

"Ah!" replied the lady in a low voice, "I have a long memory for some things."

CONFERENCE ENDED

An Official Statement of the Results of a Meeting of the Seal Experts at Washington.

New York Herald Thinks That Canada Is Determined Not to Be Trifled With.

Washington, Nov. 16.—The results of the sealing conference just concluded are announced in an official statement...

That the Pribyloff herd has declined in numbers from 1881 to 1897; that the number was formerly three to five times that which now exists; that the death rate among pups is great; not more than one-half to one-third surviving to the age of three years...

That the killing of males has been practised, does not do so to the herds; that the pelagic sealing involves indiscriminate killing; that the catch at sea contains a marked excess of females; that the killing of males on land is the cause of this; that among the females killed are not only those both nursing and pregnant but also many who are immature or who have already lost their pups...

That the fur seal being polygamous, a large number of males may be killed with impunity; that females cannot be killed in similar number without checking the increase of the herd or bringing about an actual decline; that a small number of females less than the annual increment of breeders might be taken without producing actual decrease; that excessive pelagic sealing has led to a reduction in the herds; that pelagic sealing has of late fallen off in greater ratio than the herd has been producing a tendency toward equilibrium in numbers...

That in estimating the future conditions of the herd there must be taken into consideration the number of surviving pups caused by the pelagic catches in 1894-95; that the herd is not in danger of actual extermination so long as the haunts on land are protected and the protected zone is maintained; that both land and sea killing now yields an inconsiderable profit either to the lessee or to the pelagic sealers themselves...

The delegates signing the agreement are as follows: Charles Sumner Hamlin, David Starr Jordan, Percy Wentworth Thompson, Jas. Melville Macoun, New York, Nov. 16.—Discussing editorially, the conference regarding seals now being held at Washington, the Herald to-day says: "The small committee playing at Washington might be amusing if it did not turn on rather a serious subject. Seal fishing has made a good deal of trouble for us in the past. We had arbitration about it in Paris and the arbitration went against us. We should have accepted the result loyally. We cannot expect to win every time we arbitrate, but we have never since ceased our efforts to upset the regulations framed in pursuance of the Paris award."

"Now a conference is going on at Washington about sealing, in which Canada and the United States are represented by experts. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian premier, is there looking on. Our state department has turned over the Behring sea business to Mr. Foster, and Mr. Foster hopes to make a bargain with Sir Wilfrid."

"There is no objection to that, provided the Canadian has an arguement, is willing; but there can be no use telling the American public an agreement on pelagic sealing would be reached if Canada did not object. Of course she objects. If she gives up that is to her credit, but she is not willing to do so. The arbitration clearly affirmed her right; she will only do so on terms and for fair compensation. She will not yield to threats, and the American public will not be misled by mis-statements."

NEWFOUNDLAND POLITICS. The Retiring Premier Finds an Obstacle To His Little Plans. St. John's, Nfld., Nov. 10.—The ministry headed by Sir William Whiteaway formally resigns to-day evening. Before resigning Sir William wished to fill all the vacancies in the civil service with his defeated supporters and his followers, but Sir Herbert Murray, the governor, refused to sanction any permanent appointments and consented to authorize only acting appointees. The cabinet of Sir James Winter will assume office at noon to-morrow, and following the precedent created by the controversy between Lord Aberdeen, the Governor-General of Canada, and Sir Charles Tupper, while premier last year, will insist upon the cancellation of all these appointments immediately. The new premier will probably immediately on attaining power claim a representation for the colony of Newfoundland at the reciprocity conference between the United States and Canada, now sitting at Washington. His justification for this step is the fact that the late James G. Blaine, when secretary of state, signed a reciprocity convention with Newfoundland, dated in 1890. The British government disapproved this treaty because Canada was not included in its preferential arrangements. Now Newfoundland will claim that Canada is not entitled to negotiate for reciprocity unless Newfoundland is included in the benefits of the scheme.

BRITISH GUNBOATS COMING. San Diego, Cal., Nov. 17.—From officers of the Wild Swan, the British gunboat which has arrived here, it is learned that reinforcements were on the way to the British North Pacific squadron will make it the most powerful fleet that Great Britain has ever had in these waters. There are now on route two cruisers, the Leander and Phidgeton, and with them are two torpedo chasers, the Sparrow Hawk and Blasher. The latter are the first vessels of the kind to be sent to the North Pacific station. The Leander left last night for England. She is expected to meet the Leander, Phidgeton and the torpedo boats at Coquimbou.

TO THE RESCUE.

The Details of the Instructions to the Cutter Bear.

Washington, City, Nov. 17.—In addition to Capt. Tatler's instructions, published yesterday, Capt. Shoemaker directs that when the Bear shall have effected a landing near Cape Prince of Wales, the officer in charge of the government station at Unalakleet is to be communicated with, with a view to collecting the entire available herd of reindeer, to be driven to Point Barrow, W. T. Lopp, at Cape Prince of Wales, is to take charge of this herd and make all necessary arrangements for herders, clothing, sleds, dogs, etc. The necessary food for the use of the party will be landed from the ship.

