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THE CRAFTY TURK.

His Loss of Crete a Chance to Escape Further and Greater Changes.

"An Ill Wind That Blows Nobody Good"—Attempt to Provokes Another Massacre.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 17.—It is known that the landing of Greek forces at Crete has caused a great sensation at the Yildiz Kiosk and the use of military and diplomatic skill on the part of the ambassadors to prevail upon the Porte to accept the situation as now presented. The cabinet of ministers has decided to leave the pacification of Crete to the powers. This is regarded as a wise decision, there being a most complicated situation in Crete, where the flags of Great Britain, Russia, France, Italy and Austria are flying alongside the Turkish standard, while Greece is seemingly despoiling the powers or acting as a mediator of Europe.

The ministerial council also decided to send Karatheodoris Pasha to Crete as special High Commissioner to adopt military measures on the Greek frontier, to appoint Marshal Edehem Pasha, director of operations against the insurgents at Zetton in 1896, to command the Turkish troops at Alasassa and to call out the militia or first reserves, and the third army corps, now at Salonica.

The measures are for purely defensive purposes and are to enable the Turkish government to be prepared for all eventualities. The Sultan informed the ambassadors that in view of the aggressive attitude of Greece he has been obliged to adopt measures required by the situation. At the same time he took occasion to express his satisfaction at the landing of detachments of marines at Crete from the warships of Great Britain, Russia, France, Italy and Austria in the restoration of order in Crete.

The Sultan seems to be well aware that Greece would not have acted as delicately as she has done without having had one powerful friend behind her. It is this feature of the complications that is having the most striking effect upon the Turks, who also see in the abandonment of Crete to Greece a possible loophole of escape from the grasp of the Turkish empire.

The Sultan's religious policy of its being an ill wind which blows nobody good. He is credited with his hope that his obedience to the wishes of his powerful friend, for the friends of Greece, in the matter of Crete may be placed to his credit when the consequences and responsibilities of the "reforms" in the Turkish empire come to the front again. The action of Greece has been nothing more than a coincidence, but out of such coincidences Oriental diplomacy is framed.

It has been announced in the newspapers here that the Turkish minister at Athens has been appointed to the council of state, and the Greek minister here, M. Mauricodato, is to be given his passports, but as the dispatch sent the report has not been confirmed by the Sultan may have been induced by the ambassadors to delay the matter.

There was an incident at the People's theatre in the Stamboul quarter yesterday evening which is regarded by many as being an attempt to provoke another outbreak on the part of the Yildiz palace guard, the most trusted troops of the Sultan, who were among the audience, suddenly discharged their revolvers in the air, causing a terrible ed, during which a bystander was wounded. Two of the theatres were arrested and taken to the nearest police station, previous to being handed over to the military authorities at the Yildiz kiosk.

ATHENS, Feb. 17.—A battery of field artillery, commanded by Prince Nicholas of Greece, started today for Larissa, and military reserves are still being assembled. The Greek ironclad Spesial, which arrived here from Toulon yesterday, is to be prepared for active service with all possible haste. Reinforcements are being sent to the Greek troops on the island of Crete. The Greek government maintains it is acting in the interests of the peace of Europe.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Regarding the situation in Crete the Times says: "The city of Crete is the scene of a most important event than the descent of a few hundred Greek soldiers with proclamations. Doubtless the first condition of pacification, however, that in no case will the island revert to the Sultan's direct control."

The Constantinople correspondent of the Times thinks that the powers have decided to occupy the Cretean islands in the northern and western portions of the island, leaving the Greeks to enjoy themselves in the mountainous regions of the interior. He believes that the Turks are sick of Crete and are willing to surrender that unpardonable possession to Greece if Greece will bind herself to assume an attitude of quiescence in Macedonia.

