pierce of the "Favorite Prescrame presides. In all cases whe dren are desired and are absent, a should be made to find out the resistince it is generally so easily remorpor treatment.

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Tatlow, Minister of Finance re, has received the following etter, dated December 5th, H. Turner, Agent-Geneval for abla in London:

Tatlow,—Your letters of the Cotober and 1st ultimo reColonial Fruit Show opened ritish Columbia has a magand has taken nine or ten in a general show it was not an ada was not represented ritish Columbia and Nova is a great disappointment to inficultural Society, as the to this late date expressly rn Canada, on representations scretary, Rev. M. Wills. Nova me very fine fruit and there is do of English grown apples mand to fine the great tree growns, and the great tree growns, and the great tree growns, think, equal to British Columbia no doubt were grown conditions and extra care that by nurserymen, whilst British it, I judge, represents partiality conditions of growth in At any rate our fruit has sed interest and decided many eprovince. I have had three se and four persons each, in who have now settled to go ril next, and came to enquire their household effects.

their household effects, heona came into the show, and I took him round. He stonished and delighted with a seemed much interested in now certain that some ten allies will, now they realize try can do, and what sort of must have to produce such as believing the next few all with capital, and many influenced the same way, tweek as Islington, coming to of this one, will have still anticipate.

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(Sgd.) J. H. TURNER

The Great Mogul"

"He went to rescue one whom he promised not to abandon. My fear of intrigue led him to bring the lady here ere it was too late."
"To bring a woman—here!"
"Why not? If one woman, why not are the ""

CHAPTER XVII.-Continued.

"Come." she urged. "We are at cross purposes, but I have no information as to Sainton-sahib. I had hoped he was with you, for he is worth a thousand. Silence now."

Silence now!"

His feet crunched the gravel of the path, yet he disdained to walk stealthily. Nur Mahal's tiny slippers made no noise. She moved by his side with swift grace, and when he would have made a detour, led him to the main entrance, paying no heed to those of the house servants stationed at the door, though they stared as if she were a clost. It may be that some emong. ghost. It may be that some among them were aware of her identity; but in any case the apparition of such a woman, unveiled, in the company of a foreigner, was sufficiently remarkable in India to create unbounded astonish-

India to create unbounded astonishment.

She swept on through the building, casting aside the combersome sari as if its purpose of concealment were at an end. The few lamps which lit the inner rooms were scattered and dim, but Mowbray could see that his first impression as to the magnificence of her garments was not a mistaken one. She had yielded so far to convention, being a widow, as to wear a purple dress, but the bodice of white silk was fringed with silver, an exquisite shawl draped her shoulders in diaphanous folds, diamonds gleamed in her hair, and her rapid movements showed that her silk stockings were shot with silver. A strange garb, truly, for one who, according to Jai Singh, lived on a pittance of one rupee a day, and even more noteworthy when the manner and hour of her visit to Dulkusha were tak-

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But Mowbray's firm tread backe the spell against which Fra Peitro was already fortifying himself by fervant cisculations. A prophet surprised, by the fulfilment of his own prophecy, he rose to his feets and obweld with slow precision. "I "greet yout, with slow precision, "I "greet yout, with the ready boliteness of his race."

The aspect of the fright, with the slaw en crown, untrimmed heard, coarse brown robe and hood, white cords and rough sandals of St. Francis d'Assisi, was no less astounding to Nur Mahal than was her regal semblance to him, lin her eyes he was on a parity with the fakirs, the mullahs, the religious men had the proposal and the proposal and the proposal and the proposal and the facility of the facility of the proposal and the facility of the proposal and the proposal a

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"You may trust Fra Pietro, Princess, as you would trust none other."

"Yet I have trusted many tonight. Now list to me carefully, for time passes. Jahangir dies ere daybreak, and there is much to be done by a man who shall risk all."

"The Emperor dies! Do you mean that he is to be murdered?"

"Call it what you will, his death is ordained. Nay, frown not so ominously. 'Tis not of my planning. Those who wish his downfall are not seeking to avenge my wrongs. If they succeed, and I see no reason why they should fail, they aim at placing Khusrow on the throne. And who is Khusrow? A boy of ten! I, a woman, am a mere puppet in their hands. That is why I am here. You see one who is in the counsels of both parties yet bound to neither."

