

LIBERALS ORGANIZED

Nanaimo Reformers Ready For the General Election.

MAYOR HASLAM'S COURSE CRITICIZED

An Active Campaign to be Made of the Constituency.

The Partridge Gone to Quell an Insurrection in Guiana—Death of An Old Resident of New Brunswick—The Marriage of Ferdinand and Marie—Earl Derby Dead.

Nanaimo, April 21.—A meeting of Liberals took place in the Temperance Hall last evening for the purpose of coming to a decision about the making of a Liberal party in the field to elect Mayor Haslam. Dr. Walkem occupied the chair.

Mr. W. Ross said he felt convinced after the meeting on Wednesday night that a Liberal candidate would carry the vote of the people, and he was further convinced that he could learn that Mayor Haslam had lost a good many votes by the stand he had taken in re- sponse to Mr. Merrett. He therefore moved that a Liberal candidate be put in the field. A. D. McKenzie seconded the motion.

Mr. J. Patterson was inclined to wait for the general election as it was not far distant, but he would coincide with the majority to-night in what they decided to do. Mr. Aitkenhead expressed similar views.

Mr. A. D. McKenzie believed in running a man at any cost and test the case. Mr. Taylor supported the last speaker and stigmatized the stand as a well known fact. It was his opinion that it was not represented; it was his opinion that it was not represented; it was his opinion that it was not represented.

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BEHRING SEA ARBITRATION.

Mr. Carter Says Our Commissioners' Report is Founded on Ignorance.

Paris, April 21.—Mr. J. O. Carter, counsel for the United States, resumed his argument to-day before the Behring Sea court of arbitration. He contended that the report of the British Behring Sea commissioners on the habits of seals was written with the object of defending pelagic sealing and was therefore unreliable. It was founded almost entirely upon the utterances of natives and similar persons of inferior intelligence, and ought to be rejected, therefore, by the tribunal, as it was supported only by inadequate evidence.

Mr. Carter criticized the alleged weak points of the case presented on behalf of Great Britain. He admitted the United States asked for a monopoly of the seals, but the monopoly, he argued, could only be "injurious when artificial prices were induced by it. The present instance that was impossible.

World's Fair Rates. Chicago, April 21.—After April 30th the Atchison will no longer be a member of the Western Passenger association. This is the only definite result from the four weeks' protracted meeting of railway managers and general passenger agents of the western lines, and of four measures proposed on the proposed, but now rejected, agreement for an association World's Fair rates on a basis of 20 per cent reduction. Rates had been agreed upon for the territory east of the Missouri, but this is not now binding, and rates are at the mercy of any line which wishes to lower them. Low World's Fair rates have been agreed upon for trans-Missouri and trans-Atlantic routes.

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READ A SECOND TIME

The Home Rule Bill Passed By 43 Majority.

THE IRISH MEMBERS ENTHUSIASTIC

Mr. Balfour and Mr. Gladstone Close the Debate.

The Closure Applied to Reclamant Members Were Bound to Speak. Closing Words of the Two Leaders—Remarkable Demonstrations Both Inside and Outside of the House.

London, April 21.—In the House of Commons to-day, Right Hon. Sir Henry James, Liberal-Unionist M.P. for Bury, addressed the House, in opposition to the Home Rule Bill, which the Premier had spoken of the wrongs of Ireland. What wrongs, asked Sir Henry, could not be remedied by the legislation of a democratic parliament? Surely the Imperial Parliament formed a democracy well able to settle Irish grievances. Apart from the control of the Imperial Parliament, to whom would the government of Ireland go? It would be in the hands of those who formed a majority of the Irish representatives—men drawn from the Land League and proved to be conspirators against law, and of four measures proposed to sweep out of Ireland the landlords, whom they regarded as an English garrison. "Sir Henry has no final solution," exclaimed Sir Henry, "it is simply a measure to enable a section of the Irish agitators to deal as they see fit with the country. It is practically a repeal of the Union and an epitaph on the supremacy of the Imperial Parliament. Instead of being a measure of peace between the two countries, it is a message of war. There might for some time be armed peace, but if it should require the intervention of the military to enforce it, where could that peace be? The bill surpasses the ingenuity of man in devising proposals for the relief of Ireland. It is not a man in Ireland who could not set its provisions at defiance. Neither could the judges enforce it. It is not a man in Ireland who could not set its provisions at defiance. Neither could the judges enforce it. It is not a man in Ireland who could not set its provisions at defiance. Neither could the judges enforce it.

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Could anybody imagine how the two Joneses would work together?

Mr. Balfour descended the bill as a decisive step towards separation, although not a final one. To make it law, he said, would be to admit the disintegration of the Empire. He next discussed, in considerable detail, the financial aspect of Home Rule. Ireland now was treated generously, but the proposals he discussed were not only ungenerous, but would drive the country into bankruptcy. In justifying his recast speeches before the Ulster Loyalists, he remarked upon the principle that a reformer takes made the last husband, and an Ulster Loyalist became a good administrator. The Irish members, however, even if converted from their old ways on many questions, never wavered on the land question. It was the present Prime Minister had said it was a matter of honor to protect the landlords. From the confiscation of their estates, but in this bill this matter of honor had been forgotten. The bill, if passed, would entail loss and hardship upon all classes in Ireland. Irish agitation would centre in the new Dublin Parliament. The Irish members would regard the Imperial Parliament as a despotic and defeated body. The Irish people would drink from the bitter and polluted cup of Home Rule. The bill was a pure stream of English history (Lancaster). The Protestants in Ireland 90 years ago opposed the Union, but now were defended by it. Why, then, does a generation hence the Catholics, too, would be reconciled to it. "If you commit the bill to the House, you make yourselves responsible for an immense disaster, and all hopes for a peaceful and united Ireland will vanish forever."

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\$65,000,000 FAILURE.

What the Government Is Doing For Agriculturists.

TONS OF SEED BEING DISTRIBUTED

Rival Temperance Enthusiasts May Make a Meeting Interesting.

Who Will Control the Northern Pacific? Carter Harrison Surprises the Chicago Toughs—Danville Whalers and the Antarctic Seals—Confederate Veterans Celebrating.

London, April 21.—The Australian Stock bank has failed with liabilities of £13,000,000. The deposits amount to nearly £11,000,000. The bank has 200 branches in Australia. The failure was due to heavy withdrawals of deposits.

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The China Coming.

Yokohama, April 21.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company's empire of China left here this morning, April 21st, for Victoria.

GENERAL DISPATCHES.

News in Brief from Various Parts of the World.

Portsmouth, Va., April 20.—The yacht Oneida, owned by E. C. Benedict, of New York, arrived in the harbor yesterday from Havana at President and Mrs. Cleveland will be entertained aboard her in New York harbor next week.

Nashville, Tenn., April 21.—A report reached here yesterday morning at 4:30 in the effect that a conflict between convicts and free laborers at Tracy county had occurred, and resulted in the death of several of the convicts. The state militia were resting on their arms at the capital and have been ordered to the scene of trouble. A conflict between convicts and free laborers at Tracy county had occurred, and resulted in the death of several of the convicts. The state militia were resting on their arms at the capital and have been ordered to the scene of trouble. A conflict between convicts and free laborers at Tracy county had occurred, and resulted in the death of several of the convicts. The state militia were resting on their arms at the capital and have been ordered to the scene of trouble.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL

News of the Day Selected from Monday's Evening Times.