On arrival at Point Barrow, if the situation be found to be desperate, as anticipated, the officers will take charge of the ships in the name of the government and organize the community for mutual support and order, apportion the provisions on hand and slaughter the many reindeer as necessary for food to make all hold out until August, 1898, when Capt. Tattle will be expected to arrive with the Bear. Such reindeer as are left will be turned over to the Presbyterian mission at Point Barrow.

In case Capt. Tatler finds it impossible to effect a landing on the north shore of Norton Sound, he is instructed to adopt the most feasible of five plans, which are outlined, leaving in mind that food must be gotten to the 265 starving men at the earliest possible moment. He is given full authority and the largest possible latitude to act in every exigency that may arise.

AROUND THE WORLD

The Trans-Siberian Railway Is Now Completed From Vladivostok to St. Petersburg.

How Russia Could Mass Her Troops on the Coast—The Rich Mines of Siberia.

When Jules Verne wrote of the wonderful journey of Phineas Fogg around the world in 80 days it was thought to be a marvellous quick trip to circle the globe in that time, but fully modern has been clipped off that, and the globe-trotter can now easily get around this terrestrial sphere in 50 days, if not less. According to Mons. J. D. Garetzki, a Russian government engineer, and Mons. P. Chamillard, a French engineer in the service of Messrs. Papot & Co., of Paris, who arrived from the Orient on the R. M. S. Empress of China yesterday, this journey can now be made by any one for the much talked of trans-Siberian railway is completed. A traveler can now journey from Vladivostok, on the Pacific coast, to St. Petersburg, in from ten to twelve days. This great line traverses a thickly populated country, over rivers, through ravines, along seemingly endless trestles, and over wide, barren steppes, and along a route full of engineering difficulties for 9,000 miles. With the great railway an accomplished fact, it is easy to see that the military strength of Russia on the Pacific coast will be greatly strengthened, for though now there are over 20,000 soldiers at Vladivostok, if from the coast within a week, Vladivostok is itself in an exceptionally strong position, for there are no less than 30 fortresses there, and a fleet of from seven to nine Russian warships are ever in the harbor.

The trans-continental line, after leaving Vladivostok, runs northerly to Xabarofsk, where the governor-general of Western Siberia resides. This is a city of 100,000, and a strong military point. From Xabarofsk it runs westerly to Blagovoschensk and Nerchensk, two very important centres of population. From here a break occurs for about a thousand miles, and instead of proceeding by rail the traveller takes passage on one of the river steamers running up the Amoor river to where the railway again begins. This and a break at Lake Balkan, where connection is also made by steamers, are the only breaks in the line, and before long will no longer exist, as work has already been begun on a continuation of the line along the banks of the Amoor and around Lake Balkan. From this lake to the Siberian boundary at Afa-Samara about ten large cities, with a population averaging about 50,000 people, are met. All are strong military posts and many soldiers are stationed at each.

Work has just been commenced on a line from Vladivostok through northern Manchuria to Blagovoschensk, paralleling the other line, and by which the journey will be shortened about 1,500 miles. This line is being built by virtue of a concession between Russia and China.

Mr. Garetzki says the country through which the road passes is fabulous in richness in minerals—far richer than California or Klondike, and there is more of it and more variety. There is gold, both quartz and placer, silver, coal and other minerals. Many companies are at work there, but the majority goes to the Russian government, who work the ground themselves. The companies are all forced to pay a royalty on the mineral taken out by them. These mines, Mr. Garetzki says, employ thousands and thousands of men, and now that the railway is open and the mine operators are able to send their minerals to Russia the work will be greatly increased. The new road, he says, is a liberal patronized and will undoubtedly be a paying institution.

Mr. Garetzki has recently visited the island of Saghalien, in the Okhotsk sea, where the evil-doers of Russia are sent to languish in dungeons like. There are 60,000 prisoners there, and all are placed at work in the coal and lead mines. The average number of prisoners sent to Saghalien yearly is 200, and it is no danger of becoming depopulated.

Mr. Garetzki is now on his way to St. Petersburg to lay several engineering matters before his government. Mons. Chamillard is going to Paris to confer with his employers, M. M. Papot & Co., who have secured a contract to build a portion of the Manchurian railway.

GETTING INTERESTED

Commercial Organizations of the United States Aroused Over Question of Reciprocity.

Sir Charles Tupper, as usual, Criticizes Adversely Laurier's Attitude on the Subject.

Washington, Nov. 17.—The commercial organizations of the country are becoming interested in the question of reciprocity with Canada, as is shown by a communication from the Boston Merchants' Association, which has been reported at the state department and placed in the hands of Mr. Kasson, who is in charge of the reciprocity negotiations. It makes a strong plea for reciprocity with Canada, and is as follows: "The Boston Merchants' Association, which for many years has taken a leading position on behalf of better commercial relations with Canada, is greatly interested in the mission of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, premier of Canada, and his associates to our government in Washington. We have felt that the advent to power of this gentleman and the Liberal party of the Dominion should result in greatly enlarged intercourse with our neighbor, whose common relations to the American continent should make them as fully Americans as ourselves.

