

DISTRESS IN INDIA.

The distress in India cannot yet be said to amount to a famine. It is, however, severe. "There will be," the London Times says, "local distress in several important provinces and there are fears of absolute famine in many of the affected districts."

There are more railways now than ever there were in the country, so that food can be conveyed to the places in most urgent need of it. It was the want of railways in previous years that caused scarcity to become famine most destructive to human life.

Relief works have been already commenced and a part of the population will earn enough on them to enable them to keep body and soul together.

UNMASKED.

Henry George, who is looked upon by a great many people as a wonderful reasoner and a patriotic philosopher, stumped the country for Bryan during the late campaign.

"I believe that Tuesday next we will elect William J. Bryan as President of the United States. Furthermore I think that in the vote of the Electoral College New York will be found to have gone for Bryan."

If Henry George believed what he said he must rank very low as an observer, for it might be supposed that any man who was not blinded by fanaticism would have seen that the city and state of New York would go against Bryan.

If Henry George did not believe what he said he descended to the level of the bar-room politician who is destitute of knowledge and principle and who has no reputation to lose.

THE RETORT COURTEOUS.

Here is how the London Times replies to the accusation of land grabbing preferred against Great Britain by the German newspapers:

Now, people may hold very various views about colonial expansion, and may apply to it any invidious epithet that their good taste may suggest. It is not our purpose to discuss the ethics of the matter. All that we want to point out is that this country has no monopoly of annexation, and that Germans who have been seizing everything they could lay hands on are in no position to give themselves airs of moral superiority.

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has not quite outgrown the awkwardness of youth. She is still the victim of the juvenile illusion that other people who refuse to play the game instead of their own necessarily display abnormal depravity.

LAND GRABBING

The Germans have lately been in a bad humor with the British, whom their newspapers have abused with some bitterness and a good deal of energy. One of their chief accusations is that the English are a nation of land-grabbers, and, of course, it is something more than insinuated that they are not very particular as to the means they take to add to their territory.

The Times, as a loyal defender of the British nation, while it does not deny that Great Britain has been for many centuries adding to her possessions, says it does not lie in the mouth of Germany to accuse her of land-grabbing, for within the last twelve years Germany has acquired an immense extent of territory. The Thunderer goes into detail and proves conclusively that since 1884 Great Britain's acquisitions of territory have been more moderate proportionately than those of either France, Germany, Italy or Belgium.

In the beginning of 1884 Germany possessed not one square mile of territory beyond her own shores. It is unnecessary to repeat the oft-told story of the aggrandisement of the young German Empire. The way had been prepared by private enterprise and official encouragement for some years before, but few people outside German colonial circles imagined that Prince Bismarck was in earnest; he had pretended to be "no colonial man."

Even after the first overt act of what the German Press calls land-grabbing on the part of Germany, it would have been easy for England with so many of her representatives on the spot to have blocked the way round. We certainly looked after our own interests in particular directions—the Niger, in East Africa, and south of the Zambesi; and why should we not? We were only continuing a policy which we had begun 500 years ago, from which we had never desisted.

France in those eventful twelve years "grabbed" over 2,726,000 square miles of territory. In 1884 French acquisitions abroad were 665,000 square miles in extent. In 1885 they were 3,391,000 square miles. Great Britain in 1884 owned colonial territory to the extent of 8,409,790 square miles, and in 1896 it had increased to 11,008,780. This is an immense empire, but as we have seen it has been growing for about five hundred years, whereas the colonial possessions of both Germany and France have been, for the most part, acquired within a comparatively recent period.

The answer of the Times to Great Britain's German detractors is complete and admits of no rejoinder. It is also spirited. The great English newspaper for the occasion drops its judicial tone and its defence of Great Britain is as lively a specimen of journalistic discussion as one would wish to see.

A SANGUINE ROSSLANDER.

It does one good to see a man or a newspaper standing up bravely for his or its own part of the Province. It is the habit of too many to belittle and disparage their own section or their own city. One consequence of this croaking is to throw a damper on energy and enterprise, and another is to prevent outsiders from visiting it and throwing in their lot with its inhabitants. The town or the settlement which has an earnest advocate in every inhabitant is sure to go ahead and to prosper. The predictions of the enthusiastic and the hopeful frequently bring about their own fulfilment.

We were led into this train of thought by reading an article in the Rosslander of the 3rd instant, headed "Is Trail District Overrated?" The editor is of the opinion that it is not overrated, and more, he evidently believes that as a gold producing district it is impossible to overrate it. He considers that Trail has given evidence of possessing greater capabilities than any gold-producing region in the wide world. It is richer than the Transvaal, and will yield gold when the South African gold-fields have petered out. It will, when it is once fairly developed, yield those who have invested their money in it better dividends and for a longer period than have Coolgardie, the Black Hills, Cripple Creek, Leadville, Nevada and California. "Trail Creek," it says, "before two years will yield more of the precious metal than any mining district that has yet been known."

It is hard to keep from sympathizing with the sanguine Rosslander and from believing that there must be a great deal of truth in what he says. Enthusiastic statements such as this, evidently uttered with a firm conviction of their truth, will do good to the Trail District and are not likely to do harm to any other part of the Dominion. Those who do not believe that they are literally true, who think that the enthusiastic Rosslander paints his district in colors that are too bright, will be apt to conclude that there is a good deal of truth in what it says and will form a favorable opinion of its possibilities. The openness, the heartiness and the evident honesty of the Rosslander are attractive, and lead the cool-headed and, perhaps, skeptical reader to hope that the country it praises so highly and admires so much is as rich as it describes it to be, and that its future will be as bright as it expects and hopes.

