



THE BOMBARDMENT OF PORTO CABELLO

THE NAVAL RESERVE MEN WERE ENGAGED

Praise for the Newfoundlanders—President Confers With Secretary Hay Regarding Arbitration

St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 24.—Eighty members of the Newfoundland naval reserve are included among the crew of the British cruiser Charley, which recently bombarded the forts at Porto Cabello, Venezuela. It has been officially reported here that the Newfoundlanders made an excellent showing, both in gunnery and in the landing parties.

La Guayra, Vene., Dec. 24.—The Dutch steamer Prinz Willem II., from New York, arrived off La Guayra today, but owing to difficulties with the blockading squadron, and to the refusal of her agent to pay the port charges, she left without communicating with the shore. The only official attention thus far given here to the Venezuelan blockade is the announcement of the post office department, that mail boats leaving Bordeaux and Marseilles will cease to touch at La Guayra, Porto Cabello and Oranjestad, and that correspondence for Venezuela will be carried to Port De France, Martinique, pending the blockade.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The President and Secretary Hay were in conference for some time today over the proposals from Great Britain and Germany, that the President arbitrate the issues involved in the Venezuelan claims controversy. They went over the communications very thoroughly, considering the subject from every viewpoint. The acceptance or declination of the proposals by the President is believed to hinge on the nature of the restrictions which have been imposed on the arbitrator. If any conclusion was reached at the conference outside the blockade line, the secretary of state, the fact was not made public.

Inquirers at the White House regarding the President's intentions were referred to Secretary Hay, and the latter sent word to newspaper representatives who called on him, that there was no news to be given out on the subject tonight.

La Guayra, Dec. 26.—The Swedish barque Frammas, from Cardiff, with 475 tons of coal for the La Guayra-Caracas railroad, a British concern, arrived off this port yesterday and was ordered to remain outside the blockade line. The day orders were conveyed to the captain of the barque to leave. This step was taken because the coal was considered contraband of war. The vessel was not seized, as the left Cardiff before the trouble with Venezuela began. The captain of the Frammas is awaiting orders from his consignees.

The Dutch consul here has asked for and obtained permission of the commander of the British cruiser Tribune to send a schooner to Los Roques, a group of small islands about 120 miles north of here, where the charcoal burners who trade with La Guayra are at present without provisions or water, their sleep having been seized by the blockaders. The schooner must carry a flag of truce. She can only take provisions to the left, and will remove all the inhabitants of Los Roques to Willemstad, Curacao, and then return here.

Three schooners were captured this morning; the total number of craft taken by the blockade is now 20.

Powers Unanimous.—President Roosevelt will not be arbitrator for Venezuelan controversy; the whole vexatious subject will be referred for adjustment to The Hague tribunal. Epitomized, this was the situation as it had resolved itself at the conclusion of the cabinet meeting today.

The Venezuela question was the principal and practically the only topic of general concern under consideration. Secretary Hay presented the net results of his cable correspondence with London, Berlin, Rome and Caracas. In accordance with the suggestion made several days ago by the President, through Secretary Hay, President Castro was reported to have agreed to submit the differences between his government and European powers to arbitration of tribunal at The Hague. The European powers not only consented to submit the controversy to arbitration, but while they had expressed a preference for arbitration to be conducted by President Roosevelt, they had assented to his suggestion that the matter be referred to The Hague. The presentation of the case met the hearty approval of the members of the cabinet.

No intimation is given of conditions which may have been imposed by the European powers or by President Castro's consent to the arbitration. It is known that Great Britain was willing to submit the subject to the arbitration of President Roosevelt, practically without conditions, but the suggestion is

made that one, and perhaps two, of the other powers involved, propose some conditions which might have proved embarrassing to the President and be undertaken the responsibility of determining the question. It is understood that some money must pass, but it is also known that the amount of cash to be secured of Venezuela before arbitration is not nearly so large as has been supposed.

It is not possible to learn either whether the allies insist upon apologies from Castro, and while it is assumed that the blockade will be speedily raised, no arrangement to that end has yet been made.

Press Opinions.—London, Dec. 22.—Except by the opponents of the government, who view it as a virtual defeat, and as discrediting the ministry, the latest phase of the Venezuelan trouble has been welcomed very favorably. Arbitration by President Roosevelt had been anticipated as a desirable issue from a different business, and his decision, which is regarded as final, has caused keen disappointment. It is foreseen that even if satisfactory conditions for the submission of the disputes to The Hague can be arranged, this method will entail endless and wise details, with no assurance that at the end President Castro will be in power, or Venezuela in the mood to abide by the decision of The Hague. In short, the element of guarantee which would have accompanied President Roosevelt's acceptance of the office of arbitrator is now lacking. At the same time, it is readily admitted that from the United States point of view, President Roosevelt has acted wisely in declining to accept. The foregoing represents the general drift of newspaper comment. The only paper which really welcomes the decision to refer the Venezuelan matter to The Hague, is the Radical Daily News, which seeks a chance of making arbitration once more a reputable theory.

WATCHED BY OFFICERS.—Police Will Report on Actions of the Crown Princess of Saxony.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—A dispatch from Dresden says: "King George of Saxony sent several of the highest police officials to Geneva to observe and report on the actions of the fugitive Crown Princess. Her divorce is regarded as impossible, and she is being closely watched. She entertains stringent religious scruples on the subject. The Protestant clergy, however, hope Berlin will bring pressure to bear for a divorce. The Crown Princess of Saxony beat the Crown Princess, according to an editorial statement in the Vossische Zeitung, one of the most careful newspapers published in Berlin. The sympathy of the people of Dresden seems wholly with the Princess, who is of a cheerful pleasure-seeking disposition. The Crown Prince loved to torment her. Among the writers forbidden to write about her were Tolstoy, Zola, and Nietzsche. One day the Crown Prince saw her reading one of Nietzsche's works. He jerked the book from her hands and tore it to pieces. Prof. Giron is described as an idealist of the extreme type. It is related that his family once considered the question of confining him in an asylum because he refused a legacy on grounds of delicacy of feeling."

KEPT SECRET.—No Information Given as to What Prison the Humber Will Occupy.

Paris, Dec. 24.—As a result of the conference between Premier Combes and Minister of Justice Vale, complete arrangements have been made for the reception of the members of the Humbert family, arrested in Madrid, December 20th, but precaution has been taken not to disclose what prison the fugitives will occupy, as a popular demonstration is feared.

M. Henion, the chief of detectives, who has gone to Madrid, is accompanied by four civil guards, four police inspectors, and two of the best detectives in the service. It is expected that they will occupy special cars with the prisoners, whose arrival in Paris is awaited with interest. The nature of the legal proceedings has not yet been definitely settled. The statement in the extradition papers that the accused are charged with swindling and irregular bankruptcy proceedings gives a general idea of the lines of the prosecution.

TRAFFIC THROUGH CANALS.—Enormous Increase of Business During Present Year Compared With 1901.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 28.—The greatest volume of commerce in the history of the greatest ship canals of the world is shown by the completed statistics of traffic through the Sault Ste. Marie canal, between Chicago and Ontario, for the present year, which amounted to 35,961,146 tons, exceeding 1901 by 7,558,981 tons.

HAVE REACHED DURBAN.—Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain Warmly Welcomed on Landing From Cruiser Good Hope.

Durban, Dec. 28.—Colonial Secretary Chamberlain and Mrs. Chamberlain, who left Portsmouth, England, on November 25th, on board the armored cruiser Good Hope, landed here at 10.30 this morning. They received a warm welcome from large crowds of people.

SINGLE TAXERS AND GRAND TRUNK

WANT ROAD BUILT BY THE GOVERNMENT

Protest Against Aid to Private Company—Minister's Gown Causes Trouble in Church.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The Single Tax Association of Toronto, has sent a letter to members of the government protesting against the granting of any further aid to private corporations, mentioning in this case the Grand Trunk Pacific, which the association asks should be constructed as a national work.

There is a rift in the Dominion Methodist church over Minister Dr. Ross wearing a gown in the pulpit. The innovation commenced yesterday. John Brouse, representing the dissenters, walked out of the church, and says he will remain out. Dr. Ross says he will continue to wear his gown.

Life Saver Dead.—Toronto, Dec. 26.—Capt. Andrews, well known as the "Blind Life Saver," died at the hospital on Wednesday night of paralysis after a few days illness. The deceased during active life was instrumental in saving sixty persons from drowning, mostly in Toronto Bay. For this he received medals from all parts of the world.

Winnipeg Clearings.—Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—The clearing house returns for the week ending December 24th were: Clearings, \$3,007,107; balance, \$477,913; for the corresponding week in 1901 the clearings were \$3,425,474; and balance, \$437,529; for the same time in 1900: Clearings, \$1,984,804; balance, 207,730.

COAL SHORTAGE.—Quantity Sold to Families in the Pottery District Will Be Limited.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 24.—The Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company in order to increase the supply of anthracite coal in New York and Philadelphia, has purchased orders for no family in this section be permitted to purchase more than a ton of coal at a time. All employees of the company have been limited to one ton a month.

SHOES GO UP.—Austrian Manufacturers Advance the Prices Ten Per Cent.

Vienna, Dec. 26.—The Austrian manufacturers have decided to advance the price of shoes ten per cent, on account of the higher cost of leather. They claim this step is due to the extensive purchases in the European markets by Americans who have practically cleaned out the continental stocks. The Austrians also profess to see increased demand for the European shoe industry from America, owing to the United States government refunding 90 per cent of the tariff on the raw article when manufactured and exported. They complain this procedure is greatly facilitated by Secretary Shaw's order admitting proof of identity by simple declaration instead of by affidavit.

THOUSANDS HOMELESS.—People of Andjian Refuse to Leave the Stricken City.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.—While full details of the recent earthquake disaster at Andjian, Russian Central Asia, are not obtainable owing to the lack of communication, the brief dispatches received here describe the situation as horrible. The temperature has fallen to the freezing point and thousands of persons are homeless. One section of the city has been completely destroyed. Only one cotton gin and one saw are standing. The first shock drove the inhabitants generally indoors, otherwise the loss of life would have been much greater. The people of the stricken city are accepting the situation stoically. Notwithstanding the offers of free transportation, they are remaining in the vicinity of the city, which will be rebuilt. A substantial start has been made in the collection of a relief fund.

To Relieve Suffering.—St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—The Red Cross Society in Russia, after being completely organized, recently visited by earthquakes, to organize relief, and has contributed \$17,500 to the relief fund.

ROBBERS USED DYNAMITE.—Dug a Hole Through Stone Vault and Blew Up Treasure Chest.

Superior, Neb., Dec. 28.—The state bank of Weeber, Kansas, seven miles south of here, has been dynamited and robbed of \$1,500 in cash. The robbers dug a hole through the stone vault large enough to admit a man and blew open the steel chest which contained the money. They then escaped.

CHIEF OF TRIBE DEAD.—Peshawar, Punjab, Dec. 26.—Hadda Mullah, who caused so many outbreaks on the northwest frontier of India, died on December 22nd.

PATROL FIRE. Three Men Killed and Two Badly Injured—Public Library.

New York, Dec. 26.—In a fire which shot through five factories in the river front district of Brooklyn, after one o'clock this morning, three firemen were killed, two women injured and more than \$300,000 damage was done.

City Hall Destroyed.—Marlboro, Mass., Dec. 26.—In place of Marlboro's city hall, a fire which swept through that structure today left a heap of ruins. Against the broken walls is piled a mass of debris which includes the entire property of the city's public library. The total loss is estimated from \$300,000 to \$500,000. There were 25,000 volumes in the library which was one of the best in the state outside those in the largest cities.

Forbes Awarded Fight at the Close of the Seventh Round.—Oakland, Cal., Dec. 24.—The championship bantam contest between Harry Forbes, of Chicago, and Frank Nell, of San Francisco, last night, ended in an unsatisfactory manner in the seventh round. Nell claimed that he had been hit below the belt and danced against the ropes for a second and they fell to the floor. He was carried to his corner, and while in the ring was examined by the physicians. They stated they could see no evidence of a foot, but would give a positive decision in an hour. Referee Smith reserved his decision pending the report of the club's physicians. The fight was divided as to whether or not a foul blow was struck.

Another Report.—Ottawa, Dec. 27.—A head-on collision on the Sarnia branch of the Grand Trunk railway took place late last night. It was between the Pacific express for Chicago and a freight train. Thirty-two are reported killed and forty injured.

THE QUEEN'S DINNER.—Six Hundred Widows and Eight Hundred Children Entertained in London.

London, Dec. 27.—Queen Alexandra's dinner this afternoon to the widows and children of those killed in the South African war formed the most striking demonstration in London's observance of Christmas. Long before the festivities began crowds gathered in the streets adjacent to the Alexandra Trust building, which was gaily decorated without and within.

Several Boats Wrecked and Nineteen Men Drowned—Killed By Falling Tiles.

Copenhagen, Dec. 26.—The worst gale of many years visited Denmark on Christmas night and this morning, and has done enormous damage to property and shipping. The gale has wrecked or wrecked off Elnor and eight persons were lost. Eleven men of the crew, including Captain Tobiasen, were drowned in the wreck of the Norwegian barque "S. Peter," which went ashore at Seav. The ferry which was a total wreck, and her cargo is washing ashore.

FREIGHT TRAIN WRECKED.—It Is Feared Over Twenty Men Were Killed.

Trinidad, Colo., Dec. 25.—A wreck on the Colorado & Southern railroad, just outside of this city, last night, which was caused by a collision between a merchandise freight train and a heavily loaded coal train, was the most disastrous in the history of the road, where freight trains alone were concerned. It is known to-night that at least ten men were killed.

SOHOONERS MISSING.—It Is Feared They Have Foundered With Crews of Fourteen Men.

St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 24.—The steamer Magnificent returned here today from her search for three schooners, which have been missing since the gales. The crew of one schooner was landed yesterday to Boulogne. The Magnificent failed to find the crews of the other vessels. It is believed that they foundered and that 14 persons have been drowned.

MANY PERISHED IN RAILWAY WRECK

COLLISION BETWEEN EXPRESS AND FREIGHT

A Disaster on the Sarnia Branch of the Grand Trunk—The Smoker Telescoped.

Wanstead, Ont., Dec. 27.—An awful collision occurred here shortly after 10 o'clock last night, between a fast Pacific express and an eastbound freight on the Grand Trunk.

The express was behind time, and was going at a high rate of speed. The freight was running slowly, and was to have taken the switch to allow the express to pass. Apparently neither engineers saw danger ahead to avoid the accident, for the two engines came together near the west switch with a frightful crash, overturning into the ditch.

The baggage and express cars telescoped into the smoker with appalling results. The wreck was complete, and it is thought that hardly a single passenger in the smoker escaped injury or death. The other cars of the express remained on the track.

Another Report.—Ottawa, Dec. 27.—A head-on collision on the Sarnia branch of the Grand Trunk railway took place late last night.

THE QUEEN'S DINNER.—Six Hundred Widows and Eight Hundred Children Entertained in London.

London, Dec. 27.—Queen Alexandra's dinner this afternoon to the widows and children of those killed in the South African war formed the most striking demonstration in London's observance of Christmas.

FREIGHT TRAIN WRECKED.—It Is Feared Over Twenty Men Were Killed.

SOHOONERS MISSING.—It Is Feared They Have Foundered With Crews of Fourteen Men.

St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 24.—The steamer Magnificent returned here today from her search for three schooners, which have been missing since the gales.

BOER OFFER ACCEPTED.

Mr. Chamberlain Says They Will Assist British in Southland—Speech at Durban.

Durban, Dec. 27.—The speeches made by Mr. Chamberlain in the course of the reception functions on landing here from the cruiser Good Hope were notable for their strong tone of conciliation and, as expressed in confidence in Lord Milner, British high commissioner in South Africa.

Referring to the war, the colonial secretary said the Dutch and British had fought in courageous rivalry. Between the two races, not kindred in origin or nature, such a struggle for supremacy had been inevitable. From that struggle two proud and kindred races would grow in mutual respect, affection and lasting friendship.

WILL ASK FOR AID.—Canadian Northern to Apply at Next Session of Parliament—Destructive Fire—The Referendum.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—D. D. Mann, vice-president of the Canadian Northern, stated today that the company would apply for aid for its transcontinental line at the next session of parliament.

BUNK HOUSE BURIED.—One Man Killed and Another Had His Leg Broken.

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 26.—Word reached this city this afternoon that a snow-storm on Christmas night carried away a bunk house of the Mollie Gibson mine.

TAKEN TO CANTERBURY.—Remains of the Late Dr. Temple Removed From His Home.

London, Dec. 26.—The remains of Dr. Temple, the late Archbishop of Canterbury, were removed this afternoon from the Archbishop's palace at Lambeth to Canterbury for interment there tomorrow. There was no display. The body was taken to the railway station in a simple pair horse hearse, followed by two carriages, containing relatives of the deceased. A surprised choir sang an anthem at the station as the coffin was placed on board the train.

APPROACH OF THE DAY OF BATTLE

GOVERNMENT'S ORDER AFFECTS CANDIDATES

One in South Ward Has Already Resigned—Field as It Stands at Present.

The message issued by the provincial secretary which, as announced in these columns, affects Ald. Williams and ex-Ald. Hall in their candidacies for municipal honors, has already removed one competitor from the field. Mr. Hall, who was nominated by the trades and labor council to bear their colors in the South Ward, has already resigned.

The resignation of ex-Ald. Hall leaves the following three of the four nominated by the trades and labor council some time ago: W. F. Fullerton and Ed. Bragg in North Ward and George Parker in South Ward. Unless another candidate is appointed by the labor organization to take the place of Mr. Hall, Candidate Parker will be their sole representative in this electoral division against the present representatives, Ald. Vincent, Barnard and Cameron. Of course other candidates may take the field before the nomination day.

In Centre Ward the trio now on the aldermanic board have expressed their intentions of again coming out. These are Ald. Worthington, Williams and Yates. In view of the order of the provincial secretary it is impossible to state whether all will face the electorate, but the candidacies of Aids. Yates and Worthington are assured. In North Ward Aid. McCandless's entry into the municipality arena leaves four candidates.