First Steamer From Revelstoke. Allan Cameron received a telegram from Revelstoke to-day announcing that the steamer was open.

Press Visitors. The Western Canada Press Association is to start from Winnipeg on the evening of the 15th.

Not Out of Danger. Geo. Moss is not yet out of danger. He was conscious for a few minutes yesterday, for the first time since the accident.

Will Serve Out His Time. The endeavor which was being made by the friends of Francis Davis to secure an appeal of his case has been abandoned and he will serve out his time.

The Steele Robbery. Ah Sam, who robbed Peter Steele's room and Queen's Quay, charged with receiving some of the goods, were up in the police court this morning.

The Fleet Going North. The fishing schooner St. Lawrence reached Seattle on Saturday from the north end of Vancouver Island with 4000 pounds of halibut.

Funeral of Emily S. Farnell. The remains of Emily S. Farnell, whose death occurred on Saturday in St. Joseph's Hospital, were interred this afternoon.

New Settlers. Several families leave by the steamer Bella Boscovich this evening for Bella Coola, where they intend to settle.

Work on the Paper Mill. Mr. George A. Huff is down from Alberni, but strange to say, he has very little news.

Excursion Parties. The second Raymond-Whitcomb excursion party of the season will arrive in Victoria on Saturday and remain a couple of days.

The West Coast. The steamer Maude returned from Alberni early yesterday morning, bringing a lot of wreckage from the steamer Michigan.

Increased Strength. A militia general order just received places the authorized strength of the five batteries of the B. C. B. G. A. as follows:

The Imperial Institute. "The Linkman" writes as follows in London Truth:—What judgment the public will eventually pass upon the Imperial Institute when it is opened is of course, unable to foresee.

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VISITING THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Hints for the Intended Visitor to the Great Exhibition.

DESCRIPTION OF DIFFERENT BUILDINGS

Probable Cost of Board and Lodging—Transportation Facilities and the Amount of Charges They Show Not Formally Opened, But Much May Be Seen.

(Correspondence of the Times.) World's Fair Grounds, Chicago, April 17.—The Fair has begun. It has not yet opened, neither the exhibits in position, but the crowds are here and the Jackson Park fair grounds are daily visited by thousands.

The buildings are nearing completion and every day sees a marked change. A small army of workmen are engaged and every effort is being made to complete the buildings by May 1st.

A visitor to the fair naturally wants information regarding accommodation and transportation facilities. Transportation facilities are very complete. The exhibition grounds can be reached in three ways.

The Illinois Central Railroad runs trains every ten minutes from the center of the city to the grounds. These trains stop at all stations along the way and visitors located near the south side, in what is known as Jackson Park, will have little trouble in reaching the grounds by this route.

By this route the park is seven miles from the city and it takes about forty-five minutes to make the ground. Access to the park can also be obtained by boat.

It is probable that visitors will experience more trouble in finding accommodation. The hotels and lodging houses in the south end near the park are all but filled up as it is. They ask large prices and do not have much room left.

The prices asked are \$1.50 and upwards for a single bed during the month of May. In June the prices will go up, as during that month it is expected the Board of Management will raise the price of a week to \$10.

Provisions are advancing in price and the demand increases the cost will likely be upwardly bent.

Those who desire private transportation will also have to pay dearly for it. Every one else has a finger in the pie and the price is high.

Entering the grounds by the 57th St. entrance the first of the large buildings on the east (the right) is the art gallery. This building, which is known as the North Pole, the Illinois Building is reached. This is the largest of the state buildings, occupies 3.2 acres and has a floor space of 3.5 acres and cost \$138,000.

Passing along the basin, which presents a pretty view by day and lighted at night by incandescent lights, a spectacle unequalled, the Casino and Music Hall are entered. To the south of the Casino is a reproduction of the Convent of La Rabida, where Columbus found an asylum in time of trouble.

Refracting steps and again passing the basin the Manufactures and Liberal Arts Building will be reached. This building is a masterpiece of architecture and is one of the finest buildings in the world.

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GUESTS OF WASHINGTON

As Such British Columbia's Officials Go to the World's Fair.

IT WILL BE A MEMORABLE TRIP.

An Officer Detailed to Deliver a Formal Invitation Probable Make-up of Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney's Party—Those Who Will Accompany Governor McGraw.

His Honor Lieut.-Gov. Dewdney and an official party made up from the provincial government and the army and navy will go to the World's Fair in company with and as guests en route of His Excellency John H. McGraw, governor and commander-in-chief of the State of Washington and his staff.

That whereas it has been rumored that it is the intention of the Dominion government to purchase a plot of ground at the corner of Government and Humboldt streets, known as the "McGraw" site, for the purpose of erecting thereon a post-office and custom house, it is hereby notified that while such a situation might be proper for the last named building, it is in every respect unsuitable for the post-office.

The unsuitability of such a site referred to would not only be felt at once by the citizens at large, as the business of the city is so dependent upon the topographical nature of the town site to extend still further to the northward.

The whole tribe of wild dogs which, in close, allied forms, are to be found in the Indian jungles and woods of Asia, from the Himalaya to Ceylon and from China to the Taurus—unless the "golden wolves" of the Roman Empire are now extinct in the forests of Asia Minor—show an individual and corporate life.

WILD DOGS OF ASIA. Savage Brutes Which Deliberately Run Down and Kill Tigers.

The State of Washington will consist of the following gentlemen: Major E. C. McDonald, military secretary of the governor; Lieut.-Col. Plummer, assistant adjutant-general; Major G. O'Brien, adjutant-general; Major G. O'Brien, adjutant-general; Major G. O'Brien, adjutant-general.

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THE TROPICAL FORESTS. Strange Animals That Spend Their Lives in the Forests of the Tropics.

London Spectator: To the naturalist the most marked feature of the great tropical forest south of the equator is the luxuriance in the building up of the vegetation and animal life.

But the general belief of the wild tribes of India is borne out by two striking facts. Col. Baldwin on their attacking the bear, says: "I have seen a tiger kill a man, and I have seen a tiger kill a man."

Work of the Lorne. The tug Lorne brought the bark Schofield into the roads this morning. The latter is in ballast from the West coast and is seeking a cargo.

Death of Mr. Colville. The last Canadian Gazette announces the death of Mr. John Colville, who was for several years governor of the Hudson Bay Company and director of the Bank of Montreal in Victoria. This latter post he occupied for some time of his life. Mr. Colville was also connected with other prominent London companies.

THE MAINBANDERS.

Proceedings of the New Westminster Indignation Meeting.

New Westminster, April 23.—The public meeting held last night to consider the course of the provincial government was well attended and the proceedings were fairly lively.

Resolved that a petition be prepared and circulated for signature and forwarded to his excellency the governor-general, calling upon him to dissolve the parliament buildings construction act, until such time as the measure be submitted to the people at a general election, as the present house of assembly does not justly represent the people of British Columbia.