"We are in hearty sympathy with Sir Wilfrid's purpose to remove, if possible, all matters of difference or controversy between us, and we bespeak for him and his associates the most favorable reception by this administration. We are unalterably convinced that the magnificent resources of the entire North American continent, by a wise reciprocity between the United States and Canada, can be made available for the unity, the prosperity and the progress of the entire North American people."

Washington, Nov. 17.—The officials of the state department were very much surprised at reports of the total failure of the Canadian negotiations which appeared today in several morning papers. One of them said to-day: "The view is not taken by the government in Washington. The representatives of the Canadian government, who have just left the city, did not come to Washington with the expectation of securing any arrangement or treaty during their brief stay. They entertained views upon the question of sealing regulations, and hoped to acquire accurate information as to the views of our government upon the remaining questions which their preceding government in Canada had failed to adjust.

"The only fact correctly stated in the publication referred to is that under the favorable influences prevailing in the seal experts agreed upon this report. This report will furnish a good basis for further action. It goes without saying that Canada is not disposed to make a concession upon the seal without consideration to Canada. What such reciprocal concession or concessions are is a question not yet disposed of, but Canada is not disposed to make any negotiations further than the inevitable in the settlement of the sealing question. The Canadian representatives were hospitably received, frankly talked with and participated in a free and frank discussion."

New York, Nov. 17.—The San publishers to-day a dispatch from Pittsburgh covering an interview had by his representative before the seal experts, Sir Charles Tupper, who passed through the city yesterday on his way to New York. Sir Charles is reported as saying: "Reciprocity is no longer accomplished than it was before the war. I do not see how it can be. I do not see how Sir Wilfrid can effect anything.

"His trip to Washington was the outcome of my criticism of his speech made when he announced his mission to the treaty with England granting the mother country special tariff privileges. As a member of the opposition I pointed out the English's favored nation treaties Germany had not seen how they would have to be included in any arrangement with Canada providing special tariff privileges with England."

One of the passengers on the Atlas liner Adirondack, which has just arrived from Port Limon, was Gabriel Martin, a prominent citizen of San Jose, the Costa Rican capital, who is on his way to Paris on business connected with the new opera house. This opera house cost between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000, and was built by the wealthy residents of Costa Rica. The government keeps it running by a subsidy.

Mr. Martin says that the Costa Rica presidential election began Monday and will continue until to-night. They vote for three days in Costa Rica. The great question in the election is the government subsidy to the opera house. President Iglesias favors the subsidy and his opponent is against it.

NEWSPAPER MEN CAN'T GO. Washington City, Nov. 17.—The treasury department has received a number of applications from newspapers for permission to send representatives on the expedition for the relief of the ice-bound sailors in the Arctic. As only one of the most eminent divines of the denomination, indicate a decided change of sentiment among the Baptists on the subject of close communion. They and a large majority of other speakers took the negative.

LET LONDON TAKE WARNING.

Salisbury Points a Moral From the New York Election.

London, Nov. 17.—At a mass meeting of the National Union Conservatives to-night the principal speaker was the premier, Lord Salisbury, who seemed in the best of health and spirits, and who spoke with great animation, said that the situation was "not destitute of elements of depression, either at home or abroad."

Referring to the disturbances on the northwest frontier of India, he paid a great and glowing tribute to Lord Elgin, the viceroy, who he said "has acted so worthily in the great crisis wherein he has been placed as to be completely absolved of all charges of bad faith."

Speaking of foreign affairs, Lord Salisbury intimated that the government had yielded to France in the matter of Siam, Tunis or Madagascar.

"Turning to home affairs, he said that the government of London was a question which must be solved, and could only be solved by giving to other and smaller municipal bodies a large part of the duties now performed by the London city council. He promised that the government would have legislation on the subject at the next session of parliament. "The present system," said his lordship, "is due to the modern passion for bigness of things, and is too unwieldy."

"You want to be governed like New York. Yet the result, which was watched with so much interest, and in which so many people deplore, was adopted after an effort to amend the admitted defects in the municipality by enormously increasing its area and bringing a much larger population under its range. The undertaking has failed lamentably, because it could not obtain the assistance and cooperation of the only class of men by whom municipal institutions can be satisfactorily and thoroughly governed."

Dealing with the results of the recent parliamentary bye-elections, Lord Salisbury attributed the Conservative and Liberal-Unionist losses to the indifference of their ranks, caused by the disorganization of the party, and the recent parliamentary bye-elections, Lord Salisbury urged Unionists not to relax their vigilance, "as the opposition has all the elements of organization and only lacks a general."

NEWS OF OHIO.

Insurrection at Sant Sona—Electric Railways.

San Francisco, Nov. 17.—Steamer City of Rio de Janeiro, which arrived today from Yokohama and Hongkong, via Honolulu, brought the following advices: "The report that the black plague had broken out in Shanghai proves to be unfounded. Dispatches recently received at Tientsin announce that a formidable insurrection occurred outside the great wall at Sant Sona. Gen. Neeh, provincial commander-in-chief of the district, was dispatched to the scene with 3,000 infantry and a battery of artillery to quell the rebellion. The insurgents are said to be the most part mounted soldiers from the late war with Japan, who were dispersed over the country. The home office has decided to allow the construction of electric railways in Tokio."

FAMOUS JOCKEY DEAD.

