













BOATS STILL MISSING.

But Hope that the Winds May Have Carried Them to Safety in Clayoquot Sound.

Captain Irving Does Not Apprehend Difficulty in Saving the Cleve-land Herself.

OR BOARD SS. CLEVELAND, LYALL POINT, Barclay Sound, Dec. 17.—The unfortunate Cleveland at this writing is to all appearances a hopeless and complete wreck, with the tide playing hide-and-seek through her parted and crushed bottom plates.

Captain Hall is standing by his vessel and awaiting instructions from the owner who is now on his way from San Francisco to the ship. Four Indians have been arrested and compelled to disclose portions of their loot.

In one of the grandest of nature's mountain and sea studies, here on a rocky promontory, forming the westernmost point of Barclay Sound, the wrecked Cleveland is today a dismal object of endless interest.

The dreadful uncertainty, almost as trying to those who anxiously look on as even the knowledge of the whereabouts of the wrecked vessel, has been a constant source of anxiety to the many who have gathered to see the wreck.

When the government steamer started on her rescue mission she carried as special passengers Captain John Irving, M.P., manager of the C.P.N., and Mr. J. W. Collier, government inspector of hulls and representative of the Firemen's Fund Assurance Association.

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BUFFETED BY WAVES.

The Crew of the Wrecked Steamer Vesta Kept Port After a Rough Trip.

They Spend a Night and Day in an Open Boat During a Gale—Vessel Doomed.

Mr. Thomas Daykin, jr., son of the light-keeper at Carmanah, arrived in the city early yesterday morning, bringing news that he had safely landed the captain and crew of the wrecked schooner Vesta at Port Townsend.

Mr. Daykin left Carmanah on Wednesday morning last in the whaleboat belonging to the light-keeper and experienced many hardships and perils before he made port.

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BROKE TUG RECORDS.

The Lorne Returns to Port from the Cleveland With Towing Honors Galore.

The Senator Salvaged Suit in a Fair Way to Settlement—British Seaman Drowned.

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OPENING CEREMONIES.

The Legislative House-Warming in the New Buildings Will Be Very Imposing.

Patriotic Music and Addresses Will Form Part of the Speaker's Programme.

Though the details have not yet been arranged it is understood that Mr. Speaker Higgins is having quite an elaborate programme prepared for the opening ceremonies in the magnificent new parliament buildings.

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THE CITY.

Mr. FRANK KROWN and Mrs. M. GILGAD, both of this city, have formed a life partnership under the firm name of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Krown.

The little orphans of St. Ann's Convent, Cowichan, thirty-five or forty, have not been forgotten during the festive Christmas tide.

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ONLY A CHEAP BLUFF. Since Few United States Citizens Go Sealing the Prohibition is Mainly for Show.

Canadian Sealers Will Go Ahead and Find Markets Though Prices May Suffer.

IT IS A GRUESOME TALE. Correspondents of the "Colonist" Declare that Two Miners Have Met an Awful Death.

Said to Have Been Killed and Devoured by Wild Animals Driven to the Coast by Snowstorms.

Friday evening's mail by the Charming brought the COLONIST a letter which from the post mark on the envelope was evidently mailed from Thurlow Island on the 15th instant.

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NEWS OF THE

The death is reported of Mr. F. J. Allison, known of British Columbia as a trader, and had held under the provincial gold mine in 1849, and then the closing executor of the estate of the late George W. Barley, a shire, England, who 10 miles from Quesnel, B.C., short distance in the road.

A channel about a mile out of the Kicking Horse river, and this, it is a short time, gives rise to waters, and avert all of being flooded.

An accident on the G. in Deadwood came to a miner, named Dillier, cutting down a large tree and his right hand was crushed, and he was smothering it. He will be hand.

The Cascade Development power has been a company for a week at Cascade City, and the price of the sale the new electric generating plant, Mr. George K. Stocke, Cascade City composed party.

CHERAMUS, Dec. 17.—visited the schools of the 6th inst.

The "Nigger Minstrel" Rev. O. E. Kendall, Baptist church, Victoria service in the hall on the 17th inst.

Mr. Thomas Elliott to Mr. Gozzell, who is possession. The Kaloua is lead Sydney, Australia.

At Christ Church, December 6, the marriage between Mr. William second son of Mr. Comox, and Miss Ed second daughter of Mr. Newland.

The Rev. A. J. Hall, the ceremony, the hall, filled with Indians and presented features in a splendid shower of rice friends to the house of where breakfast was prepared for their Kingcomb later, by the Kelina.

On Friday evening, South Saanich, there was a concert in aid of the which resulted in such a manner that the balance remained on the hall is not off. The programme was presented by the society enjoyed by those in attendance by the hearty songs were sung by Mr. Thomson, Mr. St. Louis, and Mr. W. C. Curtis, music was also given by Miss Brooks. Recited by Miss Graham, M. and Mr. Trowsdale, of readings by Mr. J. W. Mr. Geo. H. Sluggert; Saanich Glee Club; and presented features in a splendid shower of rice friends to the house of where breakfast was prepared for their Kingcomb later, by the Kelina.

TO RE-OPEN KH SIMLA, Dec. 15.—General Lockhart, the British chief, has decided to set to work to re-open the marching from Jam All Mishid the column the Boaser valley and men in that district.















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ABOUT MIRACLES. Readers of the New Testament are in many cases considerably troubled over the stories of the miracles. They find it difficult to accept them as true and they feel as if to reject them is to destroy the whole value of the gospel narrative.