The resolutions were carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned. The speakers denounced the government in strong terms. Mr. Brown in the course of his speech said that separation should only be thought of when all the ordinary constitutional means of obtaining justice had failed.

PARM FOR SALE OR RENT for a term of 5 years. Rent can be paid by improving with 100 acres, situated about 27 miles from Nanaimo and 10 from Beaver Creek wharf. On the premises there are a good dwelling house, kitchen and woodshed and outbuildings. Good water at door. About 120 acres meadow land enclosed. For further particulars apply to D. A. McMillan, Kingston P. O., B. C.

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THE AMERICAN NAVY

Admiral Hopkins Admires the "California." TOO FINE A BOAT FOR THE PACIFIC

A United States Senator Dead—American Commerce Committee to Inspect Pacific Coast Ports—Shot Himself Because His Wife's Grave—Captain Blackburn Was Getting Married.

Washington, D. C., April 26.—Lieut. A. W. Perry, who has just returned to witness the rendezvous of the great fleet of war vessels, is enthusiastic in his praise of the "California." He says that not only are Americans proud of her, but foreigners speak in the highest praise of the ship.

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Oakland, Cal., April 26.—News has been received in Oakland of the death of a young man, George B. Whitney, of this city.

San Francisco, April 26.—The steamer Signal, several days overdue from Chatham bay, arrived safely in harbor last evening, in tow of the tug Relief.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 26.—M. E. Perry, a regular committee member, was shot by his wife's grave yesterday by shooting himself through the head.

London, April 26.—A brilliant garden party was given at the Quinalta this afternoon. All the foreign guests attending the royal silver wedding were present.

San Francisco, April 26.—Kim, a big-binder, is on trial in Judge Dangle's court for killing Mock Chung on March 13th last.

Why Are Parisians Understated? Deithl ure upon Parisians the ne- cessary of a regular supply of milk in the country, on the ground that the result of a stable cows, though it often means a more money than the milk- ership of Parisians as regards status.

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The New Earl Derby. Ottawa, April 27.—The death of the Earl of Derby and the succession of Lord Stanley to the title and estates altered the situation with regard to the Governor-generalship of Canada. It has been decided that Lord Stanley should continue in office several months longer, but he is anxious to return to England.

Predicted Immigration of Anti-Home From North of Ireland. Ottawa, April 27.—The Hon. Mitchell, who arrived a few days ago in Canada and posed as an Irish martyr, having returned to his home in Hanover, County Carlow, on the headline being the largest in use for that purpose.

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Wellington, New Zealand, April 27.—Hon. H. S. Ballance, prime minister of New Zealand, died to-day of heart disease. In addition to the premiership, Ballance held the office of colonial treasurer and commissioner of trade and customs.

Birmingham, Ala., April 27.—The confession of Jim Arwin, a counterfeiter, who gave \$13,000 in spurious coin to George Burt, the general electrician, in Round Mountain, near Gadsden, on a charge of counterfeiting. There are forty-two indictments against Burke in the courts of Georgia.

Bombay, April 26.—Serious trouble is again brewing in the valleys of the (Kus and Cabul rivers, where the forces of King Dost Mulla, who was murdered by his uncle, the latter being afterwards driven out by the rightful 'surviving

AMERICAN TARIFF

President Cleveland Says It Will Be Changed. A SPECIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS

The Naval Parade Postponed on Account of the Weather. The Governor of New York and Harris the Wife Murderer—Musical Director at the World's Fair Said to Be Disgraced—Actress Modjeska Seriously Indisposed.

Washington, D. C., April 27.—"Congress will be convened in special session between September 1st and 15th at latest. If there should be any necessity for calling Congress together before that time it will be done, but I see no reason for such action at this time," said President Cleveland yesterday.

New York, April 26.—In an interview to-day, Governor Flower emphatically denied a report that he had decided to pardon Carlyle W. Harris. "I think it was the proper thing," he continued, "to appoint the best criminal lawyer in the state outside of New York to defend the man, and to have the shadow of a doubt if Harris' friends have any right to appeal to me for clemency."

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Pittsburg, Pa., April 26.—Helena Modjeska became quite ill on Tuesday at her hotel, and was unable to appear at the theatre, where she was to play Katherine in "King Henry VIII." The advance sale of tickets had been large and an immense audience had to be dismissed from the theatre.

Rome, April 27.—The German Emperor and Empress and the King and Queen of Italy, together with the royal princes and others in attendance upon their imperial majesties, started to-day for Naples. Streets, windows and house-tops were thronged with people and the enthusiasm shown was as great as on the occasion of the arrival of the Emperor in Rome.

New Orleans, April 27.—Judge Theard, in the civil district court, delivered a decision to-day in a row car case. Sheriff Broussard, of Lafayette parish, sued the state for the recovery of \$10,000 damages for ejecting him from one of their trains. The court decided against him.

San Francisco, April 26.—The Merchants' Telegraph and Telephone and Telegraph Company was incorporated to-day. The directors are Geo. C. White, J. E. Stetson, J. M. Cross, J. B. Whitaker, John D. Spreckles, Louis Sloss, A. E. Brook Ridley and C. W. Cross.

he and the prisoner were ejected. The court held, with the conductor, that the latter did not discriminate except in favor of colored nurses.

Vienna, April 26.—The Hungarian Minister of Public Worship introduced a Jewish emancipation bill in the Reichstag to-day. The measure is conceived in a most liberal spirit, and declares that the Israelite religion shall be legally recognized; that the existing facilities for Christianizing Jews of any age shall be abolished, and that the conversion of Christians to Judaism, which has hitherto been impossible in Hungary, shall be legally sanctioned.

London, April 26.—Near Hull the line of the Hull-Barnby Railway was guarded all day by pickets, and pilot locomotives were run out of the yards ahead of the trains. The strikers threaten to start up the rails, and dynamite under bridges, and blow up or derail trains carrying Hull non-union passengers.

Paris, April 26.—Long-needed rain fell near Havre and Bordeaux on Monday, but elsewhere in France the drought still continues to wither the crops. Throughout Italy losses have resulted from the unprecedented dryness of the season. Outside of Sicily the damage already done is estimated at £1,000,000.

Columbus, Ohio, April 27.—The penitentiary officials here have discovered that President Cleveland has by error of a clerk, pardoned the wrong man. William and John Skinner were received from Sing Sing prison, but were sentenced to eighteen-month sentences for illicit distilling.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 27.—Aldrich and Reg's tin and copper foundry, a four-story brick building, 1489 Niagara street, station No. 5 adjoining on the north, and the buildings on the south occupied by Alexander's 220 salesrooms for a patent cooker, and by John Ruth as a boarding house, were destroyed by fire on Monday.

Investigation Alhwardt's Charges. Berlin, April 27.—The committee of the Reichstag which was appointed to consider the charge of misappropriation of funds made by Herr Alhwardt, minister of finance, and the late Baron Brechtner, was on Monday in session, and Herr Aschenborn, director of the imperial treasury, was in attendance.