Shethrew back her head, and the circlet of brilliants across her smooth white

clet of brilliants across her smooth white brow did not send forth brighter gleams than her eyes. Speaking so freely of treason and dynastic plots, she smiled as though the whole affair were some hoax of which she alone knew the petty

scret.

"You have met Raja Man Singh and his ally, the Maharaja of Bikanir?" she continued, coolly, before Walter could decide what shape the thimultaous questions trembling on his lips should take.

"Yes," he answered, "and they are well aware with what loathing I regard their schemes."

well aware with what loathing I regard their schemes."
"It is always possible to change one's mind," she said slowly. "I cannot, in a few minutes, give you the history of months; the record of the past few hours must suffice. Since it was known that you and the Hathi-sahib were redraped her shoulders in diaphanous folds, dismonds gleamed in her hair, and her rapid movements showed that her silk stockings were shot with silver. A strange garls, truly, for one who, according to Jai Singh, lived on a pittance of one rupee a day, and even more noteworthy when the manner and hour of her visit to Dulkusha were taken into account.

When she entered the Peacock Room she found Fra Pietro kneeling, with his face sunk in his hands, near to the charpoy, or roughly contrived bedstead, which, like all Europeans, he preferred to the cushion of the East. Walter had quitted the room by auother door, so the worthy Franciscan's spellbound look, when he raised his eyes to learn who it was who came from the interior of the house and saw the radiant figure of Nur Mahal, would surely, under other circumstances, have brought a laugh to Walter's lips.

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death and mine, or Jahangir's. Decide quickly! Do you flinch from the or-No," said Mowbray,

deal?"
"No," said Mowbray, recovering himself. "If such be the alternatives, may God prosper those who are in the right."
Nur Mahal released them. Watter would have sent for Devi Pershad, and in a few fateful seconds the irrevocable step must be taken which should plunge India into an era of turmoil and bloodshed. But a tumult of alarm among the household servants, and the clatter of hurried footsteps in the interior of the house, betokened some new and unforeseen commotion. Then the door by which Nur Mahal and Mowbray had entered the room was flung open and Roger appeared, carrying in his left arm the apparently lifeless body of the Countess di Cabota. His long sword was dripping blood, and his clothes were rent by cuts and lance thrusts, but his genial face, never downcast when a fight was toward, broke into a broad grin when he saw Walter.
"By the cross of Osmotherly!" he roared, "I have had the devil's own job to reach thee, lad. I have fought every inch of a good mile, and been ambushed times, out of number. Poor Matilda fainted at the last onset. I had to hug her with one arm and slay with the other. Gad! it was warm work. She is no light weight!"

He deposited his inanimate burthen

no light weight!"

He deposited his inanimate burthen on a charpoy and cleared his vision of blood and perspiration, for he had been wounded slightly on the forehead. Then he set eyes on Nur Mahal,

"Oh, ho, my lady, art thou here?" he aid. "Small wonder there were such said. "Small wonder there were such goings on without! By gad, thou art the herald of storm on land as the petter rel is at sea. Walter, my lad, give us a grip of thy hand! I'm main glad to meet thee again. But Matilda needs tending. Bid this glittering fairy see to her. Whether Portuguese or Hindee, I suppose women are much alike in such matters!"

CHAPTER XVIII.

"Gregory; remember thy swashing blow."

-Romeo and Juliet, Act I, Sc.

mer-house, alarmed by the commotion, must be devising means to protect themselves, ensconced in a hiding-place after the fashion invented by Dionysius of Syracuse, was probably doubting the wisdom of his Haroun-l-Raschid escapade. For Roger, bursting through the hostile cordons like an infuriated bluebottle fly caught in the outer strands of a spider's web, had applied a premature spark to a gunpowder train. The silence of the night was jarred into fierce uproar. The imperial troops, thinking the revolt had broken out before its appointed hour, were hurriedly closing in pointed hour, were hurriedly closing in around the rebels. The latter, strenu-ously opposing Sainton's passage up the hill leading to the Garden of Heart's Delight, communicated a panic for action which is the next worst thing to a flight, to those of their comrades who knew not what was happening. In a word, the left bank of the Jumna was speaking, before a sowar, one of his own small escort, rati in and breathlessly amounced the desperace nature of the attack on the gateway.