San Francisco, Nov. 17.—Bob Isom, the well-known light-weight colored jockey, died in the city to-day. He came here with Colonel J. P. Chin, and was very successful from his advent on the Pacific coast. After leaving Colonel Chin he joined the Spreckels string, and has been in their employ ever since. Last year Isom was taken ill and seemed to fade away, until after a trip to the Hawaiian Islands, when he regained some of his old-time form. Since the summer races at Sacramento, Isom grew steadily worse and he decided to seek relief at Kentucky, his old home, but his illness proved more serious than he expected, and he died last night. In his best days Isom was one of the most vigorous light-weight riders in the country. The best horse Isom repeatedly rode was Lissak, the crack Kentucky black colt, with which Colonel Chin swept the board a few years ago.

BRAZILIAN AFFAIRS.

New York, Nov. 17.—A dispatch to the Herald from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, says: "The police, through a confession made to them, have learned that the plot to kill President Moraes is of far greater magnitude than was at first thought. As a result of this confession many new arrests have been made. The Brazilian press demands that the government investigate the distribution of the Italian legation in the indemnity paid two years ago, as the result of the anti-Italian riots in San Paulo. The relations between Italy and Brazil are daily becoming more complicated. The legation insists upon the degradation of the officials of Spiritu Sancto, who are accused of connivance in the recent Italian outrages. The government has so far evaded a reply to this demand."

GOVERNMENT OF ALASKA.

San Francisco, Nov. 17.—Senator Felt's declaration that he is opposed to the granting of a territorial form of government to Alaska at present. When congress convenes he proposes to introduce a joint resolution providing for the appointment of a commission to prepare civil and criminal codes for the government of Alaska. The senator favors the plan of Louis Sloss, to divide Alaska into convenient districts, each to have a United States commissioner empowered to enforce the laws.

BAPTIST CONGRESS.

Chicago, Nov. 17.—The Baptist a pre-arranged to the Lord's Supper" was the topic discussed last night at the annual meeting of the Baptist congress. The petition taken by Dr. Gifford of Buffalo, and Dr. Cornwell, of Philadelphia, two of the most eminent divines of the denomination, indicate a decided change of sentiment among the Baptists on the subject of close communion. They and a large majority of other speakers took the negative.

JINGOISTS SCORED.

Stinging Arrangement by the Bishop of Albany in an Address Yesterday.

The Unbridled Violence of Partisan Newspapers Much To Be Deplored.

Albany, Nov. 17.—The Right Rev. Wm. Crosswell Doane, bishop of Albany, presided at the annual convention of the clergyman and delegates of the Albany Episcopal diocese which opened here this morning. In his annual address the bishop reviewed the proceedings of the meeting of bishops of the Anglican communion held this year in London. He referred to the committee in favor of international arbitration, saying: "There can be no question but that within the past few years, from various causes and with some fault on both sides, the minds of men have been accustomed to thoughts of a possible resort to arms for the settlement of national questions between England and America. We are responsible for the spirit that has been aroused in America, and which has led to the possibility of international arbitration, saying: "There can be no question but that within the past few years, from various causes and with some fault on both sides, the minds of men have been accustomed to thoughts of a possible resort to arms for the settlement of national questions between England and America. We are responsible for the spirit that has been aroused in America, and which has led to the possibility of international arbitration, saying: "There can be no question but that within the past few years, from various causes and with some fault on both sides, the minds of men have been accustomed to thoughts of a possible resort to arms for the settlement of national questions between England and America. 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NEW SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

There will be an exodus of school inspectors very shortly for the order has gone forth from the education department that, saving Mr. Wilson, the inspectors are to go to their new districts to reside. The province has been divided into four districts, and to each district an inspector has been appointed. Each inspector will reside in and have complete control of his own district. They will report to the superintendent of education and will be held responsible for all school matters in their districts. They will be interchanged occasionally. The new districts, with the inspectors in charge, are as follows: Victoria district, Mr. Wilson, with residence at Victoria; Kootenay and Yale district, Mr. Burns, with residence at Nelson; Burrard district, Mr. Cooperwhite, with residence at Vancouver; and Vancouver Island, Mr. Netherby, who will reside at Nanaimo. The order authorizing this change was signed by Col. Baker two days ago and the inspectors will move to their new places of residence as speedily as possible. This change has been necessary in order to have schools of the province multiplying greatly during past years and demanding more attention. The inspectors will be close touch with the schools under their charge, and necessarily will be in a better position to perform their duties than they have been under the old arrangement.

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 A little child of J. R. Hays, living near Colquhitt, Ga., overturned a pot of scolding water, scalding itself so severely that the skin came off its breast and limbs. The distressed parents sent to Mr. Bush, a merchant of Colquhitt, for a remedy, and he promptly forwarded Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The child was suffering intensely, but was relieved by a single application of the Pain Balm. Another application or two made it all right and well. For sale by Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

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Provincial Press
 is saying:

(New Westminster Columbian.)
 Behold how good and pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity, exclaimed the Psalmist many years ago. An observation to which we are moved to say Amen from a glimpse of the vision which the dispatches give us of the worthy Sir Wilfrid, Canada's premier, arm-in-arm with the suave McKinley, president of the United States, leading the way from the blue parlor in the White House to the president's private dining room, where the first citizens of both countries, with members of their respective cabinets, sit down to amicable banquets and friendly converse. Truly, Laurier's "sunny ways" promise to solve more long-standing and vexed questions besides the Manitoba school question. They have already mended the heart of John Bull, as well as that of the Dominion, by showing in overflowing kindness feeling and action towards Canada; and now the warm rays are turned at short range upon Uncle Samuel, and that somewhat cranky "smiling all over, like a basket of chips."