Prematurely Suspended. Lansing, Mich., April 27.—The public here were started this morning in passing the Ingham county savings bank, which had closed and is in the hands of the commissioner of banks.

Hull, Eng., April 27.—The leaders in the strike of union dock laborers against the employment of free laborers at the docks have decided to take a vote of the strikers by ballot as to whether they wish to continue the strike.

A Pocket Telephone. One of the neatest articles that has recently been added to the equipment of the Newcast police is the pocket telephone. It is light and handy, consists of a combined mouth-piece and ear-piece, and is about a foot or more of wire attached, and there is in addition an affixing and a small tin in which the apparatus is packed in connection with the fire lamps placed at the end of the lines.

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A TALK WITH THE COMMISSIONER

The Exhibits of Minerals and Fruits From the Pacific Provinces—\$300,000—1000 Worth of Gold Brought From British Columbia on Exhibition.

(From our own Correspondent.)
Widow's Fair Grounds, Canadian Building, April 18.—Yesterday the first exhibit from the British Columbia coast arrived at Jackson Park. It consisted of shipments from Vancouver and Victoria, which were forwarded on March 19th.

Chas. F. Law, the British Columbia commissioner, is working like a Trojan getting the exhibits in position. He has a great deal of work before him for a great deal of hands and is greatly pleased for help. But the provincial government in their wisdom have decided that Commissioner Law can do it all. And whether he can or not he has to do it. A glance would be sufficient to show that Mr. Law wants help; and if that help is not forthcoming the government will be to blame if the British Columbia exhibit does not show up as it should.

Mr. Law was seen and questioned by the Times correspondent. He was unpacking the large coal specimens from the mountain and the Commissioner coal mines and placing them in position in the Mines and Mining Building. You seen very busy, Mr. Law? Can't you get help? Mr. Law went on working and appeared not to hear the question. The question was again put. The reply was that he had no more to say about anything about the subject. Though Mr. Law's manner of reply suggested to the questioner that that gentleman thought more than he cared to say.

Washington, D. C., April 25.—Among the appointments announced to-day at the White House is that of Thomas F. Thompson of California to be minister to Brazil.

U. P. Strike Ended.
Omaha, Neb., April 25.—All strikers on the line of the Union Pacific railway resumed work this morning, the strike being over.

Children Burned to Death.
Aberdeen, Miss., April 25.—On the farm of N. Henna, near here, a colored tenant named Edwards and his wife left their young children in the house alone and went to work. During their absence the house caught and burned down. The children perished.

Rush Goes to Behring Sea.
San Francisco, April 25.—The revenue cutter Albatross, which arrived on Saturday evening from San Diego, will now fit out for a cruise in Behring Sea and will leave here about May 10th.

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Roman Cleric Dead.
Dublin, April 25.—Rev. Hugh Conway, Roman Catholic bishop of Killala, died to-day.

Metal Workers' Convention.
St. Louis, Mo., April 25.—The sheet iron and cornice workers' association began their fifth annual session here this morning. Mayor Walbridge delivered the address of welcome, after which President Schwab of Memphis read the annual report.

Loss of the Alaska.
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Notwithstanding the assiduity (to make no reference to the over-time) shown by the food-killer, all the practical jokers are not doing duty "down t'ow." Some of the tribe flourish rankly in the city, and occasionally raise a laugh upon the misfortunes of their victims. This fact was shown by an incident which occurred in one of the city churches the Sunday before last. Several young men attended the morning service, but, becoming tired of the eloquent periods of the preacher, came out about "half time" to use a theatrical expression.

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Conflict Between Unionists and Nationalists Imminent.

RESTRAINED BY SOLDIERS AND POLICE

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London, April 24.—The conflict between Orangemen and Nationalists in Belfast proceeds intermittently. More and more the Orangemen have been firing about in procession threatening to attack the Nationalists. The military have been kept between the two mobs and will probably prevent their meeting to-night. Several fights between less considerable bodies have been stopped by the police.

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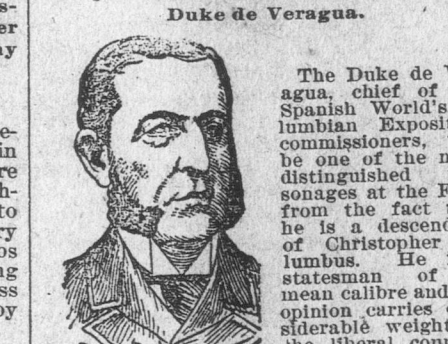
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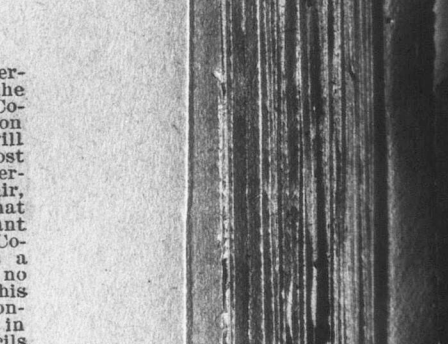
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Under Great Loss of Life in Another Cyclone—Nine Men Killed in a Log Drive—The Union Pacific Directors Appointed.

Rome, April 26.—The German Emperor had a narrow escape to-day from a serious accident.

Immigration Returns So Far This Season

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What He Really Said

Spencer Denies Publishing a Card Denying the Report that Governor Lewelling would be "fixed" by the railroad, and therefore will not call another session.

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ON THE SCOTT ACT.

An investigation into the working of the Scott Act is taking place in Winnipeg.

U. P. Government Directors.

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Errierson's Statue.

New York, April 26.—The exercises attending the arrival of the American and foreign naval officers in port were begun to-day by the unveiling in Battery park of the statue of John Ericsson, the inventor.

Columbia Naval Parade.

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Graduated from the Santa Fe.

Topeka, Kans., April 26.—A. A. Robison, second vice-president and general manager of the Santa Fe, has accepted the presidency of the Mexican Central Railway.

Alcohol Triumphs Again.

San Francisco, April 26.—James G. McMillen, a well-known merchant, died in his room this morning at a lodging house.

Mr. Wm. Meek of Kingston.

Mr. Wm. Meek of Kingston, aged 82 years, is dead. He came from Ireland in 1851, and was employed in the Montreal office of the Bank of Montreal.

Indian Competition With the Far East.

The severity of the competition in India in the markets of the far east is shown in the figures relating to cotton yarn and cloth exports for three years.

COLUMBIAN NAVAL PARADE.

Vessels of All Nations Form in Line With Grand Effect.

BRITAIN AND AMERICA IN THE VAN.

A Striking Exhibition for the New York Harbor.

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His Services Appreciated. The Gazette makes the following announcement: Lieutenant Reginald James Macdonald, Royal Artillery, to be placed on the staff for inspection duty, as deputy inspector of government steel, with captain's pay and staff allowance.

The Louise Delayed. Just as the steamer Princess Louise was about to leave for the north last evening it was discovered that one of her steam pipes was broken. As it will take several days to repair the break, it has been decided to send the steamer Maude north. She will leave this evening.