BUILDING A KITE.—Dr. Bell Corrects Statement Regarding His Experiments.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, who has just returned to Washington from his summer home in Cape Breton, N. S., to-night made the following statement in connection with reports that he has invented a flying machine: "The newspapers have been premature in announcing that I have been at work upon a flying machine. I have not any flying machine at all, and have not been trying to make one. I am of course interested in the problem, and have come to the conclusion that a properly constructed flying machine should be capable of being flown as a kite or anchored to the ground, and that conversely a properly constructed kite should be capable of use as a flying machine if provided with suitable means of propulsion."

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE DEAD.—San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Associate Justice Jackson Temple, of the Supreme court of California, died this afternoon at his home in Massachusetts on August 15th, 1852. He was a California lawyer, a statesman serving with distinction at large of the District and Superior court, he was three times elected to the Supreme bench.

GOT TEN YEARS.—New York, Dec. 24.—Thomas J. Sharkey, the private detective, who was convicted of manslaughter in the second degree for having killed Nicholas A. Fish, the banker, on September 27th, was today sentenced to the state prison for ten years.

EIGHT MEN ARE STILL UNDER SNOW

DETAILS OF SLIDE AT MINE NEAR NELSON

A Survivor Tells of the Accident and of the Search for the Victims.

Nelson, Dec. 27.—Further particulars are learned of the snowslides that occurred on Christmas night, resulting in the razing of the Molly Gibson bunk house, probably the death of eight men, and the maiming of several others. The slide was totally unexpected, as since the mine buildings have been erected, no slide has ever threatened them.

The men who were in the bunk house, and have not yet been accounted for, although possibly some of them are alive, are: L. Brownlie, M. B. Hall, assayer, Nelson; W. G. Murphy, Assessor; T. House, Silverton; W. Collins, Nelson; Pietro and Hideo, Italians; Gee Chip, Chinese cook.

Those accounted for are: J. A. Campbell, dead; D. McLaughlin, shoulder dislocated and leg broken; J. R. Dunlop, uninjured; J. McGinnes, slightly hurt; John A. Bell, foreman, one arm cut; McCreath, safe; Harris, safe; Johnston, safe; "Billy," safe; J. McDonald, safe; Italian, unknown, safe; Jules Labelle, safe.

The first information as to there being anything wrong at the mines was received at 1:30 yesterday afternoon, when Jules Labelle staggered into the house of Robert McGuire at the Molly Gibson landing. McGuire said by his appearance that something had happened, and getting a few of the chief particulars from him as quickly as possible, telephoned to Nelson for assistance.

According to Labelle's story, there were 19 of the men in the bunk house when the slide came. Only one shift was worked, and as it was Christmas day, they had "knocked off" at noon and stayed in all the afternoon. After supper an impromptu concert was held, which was kept up till a little after 10. Then all turned in but Labelle, and all lights were extinguished except a candle, which he stuck up at the head of his bunk to read by.

After reading for a short time, he blew out his light and turned over to go to sleep. The weather was very stormy. It was snowing hard, and a regular gale was blowing. As he was sinking off to sleep, he heard a distant rumble, which rapidly grew louder. He knew it was a slide, but never dreamed of its coming close till a sudden crash came and the building seemed to vibrate. The bunk house was about 30x40 feet in dimensions. On the ground floors were the kitchen, dining and sitting rooms, while the upper part was a small separate building for the men's quarters. The bunk house and the main building. Upstairs the bunks were arranged in two tiers, in some of which there were two men and in the others one. Strange to say, instead of striking the office, the slide seemed to swing around and struck the other end of the building, sweeping it away. The only corner left of the upstairs, so far as Labelle could judge, was the upper corner next to the office. He was in a lower corner bunk. Judgment was in the next row in the upper bunk, and McGinnes in the next one to Johnston. The roof came right down, which was in that month of No. 5 tunnel, a short distance away. Here they made a fire and went back to the office for some blankets to make as easy a bed as possible and to warm him, as is common with all who had been carried down the hill, he was practically without clothes, the snow having ripped the thin nightclothes and underwear from the bodies.

Capone was found lying in the snow writing in agony without any covering. He could only moan, and had not strength enough to rise. They tried to rouse him, but he was dead. The bodies were working at the upper part of the hill, but Labelle did not come close enough to them to speak to, and did not know what success they had. McGuire and Harris were next found. They were unharmed, although buried in the snow and tangled up in their blankets. As well as they could, they contrived to dig out McGuire and Harris, and the blankets and started down the hill to reach the half-way camp, two miles below the top of the tram.

John Dunlop and "Billy" were then found. They also were unharmed, and being comfortably wrapped in their blankets, decided to stay where they were, rather than risk the climb back through the deep snow in the face of the storm in their scanty attire. The men mentioned as being safe were found near by. Collins was heard to cry for help a number of times, but before they could reach the place the cries had ceased and they could find no trace of him.

KILLED AND BURNED. Murderer Robbed Merchant and Then Set Fire to Store. Matthews, Ga., Dec. 26.—At a late hour Christmas evening an unknown man called at the home of Edward Gay, six miles from here, and asked him to change a bill. Mr. Gay not having the change, walked with the stranger into his store not far distant. When they entered it is supposed the stranger drew a revolver and forced Mr. Gay to open his safe, which contained \$1,200. He then possibly murdered Mr. Gay and set fire to the store to hide his crime. The store was completely gutted, and yesterday the safe was found open. The storehouse which was a two-story frame structure, stood on a small ridge, at the lower edge of a basin, sloping gradually up to the glacier that can be seen from Nelson; below the Kokanee peaks. The mine is about 10 miles from Kootenay lake.

Those accounted for are: J. A. Campbell, dead; D. McLaughlin, shoulder dislocated and leg broken; J. R. Dunlop, uninjured; J. McGinnes, slightly hurt; John A. Bell, foreman, one arm cut; McCreath, safe; Harris, safe; Johnston, safe; "Billy," safe; J. McDonald, safe; Italian, unknown, safe; Jules Labelle, safe.

The first information as to there being anything wrong at the mines was received at 1:30 yesterday afternoon, when Jules Labelle staggered into the house of Robert McGuire at the Molly Gibson landing.

found. They also were unharmed, and being comfortably wrapped in their blankets, decided to stay where they were, rather than risk the climb back through the deep snow in the face of the storm in their scanty attire. The men mentioned as being safe were found near by. Collins was heard to cry for help a number of times, but before they could reach the place the cries had ceased and they could find no trace of him.

KILLED AND BURNED.

Murderer Robbed Merchant and Then Set Fire to Store.

Matthews, Ga., Dec. 26.—At a late hour Christmas evening an unknown man called at the home of Edward Gay, six miles from here, and asked him to change a bill. Mr. Gay not having the change, walked with the stranger into his store not far distant. When they entered it is supposed the stranger drew a revolver and forced Mr. Gay to open his safe, which contained \$1,200. He then possibly murdered Mr. Gay and set fire to the store to hide his crime. The store was completely gutted, and yesterday the safe was found open. The storehouse which was a two-story frame structure, stood on a small ridge, at the lower edge of a basin, sloping gradually up to the glacier that can be seen from Nelson; below the Kokanee peaks. The mine is about 10 miles from Kootenay lake.

SHIPMENT OF CATTLE.

British Board of Agriculture Refuses to Alter the Regulations.

Washington, Dec. 26.—United States General-Consul Turner reports to the state department from Ottawa that the British board of agriculture has refused to relax the new Dominion regulations presenting the Canadian Pacific railroad from carrying cattle through to St. John, because its line lies for a short distance in the state of Maine. The request was made in the interest of a cheaper and more efficient service in the transportation of Canadian cattle to the British market. Vessels bound from Portland and Boston to British ports are prevented from carrying cattle from St. John and Halifax.

ROOSEVELT'S NOTE.

On Venezuelan Arbitration Has Been Presented to Great Britain, Germany and Italy.

Rome, Dec. 27.—United States Ambassador Meyer presented to the foreign office President Roosevelt's note on the subject of Venezuelan arbitration. The President says, although he is very strongly in favor of arbitration, he is not prepared to choose him as arbitrator, which position he would have accepted if there were no other means of solving the question. He is better to submit the case to the Hague tribunal, especially as all the powers concerned are willing. The President adds that as there is no question of national honor or session of territory involved, after thorough consideration and in accord with all the powers concerned, who have shown an honorable spirit of mutual consideration and respect, he is glad to be informed that they all have agreed to submit the question to the Hague tribunal.

Disappointed. Berlin, Dec. 27.—The German government is disappointed by President Roosevelt's declaration to be arbitrator in the Venezuelan dispute, but, in pursuance of this decision, will correspond with Great Britain and Italy on the subsidiary question as to whether it is better to accept such as raising the blockade and definite form of request whereby Venezuela on one side, and Great Britain and Italy on the other, will ask the Hague tribunal to adjudge the dispute. The interchange of views on these and other matters probably will take place at Washington, where the ambassador can confer freely with Secretary Hay and obtain through him President Castro's assent to the proposed propositions. The German foreign secretary, Von Richthofen, regrets the long delay which is likely to ensue before the final adjustment of the controversy. He had relied upon President Roosevelt's promise to take up the case and reach a decision jointly. Baron von Richthofen recognizes that the President's declaration is a step in the right direction, but he is disappointed that the President's message of December, in which, referring to the efforts of certain persons who have been making representations to the President, he said: "It is far better, where possible, to invoke such a permanent tribunal than to create special arbitrators for a given purpose."

Britain Receives Note. London, Dec. 27.—The foreign office officials say a note from Secretary Hay, similar to those presented at Buenos Aires, has been received here. Nothing has yet been decided regarding the cessation of the blockade or the terms of the arbitration protocol.

How long will it take the man to fill the sack if he does not stop the leak? To attempt to nourish the body when the stomach is diseased is like trying to fill the sack with the hole in it. When the stomach and other digestive and nutritive organs are diseased, there is a constant loss of nutrition. Enough is eaten but it is not digested and assimilated.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It stops the leaks by which nutrition is lost, and enables the building up of the body by the nutrition derived from food. The gain in weight proves the cure. "Three years ago I was taken sick with what the doctors called indigestion and I was unable to eat anything. I tried everything but I got no better. I had a doctor prescribe for me Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and I took six bottles of it. I had gained ten pounds. Can eat everything."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation.

THE HUMBERTS ARE SAFE IN PRISON

POLICE PRECAUTIONS AT FRENCH CAPITAL

Large Force of Military on Duty at Station to Prevent any Demonstration.

Paris, Dec. 29.—The members of the Humbert family, who were recently arrested in Madrid in connection with the great safe frauds in this city, arrived at the Orleans railroad station here at 7:40 o'clock this morning. There was no demonstration. The prisoners were conducted to the conciergerie prison. The arrival of the famous fugitives was devoid of sensational incidents, as the French police had chosen an hour for their return when Paris was only half awake. The crowd at the railroad station was comparatively small, but a large force of police and soldiers, mounted and on foot, was drawn up in front of the station and guarded all the street approaches in order to prevent the possibility of a popular demonstration. A number of the chief functionaries of the

prefecture were on hand to personally superintend the prisoners' arrival. The men and women of the Humbert party were kept separate during the trip from Madrid to Paris, and they were brought from the train in two separate parties. The women came first, leaning on the arms of officers. Madame Humbert was dressed in black and was veiled, but she was readily recognized by her stout figure. Her young daughter Eva was the most pathetic looking of the women. Madame Humbert was followed by her weeping sister Marie, who played the leading role in Madame Humbert's fabric. Mile. Marie did not show the bravado which she exhibited at Madrid, but was pale and appears to be disconsolate. Frederick Humbert, Madame Humbert's husband, looked completely broken down. Romaine D'Aurignac and his wife Emilie maintained the calm attitude they had shown throughout.

The party passed through double lines of police to the carriages in waiting. Detachments of mounted police officers preceded the vehicles, which were driven at a rapid pace through the gathering crowds to the conciergerie, where minute preparations had been made to receive the prisoners.

The return of the Humberts to Paris is the absorbing topic for discussion throughout the city, indeed throughout France, as no event since the return of Dreyfus has aroused such intense interest. All classes are unusually interested as the Humberts' operations were so colossal and so interwoven with the foremost personages in France that their return was viewed with apprehension and awe. Crowds from all parts of the city were ready to assemble at the station and give the prisoners a disorderly reception, but the secrecy of the police baffled the plans of the mobs and permitted the Humberts to be landed silently and swiftly inside the grey walled conciergerie. During the morning a crowd gathered in front of the prison

but detachments of police prevented any disorder. The present surroundings of the prisoners are in striking contrast with the magnificence of their former palatial residence on the Avenue de La Grande Armee, where for a quarter of a century the Humberts entertained cabinet ministers and Presidents and swayed French finances.

The public had doubted the sincerity of the government in everything to bring back the fugitives, owing to the political and social shock which was sure to follow, but the arrival of the prisoners is now generally accepted as showing the purpose of the authorities to spare no means for the prosecution and punishment of the accused. The choice of the conciergerie as their place of confinement is a further indication that swift justice will be meted out as the prison is part of the Palace of Justice, where only prisoners awaiting immediate trial are confined.

The plans for the prosecution of the Humberts have not yet been announced. Owing to the belief of the authorities that Eva Humbert was an innocent victim of her mother's operations, they proposed to entrust her to the custody of her grandmother, Madame Gustave Humbert, widow of the former minister of justice, in the De Freychinet cabinet, but Eva positively declined the proposal, declaring her purpose to remain with her mother in prison. The attitude of the girl excites universal compassion.

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—Bagshaw's book store and stock, on Saskatchewan avenue, Fortage la Prairie, were totally destroyed by fire at midnight. The loss is \$10,000, and insurance \$6,000.

SLAUGHTERING CATTLE.

Steps Taken in Massachusetts to Stamp Out Foot and Mouth Disease.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 27.—Dr. D. E. Salmo, chief of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, has issued a statement regarding the prosecution of the work of exterminating the foot and mouth disease, and especially in answer to the efforts of certain persons who have systematically tried to work up a sentiment against the killing of herds affected. He says: "We are obliged to face the fact that there are only two courses to pursue: either the diseased animals must all be killed off and the contagion stamped out immediately, thus relieving the state quarantine restriction at the earliest possible moment, or we must sit down and watch the disease and try to prevent its spreading by quarantine. Up to the present time 1-300 head of cattle have been slaughtered in Massachusetts. If the work goes on as it should with continued co-operation from the state officials, and with a friendly public sentiment, all the known infected herds should be killed and disposed of within the next week or two days. There is every reason to believe that this could be accomplished."

Vancover, Dec. 28.—The writ for the election of a representative for Burrard has arrived, and the dates of the nomination and polling will be announced tomorrow. The election will probably be about January 15th.

HOW LONG HAVE YOUR KIDNEYS BEEN SICK? Here's the South American Kidney Cure evidence that's convincing: "I am a fine man—three bottles cured me." "Five bottles cured me of Diabetes." "I never expected to be cured of Bright's Disease, but had a dozen bottles did it." "I thought my days were numbered, but this great remedy cured me." It never fails. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—124

PREPARING FOR CORONATION DURBAR

THE VICEROY HAS ARRIVED AT DELHI

Lord and Lady Curzon Rode Into City on Elephant Decked With Silver and Gold.

Delhi, India, Dec. 29.—The Viceroy, Lord Curzon, of Kedleston, made his state entry this morning into the capital of Moguls. This constituted the official opening of the durbar held to celebrate the accession of King Edward as Emperor of India.

It was a splendid pageant, probably unparalleled in its magnificence. At the head of the elephant procession rode Lord and Lady Curzon on the state "grand tusker," twelve feet high, the largest elephant in India. Their howdah was decked with gold and silver and the elephant itself was almost hidden beneath a gold worked saddle cloth. Surrounding them were footmen in scarlet and gold liveries and bearing massive silver staves. The Duke of Connaught, with distinguished personages, including the Viceroy's American and British guests and the delegates from other parts of the Empire.

In the rear of the procession rode General Lord Kitchener, the commander-in-chief in India, surrounded by a brilliant staff and followed by the heads of the provinces with escorts of Indian cavalry and tribal leaders from beyond the border line.

Down the main street moved the cortege through lines of saluting soldiers and excitedly surging, salamanth throngs of natives. They proceeded by the Moree gate into the open park beyond, where, after a four mile march, the elephants of the Viceroy and the Duke of Connaught halted side by side and the pageant was concluded with the Princes filing by, their elephants trumpeting a salute.

The Viceroy was in state uniform, Lady Curzon was dressed in grey, the Duke of Connaught had on a field marshal's uniform, and the Duchess of Connaught was attired in blue. They received a flattering welcome at all points. The Viceroy and the Duke of Connaught subsequently drove to the main camp.

LYNCHED. Negro and His Wife Hanged For the Murder of a Young Farmer. Greenwood, S. C., Dec. 7.—W. K. Jay, a prominent young member of the Troy section of this county, was murdered yesterday in his own yard by a negro, Oliver Wideman, or his wife, both of whom lived on the place. The two negroes were lynched by Jay's infuriated neighbors.

Mr. Jay, on returning home in the afternoon, heard Wideman abusing his (Wideman's) wife. He went to his cabin and ordered the negroes to be quiet. Immediately afterwards Mrs. Jay heard the report of a gun, and saw two negroes running away. Searching for her husband she found him dead in the yard. He had been shot. The alarm was given, and parties were soon in pursuit of the negroes. They were captured and being brought before the coroner they confessed, but the man said the woman did it, and the woman said she was in the custody of a constable on the way to jail, they were stopped by a mob and lynched.

CANADIAN NOTES. Train Cancelled Owing to Snowstorms—New Bridge Engineer. Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—To-day's express from the West was cancelled owing to snowstorms in the mountains. President's Salary Raised. Toronto, Dec. 27.—The salary of President Louder has been increased by the senate of Toronto University by \$500, making it \$6,500.

THE THEFT OF MATTE.

Saloon Keeper Pleads Guilty to Having Stolen Goods in His Possession.