A dispatch to the Daily News from Rome says that the powers have agreed upon the following points: 1. To maintain the present occupation of Crete by the Italian officers. 2. A guarantee of peace in the Balkans. 3. Without provoking any European. 4. To take into account the legitimate desires of all people interested. 5. To

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the government have wired fresh instructions to Colonel Vasos. Another dispatch to the Times says that Saadedin, who was recalled from Crete recently at the instance of the powers for forming plots against the reforms, left Constantinople for Crete yesterday with three battalions.

A dispatch to the Times from Crete, dated Wednesday evening, Feb. 17, says: "The Greek government has wired its usual note to reopen the consulate, which has been done, thus creating an anomalous situation in the resumption of diplomatic relations, while the Greek army has occupied Crete in the King's name."

Platiades Pasha has been appointed to the office of the recommendation of the powers. The Russian admiral has sent the following report to the powers: "The Athens correspondent of the Times says that advice from Turkey, Turkey, the departure of three Turkish battalions, with seven guns, two wagons and a company of seven hundred artillery officers, en route for the Greek frontier."

A dispatch to the Times from St. Petersburg says there is no longer the least doubt that Russia is preparing for war—not necessarily to declare war, but to meet any necessity in connection with the eastern crisis. Even the old Cross society of the Crimea is taking active steps in the same direction.

A dispatch to the Times from Berlin says: "At the ball at the opera house last night (Wednesday) Emperor William conversed over an hour with the representative of the powers." A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Berlin says that the dowager Carina has wired the King of Greece, promising to do everything in her power to help him.

A dispatch to the Times from Athens says that the dowager Carina has been appointed chief of staff of a Crete expeditionary force. Several officers have been sent to Crete to organize companies of volunteers under the orders of Col. Vasos. Another battalion has been ordered to hold itself in readiness to proceed to Crete.

A dispatch to the Standard from Athens says that news was received to-night (Wednesday) that Col. Vasos has captured another important position, the village of Voulkias.

Another infantry battalion with guns, and other stores started for Crete to-night (Wednesday). The King of Greece receives daily telegrams from all parts of the world especially from England, Italy and the United States urging him to pursue his policy to the end. A solemn Te Deum was celebrated in the chapel of the palace. All the members of the royal family were present. The religious services were held with unusual solemnity. The departure of Prince Nicholas, who bid adieu to his friends and relatives, amidst the enthusiasm of the crowd.

A dispatch to the Daily News from Athens says that a portion of the forces under the command of Col. Vasos attacked the town of Bonoullion, which place was surrendered by the Turkish garrison after a short resistance.

A dispatch to the Times from Athens says: "The Turkish and party European officers with a Turkish colonel have inspected the forts. The capture of the island of the Soudan vice-consul was found mutilated and slain."

In order to avoid the dangers incident to travelling on the streets of Constantinople the Sultan left yesterday, during the ceremony of kissing the prophet's mantle, which is a feature of the rites of the great annual Mohammedan fast of Ramadan. Fifty thousand naval reserves, including the men on furlough, were called out.

A dispatch to the Times from Brussels says it is reported that a rebellion has broken out in the Equatorial district of the Congo State. Governor Whelan, personally commanding an armed force, is marching on Luluberg.

A Turkish squadron, consisting of four warships and ten torpedo boats has been ordered to start for Crete in a few days. It will be joined there by all the vessels of the Turkish Archipelago and the Gulf of Alexandria. A second Turkish squadron, made up of five warships and ten torpedo boats, has also been ordered to be prepared for active service. The minister of marine has asked for a credit of 600,000 to meet the naval expenditure.

C.P.R. OFFER TO BUILD.

Committee of the Cabinet Appointed to Consider Crow's Nest Pass Railroad.

Attempt to Whitewash the Government—Parliament House Water Supply.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, Feb. 18.—It is stated that the Canadian Pacific has made a definite offer to build the line through Crow's Nest Pass and operate it as part of their system.

Hon. Mr. Blair, Sir Oliver Mowat and Hon. Mr. Sifton has been appointed a sub-committee of the cabinet to grapple with the Crow's Nest Pass railway matter and report to the council as to the best solution of the problem.