Law Examinations. Five candidates took the law examinations yesterday afternoon. For final call and admission, Messrs. Clute, McInnes and Senkler; for intermediate, Messrs. Crease and Abbott. The examiners were Hon. A. N. Richards, Q. C., and Mr. D. M. Eberts, Q. C.

Models of Handsome Engraving. The invitations issued for the Board of Trade banquet were engraved by the Victoria Lithograph Co. and constitute the finest work of the kind ever produced in Victoria. The Colonel, a competitor, very justly refers to them as models of handsome engraving. They are indeed handsome.

St. George's Banquet. The members of the St. George's Society held their annual banquet last evening at the Occidental hotel. President George Fairbrother in the chair. Premier Davie occupied the seat of honor and other distinguished gentlemen were present. After the splendid repast provided had been disposed of a long toast list was taken up, followed by speeches and songs and stories.

Medical Council. The counting of ballots for members of the medical council took place yesterday. The following were elected in the order that the names appear: G. L. Milne, C. C. Hamilton, Victoria; J. McNeil, C. C. Vancouver; W. A. Dewolf Smith, New Westminster; J. C. Davis, Victoria; and Arthur Jones and W. J. Goepel.

Italians at William Head. Said laboring man to Times reporter this morning: "The William Head contracts are going to be a repetition of the sewerage business. The contractors have taken out a license for the work, and I can hardly speak a word of our language. I do not know what they are getting, but I imagine Chinamen's wages. Now, that work is being done for the people of Canada. They pay for it, and I am sure they want white labor to do it. They are not going to take this matter up in the interest of white labor."

Board of Trade Banquet. It is expected that nearly 50 gentlemen will sit down to the board of trade banquet to be held at the Grand hotel on Thursday evening, May 4th. About 50 invitations have been sent out to presidents of boards of trade and other leading citizens of the province and around the Dominion. The orchestra will supply music for the occasion, and the banquet will in every respect surpass any previous affair of the kind. Tickets may be had from the following gentlemen, who form the committee: A. C. Plummerford, D. R. Kerr, H. E. Conroy, W. R. G. Leiser, C. E. Renouf or the secretary.

DEATH OF WALTER MORROW. A Prominent Young Man Carried Off At An Early Age. Walter Morrow, who for several months past has been lingering between life and death, died last evening at the residence of his mother-in-law, Mrs. J. W. Williams. A couple of years ago the deceased had a severe attack of a grippe, from which he never fully recovered. It was followed by a severe illness, which for almost a year kept Mr. Morrow in the house and finally caused his death.

D. W. Morrow was one of the most prosperous and popular young business men of the city, having during the ten years that he resided in Victoria made many friends, who, although expecting to hear of his death, will be pained when the news reaches them. He was born in Barrie, Ont., just 28 years ago and came to Victoria in 1883. He entered the Dominion government service as a clerk in the postoffice, a position which he resigned to enter commercial life as accountant for Cowen & Co., afterwards for Shaw & Co. At the same time he was secretary and treasurer of the British Columbia Fire Insurance Co., which in 1888 he resigned to make a change, when he entered the real estate, insurance and financial business, with F. G. Richards, J. G. Galloway and J. W. Williams. He was a member of Victoria lodge I. O. O. F.

The funeral will take place on Thursday at 2 o'clock from the residence of Blanchard avenue, and at 2:30 from the Metropolitan Methodist church.

THE EMPRESS DEPARTS. She Carried Away a Good Freight and a Fair List of Passengers. The steamship Empress of Japan left for Japan at 11:30 this morning. She was met off the water by the steamer Maude which placed several passengers aboard, among them Mrs. Campbell and son. The Empress carried away a good cargo of freight, a few Chinese passengers, and the following in the saloon: J. R. Anton, London; Miss Anderson, New York; H. Barclay, England; T. M. Boyd, China; A. E. Campbell, London; Mr. and Mrs. T. England, Miss New York; H. England, China; P. Fairhurst, San Francisco; A. R. A. Heath, Toronto; Miss Howard, New York; Miss Kelly, London; Miss Kennedy, New York; C. King, New York; Mr. Legburn, Montreal; E. C. Luffkin, Lima, Ohio; Loomis, San Francisco; J. P. Marshall, New York; Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Marsh, New York; W. A. Morling, China; Rev. J. Omai, Liverpool; Sir William and Lady Plowden, England; Miss Simmons, New York; Stewart Smith, China; and C. J. D. Townley, assistant to the general superintendent, J. A. Fullerton, Mrs. George A. Lee, and Miss Townley came down from Vancouver on the Empress and are at the Triard.

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Chong Goo and Hop Sin, members in good standing of the Chinese board of trade, were yesterday afternoon charged with the misappropriation of divers packages which the consignees in Canton had failed to mark properly. The board, however, is not lenient as to the consignees. Hop, for denying the soft impeachment, says he took the goods because he found his lot just the same number of packages, and that the marks on the packages, while by no means distinct, might, in a very ordinary stretch of the imagination, be made to read quite plainly, "Hop Sin, Victoria, B.C. this side up with care." Chong, however, contends that the packages are his, because they very evidently contain goods marked in his invoice, the said goods being invariably put up in that manner for shipment, and that he has no doubt he can make out his name on the boxes, an assertion which, of course, throws grave doubt upon the veracity of Hop Sin, who, however, being of bold disposition, cares not a cuss for anybody's doubts. The agent of the steamship Sin, who is the consignee, and the district assessor the Chinamen that the goods are clearly out of his province, as the goods have been cleared, the disputed packages or packages, being those of celestial luxuries and necessities. So, by mutual consent they decide to leave the matter to be settled at the next meeting of the board.

That important organization duly hears all the evidence of the two disputants and their witnesses, who swear solemnly to the truth of their statements, and the small salutation skillfully applied before the case is called. Then the president of the board, who is a man of high repute, and who is to get out while the board has cool and unimpaired faculties. After the deliberation Chong and Hop are called back and the board, after a few minutes' deliberation, has pronounced its verdict. Chong is to have the goods, as they are, in the opinion of the board, plainly his, and Hop is invited to contribute to the board's expenses. Hop, however, is not to be so easily duped. He has a few words to say to the board, and then he is dismissed. He is to have the goods, as they are, in the opinion of the board, plainly his, and Hop is invited to contribute to the board's expenses.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL

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Seattle Will Be Represented. The Seattle chamber of commerce has accepted the invitation to attend the coming banquet of the British Columbia Board of Trade and will be represented by a small delegation of Seattle's leading citizens.

Meeting This Afternoon. The directors of the British Pacific Construction Co. are holding an adjourned meeting at 2 o'clock at the office of the company, preparing articles of association, and transacting other business.

Investigating the Case. Dr. Meredith Jones yesterday made an examination of the body of the old Indian woman found in Macaulay Bay. There were no marks of violence on the corpse. Coroner Hasell is holding an inquest on the body at the Half Way House this afternoon.

Alaska Boundary Party. The Dominion government steamer Quander, Capt. Walbran, will leave on Saturday morning for Depue Bay, where she will coal. The members of the Canadian Alaska boundary party with the exception of Prof. King remain in Victoria over Saturday to meet Mr. Ogilvie. They will join the steamer at Depue Bay on Sunday, and she will then leave for the north.