Although the people of the United States have returned a large majority in favor of sound money, they are by no means sure of being able to place their currency on a sound basis. The Senate may be so constituted as to be able to defeat any measure of radical reform. Although it is believed that the numerical majority of voters in favor of McKinley is over a million, the majority of states in his favor is only two. Twenty-three states have given majorities for McKinley. This leaves twenty-two for Bryan and free silver. Now each state, independently of the number of inhabitants it contains, sends two members to the Senate. The Senate does not dissolve like the House of Representatives at the expiration of two years. Consequently, although there is a new House of Representatives elected to carry out the wishes of the people, it does not follow that there will be a new Senate that will work in harmony with the new House of Representatives. It is more than probable that when Congress meets there will be a majority in the Senate determined to obstruct and to nullify the action of the House of Representatives in dealing with the currency. The Senate may refuse to pass a tariff bill or any other bill that may be urgently required unless something is done for silver. The action taken by the Senate immediately after the election of President Cleveland is no doubt fresh in the memory of many of our readers. The people in 1892 voted with singular unanimity for tariff reform. When Congress met a tariff bill was framed that met with the approval of the large majority of the representatives of the people. While that measure was passing through the Senate it was mangled in such a way as to be unrecognizable by the men who drew it up and voted for it. Every effort was made to prevail upon the Senators to abandon the stand they took, but they remained obstinate in opposing the well-understood wishes of the people, and when, after a great deal of disputing, a tariff bill was carried through Congress President Cleveland was so disgusted with it that he refused to sign it. The absence of his signature did not vitiate the bill, for a bill which the President does not see fit to veto, becomes law in the process of a short time, whether he signs it or not.

Something like this may be done when Congress meets. The body just elected, representing an immense majority of the people, may pull one way and the majority of the Senate, who really represent no one, may pull another and an opposite way, and legislation on the currency or some other subject of importance may be brought to a standstill. Our readers see from this that the people in the Great Republic, so far from being sovereign, do not possess so much power, and cannot exercise what power they have so quickly and so readily, as the people under the monarchy of Great Britain. After a general election such as was held in the United States on Tuesday, with a similar result, the Government of the day would be in the hands of the Sovereign, and would continue in office until a Government elected in agreement with the majority of the people was ready to take their places, and no longer. This would be a matter of a few weeks at most. Whereas, in the United States, in the regular course of things, months must elapse before the new President is installed, and many more months must pass before the men who were elected on Tuesday will meet to exercise the power with which they have been invested by the electors, and even then a few old men not at all remarkable for either their ability or their honesty may set at naught the will of the Sovereign people of the United States. The people of the United States are beginning to see that the Senate is not exactly a divinely appointed body, and to ask themselves if it cannot be reformed or reconstructed in some way. It is too bad that a group of senators from a number of small and thinly populated states can delay and per-

THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

haps prevent reforms that the people desire and it may be urgently needed. A late telegram from Washington says that the next Senate will be composed of 44 Republicans, 33 Democrats and 13 Populists. This gives the Democrats and Populist command of the Senate. With a Republican House of Representatives and a Democratic Senate the prospect of harmony in Congress is not very cheering.

ONE OF THE RESULTS.

Not the least important result of the Presidential election will be the restoration of commercial confidence in the integrity of the Government of the United States. While that election was pending no one either in the United States or in the countries that have dealings with the United States knew how soon the money of that country would be so greatly devalued that it would not be intrinsically worth half or much more than half of what it is at present. It is impossible to imagine the changes that would follow making money so debased a legal tender for all debts. The fear of that change to a great extent paralyzed business, for men naturally were reluctant to engage in new undertakings with such a change in prospect. It is, therefore, not surprising that no sooner had the result of the election been published than there was a change for the better in business, and there can be no doubt that it will go on improving for some time to come. Speculation may cause fluctuations and the collapse of booms may tempt some at times to doubt the reality and the permanence of the improvement; but that there will be a steady revival of trade in the United States and elsewhere it is impossible to doubt.

The Tacoma Ledger of yesterday says: The beneficial effect of Republican success has appeared promptly. Everywhere from the East comes news of the resumption of business with all of the old time energy and confidence. Fires that have long been quenched are relighted, and the turning wheels of industry are once more making their customary music. Thousands long idle are already seeking employment, and there is promise of employment for other thousands at an early day.

IS TRAIL DISTRICT OVERRATED?