What then is a miracle? A miracle is not something done in defiance of the laws of nature, although this is the common understanding of the word. It is rather something that is done in accordance with some paramount and unfamiliar law of nature.

A SOLAR SENSATION. If on a clear day you look at the sun through a piece of smoked glass, you will see a black point. This is, in fact, a collection of small spots, using the word small in a relative sense.

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has been, or will be. What is meant is the conclusion to which profound research into the secrets of nature drives the investigator. We must dismiss in an investigation of this kind everything based upon mere faith, but it is allowable to infer logical deductions from established spiritual data.

It may be added that nothing of importance, so far as religious truth is concerned, turns upon the probability of miracles. There are simpler tests than miracles by which the divinity of Christ's teachings can be tested, and everyone can apply these for himself.

It would follow what has been said above that if miracles were probable they may be performed now. We see no difficulty in assenting to this, nor do we see any reason for attempting to demonstrate that the paramount force above referred to may not be called into operation at any time by any person.

THE Northern Pacific railway has issued a Klondyke folder, which is certainly very well got up and contains a good deal of useful matter. Its circulation is confined to the East, so that if it had not been for the thoughtfulness of a friend in St. Paul, we would not have had the opportunity of perusing it.

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and perhaps war, and that the Colonist will be responsible for the whole business. We should feel very badly to do anything which would saddle the people of the United States with another \$140,000,000 pension list; but we can assure our hysterical contemporary that we shall continue to urge that, if our neighbors are ill-natured enough to shut their door in our faces, we shall shut ours in their faces.

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At Teslin Lake boats and scows will be built to convey the party and their outfit to Dawson City as soon as the Hootalinqua opens; that is, the expedition will follow the route accompanying the Expedition from the day they leave Victoria until they reach the destination. While waiting at Teslin Lake for the ice to break up they will have the opportunity of prospecting the very promising ground in that vicinity.

Early in January an advance party with horses will be sent up the Stickeen River to build shelters with stoves for cooking and warmth and establish supply depots. After the Coast Range on the Stickeen River has been passed the expedition will go through a country where the snowfall is generally light and along the greater portion of which a white population has been living for some years.

The price of a ticket covering the accommodations above mentioned is \$300, one-half of which must be paid into the Bank of Montreal at Victoria at the time of signing the contract for transportation, the balance to be paid before the sailing of the steamer from Victoria.

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FORTY-FIRST NEWS OF THE C

ing Arbitrators' A sent to States Governme

Commissioner to F at Victoria to Super Yukon Parties

Immigration Commission investigate the Case of Nest Pass Laborer

From Our Own Correspondent. OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—The award of the Behring Sea missions, Judges King a has been handed to Sir J. fote and Secretary Sherman. is not stated.

Sir William Van Horne day and had an interview ministers on the subject, the C.P.R. getting entrance land.

Major Perry, of the North ed Police, will be sent to mediate with a large at visions and dogs, and after over the passes he will re toria, where he will be sta perintendent Yukon parties a Frank Pedley, immigration Commission, has been instru Sifton to go to Crow's Nest vestigate the alleged grie number of workmen agai strators of that road and Pacific railway company.

The postal revenue contin the November returns sh crease of \$70,000 over the last year.

A big demand has set in in issue of postage stamps, nominations are already di Lieut.-Governor Mowat, coming up private affairs i Toronto this morning. A were present at the station leave.

The new minister of ju himself some, but he had not propose to personally ea each capital case before council whether or not the tie the contract. The conf clerk of the department h the evidence and judge's re tal cases.

E. A. Heine and Carlos here to-day, but did not mliam Van Horne. Mr. W married to Miss Whitte b-ill and former vocall. The session to-day, this being d of any importance be days. The presence of the in securing peace is doubt of the meeting of parliam settled, Behring sea matte board work keepers ters busy to a late hour.

Official advice has been Victoria that the owners of vessels Ariel and Willie M by a Russian, the govern signified their readiness offer of the Russian govern tlement of their claims. tendered by the govern Petersburg as compensation This is somewhat below the two claims, nevertheless have notified the govern acceptance of the amount also that they agree to ac of the amount to be Lonts Davies, minister of Eight laborers from Gu who had been working d Nest Pass railroad return and entered suit for dama Canadian Pacific railway signing off all claims ag party and contractors. they were actually force that claims. They to agreement made by a mar not valid, so also is their to sue the C.P.R. not validly prisoners write a Pass. There was no othe to come except over the C they had no money.

Fifty-six applications f have already been made are for charters either to to, or trading or transpo the Yukon.

Mr. Tarte returned to Speaking of the mooted Robin to the prime minist he, he stated that if th bers of parliament can such a document, he will cabinet.

Robert Stevenson, pr Granias Creek Mining C the police court this m with obtaining a diamon \$120 from Miss Christie, teness. It is alleged gave seven shares in th for the ring.

WINNIPEG ELE Contests for the Municipal Citizens' At

WINNIPEG, Dec. 21.—Winnipeg civic electio entire attention of citize Andrews was elected m jury over E. F. Hu Martin, brother of Jos elected alderman for W forty, in a triangular co results were: Ward 1, Kennedy; Ward 2, Aid. and Ward 5, H. Fry.

Federation of Labor e tenth annual session A. Kidd, of Chicago, w nal delegate to the Cana gress.