The Steele Robbery. Chief Sheppard is having a hard time of it fixing the crime on the Chinaman who robbed Peter Steele, and also upon his countrymen who took part of the plunder to dispose of it. This morning the magistrate's court had to let Quong You, charged with receiving some of the goods, go free, as there was no evidence against him. He had a box of cigars, but no one could swear positively to them. J. P. Walls, his attorney, did not offer any defenses. Last evening Chief Sheppard found Hoo Ah Ng with a bottle of Scotch whiskey hid in his sleeve. The labels were not fully removed. It is said that it came from Steele's, but no one can prove it. The fellow's case went over until May 1st this morning, and with having committed the burglary.

Funeral of D. W. Morrow. There was a very large attendance at the funeral of the late D. W. Morrow, which took place this afternoon from the residence of Mrs. J. V. Williams, Blanchard street. The members of Victoria Lodge, I.O.O.F., and the many ladies and gentlemen who had numbered the deceased amongst their friends followed the casket to the last resting place at Ross Bay cemetery. The floral offerings were both numerous and beautiful. Among them was one from the members of the Victoria lacrosse club. It was a floral representation of two lacrosse sticks crossed and surmounted by a banner with the motto "Lacrosse is our life." Services were conducted at the residence, the Metropolitan Rev. Corvendale. The pallbearers were: Ald. H. A. Munn, P. G. Richards, Jr., W. G. Mackenzie, Joshua Holland, D. McBrady and W. C. Pope.

The Cutch-Joan Collision. The hearing of evidence in the Admiralty Court before Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie, J. A., and Lieuts. Nugent and Masters as assessors in the case arising out of the collision of the steamer Joan and the Cutch in Nanaimo harbor on the morning of November 19th last was continued to-day. The owners of the Joan claim that the collision was due to the fact that the Cutch failed to observe the recognized rules regarding the course to be taken by each steamer in such cases and ask the sum of \$5000 damages.

Yesterday Captain Outer of the Joan, Messrs. Thomson, Jensen, Plender and other witnesses for the plaintiffs were examined, and up to 10 o'clock to-day Captain Johnson of the Cutch, Mr. Miller, the quartermaster, Mr. Miller, the engineer, and Dr. Rice, a passenger, had given evidence for the defence. There does not appear to be much discrepancy between the statements made on both sides respecting the position of the boats at the time of the accident but there is a considerable difference as to which was the first to leave the wharf.

The defence as outlined by Mr. Bodwell in his opening remarks is that the Joan took a wrong course out of the harbor and thus compelled the Cutch to execute an unusual manoeuvre to avoid a collision which would otherwise have occurred; that the Joan did wrong in coming across the bows of the Cutch; and that she was wrong inasmuch she made no effort to avoid a collision. From the evidence so far it appears that at 7 o'clock a. m. the Cutch left Johnson's Wharf bound for Vancouver; that she started to go slow astern for about half a minute; then stopped then went slow astern again for about half a minute; then went full speed astern; that during this time the Joan was lying at her usual place at the wharf although on this last the evidence is conflicting; that the Cutch went full speed ahead for a few minutes; that the order to stop and reverse was given and the collision took place almost immediately afterwards. It is clear also that the captain of

the Cutch made up his mind that the Joan was making for the south passage and acted accordingly. But the court suggested that the Joan might have intended to take the north channel, as she had a perfect right to do and thus would have come across the bow of the Cutch, in which case it would be the duty of the latter to give way.

At 1 o'clock the court adjourned for an hour. Hon. G. E. Pooley, Q. C., appears for the plaintiff and Messrs. Bodwell and Irving for the defendant.

THE MARKETS.

A Short Summary Covering Articles Produced by the Farmer. The return of good weather insures a better supply of garden truck and different country produce in the near future. At present Victoria is drawing even more heavily on the Pacific States than the local market has not changed much in the week. Asparagus and green beans are in general reduction in their prices. Premier's welling at 45 per bushel, three star at 40, two star at 35, and one star at 30. Onions are very stiff, ranging from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per ton, although sales are made under that figure. The supply of hay is largely from the Pacific States, and the price is quote \$18 @ \$20 per ton. Potatoes are very scarce here, as they are all over the United States. Other articles of farm produce range about as they did last week. Pommeron and this market has always sure of good prices. The California and Oregon markets supply all the fruit and vegetable truck.

COLLECTING FOR THE 24th.

Members of the Finance Committee Meeting with the Wm. Coates.

Table listing members of the Finance Committee and their respective amounts: Robert Beaven, Mayor, \$100.00; Bank of British Columbia, 75.00; The Electric Light Co., 50.00; C.P.N. Co., 50.00; British Pacific Construction Co., 50.00; The Victoria Hotel, 50.00; R. P. Risher and Co., 50.00; The Grand Restaurant and Bar, 50.00; Bank of Montreal, 50.00; B. C. Land and Investment Agency, 25.00; The Victoria Hotel, 25.00; The Colonist P. and P. Co., 25.00; Victoria Transfer Co., 25.00; The Victoria Hotel, 25.00; Hon. Thos. Davie, 25.00; The Victoria Hotel, 25.00; Times Printing Co., 20.00; Turner, Beaton and Co., 20.00; The Victoria Hotel, 20.00; The Ames Holden Co., 20.00; Langley and Co., 20.00; Marvill and Co., 10.00; Chas. H. Jones, 10.00; Hon. J. S. Helmcken, 10.00; McQuade and Son, 10.00; Lewis and Co., 10.00. Total: \$840.00.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Corporal Punishment in the Schools Rejected on a Committee.

The regular meeting of the board of school trustees was held last evening, some cases of corporal punishment being on the agenda. The chairman, Mr. Haywood, presiding. An application from Miss Pauline Frank for a position on the teaching staff was read and approved. Janitor Huxtable requested extra pay for cleaning the branch Central school. On motion it was decided to tender Mr. Huxtable \$15 extra per month from the 1st of April till June 30th. An application was read from the trustees of Oakland estate asking for school accommodation, there being 40 children of school age in the district. The secretary was authorized to reply that the board would consider the matter.

Trustee Richards submitted plans drawn by Mr. Thos. Hooper for an additional school in the Spring Ridge district. On motion the plans were accepted and tenders will be called for immediately. The chairman presented the report of the committee on the question of corporal punishment. The committee reported that they had made enquiries and ascertained that in some cases corporal punishment had been inflicted without a record being kept by the teachers as required by law; also that there was reason to believe that, in some cases, the punishment was inflicted while the teachers were in anger. The committee recommended that in this respect the teachers be notified that they must comply with the law; and further, that no corporal punishment be inflicted by subordinate teachers without first consulting the principals.

The report was received and with a report respecting the conduct of certain teachers was considered in committee of the whole with closed doors. After the committee had arisen the board sat again and discussed the question of new schools. A committee of three was appointed to draft conditions from competitive plans.

An Inmate State Secretary.