(Kaslo Kootenai.)
 Hon. Clifford Sifton, minister of the interior, might have been a lumina gathering the information which the intrepid young man journeyed to the Yukon country at the beginning of winter, during the passes with all the stories of suffering and death, to secure. He wanted to see for himself the situation with which his department must deal, and he possessed the energy and bravery to attempt, in that behalf, a journey which danted thousands of men. But he was successful, and he now returns fully prepared to handle the important questions which must come up in dealing with the Yukon.

On his return trip Mr. Sifton is now filling up on information concerning Kootenay and British Columbia generally, and it is safe to say that no man in the cabinet will be able to speak as intelligently on matters pertaining to the West and North country as this daring young minister.
 Mr. Sifton is a young man who evidently has a great career opening before him. He is energetic, painstaking, a shrewd, keen observer and of most impressive bearing. Mr. Sifton was the only member of the Canadian government who was not known more or less regarded in some quarters, where he was not known, as a poor one, but in a few short months he himself had proven that the wisdom which Wilfrid Laurier, when selecting his other ministers did not fail him when his choice of a minister of the interior fell upon Clifford Sifton.

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contents of this most villainous prospectus. We are told already the company have "an option for purchase, on favorable terms, of valuable mineral properties of several hundreds of acres (part of which is eminently suitable for a townsite) in British Columbia." The capital of the company if fully paid would only amount to \$300,000 and yet, as a side issue, it is proposed to purchase "several hundreds of acres of valuable mineral properties." This must certainly be a vast scheme. Premier Turner's opportunity of obtaining early information" have been probably employed. Is it any wonder that the Westminster Gazette declares that British Columbia's premier "is slinking from bad to worse." Under the circumstances we think it would be in order for the newly appointed Lieutenant-Governor to make his first official act the dismissal of a minister who is bringing such disgrace upon this province. There is no doubt that if such course be not followed Premier Turner and President of the Council Pooley will take advantage of their "opportunity" in such a manner as to bring the province to a state of financial ruin. There is no doubt that if such course be not followed Premier Turner and President of the Council Pooley will take advantage of their "opportunity" in such a manner as to bring the province to a state of financial ruin.

(Kaslo Miner.)
 The news of the appointments of Messrs. Templeman and McInnes to their respective high positions only recalled us last week barely in time to be printed. We were thus prevented from offering our congratulations to the new Lieut.-Governor and the new senator. As citizens, we congratulate Mr. Templeman on reaching the reward which his services to his party have so richly merited. To his efforts and to his plucky struggles in Victoria in the cause of the Liberalism throughout the province and we may be assured that from his seat in the councils of the Dominion the intelligent attention and care of their increasing importance requires.

When next the time comes for serving out honors Kootenay may fairly ask to come in for her share, and at the next opportunity she will certainly ask to be included in one vast electoral district that stretches almost from the United States to the United States, but to have a member to herself to which her population and the value of her products most certainly entitle her.
 Secure in his seat and naturally giving his best attention to his home at Victoria, we feel certain that we may count on Mr. Templeman's aid in acquiring the privileges we desire for our own district.

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we believe them to be, Sir Wilfrid will be met more than half way and will, before he leaves Washington, place the two countries very close together in all those things which go to make good neighbors and fast friends. We believe Sir Wilfrid will succeed.
 (Kootenay Mail.)
 Klondike! Klondike! It is in every mouth; it is in all the papers; it is everywhere with painful persistence. How necessary is this notoriety to transportation company advertising, how much boom and how much honest fact it is very hard to tell. No doubt Klondike is rich in plenty of gold will be found there, but California, Australia and other places were also rich and lots of gold was taken out of them. Their lesson will most likely be retold in the Klondike, and their motto of "fortune close" appointments will be again re-stated. History repeats itself, and so before this Klondike craze is spent we will see some men, filled with feverish unrest, leave good prospects and steady remunerative labor to venture their stake in getting to this El Dorado, where they will surely encounter great difficulties and, perhaps, disappointments.
 We in Kootenay must not be sacrificed to this wild-eyed, hurry-to-be-rich excitement. We must keep our own resources before the public and develop our own country. We have many Klondike-like hills and valleys, and we must home which need only a little patience and toil to yield us golden harvests. In Big Bend Revelstoke has a country of unlimited wealth directly tributary to it, and we are going to let the Klondike boom take away attention when it seems to be nearest?—Something must be done.
 Something must be done! That something is to urge on our federal member by due notice of the Klondike boom, to the north of Revelstoke. A sum of \$10,000 was voted for this work before, but spent elsewhere, and with the exception of a few shots in a couple of rocks nothing has been done since towards permanent improvement. The policy of a couple of thousand dollars now and again for this kind of work is worse than useless. There is too much money being poured into the Klondike to get a special act passed granting a sum of money for opening up navigation on the Columbia and Canoe rivers as far as navigable and keeping them open to navigation.
 The big scheme. Not at all! Everything points to a large influx of people into this province in the next few years, and it is only a short while till British Columbia will be a prominent factor in federal affairs. When the people of this province see national debt contracted for St. Lawrence canals, should they not clamor for some share for the west? The National Police is largely based on the policy, but in the west lies the future. Why when ministers speak of railways to the Klondike, should we not ask for money to open up a great mineral belt by river, and the discovery of gold in the Yukon helps to prove that between there and here mineral exists in plenty. If we ask for nothing we will be sure to get it. It is time we started to open up the Big Bend area for a proposition to do it.
 (Slocan Pioneer.)