So rapidly has Trail Creek mining division gone ahead this year that those who have not visited its mines are apt to conclude that its resources are being boomed to too great an extent. Enquiry into the results upon the many propositions upon which work has been done will show that such is not the case. In Cripple Creek dozens of holes of 500 feet were sunk and abandoned because mineral in paying quantities was not found. Good mines exist there, however, and the usual output is about \$1,000,000 a month, and a town of 25,000 population is its commercial centre. The mineralized district is not nearly so large as Trail of the north, and the veins are not so numerous nor so rich. In the Cripple Creek district is only a few miles in length; depth is required before gold in quantities is obtained, and the rock yields but from \$10 to \$20 a ton. The quantity of gold-bearing rock or gravel has been estimated there to be about 100 million tons. The veins have width and depth, yet the district has been famous for the whole civilized world. In Trail Creek there has not occurred a single instance where development has not shown the presence of increasing value. The veins have width and depth, and in fact almost any other of the most valuable mining regions, and on the outskirts are good surface indications as those of the Le Roi, which is paying a monthly dividend of \$25,000 a month, are found. Taking all these things into consideration, it will be seen that practically every word stated in that prospectus every word stated in that prospectus has been under rather than above the mark. Trail Creek before two years will yield more of the precious metal than any mining district that has yet been known. Coolgardie, the Black Hills, Cripple Creek, Leadville, Nevada and California have all created furores on the London stock market, but bigger dealings in stocks with better results in dividends are assuredly to come from this locality. Booming may be overdone in some places, but the result in every case has been rapid development and the matter of high satisfaction," says Professor Liebreich of the Monast, "that the apert water shefts," "Apenta," from the UjHunyadi Springs in Ofen, has been placed under State control. The Royal Hungarian Chemical Institute, directed by the said Professor Liebreich, has undertaken this charge, and therefore it is now possible to obtain a water which is free from injurious extraneous waters infected with organic substances. The analysis has been published by Professor Liebreich, director of the said institute. The proportion of sulphate of soda to sulphate of magnesia is 15.432 to 24.4988 in the lime, so that "Apenta" is to be classed with the best apert waters, and may be pronounced one of the strongest."

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Little George Brown, the twelve-year-old son of George James Brown, of Beecher Bay, was killed on Thursday last by a horse falling upon him. The lad left home at 8 o'clock in the morning on horseback to drive a small bunch of horses to pasture. A little later John Atkins saw the boy trying to turn one of the bunch that was endeavoring to run away. Apparently in the attempt to head off the runaway, the horse that George was riding must have stumbled, and the heavy weight of the horse falling on top of him, for at two o'clock in the afternoon James Caffrey found the poor little lad lying dead in the road. The bruises on the chest and back showed that the heavy weight of the horse had crushed the life out of him. The father came into town yesterday and reported the deplorable accident, and as the cause of death was so apparent it was not thought necessary to hold an inquest.

SCIENTIFIC CONTROL OF MINERAL WATER.

Prof. Oscar Liebreich, of the University of Berlin, points out the danger to the fact that apert waters are formed by impregnation of the water in natural basins containing the active mineral constituents. There is always great danger of inconstancy in the quantity of the mineral constituents present. This is a very serious matter, since it involves uncertainty in dosage. "It is, therefore, a matter of high satisfaction," says Professor Liebreich, "that the apert water shefts," "Apenta," from the UjHunyadi Springs in Ofen, has been placed under State control. The Royal Hungarian Chemical Institute, directed by the said Professor Liebreich, has undertaken this charge, and therefore it is now possible to obtain a water which is free from injurious extraneous waters infected with organic substances. The analysis has been published by Professor Liebreich, director of the said institute. The proportion of sulphate of soda to sulphate of magnesia is 15.432 to 24.4988 in the lime, so that "Apenta" is to be classed with the best apert waters, and may be pronounced one of the strongest."

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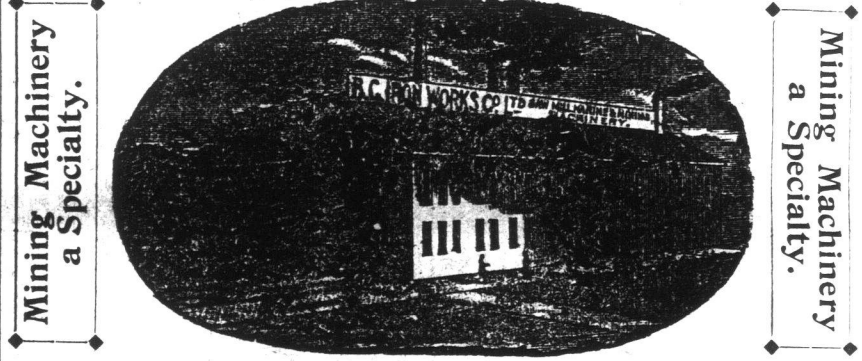
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FILLED EXPECTATIONS.

The Season in Alberni Has Been a Very Satisfactory One.

More Rich Finds—Copper Belt Found Closely Resembling Trail Creek.

ALBERNI, Nov. 7.—(Special)—

Several prospectors came down from the mountains and report that a few inches of snow have fallen around the Alberni mine, but everything is in good shape at the tunnel, so that snow will not delay the work this winter. The wagon road is progressing favorably.

Westwood brothers came down to-day and report that work on the claims on Douglas mountain is going ahead in good shape.

The Mayflower cut is being made to show the face of the ledge. A tunnel will also be driven on this property at an early date. Work on the Regina is also being pushed ahead.

Robert Debeaux has built a large and commodious stable on his premises at Mineral Creek. This has been much needed of late, owing to the large increase in traffic to and from the mines. The recent spell of bad weather has somewhat checked mining operations on such claims in the district as are not as far advanced as to burn candles.

Prospectors are coming down from the higher points, and are preparing for a few weeks' activity down the canal as the first break in the weather occurs. Several rich finds down there are looking well, and parties of prospectors are quietly pulling out for that locality. The copper belt has been found there with large leads of ore which closely resembles that of Trail Creek. Prospecting will be carried on in this section more or less all winter.

Everything considered, the season has been a satisfactory one. Developments on Mineral Hill have fairly filled expectations. The Duke of York Hydraulic Company are starting work with a full force of men on Monday, the recent heavy rains having caused China Creek an abundance of water, and there is now a large cargo of freight on Wednesday, and left again on Thursday for West Coast points.