Rosland, Dec. 27.—Peter Swanson, a saloon keeper from Newmarket, was arrested here to-day on the charge of having stolen goods in his possession. His arrest is the outcome of a campaign against a ring of thieves who have been stealing matte from the Northport smelter for some time. The matte is valued at from \$3.50 to \$6 per pound, and it is an easy matter for men about the works to put a pound or two in their pockets. This has been done and the swag traded at saloons about Northport until the practice has become notorious. When Swanson came to Rosland to-day the staff, valued at \$450, in his possession, a spectacle which, it is claimed, never has been surpassed in magnificence in this country of Oriental splendor. The heralds, pursuivants and trumpeters who followed the escort, and immediately preceded the viceregal procession were conspicuous by the splendor of their attire. They were followed by the newly constituted Imperial cadet corps, comprising thirty maharajahs headed by Sir Fortin Sing, looking superbly in their white coats, black turbans and decorations.

Excitement was at fever heat as the first elephants, with gold and silver howdahs, of the staff officers came in view and commenced to circle around the mosque. The finest elephants in Asia passed in front of the great Jumna, the steps of which were thronged

who represented King Edward, and the Duchess of Connaught followed. Their elephant was equally gorgeously caparisoned. Then in order of precedence came a Nizam, a Maharajah and other ruling chiefs, seventy in all, their huge elephants forming a line a quarter of a mile long.

This glittering procession started from the railroad preceded by the Dragon Guards and artillery, the Viceroy's escort and by heralds and trumpeters. The route was entirely lined by British and native troops. From the saluting battery posted at the fort commanding the Lahore gate, guns thundered out a royal salute as the Viceroy passed. With the heralds and trumpeters sounding at intervals spirited fanfares, the cortege passed in front of a magnificent line of fifty elephants which bore the brilliantly dressed retainers of the ruling chiefs. The beasts all saluted by trumpeting and throwing their trunks in the air, presenting a truly imposing sight, and afterward fell in line behind the official procession.

AGRICULTURE.

Interesting Returns Issued by Census Department Regarding British Columbia—Greeting From Roosevelt.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—The Governor-General has received a private telegram from the President of the United States conveying best wishes for the New Year to himself and Lady Minto, and expressing "an earnest hope for the welfare and prosperity of Canada."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is expected here about the end of next week. Until he arrives nothing will be done about the meeting of parliament. Mayor Cook was re-elected to-day by acclamation. W. A. Galliber, M.P., arrived to-day. He is the advance guard for the delegation that will come here to ask for increased duty on lead and lead products, so as to protect the Canadian industry.

The census department issued to-day a bulletin on agriculture in British Columbia. The total farm products, 31.50 per cent. in an improved, and 68.41 in an unimproved state. The unimproved lands consist of 301,096 acres in an area of 632,049 acres in various conditions. The total value of farm property is \$32,465,512. The total value of farm products is \$3,479,983 for crops, and \$2,740,079 for animal products, making 15.15 per cent. on the investment on the average farm or a little higher than is shown in the state of Washington and Idaho. The rate of wages is 2 1/2 times higher than in Prince Edward Island.

THE CUP DEFENDER Will Be Larger Than Constitution or Columbia—Nat Herreshoff Contender. New York, Dec. 26.—Latest advices to the Tribune from Bristol, R. I., where the new keel sloop is being built to try issues with the Constitution and Columbia for the defence of the America cup, show that extra care is being taken in the plating of the lead keel.

Tobin bronze plates have been snugly fitted to the lead and secured to it by hundreds of screws. The edges of the plates butt so snugly that they form an absolutely smooth surface, it is said. The work is regarded as the best ever seen on the keel of a cup yacht.

While most of the trunks have been set up yet, they are nearly ready, and soon after the stem and stern posts are in place, they will be set up at the rate of between six and ten a day. Those who are close touch with Capt. "Nat" Herreshoff say they never saw him so confident as now. He firmly believes that he has designed a boat that will beat Columbia and Constitution easily.

From the water line up, it is said, the plans of the new boat show a slight "tumble home," which means that her hull will be greater at the water line than at the deck. The new boat has a longer keel than either Constitution or Columbia, and she is also to be a trifle longer over all. Her deck will be flatter and her bilges rounder than those of the other two.

THE PRELIMINARIES. Some Days Will Elapse Before Arbitration Arrangements Are Completed. Washington, Dec. 27.—There is now in progress an active exchange of notes between the allied powers, Venezuela and the United States, respecting the method of submitting to arbitration the issues which have arisen between Venezuela and the allies.

The weight of official opinion here this afternoon was that it is at least a matter of some days before anything in the nature of a preliminary protocol can be made ready for signature. Germany's making ready upon a preparatory 10 per cent. of her fulfilment before submitting her case to arbitration, and perhaps President Castro's resistance to meeting what the allies regard as the obligations of honor, are believed to be now the sticking points. But it is hoped that this can be passed within the next few days, and it is further hoped that some arrangements will be made in the preliminary protocol for the raising of the blockade, though it is intimated that the allied ships will be kept ready to renew it in case of any difficulty on the part of Venezuela in her obligations.

THE RAILWAY WRECK. It Is Now Reported That Twenty-Three Persons Were Killed. London, Ont., Dec. 27.—It is estimated that 23 people were killed and 30 injured in the collision on the Sarnia branch of the Grand Trunk railway. The following list of killed is authentic: Mr. and Mrs. Allan Stewart, Petrolia; Mr. A. Bicketts, Sarnia; Mrs. J. G. Guiles, Sarnia; Mrs. Trotter, Petrolia; Mr. Lawrence, Waterford, Ont.; Mr. S. Freeman, Oil Springs, or Hanahall; Mr. Jeffrey, London; Mr. Glenn, Rooley, Port Huron, Mich.; Mr. Penner, ticketed to Lacrosse, Wis.; Dr. Fenwarden, ticketed to Petrolia; a lady supposed to be Dr. Fenwarden's wife, J. E. Brock, Bradford; O. P. Beaurivall, Port Huron, Mich.; Wilson Marton, Chicago; Miss Geddes, Sarnia; Mr. Cameron, Petrolia. Several other bodies are still unidentified.

LOST DURING STORM. Search Parties Unable to Find William Duffield, Who Went Missing on Tuesday. Arcola, N.W.T., Dec. 29.—William Duffield of Harry, Man, who was homesteading section 2881, got lost in the storm last Tuesday while going from a neighbor's house to his own, about 600 yards distant. Search parties have been unable to find him, and it is feared he must have perished as the cold was very great. He had several hundred dollars on his person when lost.

Advice from Aakabad, Russia, indicates that in the country of Andjian eleven villages are in result of the recent earthquake that fully 6,000 houses have been destroyed in these scattered settlements.

MASCAGNI'S TROUBLES. The Italian Composer Placed Under Arrest at Chicago. Chicago, Dec. 28.—Signor Mascagni, the Italian composer, who abandoned his American trip while playing the Chicago last week, was placed under arrest to-night on a charge of embezzlement, made by his former manager, Richard Heard. When Mascagni decided to return to Italy he had no further use for his American manager, and discharged him. Heard claims that his contract called for \$5,000, and tried to collect that amount. Mascagni refused to pay Heard any such sum, and the arrest followed.

MASCAGNI'S TROUBLES. The Italian Composer Placed Under Arrest at Chicago. Chicago, Dec. 28.—Signor Mascagni, the Italian composer, who abandoned his American trip while playing the Chicago last week, was placed under arrest to-night on a charge of embezzlement, made by his former manager, Richard Heard. When Mascagni decided to return to Italy he had no further use for his American manager, and discharged him. Heard claims that his contract called for \$5,000, and tried to collect that amount. Mascagni refused to pay Heard any such sum, and the arrest followed.

MASCAGNI'S TROUBLES. The Italian Composer Placed Under Arrest at Chicago. Chicago, Dec. 28.—Signor Mascagni, the Italian composer, who abandoned his American trip while playing the Chicago last week, was placed under arrest to-night on a charge of embezzlement, made by his former manager, Richard Heard. When Mascagni decided to return to Italy he had no further use for his American manager, and discharged him. Heard claims that his contract called for \$5,000, and tried to collect that amount. Mascagni refused to pay Heard any such sum, and the arrest followed.

WORK AT THE LOCAL

WAYS WILL BE RE FOR USE N

Umattilla Will Undergo Improvements on Her Present Voyage

Up in the harbor a men are steadily engaged preparations for the new there to be constructed Machinery Depot. The dredge Mud Lark has some time deepening the ing, so that when her vessels requiring repairs difficulty in reaching It is expected that will be ready for service. Just now all the shippers are not very press. There are few craft repair the one building, but all are to be ready to go again spring. It is then hoped passenger and freight ferries Terminal Railway will be included among those in. In addition to the rights hope to be working soon near completion, announced the Horn, voyaged the Princess Victoria to Newcastle-on-Tyne to the middle of next

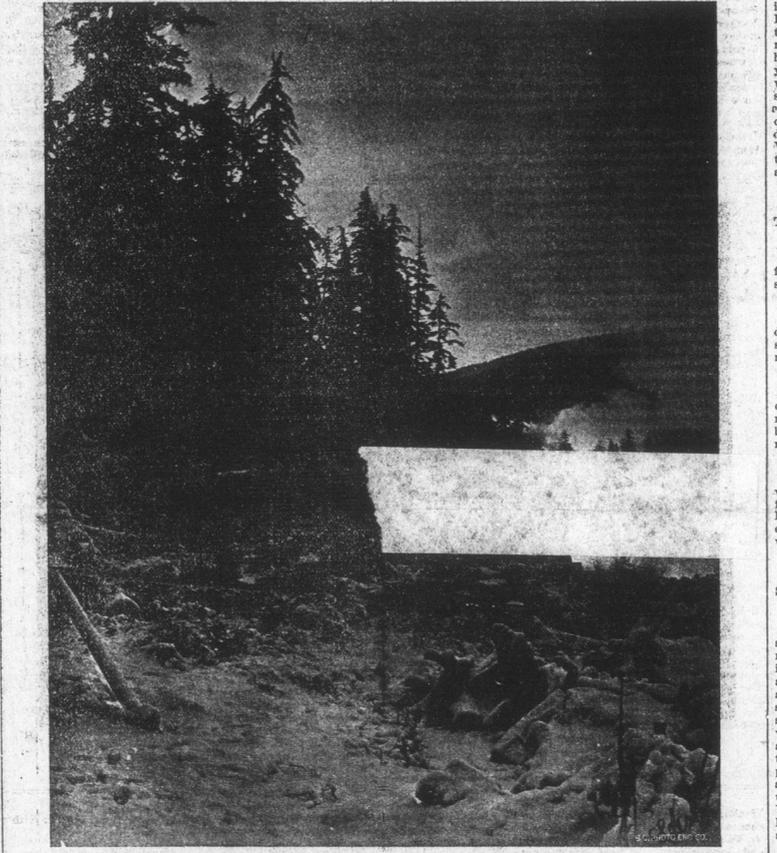
DESERTED THE ALB. Soon after her arrival November 28th, the master of the ship, a well known old Alexander. The Alexander McNeil Manila with a cargo of plait, Guit & Pacific Co. She was under the command of Jorgenson, and, according to the crew, she is worthy. They say the years old, leaks like a sieve, and the sails which she carries are in a state of decay. The men declare they constantly at the pumps, and was nearly always three or four in the hole. If a man were to be on board, it is believed that he would have to be constantly at the pumps, and was nearly always three or four in the hole. If a man were to be on board, it is believed that he would have to be constantly at the pumps, and was nearly always three or four in the hole.

Fortunately not a single squall was encountered during the voyage, and the sails which were left did not have to be changed. The men complained of food furnished, saying that it was in quantity, besides, and unfit for use. Immediately upon arrival the crew made complaint to agent at the custom house, and a investigation was instituted, could be completed, however, informed the consul that they were to take their discharge, and their complaint. Upon being interviewed the captain said this was done.

NEW ORIENTAL. The Singapore Free Press particulars of the Java steamer, which was established at Amsterdam, T. F. 6,000,000, but only \$1.2 issued—in 2,000 shares each issued at par. In the following is observed: C. A. B. grants for the projected will give a monthly service Java and Hongkong, Shan Yohokama, and on the route to Java touch Amoy and three steamers will be employed, 5,000 tons, and the commence in September, 1903 will be established in an agency of the company, and India. The object of the goods and deck while there will also be some cabin passengers. The price will be sugar from Java and Japan, but is expected that lar direct service will promote of other produce from J various articles for import and Japan.

OVERHAULING TO UM. "Upon her return to this steamship Umattilla will be from the Seattle-San Francisco betterments and repairs \$75,000," says the Seattle engineer. "The contract has been let to the Moran Bros. Co. provides for four new boilers, and a general overhauling of the engine and a general overhauling of the machinery. The vessel will be under commission possibly three months. Meanwhile her place is to be the Nome steamship Senator operated by the Pacific Cable Company, as is also the Captain James B. Patterson, a regular master, will cover the new run. The vessel of commission, being tied up for the winter. During the repair Umattilla Capt. Cousins, he will remain by the ship."

MARINE NOTES. Captain Korr, of the Kosm Karmak, lately arrived on the reported the United States hydrographic office at the San Merchants' Exchange that on 5th in latitude 15 deg. north 9 deg. 10 min. west, he sighted painted white, of about 50 to 60 bottomside up. Advantage has been taken of the steamer Princess give that vessel a thorough for the coming season. The has been included in the scop



A Winter Morning, Quatsino Sound.

WORK AT THE NEW LOCAL SHIPYARD

WAYS WILL BE READY FOR USE NEXT SPRING

Umatilla Will Undergo Extensive Improvements on Her Return From Present Voyage.

Up in the harbor a dozen or more men are steadily engaged making preparations for the new marine railway there to be constructed for the Victoria Machinery Depot. The government dredge Mud Lark has been busy for some time deepening the harbor adjoining, so that when her work ceases big vessels requiring repairs will have no difficulty in reaching the yard. It is expected that the new ways will be ready for service in next spring. Just now all the shipyards about Victoria are not very pressed with work. There are few craft repairing, and only the one building, but all the yards expect to be busy again in the early spring. It is then hoped that the new passenger and freight ferry for the Victoria Terminal Railway Company will be included among those vessels building. In addition to this local shipyard, the hope is to have a new ferry now nearing completion for the voyage around the Horn. As formerly announced the Princess Victoria expects to leave Newcastle-on-Tyne for Victoria about the middle of next month.

DEPARTED THE ALEX. McNEIL

Soon after her arrival at Manila on November 8th, the master, cook and crew were all that were left of the crew of the well known old Alexander McNeil. The Alexander McNeil left Seattle for Manila with a cargo of piles for the Atlantic, Gulf & Pacific Company. She was under the command of Capt. Jorgenson, and, according to statements made by the crew, she is a fairly worthy. They say the boat is over 30 years old, leaks like a sieve, and that some of the deck beams are dry rotted. The men declare they were kept constantly at the pumps, and that there was nearly always three or four feet of water in the hold. If a typhoon had been encountered the crew are of the opinion that she would have split in two. The condition of the ship was described by men shortly after leaving Seattle, and they went to the captain and told him they wanted to put into Honolulu. This he refused to do. Fortunately not a single storm or squall was encountered during the whole time, and the sails which were set on leaving did not have to be touched until the boat dropped anchor in Manila bay. The men complained bitterly of the food furnished, saying that it was insufficient in quantity, besides being wormy and unfit for use. Immediately upon arriving at Manila the crew made complaint to the consular agent at the custom house, and an investigation was instituted. Before it could be completed, however, the men informed the consul that they were willing to take their discharge and withdraw their complaint. Under mutual agreement between the captain and crew this was done.

NEW ORIENTAL LINE.

The Singapore Free Press gives some particulars of the Java-China-Japan steamship line, which was recently established at Amsterdam. The capital is \$1,000,000, but only \$1,200,000 are issued—2,000 shares each of \$1,000. The principal cargo is the following is observed: A subsidy will be granted for the projected line, which will give a monthly service between Java and Hongkong, Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, and Japan. The principal cargo will be sugar from Java and coals from Japan, but it is expected that the regular direct service will promote the traffic of other produce from Java and of various articles for import from China and Japan.

OVERHAULING TO UMATILLA.

"Upon her return to this port the steamship Umatilla will be withdrawn from the Seattle-San Francisco run for betterments and repairs aggregating \$75,000," says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. "The contract has been awarded to the Moran Bros. Company. It provides for four new boilers, a remodeling of her engines and a general overhauling. The vessel will be put out of commission possibly three months. Meanwhile her place is to be taken by the Nome steamship Senator, which is operated by the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, as is also the Umatilla. Captain James B. Patterson, the Senator's regular master, will command her on the new run. The vessel is now out of commission, being tied up in Eagle harbor. During the repair work to the Umatilla Capt. Cousins, her master, will remain by the ship."

MARINE NOTES.

Captain Korr, of the Kosmos steamer Karmak, lately arrived on the coast, has reported to the United States and British hydrographic office at the San Francisco Merchants' Exchange that on December 5th in latitude 15 deg. north, longitude 9 deg. 10 min. west, he sighted a vessel painted white, of about 50 tons burden, bottomside up. Advantage has been taken of the idleness of the steamer Princess May to give that vessel a thorough overhauling for the coming season. The machinery has been included in the scope of opera-

tions on board, and when she re-enters the Skagway business the Princess May will be as spick and span as a new vessel. The Victoria Sealing Association met on Friday and adjourned its second annual general meeting until Tuesday next. Steamer champion arrived from the Fraser this morning with a cargo of hay consigned to James Townsley.

At the rate Victoria's connection with the Orient has increased in the last few years, it should not be long before there is almost a daily departure for points in the Far East. Indeed, some periods during the year, extending for a week or more, this record has been about reached already. During the next 48 hours the record will even be eclipsed. The Tartar, which arrived on Saturday night, is to be followed by the Empress of India in port. That ship was to leave for China and Japan on Monday. Tuesday the Rijnun Maru will be here on her way out to the Orient, while the Glenogle, of the Northern Pacific line, and the Nippon Yusen, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, are both expected from across the Pacific the same day.