Hon. Mr. Borden is far more seriously ill than was at first anticipated. He has been ordered South for rest, and will be away for some weeks. In some quarters it is believed he will have to retire altogether from politics.

Hon. Mr. Arto has employed about 170 men to clear away the debris from the western block. The cabinet will decide to-morrow as to the nature of the proposed construction and whether it will be done by contract or day labor.

Mr. Ewart, chief engineer, has given an official report on the fire. It is an elaborate attempt to whitewash the Public Works department of all responsibility. It appears that all the water pipes in the parliament buildings and the Eastern and Western blocks, except the Mackenzie river, are of cast iron and have been in use 35 years. The city water works officials say that the low pressure of the water in the block was partly due to the fact that the pipes were almost choked up with rust. One of these pipes burst in the Commons building a fortnight ago. It was found to be completely blocked with oxide of iron.

MAJORIBANKS-BROWN.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 17.—To-night in the First Presbyterian church, Rev. L. Vance, D.D., officiating, Miss Elizabeth Brown and Hon. Archibald Majoribanks, of England, were married.

The church was filled with guests and flowers. The bride and groom were introduced by the Rev. Mr. Vance, who presented to Lady Aberdeen by the Irish of Nashville was brocaded silk and diamonds, the present of the bridegroom. The bride is a member of one of the most prominent families in the city. The groom is a brother of Lady Aberdeen, wife of the Governor-General of Canada. The Earl of Aberdeen, the Countess, their daughter, Lady Majoribanks, and the young couple, the Earl's staff, were of the bridal party.

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ELECTION APPEALS.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—The election petitions before the Supreme court came up yesterday morning. The appeal against Mr. Laurier, Liberal member for Maskinonge, was withdrawn, the case being struck off the list. Then the Winnipeg appeal was taken up, this being by the sitting member, Mr. Hugh John Macdonald, against the decision of Judge Dubeau, at Winnipeg, dismissing the preliminary objections. The result of the appeal was declared, unseated, and Mr. Macdonald was declared unseated, and Mr. H. H. Howell, of Ottawa, for the other side. The two principal points argued by Mr. Pepper were that the appellant who filed the petition was not duly qualified, and secondly that the service was irregular, a copy not being served on respondent. Mr. Howell produced a variety of proof of qualification, and seemed to have the court better convinced on this point than on that of the service, which, if irregular, would be fatal to the petitioners. Judgment was reserved.

ABRITRATION TREATY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—It had been the intention of the friends of the arbitration treaty to make an extraordinary effort to secure, if possible, its disposition before adjournment to-day, but their plans were frustrated. Mr. Sherman gave notice that he would tomorrow at 12:30 move an executive session for the purpose of considering the treaty and that he would ask the Senate to adjourn until to-morrow. The treaty was accordingly postponed until March 5.

MONTEREAL, Feb. 17.—So many robberies have taken place here lately that a special guard has been placed on the banks' offices and banks by the police.

ISSUES IN THE EAST.

Russo-German Understanding—The Black Sea Fleet Leaves Constantinople—The Kaiser.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—A dispatch to the Standard from Moscow says: "In the event of certain contingencies it is already arranged that German troops are to traverse Rumania territory and co-operate with the Russian forces in the Kieff district."

A dispatch to the Daily News from Crete says: "There is no confirmation of the rumor that the Creteans have massacred 3,800 Moslems in the Sitia district. Two Italian officers have been sent with a gunboat to make inquiries."

The Athens correspondent of the Chronicle declares that what is pronounced to be absolute authority, that the reserves will be called out in the event of any disturbance, and that the command of the Greek forces in the Balkans is in the hands of the Kaiser."

The Austrian launched Crown Princess Stefania, two torpedo cutters and two torpedo boats have left Palat, Island of Crete.

The Canes correspondent of the Times says that he is informed upon the best of authority that Col. Vasos is complying with the injunction of the powers to abstain from active hostilities.

A dispatch to the Times from Canes says: "The insurgents have intimidated the Canes and are now in possession of the central district. The insurgents, co-operating with the Greek forces, were observed during the afternoon (Monday) advancing nearer the town."