The Canadian Pacific and the Columbia are going to have the hands of Robson. Through trains now run daily each way from Rossland to Nelson in five hours. The people of both cities are jubilant over the arrangement. In a few days Slocan City will be in a position to rejoice with both Nelson and Rossland over the wonders accomplished in the past six months by the advance of the iron horse.
 (Slocan City News.)
 Perhaps not since the days of '49 has there been such a whirlwind of excitement sweep over the continent as that which is now sweeping over the Klondike. The Klondike is the strikes of the tributaries of the Yukon river. As a mining craze it has overshadowed all others. Of the eight or nine thousand men who started for that golden Mexico but a small percentage have succeeded in reaching their destination. As a mining craze it has overshadowed all others. Of the eight or nine thousand men who started for that golden Mexico but a small percentage have succeeded in reaching their destination.

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day by day and there is no doubt but that the mines of the Slocan and the Kootenay throughout, will prove of much more benefit to the Dominion than the Klondike, for work is going on steadily and the area of workable mines is constantly extending. Messrs. R. G. McConnell, McEvay and Brock, of the geological staff, have returned to Ottawa from the Kootenay. They report that seven or eight million tons of ore will be taken out this year. This indeed is encouraging and the people of the Slocan may yet see the time when they will hear the pounding of the smelters and the clanging of the hammers in the stamp mills long after the Klondike has passed into oblivion.
 Just as the Parisians like to hear that Paris is the world's centre of fashion, so does the News like to remind the outside world that the Slocan City mining division is rich in mines and Slocan City is the central point in the district.

(Rossland Miner.)
 Hewitt Bostock, the representative of Kootenay in the house of commons, is not an orator, refuse to be a politician, confesses that he does not know it all, and never by any chance flows his own horn. He is simply an honest man, devoted to the noble principles of Liberalism as promulgated by Mackenzie Blake and Laurier. The interest that Mr. Bostock displays in his constituency is remarkable. Since his election he has made a careful study of the public requirements of the district, and though his term of office has little more than commenced, he has done much in the way of obtaining appropriations that were greatly needed for public works. But the strongest claim that Mr. Bostock has on the good will of the general public is his hatred of political corruption and monopolies of all kinds. He has informed the Miner that he is intently watching the operations of the Canadian Pacific railway in Kootenay and Yale districts, and has stated that he will bitterly oppose in parliament any attempt that the big corporation may make to monopolize the transportation business of Southern British Columbia. So far as the railway situation in the Boundary country is concerned, the Miner is in a position to say that Mr. Bostock favors the granting of a Dominion subsidy to a railway that will accommodate the traffic between Penicton and the Columbia river and always remain independent of the C.P.R. This is all that the people ask. There is no way which Mr. Bostock could make himself more popular than by carrying such legislation through the house. Those interested in this portion of the Dominion are practically unanimous in a demand that substantial federal assistance in the development of the Boundary country be granted by parliament without unnecessary delay. Kootenay made a fortunate selection when it elected Hewitt Bostock to the house of commons.

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SALT SPRING ISLANDERS.
 The Board Boss Grievance—Considered Mr. Booth "Heckled."
 Salt Spring Island, Nov. 15.—A meeting of the residents of the north end was held in the school house on the 13th inst. to discuss road matters, Edward Roman in the chair.
 Mr. Irwin wanted to divide the north end from central and elect foreman annually, and that we should have our share of appropriation spent on roads in our division.
 Mr. Booth said that if he had the doing of it he would not object to it, but the government would not consent to it.
 A Vote—Mr. Nightingale was here to answer for himself.
 Wm. Caldwell—We are not fighting Mr. Nightingale but Mr. Booth, a finished politician, an old war-horse at this business, and we have to find out how to get round him.
 Mr. Ostford thought the best roads are those the settlers make themselves.
 Mr. McFadden thought the road boss should finish the road work when he commences it, instead of taking about six months to spend \$200, and also that he would give preference to residents of the north end for work instead of bringing men from the other end of the island, and that there should at any rate be two road bosses on the island.
 Mr. Booth said he could see the present boss to resign, and the boss might tell him to go to a much warmer climate.
 Mr. Simpson—Well, if he should tell you so you could tell him it is a very long road and if he would lend you his horse you would ride there.
 Mr. E. Caldwell wanted to know how Mr. Broadwell, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Norton were put out of the position of road foremen since Mr. Booth was first elected.
 Mr. Booth in reply, said that he had Mr. Broadwell put out, recommended Mr. Stevens as the people wished him; that Mr. Stevens resigned and Mr. Norton was recommended by him; and as the people were strong against Mr. Norton he asked him to resign, and then he recommended Joseph Nightingale.
 H. Caldwell wanted to know if he could not bring this gentle pressure on the present road boss and cause him to resign, but Mr. Booth said he could ask him to resign but could not force him to.