The Tartar brought a cargo comprising 2,649 tons of general freight. Out of this, 180 cases meats, 10 cases soups, 61 packages rope, 12 cases pineapple, 105 bales skins, 175 bales flax and sundry packages merchandise. The passenger list was as follows: Mr. and Mrs. S. D'Arcy Irvine, Mrs. Mrs. and Miss Burnett, Mrs. Walker and son, Rev. G. Savile, Messrs. Jas. Sharp, Todhunter, W. R. Dorsey, Guy Owens, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Hoenigshaus, Miss K. A. Haynes, Miss E. Rhae, Miss A. Wold, Mrs. W. W. Carlie, Messrs. T. F. Cahill, L. H. Ferdinand, Thomas Horne, F. Turk, James L. Logan, W. E. Johnstone, Mrs. B. Maloney, Messrs. J. Flanagan, O. W. Carr, S. T. Carr, W. Parker, H. Mann, J. Hanly, F. L. Condy, K. Strachan, F. Reeves, H. Grant, T. Nordfeldt, J. Robb, M. Ahrens, H. Campbell, E. M. Stone, C. Plunket and G. Reid. Mr. Burnett, his wife and daughter have been voyaging the southern Pacific and were on their way home to Vancouver. Advice received from Honolulu states that the British Cable Company, owners

of the new San Francisco and Hawaiian cable, The Merchants' Association, backed by the Builders and Traders' Exchange and other similar organizations, was preparing to make a fight in support of the efforts of the plantation men to secure legislation from the United States Congress allowing the importation of Chinese laborers for plantation work only, under certain restrictions. Honolulu labor unions have decided against the proposition, and will oppose the plan.

The Japanese Asahi publishes a telegram from Hongkong stating that the steamer Banstang has come into collision with the steamer Kirangyan in the Malacca Straits and the Kirangyan was sunk, 80 sailors and passengers being missing. Dispatches from Hakodate report that an outbreak of fire occurred on board the Iwanami Steamship Co.'s steamer Hokun Maru and the vessel was sunk, 18 of the crew losing their lives. An Associated Press letter from Tokyo, under date of December 13th, reports that on December 11th an extensive landslide took place in the Hoshin colliery in Fukukoku prefecture, and more than 200 miners, who were in the mine at the time, were entombed. The work of rescue was at once started, and five hours after the landslide a connection was reestablished. Particulars as to the personal casualties are not yet known. The death of Count Sano took place in Tokyo on December 7th in the 51st year of his age. The Count, who was a privy councillor at the time of his death, was the founder of the Japan Red Cross Society, and the Fine Arts Society. At one time the Count represented Japan in Italy and Austria-Hungary, while at another he was minister of finance. In 1887 he was made a Viscount and afterwards raised to the rank of Count. The report that the United States government will impose a duty of ten cents a pound on tea now held in bond overseas, and which withdrawal may not take place until after January 1st, when the duty is removed on new arrivals, has caused some consternation among tea men in town, says a Yokohama message. It is possible, however, that the tea merchants, jobbers, grocers and others entrusted may be able to induce the government to withhold such action, which has come upon the market like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky.

MOWER'S SKYDIVER

In response to representations made by the Australian parliament by Mr. Whiddon and other members relative to the alleged unseaworthy condition of the steamer Mowbray, belonging to the Canadian-Australian line, there was recently laid on the table of the assembly the report of the chief engineer surveyor, J. Shirra. He stated most emphatically that, in his opinion, and in that of his assistants, the vessel and her machinery are thoroughly sound and seaworthy. She is quite fit not only for the ordinary sea voyage, but apparently also for the heavy freight carrying trade in which she is engaged. The chief engineer adds that the usual defects naturally developed in the long high speed runs across the Pacific are invariably repaired in a thoroughly satisfactory manner during her stays in port.

THE DREDGER RELEASED.

A new Westminster dispatch says: "The dredger King Edward has been released from her position in Hope Slough, and accompanied by the snag boat Samson has arrived at the Royal City. It will be remembered that some time ago when the dredger was dredging out a channel in Hope Slough, the banks caved in behind her, and she was shut in fast. Efforts to relieve her have been going on ever since, but were only brought to a successful conclusion on Friday. The dredger will undergo some needed repairs before resuming work."

RACED FROM HONOLULU.

Four steamers carrying mail left Honolulu for San Francisco and Victoria between noon of December 17th and the following night, and there was much speculation in the island port as to which would arrive first. The Zealandia left Honolulu at noon on the 17th for San Francisco, and the Nevada at 6 o'clock the following morning. The Moana left at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of the 17th for Victoria. The steamship Copley left for Honolulu from San Francisco at 6 o'clock on the evening of the 18th. She arrived on Christmas evening, and the San Francisco Chronicle states that she beat the other three. In this the paper is mistaken, for the Moana reached here the same evening. When the Moana left Honolulu the citizens were making preparations for celebrating the opening for business of

FANNING ISLAND MAY CHANGE HANDS

WANTED BY BRITISH FOR CABLE PURPOSES

Captain of United States Cruiser Manning Thinks It Folly to Protect Seals For Japs.

R. M. S. Moana arrived from Sydney Brisbane, Suva, and Honolulu on Wednesday night. She left Sydney on the 1st inst., and Honolulu on the 17th inst. She brought a cargo composed of 75 cases jam, 200 boxes butter, 10 bales cocoon oil, 180 cases meats, 10 cases soups, 61 packages rope, 12 cases pineapple, 105 bales skins, 175 bales flax and sundry packages merchandise. The passenger list was as follows: Mr. and Mrs. S. D'Arcy Irvine, Mrs. Mrs. and Miss Burnett, Mrs. Walker and son, Rev. G. Savile, Messrs. Jas. Sharp, Todhunter, W. R. Dorsey, Guy Owens, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Hoenigshaus, Miss K. A. Haynes, Miss E. Rhae, Miss A. Wold, Mrs. W. W. Carlie, Messrs. T. F. Cahill, L. H. Ferdinand, Thomas Horne, F. Turk, James L. Logan, W. E. Johnstone, Mrs. B. Maloney, Messrs. J. Flanagan, O. W. Carr, S. T. Carr, W. Parker, H. Mann, J. Hanly, F. L. Condy, K. Strachan, F. Reeves, H. Grant, T. Nordfeldt, J. Robb, M. Ahrens, H. Campbell, E. M. Stone, C. Plunket and G. Reid. Mr. Burnett, his wife and daughter have been voyaging the southern Pacific and were on their way home to Vancouver. Advice received from Honolulu states that the British Cable Company, owners

of the new San Francisco and Hawaiian cable, The Merchants' Association, backed by the Builders and Traders' Exchange and other similar organizations, was preparing to make a fight in support of the efforts of the plantation men to secure legislation from the United States Congress allowing the importation of Chinese laborers for plantation work only, under certain restrictions. Honolulu labor unions have decided against the proposition, and will oppose the plan.



Interior of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Showing Christmas Decorations.

of the "All Red" line by which news runs along their cables from Australia to Vancouver Island, via Fanning Island, and have offered a sum of money, said to be \$40,000, for a half interest in Fanning's Island, owned by James and Henry Bicknell, of Honolulu. The Hawaiian Star of December 15th says: "The news that King Greig, of Fanning Island, is only 'half a king' will be a surprise to many. The interest belonging to the Bicknells is hereditary and was acquired by right of prior possession. George Bicknell, uncle of Dr. Henry Bicknell, dentist, of this city, and James Bicknell, bookkeeper for Peaseck & Company, first owned the title of monarch of the atoll known as Fanning's Island. There are two islands one being merely a diminutive islet. The other is in the shape of a horseshoe surrounding a lagoon bordered seaward by the usual coral reef. Later Greig came along and entered into partnership with Bicknell. 'I have no idea how the news could have reached you,' said Mr. Bicknell. 'The figures you have quoted are incorrect, but I am not at liberty to give you any information about the deal. You can readily understand that any premature statements might spoil everything. We have been made an offer by the British people, but I cannot tell you the terms. The Bicknell interests owned by my brother and myself came from our uncle, George Bicknell, who was the original owner before going into partnership with Greig. Our interest is a half interest.' 'James Bicknell will leave on the Zealandia with authority to close the bargain should he see fit. From the fact that Greig is stated to be in partnership with the Bicknells it appears as if his interest would also be wanted by the Bicknell holdings in the partnership consist of the reservation of a certain portion of the island on which the cable landing has been made, and possession of this territory would give the cable people all they need. Honolulu has reap the benefits of the Fanning's Island cable already by getting cable news from there brought by steamers ahead of the coming back of the news from San Francisco.' When the Moana left Honolulu the citizens were making preparations for celebrating the opening for business of

To the Public.

To October last the price of the "Twice-a-week Times" was reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.00, and the cash-in-advance system was adopted.

All subscribers in arrears were notified that their obligations must be met before the close of the year, or the paper would be discontinued, and the amount due the "Times" would be collected. The manner in which this announcement has been received has been an agreeable surprise. Numerous letters, commending the steps taken, have been received, accompanied by appreciative words and more tangible evidence in the form of remittances. A long list of new subscribers has been added, making the "Times" the most widely circulated paper on the island, and a most satisfactory response has been received from these arrears.

For all this we are extremely grateful, and will endeavor to merit the continued approval of our friends by further increasing the high standard of the "Twice-a-week Times." There are still a few who have disregarded our repeated requests for a settlement. These have until the end of the year to meet their obligations, after which time other steps will be taken to enforce our claims against them.

FROM THE NORTH. At 2 o'clock Thursday morning the steamer Tees came in from northern British Columbia ports with a light freight and a small number of passengers. Two of her passengers whom she landed at Vancouver were Messrs. Kipland and Elliott, who had gone north from the Fraser on the trip of the vessel for the purpose of selecting a site for a new cannery. A place was chosen in the middle passage of the Skeena. This done the men came back on the return trip of the vessel. Officers of the Tees report that the Skeena is now full of ice. It was so thick in the river that the steamer in going up stream had to slow down to about half speed. On the night previous to arrival the crew and passengers were treated to a Christmas dinner by the Chief-Steward W. Dyson. The dining saloon of the steamer was most artistically decorated. Pretty souvenir cards with pictures of the steamer and a menu on the interior were provided, and the whole event was most ably managed and cleverly conceived.



Interior of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Showing Christmas Decorations.

of the "All Red" line by which news runs along their cables from Australia to Vancouver Island, via Fanning Island, and have offered a sum of money, said to be \$40,000, for a half interest in Fanning's Island, owned by James and Henry Bicknell, of Honolulu. The Hawaiian Star of December 15th says: "The news that King Greig, of Fanning Island, is only 'half a king' will be a surprise to many. The interest belonging to the Bicknells is hereditary and was acquired by right of prior possession. George Bicknell, uncle of Dr. Henry Bicknell, dentist, of this city, and James Bicknell, bookkeeper for Peaseck & Company, first owned the title of monarch of the atoll known as Fanning's Island. There are two islands one being merely a diminutive islet. The other is in the shape of a horseshoe surrounding a lagoon bordered seaward by the usual coral reef. Later Greig came along and entered into partnership with Bicknell. 'I have no idea how the news could have reached you,' said Mr. Bicknell. 'The figures you have quoted are incorrect, but I am not at liberty to give you any information about the deal. You can readily understand that any premature statements might spoil everything. We have been made an offer by the British people, but I cannot tell you the terms. The Bicknell interests owned by my brother and myself came from our uncle, George Bicknell, who was the original owner before going into partnership with Greig. Our interest is a half interest.' 'James Bicknell will leave on the Zealandia with authority to close the bargain should he see fit. From the fact that Greig is stated to be in partnership with the Bicknells it appears as if his interest would also be wanted by the Bicknell holdings in the partnership consist of the reservation of a certain portion of the island on which the cable landing has been made, and possession of this territory would give the cable people all they need. Honolulu has reap the benefits of the Fanning's Island cable already by getting cable news from there brought by steamers ahead of the coming back of the news from San Francisco.' When the Moana left Honolulu the citizens were making preparations for celebrating the opening for business of

PROFITING BY RESTRICTIONS.

The commanding officer of the United States revenue cutter Manning, which during the last season has made a cruise through the southern part of Behring Sea and along the Aleutian Islands, says that the seal fisheries are certain to be destroyed by the depredations of Japanese sealing vessels, unless prohibitory measures are devised. Capt. McClellan says also that "to one on the grounds seeing the workings of the present methods of patrol and the results, it appears ludicrous for the American and British governments to be making such efforts to prevent their own sealers from gathering in the seals, thus protecting the herds that the Japanese may come in and secure the cream of the business." This officer boarded two Japanese sealing vessels last season, and he learned that eighteen sealers had cleared from Yokohama for Behring Sea. Supervising Special Agent Chance, of the United States treasury, heartily indorses this view of the Manning's commander. Mr. Chance says: "Reports from various sources indicate increased activity on the part of Japanese pelagic sealers in Behring Sea. The Japanese government pays to vessels owned exclusively by Japanese engaged in taking seals, whales, or certain kinds of fish, bounties not exceeding in aggregate each year 150,000 yen, or \$74,700. "Through the United States minister to Japan it has been learned that in 1901 four vessels sailing under the Japanese flag, three of them navigated by Americans, took seals on the American side in Behring Sea, and that during the current year a number of Japanese sealers would visit Behring Sea. The minister's reports show that no foreigner has under Japanese ownership, and that vessels owned and managed both by Americans and Canadians were so engaged, and were meeting with good success. "At the time of the wholesale seizure of Canadian and American sealing vessels, which resulted in the Paris tribunal, the English sealers were alarmed for the losses in large amounts, but the Americans received nothing, and in 1897 the taking of seals in the Pacific ocean north of the thirty-fifth degree of north latitude and Behring Sea by American vessels was entirely prohibited. It is said that many had their all invested

ROUTE IS ABANDONED.

The opposition line of steamers between Seattle, Tacoma and Olympia, which was inaugurated by Captain McCormick with the steamer Walsh, has been discontinued. The Times, of Seattle, says that the Walsh was sent to the "boneyard" at South Seattle, on the Duwamish river, on Sunday evening, and to all appearances the line is a thing of the past, adding: "This move is the more astounding, as Captain McCormick assured various people the new line was a permanent one. The cost of preparing the Walsh for the run exceeded \$20,000, and she originally cost in the neighborhood of \$80,000. After all this expense of preparation, the service was discontinued in less than a week after it was inaugurated."

Geo. Hinchcliff was on Saturday awarded \$22,000 damages against the members of the Chicago Masons and Builders' Association and the Brick Manufacturers' Association. Hinchcliff alleged that he had sustained \$100,000 loss owing to a boycott of the produce of his brick yards on the part of the associations mentioned, in 1898. Richmond town council has made a profit of \$2,000 on workmen's dwellings, although the scheme was adopted a year or two ago. It is estimated that in forty years the profit will amount to \$34,000.

in sealing vessels, too small for any other trade or commerce. Their only recourse was to sail under foreign flags, and at present the most favorable for their purpose is that of Japan. Mr. Chance then recites the experience of the cutter Manning's commander during the last season and quotes Capt. McClellan's remarks. Mr. Chance adds: "This is a matter of grave importance to the Prillyoff herd, and it would seem that, if no instance is made regarding the other features of the Paris arbitration, the one requirement of the award, the preservation of the sixty-mile limit should be enforced against all comers. Even if this government has no property right in the seals, which is not granted, it is at least the property of a civilized nation to preserve the sixty-mile zone free from hunting, so that the fabled seals may safely gather food for their young on the rookeries before becoming targets for the guns and spears of the hunters. Unless the Japanese government, as an international courtesy, or for whatever reason, forbids her vessels going to Behring Sea and taking seals in the sixty-mile zone, the existence of the seal herd will be brief."

FROM THE NORTH. At 2 o'clock Thursday morning the steamer Tees came in from northern British Columbia ports with a light freight and a small number of passengers. Two of her passengers whom she landed at Vancouver were Messrs. Kipland and Elliott, who had gone north from the Fraser on the trip of the vessel for the purpose of selecting a site for a new cannery. A place was chosen in the middle passage of the Skeena. This done the men came back on the return trip of the vessel. Officers of the Tees report that the Skeena is now full of ice. It was so thick in the river that the steamer in going up stream had to slow down to about half speed. On the night previous to arrival the crew and passengers were treated to a Christmas dinner by the Chief-Steward W. Dyson. The dining saloon of the steamer was most artistically decorated. Pretty souvenir cards with pictures of the steamer and a menu on the interior were provided, and the whole event was most ably managed and cleverly conceived.

FROM THE NORTH. At 2 o'clock Thursday morning the steamer Tees came in from northern British Columbia ports with a light freight and a small number of passengers. Two of her passengers whom she landed at Vancouver were Messrs. Kipland and Elliott, who had gone north from the Fraser on the trip of the vessel for the purpose of selecting a site for a new cannery. A place was chosen in the middle passage of the Skeena. This done the men came back on the return trip of the vessel. Officers of the Tees report that the Skeena is now full of ice. It was so thick in the river that the steamer in going up stream had to slow down to about half speed. On the night previous to arrival the crew and passengers were treated to a Christmas dinner by the Chief-Steward W. Dyson. The dining saloon of the steamer was most artistically decorated. Pretty souvenir cards with pictures of the steamer and a menu on the interior were provided, and the whole event was most ably managed and cleverly conceived.