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French Government Engineers to Report on Trail Creek—Important Transactions.

ROSSLAND, Nov. 7.—(Special)—Hirsch Cohen and K. T. St. George, who arrived here on Monday, have proved to be the agent and mining expert respectively of Barney Barnato. Mr. Cohen's family are now in Vancouver, where they will remain this winter, but his headquarters will be in Rossland. He has already purchased one property, but declines to make any public statement regarding his investment. Mr. Cohen was here last spring for two weeks but remained inconspicuous. On his return to London he made a full report, and as a result is now located here permanently.

Two French engineers with credentials from the French government, arrived here to-day. Their mission is to report to their government on the mineral resources and output of Trail Creek and neighborhood.

D. B. Boyle, the well known newspaper man of Cookstown, K.-lay bonded for \$75,000 a group of two claims on Big Sheep creek, about six miles from Rossland. The claims are called the Victoria and Triumph, and a sample brought in from them averaged 20 per cent. copper. An option was given to-day for \$30,000 on the Union Mine to Mr. Beck, of London, who represents a big English syndicate.

OTTAWA, Nov. 7.—In the Premier's office it was stated to-day that there would be no announcement on the school question until the middle of next week.

The Pacific Cable conference meets in London on Monday. It is understood that the Canadian delegates are not authorized to commit the Dominion to any specific line of action.

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TO THE BIMETALLISTS.

Bryan's Letter Offering Hope and Encouragement to His Faithful Supporters.

Nothing to Regret—An American Financial Policy for the American People.

LINCOLN, Nov. 7.—W. J. Bryan has given out the following letter addressed to the bimetalists of the United States: "Conscious that millions of loyal hearts are saddened by temporary defeat, I beg to offer a word of hope and encouragement. No cause ever had supporters more brave, earnest and devoted than those who have espoused the cause of bimetalism. They have fought from conviction, and have fought with all the zeal which conviction inspires. Events will prove whether they were right or wrong. Having done their duty as they saw it, they have nothing to regret."

"The Republican candidate has been heralded as an advance agent of prosperity. If his policies be such, those who oppose him will share in that prosperity. If, on the other hand, his policies prove an injury to the people generally, those who do not belong to the office-holding class, or to the privileged class, will suffer in common with those who opposed him. The friends of bimetalism have been vanquished, they have been overcome. They believe the gold standard is a conspiracy of the money changers against the welfare of the human race, and until convinced of their error they will continue the warfare against it."

"The contest has been waged this year under great embarrassments and against odds. For the first time during this generation public attention has been centred upon the money question as the paramount issue, and this has been done in spite of all attempts on the part of our opponents to prevent it. The Republican convention held out the delusive hope of international bimetalism, while the Republican leaders labored secretly for gold monometalism. The gold standard Democrats have publicly advocated the election of the Indiana ticket, while they labored secretly for the election of the Republican ticket. Trusts and corporations have tried to excite a fear of lawlessness, while they have been defying the law, and American financiers have boasted that they were the custodians of national honor, while they were secretly bartering away the nation's financial independence."

"But in spite of the efforts of the administration and its supporters; in spite of the threats of the money lenders at home and abroad; in spite of coercion practised by corporation employers, and in spite of trust syndicates; in spite of the enormous Republican campaign fund, and in spite of the influence of a hostile daily press, bimetalism has almost triumphed in its first great fight. The loss of a few states, and that too, by very small pluralities, has defeated bimetalism for the present, but bimetalism emerges from this contest stronger than it was four months ago."

"I desire to commend the work of the three national committees which have joined in the management of this campaign. Co-operation between the members of official political organizations is always a difficult, but it is less so this year than usual. The interest in a common cause of great importance has reduced friction to a minimum. I hereby express my personal gratitude to the individual members, as well as the executive officers of the national committees of the Democratic, Populist and Silver parties for their efficient, untiring and unselfish labors. We have laid the foundation for future success, and will be remembered as pioneers when the victory is at last secured."

"No personal or political friends need grieve because of my defeat. My ambition has been to secure immediate legislation, rather than to enjoy the honors of office. Therefore I desire to prize no personal feeling of loss. Speaking for the wife who shared my labors, as well as for myself, I desire to say that we have been amply repaid for all that we have done. While they were millions of our fellow citizens, so kindly expressed in the knowledge gained by personal contact with the people, and in broadened sympathies, we find full compensation for whatever efforts we have put forth."

"Our hearts have been touched by the devotion of friends, and our lives shined by the approval of that affection, which we prize as the richest reward this campaign has brought. The face of the enemy rejoicing in victory, let the roll be called for engagement, and let us urge all the friends of bimetalism to renew their allegiance to the cause. If we are right as I believe we are, we shall triumph. Until convinced of his error let each advocate of bimetalism continue the work. Let all hold regular meetings and circulate literature. Our opponents have succeeded in this campaign, and must now put their theories to the test."

"Instead of talking mysteriously about 'sound money' and 'an honest dollar' they must now elaborate and defend the financial system. Every step taken by them should be publicly considered by the silver clubs. Our cause has prospered most where the money question has been most discussed among the people. During the next four years it will be studied all over this nation, even more than it has been studied in the past."

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"W. J. Bryan."

FAMINE IN IRELAND.