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.
 Well-Known English Advocate To Present a Monster Petition In Its Favor.
 Washington, D. C., Nov. 17.—Hon. Randall Green, the well-known English advocate of international arbitration, is here for the purpose of presenting to the members of the senate four monster petitions from the trades organization people of Great Britain in favor of a treaty on the subject. The signers are over 7,000 elected officers, who represent 2,750,000 members of the provincial, industrial and trades organizations of Great Britain.
WINNIPEG WIRINGS.
 Fire at Brandon—More Klondikers Coming West.
 Winnipeg, Nov. 16.—Jackson & Co.'s music store at Brandon was badly damaged by fire early this morning. The loss is \$2,000, and is fully covered by insurance in the Atlas and Commercial companies. Adams & Resser are the owners of the property.
 It is estimated that the amount of wheat delivered by farmers since September 1 to date has been 17,000,000 bushels.
 A small railway bridge over a branch of the Bow river near Calgary gave way last night, precipitating two freight cars into the stream. The fireman was injured slightly.
 Another party of gold seekers for the Klondike left here this afternoon. The Vulcan Iron Works plant of this city has been purchased by John McKeehie for a large cash consideration. S. Hughes, M. P. of Lindsay, is here, en route to Australia.
FOOTBALL PROHIBITED.
 Philadelphia, Nov. 16.—President Fetter of Girard College has issued an edict against football, and henceforth students must keep off the gridiron.

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SALT SPRING ISLANDERS.
 The Board Boss Grievance—Considered Mr. Booth "Heckled."
 Salt Spring Island, Nov. 15.—A meeting of the residents of the north end was held in the school house on the 13th inst. to discuss road matters, Edward Roman in the chair.
 Mr. Irwin wanted to divide the north end from central and elect foreman annually, and that we should have our share of appropriation spent on roads in our division.
 Mr. Booth said that if he had the doing of it he would not object to it, but the government would not consent to it.
 A Vote—Mr. Nightingale was here to answer for himself.
 Wm. Caldwell—We are not fighting Mr. Nightingale but Mr. Booth, a finished politician, an old war-horse at this business, and we have to find out how to get round him.
 Mr. Ostford thought the best roads are those the settlers make themselves.
 Mr. McFadden thought the road boss should finish the road work when he commences it, instead of taking about six months to spend \$200, and also that he would give preference to residents of the north end for work instead of bringing men from the other end of the island, and that there should at any rate be two road bosses on the island.
 Mr. Booth said he could see the present boss to resign, and the boss might tell him to go to a much warmer climate.
 Mr. Simpson—Well, if he should tell you so you could tell him it is a very long road and if he would lend you his horse you would ride there.
 Mr. E. Caldwell wanted to know how Mr. Broadwell, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Norton were put out of the position of road foremen since Mr. Booth was first elected.
 Mr. Booth in reply, said that he had Mr. Broadwell put out, recommended Mr. Stevens as the people wished him; that Mr. Stevens resigned and Mr. Norton was recommended by him; and as the people were strong against Mr. Norton he asked him to resign, and then he recommended Joseph Nightingale.
 H. Caldwell wanted to know if he could not bring this gentle pressure on the present road boss and cause him to resign, but Mr. Booth said he could ask him to resign but could not force him to.

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.
 Well-Known English Advocate To Present a Monster Petition In Its Favor.
 Washington, D. C., Nov. 17.—Hon. Randall Green, the well-known English advocate of international arbitration, is here for the purpose of presenting to the members of the senate four monster petitions from the trades organization people of Great Britain in favor of a treaty on the subject. The signers are over 7,000 elected officers, who represent 2,750,000 members of the provincial, industrial and trades organizations of Great Britain.
WINNIPEG WIRINGS.
 Fire at Brandon—More Klondikers Coming West.
 Winnipeg, Nov. 16.—Jackson & Co.'s music store at Brandon was badly damaged by fire early this morning. The loss is \$2,000, and is fully covered by insurance in the Atlas and Commercial companies. Adams & Resser are the owners of the property.
 It is estimated that the amount of wheat delivered by farmers since September 1 to date has been 17,000,000 bushels.
 A small railway bridge over a branch of the Bow river near Calgary gave way last night, precipitating two freight cars into the stream. The fireman was injured slightly.
 Another party of gold seekers for the Klondike left here this afternoon. The Vulcan Iron Works plant of this city has been purchased by John McKeehie for a large cash consideration. S. Hughes, M. P. of Lindsay, is here, en route to Australia.
FOOTBALL PROHIBITED.
 Philadelphia, Nov. 16.—President Fetter of Girard College has issued an edict against football, and henceforth students must keep off the gridiron.