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ped, nestrated, and right.
"They must not escape!" said Mowbray to his companion. "After them, Jai Singh!" he vociferated to the Rajput, and forthwith there was a scurry in which several fell. Nevertheless, two at least, got away through the two, at least, got away through the trees and scaled the wall. Raja Man

two, at least, got away through the trees and scaled the wall. Raja Man Singh remained, gasping his life out, but he of Bakanir and one other reached the reinforcements outside.

Hastily despatching, Jai Singh and his followers it defend the main gate, Mowbray retained only two men of his own little troop. Equipping them wifth lanterns, he led Roger to the summer-house and cried in a lond voice:

"Come forth, Jahangir."

There was no answer. The hollow roof, exquisitely painted with frescoes representing forest life, echoed the command, and the slight scrutiny rendered possible by the weak light of the lamps gave force to Roger's query:

"Dost think to find him, like Mahmoud's coffin, slung 'tkixt heaven and earth, Walter?"

But Nur Mahal was to be trusted beyond the credence of eyes alone. Unless the Emperor had flown, or changed his mind at the latest moment, he was surely there, for the door-keeper said two strangers had passed by the watchword "Safed-Kira." And the vital need of hurry made stern measures necessary. "Jahangir." cried Mowbray again, "I know that thou art there, thou and thy pimp, Ibrahim. Nur Mahal hath sent us to save thy life, and thy throne if sueed be. Descend, therefore, else Sainton-sahib shall pull thee down together with thy lurking-place."

A moment's pause brought only the racket of desultory firing in the road-

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A moment's pause brought only the racket of desultory fiving in the roadway, the thuds of a battering ram against the iron-studged door, and the yells of assailants and defenders as the high houndary wall was sought to be carried by escalade for the Maharaja of Bikanir, now that his desperate scheme, was unmasked, urged his adherents to sack the paince to extirpate the broad of vipers in the Garden of Heart's Delight.

The summer-house, an elegant hexa-gon, had a carved pillar at each angle. Sainton placed his foot against one, gave a mighty push, and the stones yielded. Some fell with a classer into the mosaic payement, others splashed in the water of the lake.

was the area he covered, combined with a quick eye to discern and a supple wrist to disconcent every adventurous cut or thrust aimed at him, that, whilst those outside were yelling to the van to press forward, the unlucky wights of the front rank were making a new rampart of their bodies.

their bodies.

Walter found a corner where Sainton's sickle did not reach, and Jahangir, fired to emulation; joined him. The three practically held the gate, because Jai Singh, with his horde of freebooters, did not quickly regain his self-possession after the stupefying discovery that the Emperor, whom he was actually fighting against, was laying on with a will in behalf of the Englishman.

naif of the Englishman.
Others, too, learned the bewildering fact that here was Jahangir himself in the very hatching ground of the conspiracy.
The Maharajara of Bikanir and himself in the constraint of the con saw him, and having missed him twice with a pistol; adopted a new tactic which might have involved the monarch and the Englishmen in common ruin. Awaiting the rebel leader, to carry him to the forth was a waveleable to the to the fort, was a war elephant, a huge brute, well protected by iron plates, thick knobs of brass, and chain armor, penetrable by no missile short of a cannon ball. The animal was trained to charge any one or anything at the bid-ding of its mahout, and the Maharaja, mounting the howdah with some of his officers, bade the driver launch the ele phant at full speed through the gate.

phant at full speed through the gate.

Among the many physical advantages Roger held over other men not the least was his height. While dealing with the present danger be could see that which threatened farther afield, and now, above the heads of the combatants, he caught sight of the great moving mass of shining panopoly. Such a thunderbolt would rend its way through all opposition. Swords and lances were powerless against it, but there lay on the ground, wrenched from its sockets by the battering-ram, the heavy iron bar which the big Yorkshireman had used so effectively on the night that Sher Afghan carried off his unwilling bride.

None of the others knew of the ap-

None of the others knew of the ap-roaching peril. Roger turned to Jai "Come on, Don Whiskerando!" he shouted. "I thought thou hadst better stomach for a fray."