LONDON, Nov. 7.—There can be no doubt in regard to the authenticity of the reports about famine in Ireland. Bleak are the Irish tenant's prospects and desperate his straits. The correspondent of the Manchester Guardian declares that no such appalling prospect has presented itself during the present generation. Concurring reports show that the prolonged and continuous rains in the autumn have ruined the crops from north to south. Rich lowlands have been flooded for weeks at a time, when harvest ought to have been proceeding. Stacked corn and hay stacks have been submerged and potatoes are rotting in the fields. In the poorer hill lands the small farmer and cottage population will again have to face one of those failures of the potato crop which has so often brought the utmost horrors of starvation and disease among them.

Up to the present the government is doing nothing. The Irish secretary's tour of the west and northwest coasts, where the bad weather set in and at a time when little was predicted about the harvest. Farmers on many of the largest estates have appraised the landlords' agents that no rents can be earned this year, as no rent has been earned. But landlords under the land act are applying for ejectment decrees by the thousands, and an eviction campaign, such as has rarely been witnessed even in Ireland, is in progress in many of the districts. As soon as the rigors of the winter set in the demand for relief will be enormous. Before parliament opens the government will be compelled to intervene or face the accusation of reckless indifference to suffering.

SHELLFISH FOR THE PACIFIC.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 7.—The United States fish commission's car No. 3 arrived at the Oakland mole with an assortment of Eastern shellfish. The car was moved to Emeryville, where the duties planted 98 Eastern lobsters, all that remained of 200 shipped from Woods Hole, Mass. Seventy-two of the lobsters were full grown egg-bearing females, each containing probably between 8,000 and 8,000 eggs. The car also brought out 40 barrels of matured Eastern oysters that were planted in Humboldt and Yaguma bays and 222 diamond backed terrapin that were liberated yesterday in San Francisco bay.

MYSTERIOUS POISONINGS.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 6.—A mysterious poisoning case was developed at the home of Dr. J. S. White in this city this morning. With Dr. White, his wife and two children there lived two servants, one, Mary Hardin, having a child eighteen months old. On Tuesday Mrs. White received two cooked chickens from Dr. White, who is at Finley Ky. One chicken was eaten Wednesday and the other one yesterday. This morning all the members of the White family were discovered in a helpless condition, and the Hardin baby had died some time during the night. Mrs. Hardin is very low, and Mrs. White and her two children were found to be dangerously ill. One of the White children is in a critical condition. Mrs. White attributes the poisoning to the chickens, but says it was accidental. The coroner is investigating the case and Dr. White has been notified.

SUFFERED FOR YEARS.

THE EXPERIENCE OF MR. GRANT DAY OF HARROWSMITH.

He Suffered Much From Rheumatism Especially During Spring and Autumn—Following a Neighbor's Advice Brought About a Cure.
(From the Kingston Whig.)
One who has been released from years of suffering is always grateful to the person or the medicine that has been the medium of release. It is therefore safe to say that one of the most thankful men in the vicinity of Harrowsmith is Mr. Grant Day, who for years past has been a sufferer from rheumatism, but has now been released from its grasp. To a reporter Mr. Day told his experience substantially as follows: "I have been a sufferer from rheumatism for upwards of twenty-five years. It used to attack me worst in spring and fall, and at times the pain I endured was intense, making it almost for me to obtain rest at night. From my hips down to my feet every joint and every muscle appeared to be affected, and the pains seemed to chase one another until I was at times nearly wild, and mind you this was my condition for upwards of twenty-five years. During that time I tried many remedies, and while I obtained temporary relief for some, I could get nothing in the way of permanent benefit. Last year the pains did not come back, and they have not returned since, and this is the way it came about. One day while telling my neighbor, Mr. W. C. Switzer, how badly I was feeling, he said: 'Get half a dozen boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and use them according to directions, and you will find they will do just what they are advertised to do—cure you. I know this from my own family. Well I got the pills and used them, and the rheumatism has been driven out of my system, and last winter and spring for the first time in more than twenty years I have been nearly as well as an enemy. But there is one thing more Dr. Williams' Pink Pills did for me, and which astonishes me a little. Over forty years ago I had a severe cold and used a liquid preparation in the hope of getting relief. It nearly ruined my hearing, and for all the years since I have been partially deaf. When I took the Pink Pills my hearing came back, and my ear is now all right. My wife and sister have also found much benefit from Pink Pills, and I am now able to work, and it is safe to say that they will always be found in our house."

CANADIAN APPEALS

Before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council—Supreme Court Adjourned.

Official Papers Burned at Coldstream to Be Duplicated—The Tariff Commission.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
OTTAWA, Nov. 5.—The Supreme court concluded its session to-day, but will deliver judgments on December 9.

Mr. Justice King leaves for British Columbia in a day or two. The Canadian appeals before the judicial committee of the privy council in London come off on the 11th instant. There was talk of the Solicitor-General visiting the Old Country in connection with the Robinson treaty appeal, arising out of the arbitration between the Dominion and provinces. There is not time now, however, for him to do so.

The privy council have been moved to hold their early in the morning, which were to have been indicated on a Montreal prisoner named Laurendeau charged with an assault on his daughter. The Governor-General's office on his ranch at Coldstream, near Lord Aberdeen is now staying, having been destroyed by fire, the privy council will duplicate the official papers and records which were there destroyed.

Mr. Wainwright of the Grand Trunk, and Mr. Tait of the C.P.R., saw Controller Paterson to-day re the duty on coal.

The tariff commission will commence work about the 15th. A cabinet meeting was held to-day but only routine business was transacted.