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WANTED—The address of Arthur Charles Hancock, of St. Agnes, near Redruth, Cornwall, architect and surveyor; last heard of in Victoria, Vancouver Island, British Columbia, about six years ago. Any information as to his whereabouts or as to date and place of death (if deceased) will be thankfully received by the Chief of Police, Victoria, or Mrs. D. M. Hancock, Tolgusville, Soerick, Cornwall, Ont.

MALE TEACHER WANTED for the public school, Vesuvius Bay, Salt Spring Island. Duties to commence December 1st, 1897. Apply to T. W. Mead, Sec. of School Board, Salt Spring Island, B.C.

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 ANY PERSON wishing to send the Victoria Klondike map and folder to their friends will please furnish a list of the names and addresses to F. B. Worby, Head of Trade Building, and they will be mailed free. nov-19

THE FALL ASSIZES

Chief Justice Davie's Charge to the Grand Jury at the Opening Session.

Reference Made to the City's Streets and Government by Commissioners.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The autumn assizes opened this morning before His Lordship the Chief Justice, with whom Mr. Justice McCall occupied a seat on the bench. Deputy Attorney-General Smith appears as the prosecutor.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The trial of Thomas Cummings, charged with shooting with intent to murder, was then commenced. Mr. Justice McCall taking the case. Mr. Smith appeared for the crown and H. D. Helmecken, Q. C., for the accused.

After he had done with the separate cases His Lordship mentioned the fact that good times seemed to be coming. He spoke of the gold fields and the great discoveries in the north, facts which would bring many people here.

The jury then retired. In the case of Ah Lin, charged with attempted rape, a nolle prosequi was entered, as the full court had decided there was no evidence to justify the verdict of guilty entered at the last assizes.

Mr. Thornton Fell appeared for the accused and Mr. A. G. Smith, Deputy Attorney-General, for the crown.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair, Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair.

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HE WAS SAVED BY HIS RIFLE

J. W. Gillis Tells How He Escaped From Dawson—Beads Like a Romance.

Picked Up Gold by the Hatful and Driven Out Because of Shortage of Provisions.

Among the passengers who came down from the north on the steamer City of Seattle was G. N. Wright.

He stopped at Juneau two weeks and then came south as far as Fort Wrangel on the City of Seattle. Mr. Wright, who had a long talk with him, was kind enough to write the following synopsis of Gillis' experience, which cannot fail to be of interest.

Leaving Fort Wrangel March 15th last, Gillis says he proceeded to the interior over the Chilkoot pass, at that time the only known overland route to the gold fields.

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Many Communications on Many Subjects Considered by the Aldermen.

Improvements To Be Made at the Electric Light Station—Drainage and Street Matters.

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Received and filed.

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MARINE MATTERS.

A Cargo Valued at Over a Quarter of Million Dollars Taken From Here by the Seestern.

Bosowitz Sails for the North—The Empress of China Arrives—Other News.

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beginning of an attachment for my old gun that time can never obliterate. About 90 miles from Five Fingers we came upon the Hochli Indian village. Here we secured a bountiful supply of fish and again set out, but in about three days we had made our way to the little town, and on the morning of the 11th we started on our journey, in a last three days and falling to the depth of over two feet.

Here we secured plenty of salmon, bear and squirrel meat. From here it was a good day's journey to Dalton's post, and the last end of this day's journey was simply a scramble down on our hands and knees or plunging headlong into the snow.

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BIG FIRE IN LONDON

The Most Disastrous Conflagration Years is Raging in the Metropolis.

Fifteen Warehouses Are Already Destroyed and Many Houses Have Collapsed.

London, Nov. 18.—The most disastrous fire in years is raging here, several houses adjoining the post office blocks of buildings are falling.

Many houses have collapsed at ten warehouses have already been destroyed. Buildings are ablaze on the streets, reaching the burning buildings, street is involved from end to end.

The fire originated in the street a manufacturing company at 1 this afternoon, and the great loss to have been caused by the destruction of the fire department.

Later at 6 o'clock this evening fire was reported to be under control. Cripplegate Church was saved, badly damaged.

The flames have worked their way from Jewin street to Cross street, an entire block of houses on the side of the street is threatened.

Over forty engines are at work, it is impossible to make an estimate of the damage at present. Various newspapers publish a national estimate of the loss.

Many of the buildings burned or damaged contained a large number of employed in various capacities. of them escaped.

NEWS OF VANCOUVER Japanese Consul Noses Banquets Baker's Announcements. Vancouver, B.C., Nov. 19.—(Sp) Japanese Consul Noses was ban last night. Col. Baker, who rep the government, announced that government agent would be appointed to look after the Columbia interests. The governor intended to send a party at the end of the week to lay out a road from graph creek to Teslin in the early in conjunction with the Dominion government. Private enterprise would be assisted by the two governments, who would build a railway next year.

Col. Baker also announced a discovery of free gold in Ontario had just received a letter from the manager of the Cariboo Hydraulic mining company, showing the total yield of the season to be \$150,000, which is more than 1896.

WRESTLING BOUT. Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 18. Jenkins, of Cleveland, won last wrestling match with "Farmer" in two straight falls. The first taken in 23 minutes and the second in 14 minutes.