The admiral commanding the foreign fleet threatened to send the flag unless the Greek consuls complied with the request of the powers in San Francisco. Among the killed at the central district were twenty women and sixty children.

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Canes says: "The Emperor William has wired the Canes requesting personal interview with the Greek Government."

The Hasak Sea fleet has steamed from Canes under command of the Grand Duke Alexis.

ATHENS, Feb. 18.—M. Skouzes, minister of foreign affairs, has replied to the last communication of the powers, saying that it is impossible for Greece to recall her troops from Crete.

In the legislative chamber to-day Prime Minister Delyannis announced that he would resign his office on the departure of Turkish troops from Crete. Replying to questions, he said that the government was seeking to discontinue the military operations in Crete. The government was seeking to discontinue the military operations in Crete.

Col. Vasos, commanding the Greek forces, has decided to attack and occupy a system of administration. Municipal elections are already proceeding, and mayors have been installed in the towns and villages outside of Canes, Heraklion and Rethymno.

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ROYAL BAKING POWDER.

Highest of all in Leavening Power—Latest U.S. Gov't Report ABSOLUTELY PURE

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New York, Feb. 18.—In response to a cable message to His Majesty King George, the New York World has received the following from Athens, Greece: "After six months of waiting the reforms imposed upon Turkey by the great powers are not put into execution. The Turks oppose the organization of the general termic (constabulary). On February 2 the Turkish troops began the massacres. The Christian quarters at Canes were burned. After 150,000 women and children were refugees in Greece, the Creteans in despair proclaimed their independence and union with Greece. The Hellenic Government sent an army to occupy Crete, to restore order and peace. Five great powers occupy the four towns of Canes, Rethymno, Candia and Sitia. All the remainder of the island is in the possession of the Christians. The exiles of Crete, and the Hellenic Government in America are a precious support to us in the work for the independence of Crete, and we thank them sincerely." (Signed) "Minister for Foreign Affairs."

COMPULSORY PILOTAGE. OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—The committee on commerce and manufactures met on Monday night, and for three hours listened to the reading of petitions, remonstrances and arguments relative to the compulsory pilotage bill. The committee will report to the House on Tuesday night by a vote of 8 to 11 to reject the bill, favorably eliminating, however, section 21, which allows pilots to charge one-half of their fees if their services are not required. If the report is adopted it will practically kill the bill.

A large number of remonstrances against the bill were received from American ship-owners. Another remonstrance was laid before the committee, signed by 58 shipping firms doing business on the Pacific Coast, protesting against the bill. The bill would require the payment of a fee for pilotage, and would allow the pilots to charge one-half of their fees if their services are not required. If the report is adopted it will practically kill the bill.

MANITOBA LEGISLATURE. WINNIPEG, Feb. 18.—(Special)—There was nothing out of the ordinary at today's opening of the Manitoba legislature. The speech from the throne referred briefly to the school law, and said a bill would be introduced to give effect to the terms of settlement agreed on between the Laurier and the Conservative governments. The house adjourned till Monday.

There is a well-informed political rumor in the Dominion government will hand over to the local government all the land in the province, and the province will be a freehold. These include the mineral lands along the eastern boundary of the province. The transfer has been made a mining law will be passed to regulate and encourage the mining industry.

The Manitoba College students have contributed \$22.05 to the Indian relief fund. Bishop Pareale of Saskatchewan is en route home from Montreal and Ottawa.

Major Vaughan, one of the oldest inhabitants of Selkirk, aged 83 years, died yesterday. He will be buried with Masonic honors.

SCHOOL ACT AMENDMENTS. WINNIPEG, Feb. 18.—(Special)—At the session of the Manitoba legislature the amendments to the public school act, which are necessary to give legal effect to the settlement of the school question as arranged by the provincial and Federal governments will be the most important legislation.

Mayor McCree, who visits Ottawa shortly in connection with immigration matters, will enter a strong protest to the Dominion government against papering over the Manitoba school question.