OTTAWA, Nov. 6.—The Robinson agreement appeal, involving thousands of dollars to either Ontario or the Dominion, will be argued in England next week. Hon. Mr. Blake and Mr. Edmund Irving will represent Ontario, while English counsel will represent the Dominion, although Mr. Christopher Robinson fought the federal case in all the Canadian courts. In legal circles there is profound astonishment at the action of the government, and everybody is asking why the federal interests are being neglected.

The civil service examination will come on next Tuesday. The examination will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Campbell. The Liberals allege that they have discovered a scandal affecting the construction of Skeels Island dam. Hon. Mr. Haggart to-day satisfactorily explained the matter and shows that there is nothing in it.

Work on the new opera house here will be completed in the spring. The site chosen is immediately in front of the Russell house and facing City Hall square. Despite the widespread publicity given to the case, the examination of the Royal Military College, not a single candidate has entered.

ROSSLAND MINING STOCK SOLD.

TORONTO, Nov. 6.—(Special)—It is announced that a round block of over fifty thousand shares of Evening Star Mining Co., of Roseland, has just been purchased by Toronto parties. The original owners, it is said, parted with their stock in order to raise cash to back Bryan in the late presidential election.

The World has a special from Montreal which says that Sir Charles Tupper, during his approaching visit to England, will probably submit to the Home Office a memorial on the subject of the involvement in Lord Aberdeen's post-election attitude towards his then advisers.

This morning an explosion occurred in one of three boilers at the works of the Paterson Manufacturing Co. Three men were badly injured. Robert Charles, aged 68, Henry Adams, 35, and Joseph Lancaster, 50, were sitting on a bag of pitch close to the boiler when the explosion occurred. They were blown into the street and badly burned. Another man, working in a room adjacent to the boiler room, escaped almost uninjured, though he was blown through the wall of the room and the floor was wrecked.

The annual convention of the Dominion Women's Christian Temperance Union opened this morning in Zion Congregational church, about fifty delegates attended, and more for a week. A representative of the United States embassy was present at the day's examination.

A Paris dispatch to the Standard says: "M. Yvies Guyot, writing to La Presse, says he is convinced that Mr. McKinley's victory has preserved the world from an appalling calamity. Mr. Bryan's policy, he says, would have disgraced America and would forever have destroyed its credit."

An express train conveying General Potanija to Barcelona, Spain, came into violent collision with another train at Choptagna. General Potanija and wife and other passengers were injured, but escaped with their lives. The train was from the Philippine islands, of which he has been appointed Governor-General.

Duke William of Wurtemberg, died yesterday evening of syncope. He was born in 1828. It is reported in Madrid that the Spanish troops have defeated Antonio Maceo in Pinar del Rio, the insurgents losing 200 killed and wounded.

THREE MONTHS IN JAIL

Mrs. Castle, of San Francisco, Pleads Guilty—She Is Likely to Be Released.

England Will Not Evacuate Cyprus—"The Speaker" on Mr. McKinley's Election.

LONDON, Nov. 6.—The trial of Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Castle, of San Francisco, charged with shoplifting, took place at the Sessions House, Clerkenwell to-day. Mrs. Castle sobbed hysterically when placed in the dock at the opening of the trial, and her husband showed traces of much suffering. Mrs. Castle has aged considerably since her arrest a month ago to-day at the Hotel Cecil. Mrs. Castle pleaded "not guilty." Mrs. Castle was then called upon to plead; but Sir Edward Clarke arose and said that his client, Mrs. Castle, would plead "guilty" to all the indictments. The scene was a very distressing one. There were 11:45, the magistrates, who numbered twenty-five, considered the presiding judge, retired. At 12:01 they returned. Mrs. Castle was then brought from the cells with difficulty. She was sobbing violently. The judge summing up said: "Great trouble has been found in dealing with this difficult case, in which sympathy was almost interfering with justice. He then passed a sentence of three months' imprisonment with hard labor, upon Mrs. Castle, but added that he did so with the knowledge that the sentence would be reversed elsewhere. The general impression afterwards prevailed that the court was not satisfied with the Home Office would shortly release Mrs. Castle on her own recognizances. The unfortunate woman on hearing her sentence went into hysterics, shrieking "Oh my God! Oh my God!" for some minutes. She threw up her arms and staggered about muttering incoherently, and then shrieked in wild agony. At 1:45, thanks to the attention of the physician who administered sedatives to her, Mrs. Castle was calmer, but still was unable to enter a cab accompanied by her husband and the chief jailer, and started for Wormwood prison.

Mrs. Castle was allowed to accompany her husband to the prison, and on arrival in the office she became violently hysterical again, and seemed to be totally dazed. The prison doctor immediately ordered her to be removed to the hospital. She was whether painful scene when the husband came to the court house, for their continued kindness. So far as I am able to do so, I shall sail direct for America, but I do not know when I shall be enabled to go."

The officials of the home office have not as yet replied to the United States ambassador, Mr. Thos. F. Bayard, who wrote on behalf of Mrs. Castle, urging clemency on the ground of her physical condition. It is understood, however, that the letter was marked unofficial. The Westminster Gazette this afternoon, and other papers of this city, urge the release, upon medical grounds, of Mrs. Castle, who was sentenced yesterday at the sessions to three months' imprisonment without hard labor. The Globe says it strongly believes in the mania defence, and declares the sentence commutes the most terrible violation of common justice. "Though," the article says, "certain judges only desire to do what was just."