Interior of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Showing Christmas Decorations.

of the "All Red" line by which news runs along their cables from Australia to Vancouver Island, via Fanning Island, and have offered a sum of money, said to be \$40,000, for a half interest in Fanning's Island, owned by James and Henry Bicknell, of Honolulu. The Hawaiian Star of December 15th says: "The news that King Greig, of Fanning Island, is only 'half a king' will be a surprise to many. The interest belonging to the Bicknells is hereditary and was acquired by right of prior possession. George Bicknell, uncle of Dr. Henry Bicknell, dentist, of this city, and James Bicknell, bookkeeper for Peaseck & Company, first owned the title of monarch of the atoll known as Fanning's Island. There are two islands one being merely a diminutive islet. The other is in the shape of a horseshoe surrounding a lagoon bordered seaward by the usual coral reef. Later Greig came along and entered into partnership with Bicknell. 'I have no idea how the news could have reached you,' said Mr. Bicknell. 'The figures you have quoted are incorrect, but I am not at liberty to give you any information about the deal. You can readily understand that any premature statements might spoil everything. We have been made an offer by the British people, but I cannot tell you the terms. The Bicknell interests owned by my brother and myself came from our uncle, George Bicknell, who was the original owner before going into partnership with Greig. Our interest is a half interest.' 'James Bicknell will leave on the Zealandia with authority to close the bargain should he see fit. From the fact that Greig is stated to be in partnership with the Bicknells it appears as if his interest would also be wanted by the Bicknell holdings in the partnership consist of the reservation of a certain portion of the island on which the cable landing has been made, and possession of this territory would give the cable people all they need. Honolulu has reap the benefits of the Fanning's Island cable already by getting cable news from there brought by steamers ahead of the coming back of the news from San Francisco.' When the Moana left Honolulu the citizens were making preparations for celebrating the opening for business of

PROFITING BY RESTRICTIONS.

The commanding officer of the United States revenue cutter Manning, which during the last season has made a cruise through the southern part of Behring Sea and along the Aleutian Islands, says that the seal fisheries are certain to be destroyed by the depredations of Japanese sealing vessels, unless prohibitory measures are devised. Capt. McClellan says also that "to one on the grounds seeing the workings of the present methods of patrol and the results, it appears ludicrous for the American and British governments to be making such efforts to prevent their own sealers from gathering in the seals, thus protecting the herds that the Japanese may come in and secure the cream of the business." This officer boarded two Japanese sealing vessels last season, and he learned that eighteen sealers had cleared from Yokohama for Behring Sea. Supervising Special Agent Chance, of the United States treasury, heartily indorses this view of the Manning's commander. Mr. Chance says: "Reports from various sources indicate increased activity on the part of Japanese pelagic sealers in Behring Sea. The Japanese government pays to vessels owned exclusively by Japanese engaged in taking seals, whales, or certain kinds of fish, bounties not exceeding in aggregate each year 150,000 yen, or \$74,700. "Through the United States minister to Japan it has been learned that in 1901 four vessels sailing under the Japanese flag, three of them navigated by Americans, took seals on the American side in Behring Sea, and that during the current year a number of Japanese sealers would visit Behring Sea. The minister's reports show that no foreigner has under Japanese ownership, and that vessels owned and managed both by Americans and Canadians were so engaged, and were meeting with good success. "At the time of the wholesale seizure of Canadian and American sealing vessels, which resulted in the Paris tribunal, the English sealers were alarmed for the losses in large amounts, but the Americans received nothing, and in 1897 the taking of seals in the Pacific ocean north of the thirty-fifth degree of north latitude and Behring Sea by American vessels was entirely prohibited. It is said that many had their all invested

ROUTE IS ABANDONED.

The opposition line of steamers between Seattle, Tacoma and Olympia, which was inaugurated by Captain McCormick with the steamer Walsh, has been discontinued. The Times, of Seattle, says that the Walsh was sent to the "boneyard" at South Seattle, on the Duwamish river, on Sunday evening, and to all appearances the line is a thing of the past, adding: "This move is the more astounding, as Captain McCormick assured various people the new line was a permanent one. The cost of preparing the Walsh for the run exceeded \$20,000, and she originally cost in the neighborhood of \$80,000. After all this expense of preparation, the service was discontinued in less than a week after it was inaugurated."

Geo. Hinchcliff was on Saturday awarded \$22,000 damages against the members of the Chicago Masons and Builders' Association and the Brick Manufacturers' Association. Hinchcliff alleged that he had sustained \$100,000 loss owing to a boycott of the produce of his brick yards on the part of the associations mentioned, in 1898. Richmond town council has made a profit of \$2,000 on workmen's dwellings, although the scheme was adopted a year or two ago. It is estimated that in forty years the profit will amount to \$34,000.

MANY RAILROADS AND MUCH RIVALRY

NEW LINE PROJECTED TO CANADA BOUNDARY

Will Run From Tacoma to Sumas - C.P. R. May Connect With Spokane - Hill-Harriman Fight.

According to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane people are behind a project to build a railway from Tacoma through Seattle and towns on the north to Sumas on the international boundary. The new company is to be known as the Seattle & Canada Railway Company, and articles incorporating it have recently been filed. The first trustees of the company are Jacob Furch and John H. McGraw, of Seattle; Daniel Corbin and George Turner, of Spokane, and Charles S. Bihler, of Tacoma. The proposed road is described by the Post-Intelligencer as follows: "The line will cover a distance of 180 miles, beginning at Tacoma and passing through King county and Seattle, Snohomish, Skagit and Whatcom counties on the north. Sumas is in the northern part of Whatcom county, lying close to the international boundary. It is now the American terminus of the Seattle & International, or the Seattle division of the Northern Pacific, as well as of the Bellingham Bay & British Columbia road. The American rails, at the boundary, join the rails of the Canadian Pacific, extending northward to Mission Junction, on the main line of the Canadian road, thence westward to Vancouver, B. C., and eastward across the continent. The capital stock of the Seattle & Canada, the newly incorporated road, is fixed at \$2,700,000, divided into 27,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each. "The route of the new line will be to the eastward from the shores of lower Puget sound. In a general way, the Great Northern follows along the shore line from Seattle to Blaine, on the international boundary. From there it extends eastward are the tracks of the Northern Pacific. Still farther eastward, it is understood, the surveys and engineers have located the route of the Seattle & Canada. Such a route, with trans and branches, will bring the new road in close touch, not only with the immense bodies of timber along the western foothills of the Cascade range, but also with numerous well developed logging districts in Western Washington. It is the apparent intention of the promoters of the road either to penetrate or to tap the Index, Monte Cristo, Sliagumish, Sultan, Silver Creek, Cascade and Mount Baker districts, some of which are already developed to a high degree; the others giving splendid promise which depends for fruition on transportation facilities."

And there is still another. Last Wednesday's Spokesman-Review announces that articles of incorporation of the Spokane & Kootenai Railway Company, which is to connect Spokane with the Crow's Nest Pass line of the Canadian Pacific system, have been filed with the county auditor. The incorporators are D. C. Corbin and George Turner, of Spokane; Jacob Furch, president of the Puget Sound National Bank of Seattle; ex-Governor John H. McGraw, of Seattle; and Charles S. Bihler, of Tacoma, formerly a Senator in the legislature of the Northern Pacific railroad. The capital stock is placed at \$3,000,000, divided into shares of \$100 each. "The articles of incorporation declare the purpose of the company 'to locate, construct, own, maintain, operate and enjoy a standard gauge railway, with single or double tracks, as the corporation may determine, beginning at a point in or near the city of Spokane, state of Washington, and extending in a general northeasterly and northerly direction, via Pend d'Oreille river and lake, the Kootenai river and tributaries, to a point in Kootenai county, Idaho, on the international boundary, between the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada, a distance of 200 miles, more or less, all in Spokane county, state of Washington, and Kootenai county, state of Idaho, for the transportation of passengers, freight, etc.'"

The Spokane paper goes on to say: "The Canadian Pacific has had an eye on the trade of Spokane for years. It has wanted to get into this field not only to haul in freight from the east, but also to get some of the wheat business of the Palouse and the ore traffic of the mines. It was restrained from entering this field, however, until now it has a fight on its hands with James J. Hill, of the Northern Securities Co., who announced to a Spokesman-Review reporter yesterday that he will push his line from Corlew, Wash., on into the very heart of the Similkameen country, in British Columbia, on his way to the coast, within a year. His entrance into the British Columbia field with the charter of the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern road has been fiercely resented by the Canadian Pacific, which has considered that province its own particular preserve. The invasion of British Columbia by the Hill road has stirred things up to the point where the Canadian Pacific is now ready to build into Spokane to reach after the magnificent field around here. It is believed that nothing short of a settlement of the serious difficulties between Hill and the Canadian Pacific will stop the building of the road."

COBDEN CLUB AND NEW JOURNALISM

To the Editor:—Will you permit me through your columns to correct a misstatement with regard to the Cobden Club, which has been deliberately circulated by a London morning paper, published at a halfpenny, and somewhat notorious for the novelty of its journalistic methods. This misstatement has been copied, doubtless in good faith, even by reputable papers. The editor of the paper in question applied to me recently for a list of the members of the Cobden Club. It was at once supplied. In the list a distinction was clearly drawn between members and honorary members. Ignoring this distinction, the editor asked out the names of the large number of honorary members who are also foreigners, and published them on Nov. 29th as a proof that the Cobden Club was a foreign organization. The Cobden Club is in no way ashamed of its foreign members. It is proud of them. Many of them are men of great distinction, and all have rendered their services to the cause of free trade in their own countries. But within the club warmly welcomes these gentlemen as honorary members, they neither contribute to its funds nor control its policy. All this was clearly explained to the editor by letter from myself, and through his own representatives sent to me in search of "copy." No withdrawal or apology was made on Dec. 5th and on Dec. 8th he repeated the false suggestion, that the Cobden Club was a foreign organization. In view of these facts I hope you will be able to find room for this letter in these honorable journals will help to expose such proceedings as these, the public has no protection against an editor, who, in order to create prejudice, knowingly and persistently publishes malignant lies. HAROLD COX, Secretary of the Cobden Club, 6 Raymond Buildings, Gray's Inn, W. C., December 9th, 1902.

The Hon. Edward Morris, the newly appointed minister of justice in the Bond cabinet, has been re-elected without opposition in the by-election in St. John's city, which was rendered necessary by his acceptance of the portfolio of justice.

The Official Gazette, in Vienna, contains an advertisement for an executioner for that city. The yearly salary offered is \$4, and for his lodging, and for his over, allowed \$20 a year for two assistants. The advertisement states that candidates must give proofs of their ability, their past experience, and their good behavior.

DR. WOOD'S NORWAY PINE SYRUP CURES Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Croup, Hoarseness, Sore Throat, Pain in the Chest, Asthma, and all Throat and Lung Troubles. It invigorates as well as heals and soothes the throat and lungs so that you quickly realize the long healing virtues of the syrup. Price 25c. at all Dealers. FIRST Dose BELIEVED. I had a very severe cold and used Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. The first dose gave relief, and after the bottle was completely empty, I was completely cured. I had had a severe cold and cough that was confined to her bed. She also used the syrup, and the most instant relief was obtained. Mrs. FRANK B. HARVEY, Horto, N.S.

HOW VICTORIANS SPENT CHRISTMAS

ECCENTRIC WEATHER BUT LITTLE HEADED

Hospitals, Homes and Jails Were Kindly Remembered - In Various Institutions.

Victoria has enjoyed more favorable meteorological conditions than the brand of weather handed out by the clerk of this important department Christmas. Early in the morning there was a spirited continuation of the rainfall that made Christmas Eve disagreeable. About 9 o'clock there was a change for the better and Jupiter Pluvius treated himself to a bird's-eye view of the city to satisfy himself that the day was one of unalloyed pleasure. Having made this discovery he then retired and Boreas took a hand in the proceedings, dispensing his choicest sou'wester with unappreciated prodigality. Although the most notable feature in Victoria on Christmas Day was the eccentric weather, so absolutely un-Christmas like that only the gay laughter of the little ones made happy by their gifts, the noble turkey on the festive board and the delighted exchequer corroborated the calendar.

FINNISH COLONISTS WILL HAVE A SCHOOL

The Union Pulp Company Incorporated - Courts of Revision and Appeal - Gazette Notices.

Malcolm Island is created into a school district, notice being given of it in this week's edition of the Provincial Gazette. The island is that set apart by the government for the Kalewan Kansu Colonization Company, a Finnish organization. The colonists have shown a strong disposition to acquire a knowledge of the English language, which the establishment of a school in their midst will give them the opportunity of satisfying.

IF CHRISTMAS DAY ON THURSDAY BE, A WINDY WINTER WEATHER WILL BE

Christmas has fallen on a Thursday in 1800, 1884 and 1870. It is to be sincerely hoped that the prophecy in the above verse is as good as a rhyme. Families were reunited around the tree if there was one, and most assuredly around the table (and there was one), greetings were on every lip, friendliness in every heart, and statements of professional men, merchants and laborers, forgot their daily worries in serene, undisturbed enjoyment. The eccentricity of the weather, therefore, were little heeded. Speaking of the weather, however, recalls to mind a verse in the Christmas number of the Gentlewoman to which Mr. Baynes Reed draws attention. It is as follows:

IF CHRISTMAS DAY ON THURSDAY BE, A WINDY WINTER WEATHER WILL BE

Christmas has fallen on a Thursday in 1800, 1884 and 1870. It is to be sincerely hoped that the prophecy in the above verse is as good as a rhyme. Families were reunited around the tree if there was one, and most assuredly around the table (and there was one), greetings were on every lip, friendliness in every heart, and statements of professional men, merchants and laborers, forgot their daily worries in serene, undisturbed enjoyment. The eccentricity of the weather, therefore, were little heeded. Speaking of the weather, however, recalls to mind a verse in the Christmas number of the Gentlewoman to which Mr. Baynes Reed draws attention. It is as follows:

IF CHRISTMAS DAY ON THURSDAY BE, A WINDY WINTER WEATHER WILL BE

Christmas has fallen on a Thursday in 1800, 1884 and 1870. It is to be sincerely hoped that the prophecy in the above verse is as good as a rhyme. Families were reunited around the tree if there was one, and most assuredly around the table (and there was one), greetings were on every lip, friendliness in every heart, and statements of professional men, merchants and laborers, forgot their daily worries in serene, undisturbed enjoyment. The eccentricity of the weather, therefore, were little heeded. Speaking of the weather, however, recalls to mind a verse in the Christmas number of the Gentlewoman to which Mr. Baynes Reed draws attention. It is as follows:

IF CHRISTMAS DAY ON THURSDAY BE, A WINDY WINTER WEATHER WILL BE

Christmas has fallen on a Thursday in 1800, 1884 and 1870. It is to be sincerely hoped that the prophecy in the above verse is as good as a rhyme. Families were reunited around the tree if there was one, and most assuredly around the table (and there was one), greetings were on every lip, friendliness in every heart, and statements of professional men, merchants and laborers, forgot their daily worries in serene, undisturbed enjoyment. The eccentricity of the weather, therefore, were little heeded. Speaking of the weather, however, recalls to mind a verse in the Christmas number of the Gentlewoman to which Mr. Baynes Reed draws attention. It is as follows:

IF CHRISTMAS DAY ON THURSDAY BE, A WINDY WINTER WEATHER WILL BE

Christmas has fallen on a Thursday in 1800, 1884 and 1870. It is to be sincerely hoped that the prophecy in the above verse is as good as a rhyme. Families were reunited around the tree if there was one, and most assuredly around the table (and there was one), greetings were on every lip, friendliness in every heart, and statements of professional men, merchants and laborers, forgot their daily worries in serene, undisturbed enjoyment. The eccentricity of the weather, therefore, were little heeded. Speaking of the weather, however, recalls to mind a verse in the Christmas number of the Gentlewoman to which Mr. Baynes Reed draws attention. It is as follows:

OFFICIAL ANSWER TO LABOR COUNCIL

SEGREGATION IS NOT IN TRUSTEES' POWER

Affiliation With McGill University For Two Years' Work Sought For High School.

At the meeting of the school board on Friday there were present the chairman, Dr. Hall, and Trustees Mrs. Jenkins, Jay, Drury, and Huggett. The board held a short session, after which it went into committee of the whole to discuss various matters pertaining to the school arrangements for the ensuing year. A letter of thanks was read from the secretary of the festival chorus, on account of the board having vacated the council chamber to give the chorus an opportunity to practice. A request was made that the board make some arrangements to allow of the room being given up to the festival committee until April upon the regular night of meeting of the school board.

FINNISH COLONISTS WILL HAVE A SCHOOL

The Union Pulp Company Incorporated - Courts of Revision and Appeal - Gazette Notices.

Malcolm Island is created into a school district, notice being given of it in this week's edition of the Provincial Gazette. The island is that set apart by the government for the Kalewan Kansu Colonization Company, a Finnish organization. The colonists have shown a strong disposition to acquire a knowledge of the English language, which the establishment of a school in their midst will give them the opportunity of satisfying.