Topoka, Kan., April 27.—It is claimed by local experts that Secretary of State Blaine is in a bad way, and that he would probably be judged insane should he be summoned before a probate judge and examined. He is sixty years of age, and was a preacher for many years. He labors under the impression that he has been delegated to lead the great reformation of the world. He believes he was elected to lead the people's party in Kansas, and in the nation, and that the governor and his cabinet are conspiring to restrain him because of the libels and unfounded charges he made.

—Mr. Moreby, governor of the Westminster jail, returned home yesterday. He is said to be working on the Zachary Mudge case.

LAWYERS VS. CONTRACTORS.

Ald. Belyea Attacks the "Contractor Element" in the Council.

The Aldermen were a little late in arriving at the city hall last evening and business was not commenced until a quarter past eight, at which time there was but a bare quorum present. All of the other members of the board struggled in before the meeting had advanced very far.

The financial committee reports were read and adopted. Mr. Munro wrote complaining of the condition of Fisgard street. The letter was referred to the committee.

E. M. Johnson wrote relative to some of the provisions of the health by-law. He thought it was unfair to make the landowner responsible for what tenants might do. Ald. Bragg thought the matter should be referred to some committee for investigation. Ald. McKilloch considered that the suggestions made by Mr. Johnson were good as it was. He moved that the letter be put on the table. This motion prevailed.

A letter from Jos. Sommers asking to be allowed to excavate under the "Edin" was referred to the city engineer. A Campbell Reddie, deputy provincial secretary, acknowledged the city engineer's letter relative to the school property being transferred to the city. The matter is being considered by the lands and works department. The letter was received and filed.

The following report from the auditor was received and laid on the table:

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:—In regard to the Victoria and Pacific Railway Co. the city books of the company have not been written up to date, but statements of the same with vouchers were submitted by the secretary. The bonds of the company, amounting to \$300,000, realized the sum of \$270,508.26, which amount has been paid to the credit of the Victoria and Pacific Railway Co.'s fund. The balance being made up of \$29,491.74, as per estimate No. 1, for this includes an amount of \$13,150 for the annual interest on the bonds, and \$16,341.74 for surveys, the balance being made up of \$1,340.00 for right of way, legal and office expenses.

The check was drawn from the "bond account" and has been paid to the company's general bank account, to be dealt with by the ordinary checks of the company.

The paid up capital of the company amounts to \$1,000,000. J. J. LAMBERT, Auditor.

M. Morrison complained of a nuisance caused by the refuse in the alley between his property and the property of Ald. Miller. Ald. Miller explained that about \$15 worth of refuse was left.

The letter was referred to the street committee.

Lawrence, Harris and Company, for Mr. Elliott, notified the council that hereafter he would expect a rental of \$5 a month for the Kingston street lot.

Referred to the fire wardens.

The B. C. Railway Commission reported that the cup presented by the city had been finally won and asked for the good of the city.

A. J. Jones accepted the city's offer of \$700 for the property for the purpose of widening View street, providing that he will be put to no more good than a commoner's work.

Mrs. Heywood also accepted the offer of \$1200 for 30 feet of her property for the same purpose with the same conditions.

The letters were received and the clerk was authorized to ask the writers to accept the city's offers without any stipulation.

The tenders for the police barracks were opened. They were: Thomas E. Eloff and Smith \$6220, total; W. C. Burns \$5490, heating \$227, electric work \$50; Thomas (Cattell) \$5000, heating \$227, electric work \$50; J. W. Carter \$5640, and \$277 for heating; John G. Brown \$6200, total; McGregor and Jeeves \$6195, total; Adams \$5750, total; N. C. Day \$4700, total. Mr. W. Burns' tender was the lowest.

The tenders were referred to the police committee and building inspector.

Ald. Henderson was granted leave to introduce a by-law to amend the council by-law, which reads that he would introduce a by-law to amend the council by-law.

Ald. McKilloch's formal motion relative to civil salaries was adopted.

Ald. Belyea moved that Messrs. T. Earle, John Teague and D. R. Ker be appointed sewerage commissioners.

Ald. Baker knew that Mr. Ker would resign his position as contractor element. He would object to the contractor element receiving any gifts to be given by the council.

Baker rose to reply, but Ald. Belyea rose to a point of order and Ald. Baker had to sit down. He, however, contended that the contractors were as good as appointed by the council.

Ald. Bragg was surprised at the remarks of Ald. Belyea. He too was called in order.

Ald. Miller moved in amendment the name of Hon. J. H. Turner for that of D. R. Ker. He thought it would be better to have a name that would be searched for what might have been done.

Ald. Henderson seconded the amendment. Ald. Baker rose to speak to the amendment. He would like to know how contractors had done the city any harm.

Ald. Belyea—the market building. Ald. Baker could not see what Ald. Belyea had but until matters. It was a good thing for the city that there were a few contractors on the board, and they knew what they wanted as well as Ald. Belyea.

IN THE KOOTENAYS.

Lively Times Around the Mines—River Open—Settlers Going In.

The tunnel started to tap the ledge on the Chambers group is over 200 feet, and the owners report finding well-defined ledge about twenty feet in width.

Hubbard & Anthony have made an assay on the piece of float and ledge found by T. J. Davies near Lardo. The float went 385 ounces and the ledge sample 28 1/2 ounces.

The town of Sayward, located opposite Fort Sheppard, on the Columbia River, about two miles north of the mouth of the river, is the latest candidate for favor with real estate speculators.

Mr. Simpson reports that prospectors are experiencing much inconvenience going up the Duncan on account of log jams caused by the floating down of sawlogs cut by a logger named Sullivan for the Buchanan saw mill.

Capt. Troup left on yesterday morning's train for Robson, where he will raise the steam large ditch and make an attempt to reach Revelstoke, the Columbia river being reported free of ice to the C. P. R. line.

A party of engineers are in the Fort Steele country on the Crow's Nest Pass road. The belief is that this road will push on into the coal and oil field, about 40 miles southeast of Fort Steele, and then build on to the Kootenay to the steamer connections, or else run a road down the Kootenay to Jennings.

W. Simpson, one of the owners of the townsite of Duncan, spent a few days in Nelson this week. He reports the finding of a gold-bearing property near the southwest corner of the townsite by a quartette of Irish prospectors, who named their find "The Daughter of Erin." The find is considered a valuable one, the ore running \$23 to the ton.

Since the customs officers have been leaving the country over the Kootenay, a market for second-hand revolvers has opened up at Bonner's Ferry and Newport, the two jumping-off places to the Kootenay country. Colorado, California and Montana miners are realizing that this is a country where the man with the gun is in greater danger than the man who only shoots with his mouth.

A new steamer is being built at Fort Steele. It is to be intended to run the new boat from Fort Steele up the Kootenay to the canal connecting the Columbia and the Kootenay, through the canyon of the Columbia lakes, and then connect with the line of steamers which the owners have on the upper Columbia running to the C. P. R. This opens a steamboat line from Jennings, Montana, to Golden, B. C., a distance by steamer of over 400 miles.