Though he spoke English, his look was enough. The old Rajput awoke from his trance and rushed forward manfully. His levies followed, the rebels yielded a few feet, and Roger secured breathing space. He sheathed his reeking sword, picked up the iron bar, and stood on the left of the gateway, balancing the implement over his right shoulder and bracing his feet set wide apart, firmly against the ground.

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A fiercer yell, a stampede of both par-A nerver yell, a stampede of both par-ties, announced the oncoming of the new danger. Mowbray and Jahangir thought that this was the end until they saw Roger, not smiling now but frown-ing, whirl the bar lightly as a preliminary to the greatest feat he ever per-formed. For the story lives yet amidst the glorious ruins of the Mogul Empire how the Man-Elephant killed the elephant. Trumpeting loudly, rushing through the swaying mass of human beings as a whale cleaves water, the immense brute seemed to enjoy the sensation it created. As it entered the gate, with trunk uplifted, the bar grayled energy its kneer. The cleaner crashed across its knees. The elephant stumpled and fell. Again the iron flail whistled in the air, this time striking the brase-studded boss on the beast's wide forehead. The thick metal disks shivered lite fragments, and the mon-ster, with fractured skull, lurched over heavily on its side, throwing the Mah-araya of Bikanir and his lieutenants to

A fine creeper had entwined its stout the tendrifs requid three of the pillars. In one of these, cunningly hidden by the vine, were small holdfasts; by which an active man might climb to the roof. Once there, a section of the blue enameled tiles slid back and gave access to a small apartment with a girdle floor, the interstices being invisible from beneath owing to the painted foliage.

Jahangir, followed by Ibrahim, made an undignified descent. Obviously, he feared a sword thrust as he neared the ground. Yet he was no coward. Disadaining to jump he came down slowly, and faced Mowbray without laying hand on the pistol or jeweled tulwar he carried. If treachery were intended he could not guard against it, and he was too proud to exhibit his secret thought by useless action.

"Have I heard aright?" he asked, with well-feigned coolness. "Did you well-feigned coolness." "Did you

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Deputy Minister of Agriculture Tells of Growth of Industry in Various Parts of the Province

"It is surprising the number of people who have come from the Northwest and gone in for fruit growing in the interior districts of British Columbia and on Vancouver Island." So remarked J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, yesterday. Pressed to give a reason for the marked influx during the past year, he referred to the extensive advertising that had been done by the present government through the Bursan of Information. There was no doubt that the success of a collection of the fruit products of this country in competition with the best grown in the other colonies was the finest possible "ad" for British Columbia. The wise dissemination of large quantities of the finest diterature could not, he said, have the same influence as the practical demonstration of the worth of Western Canadian fruit given by their triumph in some of the most representative horticultural exhibitions of the Old Country.

This system of teaching the outside world something of the agricultural and other possibilities of the Columbra, the beginning its effect. Then, of course, the trend of immigration west was to be taken into consideration. No doubt that also had some thing to do with the wonderful increase in population during the past few months. But what was attracting the people and keeping them here more than anything else, he thought, was the fertile nature of the soil, its adaptibility for the cultivation of the largest and finest crops of almost all varieties of fruits and the illimitatable market that was to represent the profuse.

Causes of Development

These principally, in his opinion, were the average of the Advancement of the larges the concluding his description of this

come settled very rapidly and that the Similkameen would not take a back place to neighboring districts in respect to the growth of fruit.

Recent reports showed that apples, cherries, pears and small fruits thriyed amid the climatic environments of that country. Small fruits, also, could be grown to advantage. There was only one drawback to the progress of the district along the line of fruit growing, Mr. Anderson said, and that was the necessity of going to some expense in the clearing of land. This was not needed in many of the valleys to be found scattered throughout the interior of British Columbia and, therefore, the Kootenays were somewhat handicapped. Despite this, the district seemed to be advancing steadily, large blocks of land having been taken up during the past few months.

months.

Another large and fertile valley, Mr. Anderson said, was that of the upper Columbia, which lies in the neighborhood of the Crow's Nest line. He explained that it had not yet been exploited to any extent, but what had been done showed that the land was good, and led the authorities to believe that with the advent of settlers it would prove an exceedingly rich section.