The St. James' Gazette, while agreeing it is a case for clemency in view of the physical condition of Mrs. Castle, if she is released it ought to be clearly understood that the evidence of kleptomania came to nothing. If her counsel had relied on it, he would not have advised her to plead guilty. The Republican now sure of 264 votes, and with Kentucky and Wyoming, will have 280 votes and Kansas, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia have gone for Bryan. His vote is 107, and with Kentucky and Wyoming would be 183 votes.

STORM ON LAKE ERIE.
BUFFALO, Nov. 6.—A strong gale prevailed here last night and vessels had great difficulty in reaching the harbor. The barge C. J. Young is on a reef in the Niagara river below the treacherous Horsehoe reef and is going to pieces. The crew was taken off by the lifeboat saving crew. The wind still continues in gusts of high velocity and much damage has been done to shipping. The steam canal boat Delta and the tug Onchanee came in late last night. The captain of the Delta said that halfway between Erie and Dunkirk the storm struck him. The low line between the Delta and her three consorts parted. The Morgan tried to pick them up but the sea was running too high and the consorts were left to their fate. The consorts missing carried crews of two men each. The wind had been tearing along at an average of 50 miles an hour with bursts of 60 and 70. Several other wrecks are reported. On the lower Niagara river, the storm swept as has rarely occurred before. The water has risen two feet. Trolley and steam cars are running with difficulty.

THE SCHOOL QUESTION.
WINNIPEG, Nov. 7.—(Special)—Those who were expecting an official announcement regarding the school question to be made to-day were disappointed. The cabinet met at eleven o'clock this morning and at once took up the consideration of the proposed terms of settlement, but what progress was made remains a state secret, for at two o'clock, when the school trustees took the floor, the members were informed that there would be no information to be given to the public until next week, probably not before Wednesday. Hon. Mr. Tarte was with the ministers during a portion of the conference.

The case for the Crown was closed to-day in the Hatton murder case. The feeling is general in the city that no case has been made against Moran. The trial will last well into next week.

London, Nov. 7.—Sir Edward Clarke, counsel for Mrs. Castle, at the conclusion of the statement of the prosecution in the case of Mrs. Castle, of San Francisco, charged with stealing jewelry and other articles from merchants in London, said: "We do not complain of the prosecution's statement. If the law of this country stood as it did up to 1822 I should have advised her to plead guilty; but as it passed in 1822, it provides that if I can satisfy the jury that she is not responsible, then the jury is not bound to convict. The facts which the prosecution have recited suggest that there must be something extraordinary to account for them. In five or six days this lady, who had no

possible temptation, goes about London and takes articles under no pressure of need. When arrested she had plenty of money. Your lordship must have noticed the testimonials to the Castles' character and how instantly this vast amount of bail was found. Suddenly the lady takes to this practice of taking things and packing them away. The insanity of the proceedings is proved by her handing to one tradesman a fur which had a private mark upon it, and by her taking the toast racks, etc., of the Hotel Cecil. Clearly, then, some explanation is required for these strange circumstances, such as some one having called medical witnesses, for of course such matters are not fit for forensic discussion."

Mr. Castle, who had re-entered the court room as Sir Edward Clarke began, listened with flushed face for his action. Dr. Wm. Chapman Grigg, specialist in diseases of women, and leading physician at Queen Charlotte's lying-in hospital, having thirty years' experience, testified that he had formed the opinion that the disease from which Mrs. Castle was suffering was one of those which are almost always accompanied by mental disturbance, causing difficulties in her mind, such as delirium, religious mania, etc. In different women, Dr. Grigg added, this disease would take a different form at the time of each disturbance. He asserted that Mrs. Castle was clearly insane, and that she was unable to distinguish the consequences of her acts. The detention in prison of such a woman, he concluded, would be most serious.

Dr. George Henry Griggs, senior physician in Bethlehem hospital, and lecturer on women's diseases at Guy's hospital, who for thirty years has devoted himself to the study of women's diseases, said that every case of the kind he had seen, he believed, was of the same nature. Dr. Gabriel, member of the Royal College of Surgeons, gave similar evidence. He said that imprisonment to a woman in the condition of Mrs. Castle would have a serious effect. It would not endanger her life, but would certainly endanger her sanity.

Dr. Scott, medical officer at Holloway jail, gave evidence the strongest of all, in account of his position. Dr. Scott said that Mrs. Castle would be injurious to her mental and bodily health. The court then ordered the restitution of the stolen articles to their owners. Dr. Scott said he was surprised at the result, in view of the evidence, intimating that he expected a much lighter sentence. He added, however, that the prisoner will be under a doctor's care at Wormwood Street, and that everything possible will be done for her.

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BRYAN'S BRAVE WORDS

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Gold Standard a Conspiracy of the Money Changers Against the People.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 6.—Mr. Bryan to-day gave out the following: "To the bimetalists of the country:—Conscious that millions of hearts are saddened by my temporary defeat, I beg to offer a word of hope and encouragement. No cause ever had supporters more brave, earnest and devoted, than those who have espoused the cause of bimetalism. They have fought from conviction, and have fought with the zeal which conviction inspires. Events will prove whether they are right or wrong. Having done their duty as they saw it, they have nothing to regret."