E. H. Hendesch and his party of prospectors are having the liveliest kind of a time up the Duncan river in search of gold. In company with about 15 miles up the Duncan river, having left a steamer at Bonner's Ferry, a sheet of ice on the river, and the Kootenay boat load of provisions, but the Kootenay pastry was more than the ice, and they managed to get through into the chilly drink. The men went through up to their necks, but by clinging on to the boat they were more serious consequences than a wetting.

The Nelson Tribune, in a talk lately in regard to the erection of a smelter to reduce the ore of Trail Creek district.

The float from the mineral claim located near the town of Lardo assayed 565 ounces in silver to the ton, and the vein matter 361.2 ounces.

S. A. Roberts, a provincial and Dominion land surveyor of Victoria, has just driven a stake in Nelson. He has opened an office in the Houston block.

Oliver T. Stone, of the town of Kaslo, and William Melville Newton, of Pilot Bay, have been appointed justices of the peace within and for the West Kootenay district. Both are well known appointments.

The weather continues cold and disagreeable, two inches of snow falling at Nelson on Tuesday. Snow falls on the high mountains almost every day, and while there is none at Nelson there is fully ten feet at the Silver King mine.

The steamer Spokane, looking as if brand new, is now making regular trips between Kaslo and Bonner's Ferry, with Captain Gray in command and George Caton as purser. The State of Idaho will be on the same run within ten days. Later on, both boats will run to Nelson.

A twenty-pound sample of rich looking galena ore reached Kaslo on Monday from the Chambers mine, Slovan district. This is from the new strike in the tunnel being run during the winter to tap the ledge. It is stated that the lead is 25 feet wide with a fine tail casing on each wall.

The engineer party in charge of Mr. Taber are camped at Bogustown. It is reported that the Nelson and Fort Sheppard track will start from this point at or near the Government wharf, thence run up the outlet to Daly's ranch, thence back along the side of the mountain, crossing the east fork of Cottonwood Smith creek below the old Fairview mineral claim.

A pack train has been put on between Lardo and Trout lake and another will be run between Lardo and Houser lake. The town has already two hotels and will have two more within the month. The new wharf now building will be the finest on the lake and should put Kaslo to shame. The hotels are crowded with prospectors bound for the Lardo and Duncan districts.

The mercantile agencies, like Bradstreet's and Dun, Wiman and Co.'s, are useful when they give the correct ratings. We do not know who represents these rival concerns at Nelson, but we do know that the ratings given the business men of Nelson by the Dun Wiman agency were either made by guess work or by someone who had no personal grudge against several of our leading business men.

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POSTPONED THE PARADE.

The Great American Naval Review Put off For a Few Hours.

New York, April 27.—An New York awoke this morning to find a steady downpour of rain ushering in the day of the naval parade. A chilly northerly east wind tended to add to the disagreeable view the grandest marine spectacle ever presented in American waters, were disappointed, although it was a legal holiday in town, the only street crowds on the elevated trains and the sidewalks were full of people.

The parade was a steady stream, however, floated big holiday flags, and the North River all morning, and hundreds of excursion boats, steam yachts, tugs and other craft were in the water to service, and were filled with sight-seers, who were not kept home by the wet, were puffing about. Other crowds sought places along the docks, on the top of buildings and at Riverside park. They plodded through the mud, stood in pools of water, and were under cover, were great demand, but thousands stood or sat in the sun, and watched the proceedings on the river.

At 8 o'clock this morning there were signs of activity in the harbor, and the warships of each nation that were indicated by the signalling of semaphore arms, which floated big holiday flags from the masts. At 10 o'clock the United States vessels ran up their hunting and signal flags, British, Russian, Italian, German and other flags were hoisted, until all were in holiday array. At 10:30 the signal boats started out from 34th street, and running up alongside each vessel in the parade array, each vessel in the parade array.

When the excursion steamers heard of this they put back to their docks, and the passengers who had been getting chilly and chilled as the time passed.

Shortly after the arrival of the President of the United States, the signal was given for the review to start. As the Dolphin's bow came in line with each man-of-war, a salute of 21 guns was fired by each ship. Following the Dolphin was the army steamer Commodore Meigs, with the Duke de Veragua, Mexican gunboat, and Admiral Belknap, the steamship Monmouth, with senators, representatives, governors, states and other distinguished visitors, and other distinguished visitors.

When the Dolphin was in line with the commanding officers of the foreign squadrons who were presented by their respective ministers. Fifteen minutes before the reception ended, when the signal was given for the review to start, and as he left the vessel the Dolphin's barge at the foot of 96th street, every vessel in the parade array.

Fort Wayne, Ind., April 27.—Benjamin Franklin of Victoria, who has been here this morning at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Higgins, in this city. He ran up and down stairs three or four times, and he is looking like a man who is an artist. Nay, more! He is a genius, and he is hiding his light under a bushel. He is looking like a man who is an artist. Nay, more! He is a genius, and he is hiding his light under a bushel.

The weather continues cold and disagreeable, two inches of snow falling at Nelson on Tuesday. Snow falls on the high mountains almost every day, and while there is none at Nelson there is fully ten feet at the Silver King mine.

The steamer Spokane, looking as if brand new, is now making regular trips between Kaslo and Bonner's Ferry, with Captain Gray in command and George Caton as purser. The State of Idaho will be on the same run within ten days. Later on, both boats will run to Nelson.

A twenty-pound sample of rich looking galena ore reached Kaslo on Monday from the Chambers mine, Slovan district. This is from the new strike in the tunnel being run during the winter to tap the ledge. It is stated that the lead is 25 feet wide with a fine tail casing on each wall.

The engineer party in charge of Mr. Taber are camped at Bogustown. It is reported that the Nelson and Fort Sheppard track will start from this point at or near the Government wharf, thence run up the outlet to Daly's ranch, thence back along the side of the mountain, crossing the east fork of Cottonwood Smith creek below the old Fairview mineral claim.

A pack train has been put on between Lardo and Trout lake and another will be run between Lardo and Houser lake. The town has already two hotels and will have two more within the month. The new wharf now building will be the finest on the lake and should put Kaslo to shame. The hotels are crowded with prospectors bound for the Lardo and Duncan districts.

The mercantile agencies, like Bradstreet's and Dun, Wiman and Co.'s, are useful when they give the correct ratings. We do not know who represents these rival concerns at Nelson, but we do know that the ratings given the business men of Nelson by the Dun Wiman agency were either made by guess work or by someone who had no personal grudge against several of our leading business men.

The current issue of the Tribune is printed on yellow wrapping paper with about a foot of margin all the way round. The editor sets forth the reason why as follows: If the readers

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POOR STARVING.

Scenes That Throw the British Nation into Horror of Japanese Methods of Inness Introduced.

Twelve Men in the Land Famine—Abandoned—Bitter Fact That Proprietary Has No Sense to Humanity.

Union, April 28.—Some Kobo Immigration Company sent them a number of agents to work in the place of the Japanese. The agents were to pay the money to the Japanese, and share with the company, to the Japs. The Japs were to work in the place of the Japanese, and share with the company, to the Japs. The Japs were to work in the place of the Japanese, and share with the company, to the Japs.

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