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the prairie provinces for just stuch produce.

Causes of Development

These principally, in his opinion, were the causes of the development of the last four or five months in the fruit industry, the extraordinary increase in the price of lands suitable for that business lying within reasonable distance of centres of population and transportation facilities. Property in almost all districts, Mr. Anderson asserted, was increasing in values and the indications were the within a few years the fruit output would be doubled and, perhaps trebled.

When discussing the possibilities of the interior district of Britisch Columbia and he sorthern part of Vancouver Island for the growth of fruit, Mr. Anderson became enthusiastic. He went into detail showing a thorough insight to the conditions prevailing in each distinct section and predicted in effect that the future of the province from the extandpoint mentioned was not yet generally realized. He believed that its output would be materially increased in the next year and that ultimately its beautiful verdant valleys, now lying dormant, would become one immege orchard which would supply the wants of the market always available across the Atlantic.

Taking up the question in his own methodical way. Mr. Anderson first of the province from the next year and that ultimately its beautiful verdant valleys, now lying dormant, would become one immege orchard which would supply the wants of the market always available across the Atlantic.

The Similkameen—Here, he explained, the extremely hot summer experienced permitted the cultivation of a variety of what might be termed subtropical fruits, such as peaches, appricots, nectarine and the grape. There were large quantities of lands available in this district, he went on, which had been plowed, showed some peculiarities which in the lightest of heart of the growth in the contract of the first of the first

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equal, he said, to the Oregon producet, which was supposed to be the best produced.

Great Agricultural Future

He predicted a great future, seriation agont and agont at Sydney, Australia, reports agont agont and agont at Sydney, Australia, reports and specially urges the lumbermen of the angular to the long before the best of the land was taken up and placed under profit able cultivation.

Speaking of Kelowna, Okanagan Lake, Mr. Anderson told of the splendid apples, sweet cherries, etc., which were grown by the ranchers there. He district in the vicinity of Vernon especially as far as apples were concerned.

Mr. Anderson laid special emphasis upon the recent development throughout the Kootenay district. He pointed out that until a short time ago the prevailing opinion was that fruit could not be grown to advantage there. A few of those who had displayed enough entering opinion was that fruit could not be grown to advantage there. A few of those who had displayed enough entering opinion was that fruit could not be grown to advantage there. A few of those who had displayed enough entering opinion was that fruit could not be grown to advantage there. A few of those who had displayed enough entering opinion was that fruit could not be grown to advantage there. A few of the set of the grown had the country of the country of

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Writes to Washington Regarding Mrs. Paterson's Heroism.

In a report to the state department at Washington concerning the wreck of the bark Coloma on Dec. 7 off Vancouver Island, the United States consulting in the water for twelve hours their signals of distress were seen in the early morning by the lighthouse keeper at Cape Beale, Vancouver Island, and the keeper's wife, Mrs. Minnie Patterson, started for Bamfield, five miles away, where the British steamer Quadra fortunately had steam up and put out at once to rescue the men of the Coloma.

The sea was very rough—out all ten of the chipmendical men were fivelly reserved. once to rescue the men or the Coloma. The sea was very rough, but all ten of the shipwrecked men were finally rescued by volunteers of the Quadra. "Special praise is due to Mrs. Patterson, whose trip to Bamfield was one of most heroic exertion. It took her four hours of hard struggle to make the trip, which completely exhausted her. The path over which she had to go was nothing more than a trail, and the heavy weather has made it very wet. A man who went over it a day or two later describes it as little better than a bog and said he wore out a pair of shees in making the trip and tore his clothes badly."

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Big Blue Funnel Liner Leaves With Cargo Valued at Over \$1,000,000.

Steamer Antilochus, of the Blue Funnel line, arrived yesterday from Tacoma and sailed three hours later for Liverpool via ports of the Orient and the Suez canal, carrying a cargo valued at \$1,002,129, and 100 steerage passengers, a number of whom were embarkmostly canned salmon, whale products and lumber was valued at \$374,890. Included was 60,394 cases of salmon. Cotton and flour formed the largest shipments from Tacoma, and 335 copper ingots were also taken from the Sound

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