"The Republican candidate has been heralded as the advance agent of prosperity. If his policies bring real prosperity to the American people, those who opposed him will share in that prosperity. If, on the other hand, his policies prove an injury to the people generally, those of his supporters who do not belong to the office-holding class, or to the privileged classes, will suffer in common with those who opposed him. The friends of bimetalism have not been vanquished, they have simply been overcome. They believe that the gold standard is a conspiracy of the money changers against the welfare of the human race and until convinced of their error they will continue the warfare against it."

U. S. ELECTION FIGURES.

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- California..... 9 New York.....36
- Connecticut..... 6 New Jersey.....10
- Delaware..... 3 Ohio.....23
- Illinois..... 24 Oregon..... 4
- Indiana..... 15 Pennsylvania.....32
- Iowa..... 13 Rhode Island..... 4
- Maine..... 6 South Dakota..... 4
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VENEZUELA.

A speech which Sir Edward Clarke, Solicitor-General under the late Liberal Government, delivered lately on the Venezuelan question has been much talked about. Sir Edward, speaking of the report to be made by the Venezuelan Commission, said: "That report would be against this country (England) not because it was a hostile commission, but because it believed no honest and impartial commission could decide in favour of the claims of this country upon the evidence."

HARD ON TARTE.

The Montreal Gazette says:—In regard to the hard things that are being said about Mr. Tarte, his colleagues, the Minister of Justice and the Solicitor-General, take the prize. Mr. Fitzpatrick's declaration in the Exchequer Court, made with the sanction of Sir Oliver Mowat, that Mr. Tarte did not know what he was talking about...

HARRY DE WINDT RETURNS.

Harry de Windt, the venturesome correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette, has returned from the frigid north in what he terms a "disappointed frame of mind." He has been out for some time on his mission some five months ago, and now returns for his failure to find the gold he sought.

BOUNDARY CREEK.

The West Le Roi and Josie shut down work on Saturday night. The owners had a force of men at work for several weeks putting the property in good shape. The north vein of the Le Roi has been discovered about ninety feet west of the old tunnel. It is about nine feet wide and so closely resembles the Le Roi that it is difficult to tell them apart.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

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TRAIL CREEK. (From the Trail Creek News.) The West Le Roi and Josie shut down work on Saturday night. The owners had a force of men at work for several weeks putting the property in good shape.

CHILLIWACK. (From the Chilliwack.) It has been arranged that a deputation, composed of the municipal council and others, meet the Hon. Mr. Tarte on arrival of the boat at Sumas and escort him through the entire valley.

MAKING STEAMSHIP TIME. The Big Ship "Lynton" Crosses From Yokohama to This Port in Fifteen Days.

Steamship time between here and the Orient was established by the British four-master Lynton, which crossed from Yokohama to this port in fifteen days.

AWARDED HIGHEST HONORS—World's Fair, 'DR' PRICES' CREAM BAKING POWDER MOST PERFECT MADE.

THE COLONIST. A company known as the Boundary Creek Mining and Milling Company has recently been incorporated to develop a group of eight claims owned by the company in Providence camp. The properties are all situated within a short distance of Greenwood City.

THE OWNERS OF THE BONITA mine, on Observation mountain near Grand Forks, have appropriated \$4,000 to be expended in the development of the property during the winter.

DEVELOPMENT has been going on steadily for the past month or so on the Gold Dollar, in White's camp. Two tunnels have been driven at different spots for, respectively, three and four feet.

MR. HENEGUE, who bonded the City of Paris and Lincoln in White's camp, arrived on Boundary on Wednesday evening, and on the following day went up to the properties to give directions with regard to future development work.

J. McCARRON is doing assessment on the Calumet, adjoining the Winnipeg on the west. There is great surface showing on the claim where the ledge has been exposed, and the pyrrhotite, assaying high in gold and resembling Winnipeg ore in appearance.

THOMAS FEATHERSTONE, proprietor of the Osoyoos ledge, was brought before Mr. R. L. Cawston, J.P., last week, charged with carrying an officer in the discharge of his duty. Accused was committed for trial, but given his liberty on finding bail for \$500.

MR. A. L. BROWNLEE, chief engineer on the Princess Louise, has resigned his position and accepted one in the Kootenay, for which section he is now on his way. Mr. Hannah Smithurst, relict of the late Elijah Smithurst, relict of the late William Turner Wood, Yorkshire, England, and has lived in Nanaimo and vicinity for over thirty years.

MR. J. L. BROWN OF KAMLOOPS and Miss Jane Smith, lately of Manitoba, were united in matrimony yesterday. The bridegroom is a resident of the firm of Wulffsohn & Bewick, Ltd., and Mr. R. Byron Johnson has been appointed manager in his stead.

THE VICTORIA REPRESENTING THE Victoria Eastern and Eastern Railway Company which waited upon the Nanaimo city council on Monday night reported themselves as well pleased with their reception.

MR. JAMES HARRISON'S heart was made glad by the news of the death of his wife, Mrs. Harrison, who died at her home in Victoria on Saturday last.

MR. W. M. SPRAGUE, who has large interests in the Fort Steele district, is in the city for a few days. He has a part interest in the Dibble group, one of the principal properties in the Fort Steele district.

MR. BUCK, recently employed as engineer and assayer by the company operating the Slokan Star mine, has been sent in to report on Boundary Creek property. Messrs. Fisher and Dufford finished last week the season's assessment on the Dr. Jim, in Skylark camp. The ledge is about two feet wide, of decomposed quartz with galena.

REGET is expressed throughout the camp at the death of Thomas Atkinson, which occurred on Sunday last.

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