IF CHRISTMAS DAY ON THURSDAY BE, A WINDY WINTER WEATHER WILL BE

Christmas has fallen on a Thursday in 1800, 1884 and 1870. It is to be sincerely hoped that the prophecy in the above verse is as good as a rhyme. Families were reunited around the tree if there was one, and most assuredly around the table (and there was one), greetings were on every lip, friendliness in every heart, and statements of professional men, merchants and laborers, forgot their daily worries in serene, undisturbed enjoyment. The eccentricity of the weather, therefore, were little heeded. Speaking of the weather, however, recalls to mind a verse in the Christmas number of the Gentlewoman to which Mr. Baynes Reed draws attention. It is as follows:

IF CHRISTMAS DAY ON THURSDAY BE, A WINDY WINTER WEATHER WILL BE

Christmas has fallen on a Thursday in 1800, 1884 and 1870. It is to be sincerely hoped that the prophecy in the above verse is as good as a rhyme. Families were reunited around the tree if there was one, and most assuredly around the table (and there was one), greetings were on every lip, friendliness in every heart, and statements of professional men, merchants and laborers, forgot their daily worries in serene, undisturbed enjoyment. The eccentricity of the weather, therefore, were little heeded. Speaking of the weather, however, recalls to mind a verse in the Christmas number of the Gentlewoman to which Mr. Baynes Reed draws attention. It is as follows:

IF CHRISTMAS DAY ON THURSDAY BE, A WINDY WINTER WEATHER WILL BE

Christmas has fallen on a Thursday in 1800, 1884 and 1870. It is to be sincerely hoped that the prophecy in the above verse is as good as a rhyme. Families were reunited around the tree if there was one, and most assuredly around the table (and there was one), greetings were on every lip, friendliness in every heart, and statements of professional men, merchants and laborers, forgot their daily worries in serene, undisturbed enjoyment. The eccentricity of the weather, therefore, were little heeded. Speaking of the weather, however, recalls to mind a verse in the Christmas number of the Gentlewoman to which Mr. Baynes Reed draws attention. It is as follows:

IF CHRISTMAS DAY ON THURSDAY BE, A WINDY WINTER WEATHER WILL BE

Christmas has fallen on a Thursday in 1800, 1884 and 1870. It is to be sincerely hoped that the prophecy in the above verse is as good as a rhyme. Families were reunited around the tree if there was one, and most assuredly around the table (and there was one), greetings were on every lip, friendliness in every heart, and statements of professional men, merchants and laborers, forgot their daily worries in serene, undisturbed enjoyment. The eccentricity of the weather, therefore, were little heeded. Speaking of the weather, however, recalls to mind a verse in the Christmas number of the Gentlewoman to which Mr. Baynes Reed draws attention. It is as follows:

IF CHRISTMAS DAY ON THURSDAY BE, A WINDY WINTER WEATHER WILL BE

Christmas has fallen on a Thursday in 1800, 1884 and 1870. It is to be sincerely hoped that the prophecy in the above verse is as good as a rhyme. Families were reunited around the tree if there was one, and most assuredly around the table (and there was one), greetings were on every lip, friendliness in every heart, and statements of professional men, merchants and laborers, forgot their daily worries in serene, undisturbed enjoyment. The eccentricity of the weather, therefore, were little heeded. Speaking of the weather, however, recalls to mind a verse in the Christmas number of the Gentlewoman to which Mr. Baynes Reed draws attention. It is as follows:

OFFICIAL ANSWER TO LABOR COUNCIL

SEGREGATION IS NOT IN TRUSTEES' POWER

Affiliation With McGill University For Two Years' Work Sought For High School.

At the meeting of the school board on Friday there were present the chairman, Dr. Hall, and Trustees Mrs. Jenkins, Jay, Drury, and Huggett. The board held a short session, after which it went into committee of the whole to discuss various matters pertaining to the school arrangements for the ensuing year. A letter of thanks was read from the secretary of the festival chorus, on account of the board having vacated the council chamber to give the chorus an opportunity to practice. A request was made that the board make some arrangements to allow of the room being given up to the festival committee until April upon the regular night of meeting of the school board.

FINNISH COLONISTS WILL HAVE A SCHOOL

The Union Pulp Company Incorporated - Courts of Revision and Appeal - Gazette Notices.

Malcolm Island is created into a school district, notice being given of it in this week's edition of the Provincial Gazette. The island is that set apart by the government for the Kalewan Kansu Colonization Company, a Finnish organization. The colonists have shown a strong disposition to acquire a knowledge of the English language, which the establishment of a school in their midst will give them the opportunity of satisfying.

IF CHRISTMAS DAY ON THURSDAY BE, A WINDY WINTER WEATHER WILL BE

Christmas has fallen on a Thursday in 1800, 1884 and 1870. It is to be sincerely hoped that the prophecy in the above verse is as good as a rhyme. Families were reunited around the tree if there was one, and most assuredly around the table (and there was one), greetings were on every lip, friendliness in every heart, and statements of professional men, merchants and laborers, forgot their daily worries in serene, undisturbed enjoyment. The eccentricity of the weather, therefore, were little heeded. Speaking of the weather, however, recalls to mind a verse in the Christmas number of the Gentlewoman to which Mr. Baynes Reed draws attention. It is as follows:

IF CHRISTMAS DAY ON THURSDAY BE, A WINDY WINTER WEATHER WILL BE

Christmas has fallen on a Thursday in 1800, 1884 and 1870. It is to be sincerely hoped that the prophecy in the above verse is as good as a rhyme. Families were reunited around the tree if there was one, and most assuredly around the table (and there was one), greetings were on every lip, friendliness in every heart, and statements of professional men, merchants and laborers, forgot their daily worries in serene, undisturbed enjoyment. The eccentricity of the weather, therefore, were little heeded. Speaking of the weather, however, recalls to mind a verse in the Christmas number of the Gentlewoman to which Mr. Baynes Reed draws attention. It is as follows:

IF CHRISTMAS DAY ON THURSDAY BE, A WINDY WINTER WEATHER WILL BE

Christmas has fallen on a Thursday in 1800, 1884 and 1870. It is to be sincerely hoped that the prophecy in the above verse is as good as a rhyme. Families were reunited around the tree if there was one, and most assuredly around the table (and there was one), greetings were on every lip, friendliness in every heart, and statements of professional men, merchants and laborers, forgot their daily worries in serene, undisturbed enjoyment. The eccentricity of the weather, therefore, were little heeded. Speaking of the weather, however, recalls to mind a verse in the Christmas number of the Gentlewoman to which Mr. Baynes Reed draws attention. It is as follows:

IF CHRISTMAS DAY ON THURSDAY BE, A WINDY WINTER WEATHER WILL BE

Christmas has fallen on a Thursday in 1800, 1884 and 1870. It is to be sincerely hoped that the prophecy in the above verse is as good as a rhyme. Families were reunited around the tree if there was one, and most assuredly around the table (and there was one), greetings were on every lip, friendliness in every heart, and statements of professional men, merchants and laborers, forgot their daily worries in serene, undisturbed enjoyment. The eccentricity of the weather, therefore, were little heeded. Speaking of the weather, however, recalls to mind a verse in the Christmas number of the Gentlewoman to which Mr. Baynes Reed draws attention. It is as follows:

IF CHRISTMAS DAY ON THURSDAY BE, A WINDY WINTER WEATHER WILL BE

Christmas has fallen on a Thursday in 1800, 1884 and 1870. It is to be sincerely hoped that the prophecy in the above verse is as good as a rhyme. Families were reunited around the tree if there was one, and most assuredly around the table (and there was one), greetings were on every lip, friendliness in every heart, and statements of professional men, merchants and laborers, forgot their daily worries in serene, undisturbed enjoyment. The eccentricity of the weather, therefore, were little heeded. Speaking of the weather, however, recalls to mind a verse in the Christmas number of the Gentlewoman to which Mr. Baynes Reed draws attention. It is as follows:

Smoking Jackets, \$3, 3.50, 5; Dressing Gowns, \$7, 9, 10; Mufflers, Scarfs, Ties, Gloves; Suit Cases, \$3, 4, 5, 7.50. B. Williams & Co., 68-70 YATES STREET.

SAVING OF CITY'S BEAUTIFUL DRIVE COUNCIL CONSIDERED A PLAN SUBMITTED Will Likely Order Part of Work on Dallas Road - How It Will Be Done.

Like Canute of old the city council realize that it requires something more than imperious command to keep back the waves that break upon the seashore, so they have virtually decided to take some practical action which will safeguard Dallas road. This magnificent drive is one of Victoria's principal attractions, and everybody recognizes that to preserve it steps must be taken at once. To this end a special committee, composed of the mayor, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Williams, Mr. Graham, Mr. Vincent and Mr. Yates, was appointed.

NEW ZEALAND ELECTIONS. Government Party Returned to Power - Convict Labor in Victoria.

The Mosna brought news on Christmas eve that the New Zealand elections have resulted in a majority of 28, which will probably be increased to 31, as it was expected that the Maoris would return three government supporters at their election late in December. All the ministers were re-elected, but the Speaker, Sir Maurice O'Rourke, was defeated.

THE CASE REMANDED UNTIL TUESDAY Kircheimer Still in Jail But the Other Sureties.

A large crowd was attracted to the police court on Saturday, the expectation being that the hearing of the cases of Walter Lorimer and G. Kircheimer would be proceeded with. The public were disappointed in this respect, however, because remand until next Tuesday were applied for by the defendant's counsel and granted. Kircheimer was unable to produce sureties when the matter came up in court the other day, and has therefore been in duress since. In the other case sureties were on hand, and the defendant was discharged from custody until the resumption of the proceedings.

SALE COMPLETED. Major Dupont Said to Have Purchased Site in New Westminster.

THE CASE REMANDED UNTIL TUESDAY Kircheimer Still in Jail But the Other Sureties.

THOUSANDS ARE DEAD

Healthy People on Greek Island Vaccinated With Smallpox Lymph.

THOUSANDS ARE DEAD

Healthy People on Greek Island Vaccinated With Smallpox Lymph.

THOUSANDS ARE DEAD

Healthy People on Greek Island Vaccinated With Smallpox Lymph.

THOUSANDS ARE DEAD

Healthy People on Greek Island Vaccinated With Smallpox Lymph.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, 17th to 24th December, 1902. During the greater part of the week a high barometer area has been centered over the North Pacific states...

The annual Christmas entertainment of St. Barnabas Sunday school has been arranged to take place on Tuesday, December 30th, in the Odd Fellows' hall, Fernwood road.

Geo. Courtney, general traffic manager of the E. & N., informs the Times that the Koksilah bridge, on their line, is not damaged.

Additional information has been received in the city concerning the death of W. H. Price, of Adin. The report was first received by the Times from his friends here.

A dispatch from Paris, France, states that the papers of Jean Delamare, manager of the Klondike Mining Co., have been seized.

Local News.

CLEANING OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

The Christmas tree for the Protestant Orphan's Home will be taken on Tuesday, December 30th, from 3 to 5. Santa Claus will be present to distribute the gifts to the little ones.

Steamer Amur will not leave for Skagway until the first of the new month, the date on which the Tees will begin to run for northern British Columbia ports.

A Christmas tree treat await the children of the St. Andrew's (R. C.) cathedral in Inverness on Tuesday evening. A variety of music, readings and tableaux will be provided for the occasion.

In the Sookie calf stealing case, which was up in the provincial police court Friday afternoon, the two defendants, Henry and Sandy Hejesson, gave evidence. They fully disclaimed any share in the calf belonging to the plaintiff.

Mr. John Hector McDonald and Miss Edith Jones were joined in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents, 88 Blanchard street, on Christmas eve.

Midnight mass was celebrated at the St. Andrew's Cathedral on Christmas Eve, there being a large attendance. As usual the musical feature of the service was very attractive.

The provincial secretary, Hon. W. W. B. McInnes, has decided that Ald. R. T. Williams, who holds the office of government book binder, and John Hall, who is employed in the government printing office, are not eligible as candidates for aldermanic honors.

A midnight wedding ceremony was performed in the first Presbyterian church on Christmas eve. The contracting parties were Mr. John Lee Kirk and Miss Flora May Foneigh Cohen.

A Finnish fisherman named John Wright was drowned off Sidney last week. The cause of the death is not known, but it is believed to have been a result of a fall from the boat.

The St. Columba church, Oak Bay, will hold its annual Sunday school Christmas entertainment on Monday. Those having the arrangements in hand have spared no pains to make it a success.

A message announcing the death of Mrs. G. B. Dodwell has been received in this city. She was the wife of G. B. Dodwell, who held the office of firm Dodwell & Co., the shipping firm. She has visited Victoria with her husband and made many friends during those occasions.

At the Chinese Presbyterian mission on Government street Friday evening a pleasant evening was spent by the pupils of the institution. The room was decorated in accordance with the Christmas character of the exercises.

At the Chinese Presbyterian mission on Government street Friday evening a pleasant evening was spent by the pupils of the institution. The room was decorated in accordance with the Christmas character of the exercises.

houses have been erected, while fine coal sheds and buildings for various purposes have been built.

Five Indians were discovered by the police on Monday in a state of intoxication. They were taken into custody by Constables Harper and J. Wood, and driven to the police station in a wagon.

The repairs to the bridge near Cowichan, on the E. & N. railway, have not yet been completed. The trains are being run regularly, however, and passengers transferred over the break in the road.

On Tuesday evening in Masonic Temple the installation of the officers of Vancouver's Grand, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., will take place. Members of other local lodges of the same order are invited, together with any visiting members.

There Is Nothing

Like a bottle of our Antiseptic Tooth Powder for preserving, cleansing and beautifying the teeth. It is the best of our English Tooth Brushes at 25c; guaranteed.

Prof. Alexander delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture to men in the evening at the Japanese church Sunday night. There was large attendance, and the speaker was given the greatest attention throughout.

The Jolly Club will give Tuesday evening a fancy dress ball in the A. O. U. W. hall. The ladies' committee has arranged to have someone in attendance at the A. O. U. W. hall on Tuesday afternoon in order to accommodate those who wish to leave their donations of refreshments early.

Tuesday evening in the A. O. U. W. hall the pupils of Mrs. Lester will give a recital. The majority of the young ladies will adopt the Japanese costume. The hall is being appropriately decorated, and all those attending are assured a pleasant time.

On Wednesday next, from 7.30 to 10.45 p.m., the Epworth League of the Metropolitan church will hold their annual reception in the school room. The Sunday school orchestra, under the leadership of A. Parfitt, will furnish music during the evening, while various games will be provided for those in attendance.

On Wednesday next, from 7.30 to 10.45 p.m., the Epworth League of the Metropolitan church will hold their annual reception in the school room. The Sunday school orchestra, under the leadership of A. Parfitt, will furnish music during the evening, while various games will be provided for those in attendance.

On Wednesday next, from 7.30 to 10.45 p.m., the Epworth League of the Metropolitan church will hold their annual reception in the school room. The Sunday school orchestra, under the leadership of A. Parfitt, will furnish music during the evening, while various games will be provided for those in attendance.

The recital to be given in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening promises to be one of the most interesting of the season. The recital will be given by the Victoria Victoria's finest singers are taking part, and in addition exceedingly good instrumental solos will be rendered.

When the case of John Ralph, charged with stealing a ring from a woman on lower Chatham street, was called in the court on Monday morning, the chief justice, Mr. Justice G. B. Seymour, asked that the charge be withdrawn in view of the continued non-appearance of the complainant.

When the case of John Ralph, charged with stealing a ring from a woman on lower Chatham street, was called in the court on Monday morning, the chief justice, Mr. Justice G. B. Seymour, asked that the charge be withdrawn in view of the continued non-appearance of the complainant.

When the case of John Ralph, charged with stealing a ring from a woman on lower Chatham street, was called in the court on Monday morning, the chief justice, Mr. Justice G. B. Seymour, asked that the charge be withdrawn in view of the continued non-appearance of the complainant.

When the case of John Ralph, charged with stealing a ring from a woman on lower Chatham street, was called in the court on Monday morning, the chief justice, Mr. Justice G. B. Seymour, asked that the charge be withdrawn in view of the continued non-appearance of the complainant.

When the case of John Ralph, charged with stealing a ring from a woman on lower Chatham street, was called in the court on Monday morning, the chief justice, Mr. Justice G. B. Seymour, asked that the charge be withdrawn in view of the continued non-appearance of the complainant.

When the case of John Ralph, charged with stealing a ring from a woman on lower Chatham street, was called in the court on Monday morning, the chief justice, Mr. Justice G. B. Seymour, asked that the charge be withdrawn in view of the continued non-appearance of the complainant.

When the case of John Ralph, charged with stealing a ring from a woman on lower Chatham street, was called in the court on Monday morning, the chief justice, Mr. Justice G. B. Seymour, asked that the charge be withdrawn in view of the continued non-appearance of the complainant.

When the case of John Ralph, charged with stealing a ring from a woman on lower Chatham street, was called in the court on Monday morning, the chief justice, Mr. Justice G. B. Seymour, asked that the charge be withdrawn in view of the continued non-appearance of the complainant.

On Tuesday evening in Masonic Temple the installation of the officers of Vancouver's Grand, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., will take place. Members of other local lodges of the same order are invited, together with any visiting members.

On Tuesday evening in Masonic Temple the installation of the officers of Vancouver's Grand, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., will take place. Members of other local lodges of the same order are invited, together with any visiting members.

On Tuesday evening in Masonic Temple the installation of the officers of Vancouver's Grand, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., will take place. Members of other local lodges of the same order are invited, together with any visiting members.

On Tuesday evening in Masonic Temple the installation of the officers of Vancouver's Grand, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., will take place. Members of other local lodges of the same order are invited, together with any visiting members.

On Tuesday evening in Masonic Temple the installation of the officers of Vancouver's Grand, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., will take place. Members of other local lodges of the same order are invited, together with any visiting members.

On Tuesday evening in Masonic Temple the installation of the officers of Vancouver's Grand, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., will take place. Members of other local lodges of the same order are invited, together with any visiting members.

On Tuesday evening in Masonic Temple the installation of the officers of Vancouver's Grand, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., will take place. Members of other local lodges of the same order are invited, together with any visiting members.

On Tuesday evening in Masonic Temple the installation of the officers of Vancouver's Grand, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., will take place. Members of other local lodges of the same order are invited, together with any visiting members.

On Tuesday evening in Masonic Temple the installation of the officers of Vancouver's Grand, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., will take place. Members of other local lodges of the same order are invited, together with any visiting members.

On Tuesday evening in Masonic Temple the installation of the officers of Vancouver's Grand, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., will take place. Members of other local lodges of the same order are invited, together with any visiting members.

On Tuesday evening in Masonic Temple the installation of the officers of Vancouver's Grand, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., will take place. Members of other local lodges of the same order are invited, together with any visiting members.

On Tuesday evening in Masonic Temple the installation of the officers of Vancouver's Grand, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., will take place. Members of other local lodges of the same order are invited, together with any visiting members.

On Tuesday evening in Masonic Temple the installation of the officers of Vancouver's Grand, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., will take place. Members of other local lodges of the same order are invited, together with any visiting members.

On Tuesday evening in Masonic Temple the installation of the officers of Vancouver's Grand, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., will take place. Members of other local lodges of the same order are invited, together with any visiting members.

On Tuesday evening in Masonic Temple the installation of the officers of Vancouver's Grand, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., will take place. Members of other local lodges of the same order are invited, together with any visiting members.

On Tuesday evening in Masonic Temple the installation of the officers of Vancouver's Grand, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., will take place. Members of other local lodges of the same order are invited, together with any visiting members.

On Tuesday evening in Masonic Temple the installation of the officers of Vancouver's Grand, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., will take place. Members of other local lodges of the same order are invited, together with any visiting members.

On Tuesday evening in Masonic Temple the installation of the officers of Vancouver's Grand, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., will take place. Members of other local lodges of the same order are invited, together with any visiting members.

William Thompson, general manager of the Rossland-Kootenay Company, has made examination and states that the principal tunnel cuts through a shock of ore 250 feet long, and having an average of 250 tons of backs. This body has fully 20,000 tons of pay ore in sight.

William Thompson, general manager of the Rossland-Kootenay Company, has made examination and states that the principal tunnel cuts through a shock of ore 250 feet long, and having an average of 250 tons of backs. This body has fully 20,000 tons of pay ore in sight.

William Thompson, general manager of the Rossland-Kootenay Company, has made examination and states that the principal tunnel cuts through a shock of ore 250 feet long, and having an average of 250 tons of backs. This body has fully 20,000 tons of pay ore in sight.

William Thompson, general manager of the Rossland-Kootenay Company, has made examination and states that the principal tunnel cuts through a shock of ore 250 feet long, and having an average of 250 tons of backs. This body has fully 20,000 tons of pay ore in sight.

William Thompson, general manager of the Rossland-Kootenay Company, has made examination and states that the principal tunnel cuts through a shock of ore 250 feet long, and having an average of 250 tons of backs. This body has fully 20,000 tons of pay ore in sight.

William Thompson, general manager of the Rossland-Kootenay Company, has made examination and states that the principal tunnel cuts through a shock of ore 250 feet long, and having an average of 250 tons of backs. This body has fully 20,000 tons of pay ore in sight.

William Thompson, general manager of the Rossland-Kootenay Company, has made examination and states that the principal tunnel cuts through a shock of ore 250 feet long, and having an average of 250 tons of backs. This body has fully 20,000 tons of pay ore in sight.

William Thompson, general manager of the Rossland-Kootenay Company, has made examination and states that the principal tunnel cuts through a shock of ore 250 feet long, and having an average of 250 tons of backs. This body has fully 20,000 tons of pay ore in sight.

William Thompson, general manager of the Rossland-Kootenay Company, has made examination and states that the principal tunnel cuts through a shock of ore 250 feet long, and having an average of 250 tons of backs. This body has fully 20,000 tons of pay ore in sight.

William Thompson, general manager of the Rossland-Kootenay Company, has made examination and states that the principal tunnel cuts through a shock of ore 250 feet long, and having an average of 250 tons of backs. This body has fully 20,000 tons of pay ore in sight.

William Thompson, general manager of the Rossland-Kootenay Company, has made examination and states that the principal tunnel cuts through a shock of ore 250 feet long, and having an average of 250 tons of backs. This body has fully 20,000 tons of pay ore in sight.

William Thompson, general manager of the Rossland-Kootenay Company, has made examination and states that the principal tunnel cuts through a shock of ore 250 feet long, and having an average of 250 tons of backs. This body has fully 20,000 tons of pay ore in sight.

William Thompson, general manager of the Rossland-Kootenay Company, has made examination and states that the principal tunnel cuts through a shock of ore 250 feet long, and having an average of 250 tons of backs. This body has fully 20,000 tons of pay ore in sight.

William Thompson, general manager of the Rossland-Kootenay Company, has made examination and states that the principal tunnel cuts through a shock of ore 250 feet long, and having an average of 250 tons of backs. This body has fully 20,000 tons of pay ore in sight.

William Thompson, general manager of the Rossland-Kootenay Company, has made examination and states that the principal tunnel cuts through a shock of ore 250 feet long, and having an average of 250 tons of backs. This body has fully 20,000 tons of pay ore in sight.

William Thompson, general manager of the Rossland-Kootenay Company, has made examination and states that the principal tunnel cuts through a shock of ore 250 feet long, and having an average of 250 tons of backs. This body has fully 20,000 tons of pay ore in sight.

William Thompson, general manager of the Rossland-Kootenay Company, has made examination and states that the principal tunnel cuts through a shock of ore 250 feet long, and having an average of 250 tons of backs. This body has fully 20,000 tons of pay ore in sight.

An Ideal Concentrating Proposition on Sophie Mountain. C. Williamson Milne, the wealthy English mining man, who recently visited Rossland, has announced that the Victory-Triumph mine will be reopened and operated.

An Ideal Concentrating Proposition on Sophie Mountain. C. Williamson Milne, the wealthy English mining man, who recently visited Rossland, has announced that the Victory-Triumph mine will be reopened and operated.

An Ideal Concentrating Proposition on Sophie Mountain. C. Williamson Milne, the wealthy English mining man, who recently visited Rossland, has announced that the Victory-Triumph mine will be reopened and operated.

An Ideal Concentrating Proposition on Sophie Mountain. C. Williamson Milne, the wealthy English mining man, who recently visited Rossland, has announced that the Victory-Triumph mine will be reopened and operated.

An Ideal Concentrating Proposition on Sophie Mountain. C. Williamson Milne, the wealthy English mining man, who recently visited Rossland, has announced that the Victory-Triumph mine will be reopened and operated.

An Ideal Concentrating Proposition on Sophie Mountain. C. Williamson Milne, the wealthy English mining man, who recently visited Rossland, has announced that the Victory-Triumph mine will be reopened and operated.

An Ideal Concentrating Proposition on Sophie Mountain. C. Williamson Milne, the wealthy English mining man, who recently visited Rossland, has announced that the Victory-Triumph mine will be reopened and operated.

An Ideal Concentrating Proposition on Sophie Mountain. C. Williamson Milne, the wealthy English mining man, who recently visited Rossland, has announced that the Victory-Triumph mine will be reopened and operated.

An Ideal Concentrating Proposition on Sophie Mountain. C. Williamson Milne, the wealthy English mining man, who recently visited Rossland, has announced that the Victory-Triumph mine will be reopened and operated.

An Ideal Concentrating Proposition on Sophie Mountain. C. Williamson Milne, the wealthy English mining man, who recently visited Rossland, has announced that the Victory-Triumph mine will be reopened and operated.

An Ideal Concentrating Proposition on Sophie Mountain. C. Williamson Milne, the wealthy English mining man, who recently visited Rossland, has announced that the Victory-Triumph mine will be reopened and operated.

An Ideal Concentrating Proposition on Sophie Mountain. C. Williamson Milne, the wealthy English mining man, who recently visited Rossland, has announced that the Victory-Triumph mine will be reopened and operated.

An Ideal Concentrating Proposition on Sophie Mountain. C. Williamson Milne, the wealthy English mining man, who recently visited Rossland, has announced that the Victory-Triumph mine will be reopened and operated.

An Ideal Concentrating Proposition on Sophie Mountain. C. Williamson Milne, the wealthy English mining man, who recently visited Rossland, has announced that the Victory-Triumph mine will be reopened and operated.

An Ideal Concentrating Proposition on Sophie Mountain. C. Williamson Milne, the wealthy English mining man, who recently visited Rossland, has announced that the Victory-Triumph mine will be reopened and operated.

An Ideal Concentrating Proposition on Sophie Mountain. C. Williamson Milne, the wealthy English mining man, who recently visited Rossland, has announced that the Victory-Triumph mine will be reopened and operated.

These will meet at the destroyed bridge and a transfer of the passengers, etc., will be made. The Koksilah river runs very suddenly after having rains, and has frequently given trouble to the railroad company at the point where the line crosses it. The repairs will be made as soon as possible.

These will meet at the destroyed bridge and a transfer of the passengers, etc., will be made. The Koksilah river runs very suddenly after having rains, and has frequently given trouble to the railroad company at the point where the line crosses it. The repairs will be made as soon as possible.

These will meet at the destroyed bridge and a transfer of the passengers, etc., will be made. The Koksilah river runs very suddenly after having rains, and has frequently given trouble to the railroad company at the point where the line crosses it. The repairs will be made as soon as possible.

These will meet at the destroyed bridge and a transfer of the passengers, etc., will be made. The Koksilah river runs very suddenly after having rains, and has frequently given trouble to the railroad company at the point where the line crosses it. The repairs will be made as soon as possible.

These will meet at the destroyed bridge and a transfer of the passengers, etc., will be made. The Koksilah river runs very suddenly after having rains, and has frequently given trouble to the railroad company at the point where the line crosses it. The repairs will be made as soon as possible.

These will meet at the destroyed bridge and a transfer of the passengers, etc., will be made. The Koksilah river runs very suddenly after having rains, and has frequently given trouble to the railroad company at the point where the line crosses it. The repairs will be made as soon as possible.

These will meet at the destroyed bridge and a transfer of the passengers, etc., will be made. The Koksilah river runs very suddenly after having rains, and has frequently given trouble to the railroad company at the point where the line crosses it. The repairs will be made as soon as possible.

These will meet at the destroyed bridge and a transfer of the passengers, etc., will be made. The Koksilah river runs very suddenly after having rains, and has frequently given trouble to the railroad company at the point where the line crosses it. The repairs will be made as soon as possible.

These will meet at the destroyed bridge and a transfer of the passengers, etc., will be made. The Koksilah river runs very suddenly after having rains, and has frequently given trouble to the railroad company at the point where the line crosses it. The repairs will be made as soon as possible.

These will meet at the destroyed bridge and a transfer of the passengers, etc., will be made. The Koksilah river runs very suddenly after having rains, and has frequently given trouble to the railroad company at the point where the line crosses it. The repairs will be made as soon as possible.

These will meet at the destroyed bridge and a transfer of the passengers, etc., will be made. The Koksilah river runs very suddenly after having rains, and has frequently given trouble to the railroad company at the point where the line crosses it. The repairs will be made as soon as possible.

These will meet at the destroyed bridge and a transfer of the passengers, etc., will be made. The Koksilah river runs very suddenly after having rains, and has frequently given trouble to the railroad company at the point where the line crosses it. The repairs will be made as soon as possible.

These will meet at the destroyed bridge and a transfer of the passengers, etc., will be made. The Koksilah river runs very suddenly after having rains, and has frequently given trouble to the railroad company at the point where the line crosses it. The repairs will be made as soon as possible.

These will meet at the destroyed bridge and a transfer of the passengers, etc., will be made. The Koksilah river runs very suddenly after having rains, and has frequently given trouble to the railroad company at the point where the line crosses it. The repairs will be made as soon as possible.

These will meet at the destroyed bridge and a transfer of the passengers, etc., will be made. The Koksilah river runs very suddenly after having rains, and has frequently given trouble to the railroad company at the point where the line crosses it. The repairs will be made as soon as possible.

These will meet at the destroyed bridge and a transfer of the passengers, etc., will be made. The Koksilah river runs very suddenly after having rains, and has frequently given trouble to the railroad company at the point where the line crosses it. The repairs will be made as soon as possible.

These will meet at the destroyed bridge and a transfer of the passengers, etc., will be made. The Koksilah river runs very suddenly after having rains, and has frequently given trouble to the railroad company at the point where the line crosses it. The repairs will be made as soon as possible.

Author of "God's Outcast Fata," "To Pay the Such is Life," "The For Life and Liberty," etc.

Author of "God's Outcast Fata," "To Pay the Such is Life," "The For Life and Liberty," etc.

Author of "God's Outcast Fata," "To Pay the Such is Life," "The For Life and Liberty," etc.

Author of "God's Outcast Fata," "To Pay the Such is Life," "The For Life and Liberty," etc.

Author of "God's Outcast Fata," "To Pay the Such is Life," "The For Life and Liberty," etc.

Author of "God's Outcast Fata," "To Pay the Such is Life," "The For Life and Liberty," etc.

Author of "God's Outcast Fata," "To Pay the Such is Life," "The For Life and Liberty," etc.

Author of "God's Outcast Fata," "To Pay the Such is Life," "The For Life and Liberty," etc.

Author of "God's Outcast Fata," "To Pay the Such is Life," "The For Life and Liberty," etc.

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS. All Forms of Kidney Trouble from Backache to Bright's Disease. If you have a Backache, Sideache, Scanty or Highly Colored Urine, or anything wrong with your Kidneys take Doan's Kidney Pills.

AWFUL SHIPWRECK OFF NEW ZEALAND

PATHEPIC STORY OF SURVIVOR ON RAFT

Big Loss of Life in a Treacherous Surf—Further Details of Loss of the Ellingamite.

Details of the loss of the steamer Ellingamite on the Three Kings rocks, off New Zealand, last month, are contained in the Australian papers received by R. M. S. Moana, which arrived on Wednesday night. The story has already been published in brief in telegraphic dispatches received, but particulars of the terrible disaster were then referred to meagrely. It will be remembered that the disaster came without warning, the big steamer being up against the rocks almost before her terrible predicament was realized. A slight bump was followed by an awful crunching and breaking of timbers. Ashore the rocks towered high and alongside there was a seething and angry stretch of water broken every few feet by rough and sharp pinnacles, which seem to suggest to the frightened ones aboard that certain death lay in any effort of escape. In half an hour the decks were afloat, and before the passengers could get into the boats they were standing up to their waists in water. As a number of the boats were lowered they were dashed to pieces, and their occupants killed or drowned. Others, however, succeeded in getting clear of the vessel with good loads.

The first of those to arrive reached Hohoua with 37 passengers and 15 seamen and two dead bodies. The news being telegraphed from there the steamer Zealandia was dispatched to the scene of the disaster, and succeeded in picking up 80 of the survivors. Capt. Reid, one of the officers, tells of 20 survivors who landed in the boats and who spent the night on a rock swept by storm. They were drenched to the skin, and many of the women were in an exhausted condition. Next morning a search for the missing was instituted. A forecabin steward was rescued by the party from a rock which he had reached the previous night. All about in the waters dead bodies could be seen floating about on the surface. On Big King Island were many of the shipwrecked ones who were being provided for by the relief party when the Zealandia came along, and all were taken aboard by means of a line stretched ashore. Muchhead promised from this island the Zealandia went down to the island from where the relief party had started, and there picked up 70 more of the unfortunate. Captain Reid strongly condemned the conduct of the Australian passenger aboard, stating that they refused to assist in any way, while the womenfolk worked all the time, tending out the boats with their boots.

With H. M. S. Penguin, which had gone to seek survivors was about 60 miles northeast of the Three Kings, the bottom boards of a boat and other wreckage were seen in the water. Shortly afterwards one of the men stationed on the raft, three were kneeling down, and the remainder were crouched in sitting positions. The men and the raft were taken on board. The men were in a very feeble condition, and some of them were unable to give intelligible answers to questions.

Some of the men stated that some hours before they were rescued they saw a steamer approach, and that a boat had been lowered from the deck, but had come near them, but did not pick them up. Steven R. Neil, one of those on this raft, gave a detailed narrative of his terrible privations. He said: "There were 19 of us upon the raft, over which the waves were breaking. We were half submerged. The other raft which had left the vessel earlier was above us, and the men on it were on the cylinders appears to be built higher, and it was not so crowded. I called to this raft, and asked the men upon it to find room among them for the forecabin stewardess. Whether they thought there was a danger of swamping if they approached too close I don't know, but they did not take the poor woman. Some time later this raft came nearer, and three of our men jumped out to her, and were taken aboard. The jolly boat then came along, with the purser, Fred Chambers, in command. It was leaning and could hold no more. We had two sculls, but only one scull to propel us. Within a few minutes, Danielson, who was a quartermaster on the Ellingamite, improvised a rope rowlock. Using both oars we then struggled to get to leeward of the island, but the current was too strong for us, and we realized that we were at the mercy of the winds and waves. Plenty of fruit in cases was at the time floating amongst the wreckage, with which the sea was covered. Not expecting any such dreadful experiences as we were doomed to pass through, we did not make any great effort to secure the fruit, and it was by good fortune more than anything else that one of our number picked up two small apples. Instead of getting to the lee of the island we gradually drifted out into the ocean, and in the heavy fog that prevailed it was not long before we lost sight of everything.

"At night the sea became choppy; it became very cold, too, and the fireman, the second steward and the forecabin stewardess, being very poorly clad for such weather, suffered greatly from exposure. We did our best to keep each other warm. I had the fireman's head pressed to my breast the whole of two nights. "It was, I think, about seven or half-past seven o'clock on Sunday evening that we decided to appoint one of our

number commander. There were 16 of us, you will remember, three, as I have already said, having joined the party on the other raft. We were unanimous in our selection of Mr. Wetherill. The new commander was given the two apples that had been picked up. These apples, I may say, were divided each into 16 parts, and we had one part apiece. I munched the rind of mine several times over. There was no water and no more eatables, and we had to go from Sunday night until Monday night before we got our next mouthful of an apple each.

"Dickson, one of the men who had been selected by the Auckland Electric Tramways Company to take up a position as driver, was the first man to die. When morning came two more of our little band lay dead alongside Dickson. When we found that three of our number were dead, and that there were already signs of putrefaction, we decided to put the bodies overboard, and did so. Mr. Wetherill, the fireman, Danielson, the quartermaster, and others, who shared the rowing, stuck manfully to their posts.

"Whilst pulling we broke the rope rowlock, and this had to be repeatedly repaired. When we looked up again towards the light we found we were no nearer than at the start. Just then a steamer was seen up from the crew. We could see the mast-head light of a steamer bearing down on us.

"A prayer of thankfulness went up to God from each one of us. We prayed as only men who were in despair could pray. Apparently the steamer heard us. She came to a full stop—our hearts beat fast with excitement—and lowered a boat. There was a light in the bows of the boat, and we watched it with anxious eyes. The big ship seemed to anchor there whilst the boat made an almost bee-line in our direction. Our salvation appeared to be at hand. We stood up and screamed in order to attract attention. 'Ship ahoy!' we cried. 'Help us for God's sake! We are starving.' Our voices sounded strange even to ourselves, as the cries went tremulously over the waters. We had no means of exhibiting a signal. The boat came, to all appearances, within 100 yards of 200 yards of us. It could not have been further away. Then the boat seemed to be encircling us. Her lights approached nearer to the first light we had seen. Then it became lost for a while and seemed to be returning to the ship. Our screams became frantic, but they were not heard, and 'God help us,' we cried, as the boat disappeared into the sea for a sight of her. But all we could see was the smoke of a vessel about ten miles off. It was a heart-breaking moment.

"One very pathetic death was that of Muirhead. I cheered him up as well as I knew how, reminding him of his friends and his good old mother out in New South Wales, and bidding him bear up for their sakes. Muirhead promised to keep up his heart, and on Tuesday night he said, 'It's all right, old boy. We'll be saved yet.' He lay down alongside of me, and we fell asleep. Presently I was awakened by a kind of monotone. I listened, and made out the words to be, 'I'm gone, I'm gone, I'm gone; good-bye, I'm gone.' Raising myself into a sitting position, I gazed around, and there, a few yards from the raft, was Muirhead floating on his back with his hands lifted upwards, singing, 'Good-bye, good-bye.' Snatching my lifebelt from under my head, I threw it to Muirhead, shouting to him, 'For God's sake, catch this man!' The poor fellow, who seemed to be unconscious of what was going on around him, touched the lifebelt with his hand and pushed it away from him. A man who was watching the sad scene with me, then threw another lifebelt to Muirhead, asking him to catch hold of it, but this he served in the same way. The last we saw of the poor fellow was when he was still floating away from us, singing his mournful good-bye.

"Mrs. McGinck, the forecabin stewardess, bore up bravely till towards the last. Part of her outer clothing she had divided amongst the poor fellows who were worst clad, and in every way she displayed great endurance and a heroic spirit. She finally died from sheer exhaustion, and was placed in her watery grave.

"A little after noon we sighted the smoke of a steamer about 9 or 10 miles away. As far as we could make out the steamer was heading in our direction. We were a crew of praying men—penitent sinners every one of us—and we prayed with all the fervency we were capable of that we might be saved. One of our number fastened his shirt—a white garment—to one of the sculls, and hoisted it as a flag. We shouted, too, with what little lung power we had left, although we knew we could not be heard at so great a distance. Our feelings when the ship steamed nearer and nearer until she was level with us, and we saw her put out a boat, can hardly be described.

BURNED AT THE ALTAR

The Greek Oriental church at Tohat, in Transvaal, was the scene of a terrible fatal fire, whilst a clergyman, Silvius Bied, was being married to Sidonie Bratau. Just as the ceremony was closing, the bride's mantle dress caught fire from a taper, and in an instant she was in flames. Two bridesmaids, rushing to her help, shared a similar fate. Finally the bridegroom succeeded in pulling the bride away, but the unhappy girl expired very soon afterwards. The other two, though badly burned, will recover.

Forty-four muscels are called into play in the production of the human voice.

IMPRESSED WITH WESTERN FRUITS

EASTERN DELEGATES TO VISIT PROVINCE

R. M. Palmer's Trip to Ontario Establishes Faith in Methods Adopted in British Columbia.

The visit to Ontario of R. M. Palmer, freight commissioner, promises to be attended with excellent results as far as the province is concerned. In consequence of the good work done by the freight commissioner in the Eastern Provinces, it is expected that a deputation of Eastern fruit growers will visit this province next year and look into the conditions here. The introduction to the attention of the Eastern horticulturists of the resources of British Columbia could not have been confined to a better than Mr. Palmer, who understands the fruit conditions better than any other in the province.

Mr. Palmer's trip to the East will not extend as far as the Maritime provinces. He confined his visit to Ontario, attending the annual gathering of the Fruit Growers' Association at Walkerton and the fat stock show in Quebec, he was enabled to place before the most prominent fruit growers and agriculturists the possibilities of this Western province as a fruit producer. Not only was this made possible in the addresses with which he was given during these meetings, he in each case got the samples of fruit which he had taken from here placed on the tables. This later gave the point to the words of Mr. Palmer. The Eastern growers were wonderfully impressed with the samples placed before them. So astonished were they with the quality that it is altogether probable that a deputation of perhaps a dozen or more of the most prominent fruit growers will come to British Columbia next year, at a time when they can see for themselves the fruit on the trees. The results of that visit will be very difficult to estimate. With conditions such as exist in Ontario it is quite likely that in consequence of this trip of Freight Commissioner Palmer to the East that this province may have an influx of experienced horticulturists who see in the conditions existing here much better opportunities than they have to expect in the East.

The apple crop in Ontario has not been a good one this past year. The failure has been due largely to the scab, the cedarling moth and other fruit pests which have got a firm foothold in the orchards of that province. By means of spraying these troubles are abated, but where man does not adopt these adequate methods the pests are continued. Walkerton, where the fruit growers met, lies in the centre of the fruit growing section, which, while not the largest producer of apples in the province, is famous for the quality of fruit unexcelled in any part of Ontario. That the fruit from British Columbia should thus eclipse that produced there could not fail to have its effect upon the horticulturists gathered together.

Another feature of the fruit conditions in Ontario is the prevalence of the antiquated methods of packing in barrels. The result is that apples of mixed quality are put in the same barrel, while the best of the top, the poorer quality of fruit put in these barrels have had the effect of reducing the price of the whole barrel, and while in British Columbia, when the modern method prevails, the packing in boxes, a price is obtained of \$1 for a box of forty pounds, the Ontario fruit grower gets but \$1 for a barrel.

This is not confined to Ontario and Eastern Canada, but the same states labor under the same disadvantage compared with the western states of the Union. In consequence Oregon apples packed in the well known boxes and carefully graded, as is a necessity when so put up, are sold on the New York market for \$2 a box, while Eastern apples only bring that price per barrel.

These disadvantages will continue to exist until the modern method of grading is adopted, the fruit carefully packed and put in the box used by Western horticulturists. Profiting by the lessons afforded in the older parts of the Dominion, British Columbia has been enabled to enforce regulations for the keeping of their orchards free of the pests which have been attended with such disastrous results in the East.

On his visit to Ontario Mr. Palmer was accompanied by Mr. Petersen, who represented the Northwest Territories in a somewhat similar capacity.

EX-PRESIDENT KRUGER

Mr. Kruger's health has slightly improved since he arrived at Menton, France, but it is plain to anyone that the old man's worst ailment is not physical. He looks the picture of misery. When one meets him driving with his daughter and grandchildren he appears to be oblivious to everything around him. He never smiles, but looks lost in bitter recollection of the evils which have befallen him and his country.

Foul Breath, Catarrh, Headache.

ARE BANISHED BY DR. AGNEW'S CATHARTIC POWDER. IT RELIEVES IN 10 MINUTES. P. Bottom, druggist, Goodknight, Que., says: "For 20 years I suffered from Catarrh. My breath was very offensive even to myself. I tried everything, but it did me no good. I finally got relief from Dr. Agnew's Cathartic Powder. I got relief instantly after first application. It cured me and I am free from all the effects of it." Dr. Agnew's Cathartic Powder is sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—14

VICTORIANS IN WELLINGTON.

H. E. Levy Visiting Land of His Birth Beneath the Southern Cross. A recent issue of the Evening Post of Wellington, New Zealand, says: "A visitor to Wellington at the present time is H. Emanuel Levy, a son of the late Benjamin Levy, one of the first Wellington settlers. As a matter of fact, Benjamin Levy and his brother accompanied Colonel Wakefield's survey party to the colony, leaving it with him in 1839, and landing at Petone in 1840. H. E. Levy, who is only on a short visit here, is the first Jewish boy born in Wellington, and his father and uncle were the first Jewish people to land here. He left the city in his early childhood, and has since been settled for 43 years in Victoria, British Columbia, one of the most progressive cities of modern times. He has little or no recollection of Wellington as it was when he left it, but thinks we have established a fine little city in the interim. Still he sees room for improvement when he comes to compare it with his own progressive city. He was astonished to find the horse-tram system still in vogue, and the bedroom candlestick still figuring prominently in the modern hotel. He considers, also, that this colony made a mistake in dropping the subsidy to the Vancouver service, believing that there was a profitable trade to be worked up with his part of the world, especially in meat, butter and woolen goods. So impressed is he still with the idea that he intends on his return to recommend to the British Columbian Board of Trade to dispatch a trade commissioner to the colonies to get more information as to products with which they could do trade. There would, he thinks, be modification about the establishment of a steam service to take up the trade. Mr. Levy has brought with him a collection of Columbian-grown fruit, and also a collection of photographs illustrating the progress of the country, and these he intends exhibiting in this city during the next few days. He is accompanied on his trip by Mrs. Levy and intends going north by way of the Wanganui river."

WRECKED AT LYTON.

Cobbledick Dredge Lies at Bottom of Fraser River. The Cobbledick dredge lies at the bottom of the Fraser river, near Lyton. The dredge was built in 1898, and has experienced varying successes and failures in delving for gold in the sands and gravels of the river on whose bed it now lies a wreck. It was constructed by Lyton and has been operated sporadically in that district since being built. The cost of first construction, combined with the many changes and improvements made since, had brought the total cost to the sum of \$100,000. In 1901 Mr. H. Graham took over the active management of the operations on behalf of the English company. Recently reports have received to the effect that, owing to the improvements effected in the dredge, and the rich nature of the gravels it was operating in, there was a prospect of it making a good return this year.

On Wednesday, however, the news was received that it had foundered. The exact cause of the accident could not be ascertained. The report stated that it is improbable that the dredge can be raised, as the flow of water in the flow of a very rapid current. The position of the wreck is on the east bank of the Fraser, above Lyton, between the South ranch and the Van Winkle bar, or about opposite T. Earl's ranch.

FOR BRAVERY.

Young Victorian Awarded Royal Humane Association's Mark of Distinction. The Royal Humane Association's bronze medal for bravery has been awarded to Edward Francis Nason, a pupil of the Victoria High school, who saved the lives of two children, a boy and a girl, from drowning in Poul Bay last August a little girl, Mary McInnes. The attention of the Humane Society was drawn to the lad's heroic act with the aid of the Rev. J. H. Brown, physical instructor in the public school, who received the following letter from the president, Adam Brown:

Dear Sir:—By this mail I send you the bronze medal of the Royal Humane Association, which has been unanimously awarded to Edward Francis Nason for promptly and courageously saving the lives of Mary McInnes from drowning at Poul Bay, B. C., on August 9th, 1902. We usually send the medal to the parents of the child, but in this case I send it to you, as you are the one who may think proper for as public a presentation as possible, making the occasion an object lesson for the boys.

ESTATE OF CHARLES TODD, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claim against the estate of Charles Todd, deceased, late of Metairie, British Columbia, Indian agent, are required to send particulars of such claim to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of January, 1903, after which date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have had notice.

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that from this date I am no longer connected with the firm of Morrison & Co., traders, of Bella Coola, B. C., and will not be responsible for any debts incurred by said firm.

PRINTING PRESS FOR SALE.

The Coe Press, on which the Daily Times was printed for several years. The bed is 22 1/2 inches, and in every respect the press is in first-class condition. Very suitable for small daily or weekly offices. It cost \$1,500; will be sold for \$600 cash.

PARTICULARS ARE WANTED.

and, where possible, accompanied by photographs of improved mixed farms for sale of from 70 to 100 acres, with house, outbuildings, etc., on fertile or adjacent islands or in Saanich District. Address Secretary, Bureau of Provincial Information, Victoria.

WANTED—Agents in every town and village in Canada to sell Men's ordered clothing, good construction, Union label, Crown Tailoring Co., Canada's Largest Tailors, Toronto.

ROBERT DOWNING IN ROLE OF GLADIATOR

The Tragedian Gave Powerful Interpretation of the Part—Shows on Board Next Week. Victorians last night had an opportunity of seeing the splendid tragedian Robert Downing enact a role in which he is much at home as James O'Neill in the celebrated part of Monte Cristo. Both are reputed to have played these characters three thousand times, and in each instance previous triumphs have been overshadowed by the success achieved in what must necessarily be considered a specialty. Downing possesses the superb presence—physique, voice and manner—which one naturally associates with those athletic barbarians whose wonderful physical attainments were exploited to grace a Roman holiday, and it would seem that he has been wedded to the part just as his famous colleagues, O'Neill and Joseph Jefferson, are bound to the roles of Monte Cristo and Rip Van Winkle.

It takes but one big success to make a man in the realm of Thespis, and yet critics have said that O'Neill's interpretation of Virgilus was the most masterly since the Boots of the two hemispheres. But whether Victorians ever see Downing in the role of the Gladiator again or not, last night's performance proved to the limited number present that the enlogium of critics were centrally justified. A heroic role, such as this require a figure cast in heroic mould. Downing certainly has this requisite. His personation was strong throughout, and at times thrilling, especially in the fourth and last acts, the scene in the arena being a masterly exhibition of powerful acting. The supporting company was a fair one, some of the players giving evidence of considerable promise.

"Sandy Bottom." The distinctively American play depends to a great extent on its portrayal of character and scenes, which are to a degree of a local nature. Thus "Arizona" deals with the citizens of the far western state of that name, and "Sandy Bottom," which is shortly to be seen here, with the peaceful lives of those who live in the picturesque Arkansas hills. Admitting as it does of elaborate scenic effects, this advantage, it is said, Managers Hampton and Hopkins have eagerly seized to supply their patrons with something out of the ordinary in the way of stage illusion. It is also stated that they have secured the services of an exceptionally good company for the portrayal of the characters. "Sandy Bottom" is announced at the Victoria theatre for Monday evening.

"The Telephone Girl." The musical comedy success, "The Telephone Girl," comes here next week. In all the large cities, beginning with New York, it fairly coined money for its fortunate owners. In the metropolis it enjoyed a run of something like 200 nights, and in Paris, acted a pride differently, it made a record of 350 performances. With a good and if not better cast than ever, it will be the attraction at the Victoria theatre on Tuesday evening. Joe Kane, Edith Valmasoda, Alf Holt, Arthur Conrad, Geo. Ebner, Mamma Keogh, Jethro Warner, Valori sisters, Ruth Jordan, are the principals in the new cast. The play is in two acts and abounds in pretty and original musical numbers and the latest specialties.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

More Students in Attendance Than Last Year. Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 26.—The Cornell University register was ready for distribution to-day. The books show that the total number of students in attendance on date is 2,998, 176 over last year. This year there are 390 professors, instructors, etc., an increase in the teaching staff of 30. Forty-six states and 16 foreign countries are represented in the student body.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claim against the estate of Charles Todd, deceased, late of Metairie, British Columbia, Indian agent, are required to send particulars of such claim to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of January, 1903, after which date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have had notice.

ESTATE OF CHARLES TODD, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 640 acres, situated on the West Arm of Quatsno Sound, described as follows: Commencing at a post placed on the north shore of the West Arm, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of commencement.

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that from this date I am no longer connected with the firm of Morrison & Co., traders, of Bella Coola, B. C., and will not be responsible for any debts incurred by said firm.

PRINTING PRESS FOR SALE.

The Coe Press, on which the Daily Times was printed for several years. The bed is 22 1/2 inches, and in every respect the press is in first-class condition. Very suitable for small daily or weekly offices. It cost \$1,500; will be sold for \$600 cash.

PARTICULARS ARE WANTED.

and, where possible, accompanied by photographs of improved mixed farms for sale of from 70 to 100 acres, with house, outbuildings, etc., on fertile or adjacent islands or in Saanich District. Address Secretary, Bureau of Provincial Information, Victoria.

WANTED—Agents in every town and village in Canada to sell Men's ordered clothing, good construction, Union label, Crown Tailoring Co., Canada's Largest Tailors, Toronto.

Tyee Copper Co. SMELTING WORKS AT LADYSMITH

Prepared to purchase ores as from August 1st. Convenient to E. & N. or Sea. CLERMONT LIVINGSTON, MANAGER.

The Paterson Shoe Co. Ld. (WHOLESALE AND RETAIL) Boots and Shoes, Rubber Boots, Etc. We are the largest exclusive dealers in Boots and Shoes in the province, carry complete stocks of every description of Boots and Shoes, Rubbers, Rubber Boots, etc., etc., in each of our five large stores. Miners' Footwear a Specialty. Letter orders promptly and carefully filled. Write for Catalogue to The Paterson Shoe Co. Ld. VICTORIA, B. C. Branch Stores: Vancouver, B.C.; Nanaimo, B.C.

COLORED CLOTHING ALL LINES IN YELLOW AND BLACK J. PIERCY & Co., Wholesale Dry Goods. Victoria

FRESH Finnan Haddie 2 Pounds, 25c Dixie H. Ross & Co., Cash Grocers

ALTHOUGH OUR SALES Were exceptionally large during the Xmas week, our stock of Groceries for the New Year holiday is unexcelled. The world's best, bought right. The prices will affirm our oft repeated claim—Always the cheapest. CHRISTIE BROWN'S CELEBRATED GOODS. HUNTLEY & PALMER'S RENOWNED BISCUITS. Plum Puddings, 1s and 2s... 35c and 65c. Fruit Cakes, 1s and 2s... 35c and 65c. Water Ice, Imperial, Windsor and Batavia Wafers... 40c. ALBERTS... Per Doz., 25c. MARIE... WATERBURY... BREAKFAST, at... 5c. SWISS, per lb... 40c. A PURE NATIVE PORT AND ZINFANDEL, per bot... 25c. I. DE TULK'S CELEBRATED CALIFORNIA WINES.

THE SAUNDERS GROCERY CO., LTD. USE Bowes' Bronchial Balsam For Coughs Pleasant to take. Effective. 25c. and 50c. per bottle. Cyrus H. Bowes, CHEMIST, 98 Government St. Near Yates. Notice is hereby given that sixty days from this date I intend making application to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land situated on the north side of San Juan Harbor, Fort Bentway, B. C., viz.: Commencing at the southwest corner post of Schofield claim, thence north 90 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less. Dated 6th November, 1902. W. McDONALD.

VETERINARY COURSE BY MAIL—Farmers' sons wanted to take a practical veterinary course; the study is in the simplest of English language and completed at your home; the diploma granted on passing examination. Students desiring positions after graduating will be assisted; several are wanted now to fill positions. Write at once for full particulars. The Ontario Veterinary Correspondence School, London, Ontario, Canada. Dated this 1st day of October, A.D., 1902. WANTED—Agents in every town and village in Canada to sell Men's ordered clothing, good construction, Union label, Crown Tailoring Co., Canada's Largest Tailors, Toronto.