DR. ZERTUCHA. MARIPOSA, Feb. 18.—A dispatch from Havana says it is reported that Dr. Zertucha, who was Mexico's physician and accompanied him at the time of the murder, has been assassinated. The report cannot as yet be confirmed.

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THE SAILORS EXPLAIN.

Partial Hearing of the Case Now Pending Against the "Lyderhorn's" Crew.

Construction of Four New Northern Canneries Contemplated—The Wolcott Disposed Of.

Magistrate Macrae presided yesterday morning at the opening of the trial of the eleven sailors at present under arrest for refusing duty on the British ship Lyderhorn. Mr. George E. Powell appeared for Captain Weston and Mr. H. E. A. Robertson for the defence. Captain Weston testified to the refusal of the crew to work the ship after she sailed from Chemainus, their complaint being that Newman, the keeper of the sailors' boarding house at Port Townsend, had done them "out of their advance money, and they would rather go to jail than to see if they could get a satisfactory settlement. Thomas Newman was himself in court, and claimed he could show by his books that the amounts he charged the men were carried in his books, and remained in order that the accounts might be produced from Port Townsend. A McKenzie and William Carney, two of the sailors, also told their story to the effect that though they had only boarded a few days with Newman they had received from their advance money of only a very small sum, the amount Newman deducted for board being altogether too great. Another adjournment was then granted till Monday at 3.30, to allow Newman to produce his books.

NEW CANNERIES IN PROSPECT.

If all the canneries contemplated are erected, the present year will be an especially important one in the history of the fishing industry in Northern British Columbia. Not more than two or three canneries are now in operation, and the present year will be an especially important one in the history of the fishing industry in Northern British Columbia. Not more than two or three canneries are now in operation, and the present year will be an especially important one in the history of the fishing industry in Northern British Columbia.

William Blewett, who came down from the island yesterday, reports that the men will ship five hundred sacks of this week, and the Van Anda one hundred tons. It may be mentioned in connection with the above, that the salmon and Vancouver men are proving to lay out a townsite at Gillies on the west side of Texada island, the travel being so great to the island and so many prospectors are flocking there that a townsite is looked for as a necessity.

Rev. C. Saugstad, who arrived yesterday from Bella Coola, is at the Dominion hotel. He reports that the men are working nicely at the settlement, and that the wharf recently built there by government is of great assistance to the settlers. One of the objects of Mr. Saugstad's trip is to purchase some cows and hogs to take back with him to Bella Coola.

THE MISSING "ALDA." Last Sunday's San Francisco Chronicle publishes the following: "The Japanese steamer Sakura Maru, from Honolulu to Yokohama, reports that on January 24 a derelict schooner of about 200 tons was sighted in 94 deg. 15 min. north latitude, 143 deg. east longitude, a few miles from the coast of Alaska. The schooner was named locally last the derelict being the missing schooner Alda, under command of Capt. Anderson, of this city, who disappeared on December 14. The position of the vessel is in the direct route of vessels bound from China to Puget Sound, and is less than 200 miles southeast of Japan. The Alda sailed on December 14, and the severe typhoon which nearly foundered the ship on Friday, the 15th, is reported to have been in the vicinity of the cutter when it was sighted. It is undoubtedly well, and Messrs. Joshua Green, George Walker, and George Wiley. "We would have gone as high as \$5,000 had it been necessary," said Wiley, after the sale. "The first thing after the cutter comes into our possession will be to have her inspected. Then repairs necessary will be made and the interior will be fitted up for passenger service. We have had several offers on the boat, but are not yet ready to say what disposition will be made of her. It is probable that she will be operated by us on a run to Alaska points, making a voyage to look in for the Yukon. As far as that goes, we will send her anywhere we can get a load of passengers."

THE "MACKINAW'S" DAMAGES. The steamer Mackinaw, the coal carrier which stranded on Point Marlowe recently, and afterwards, while lying alongside of the dock at last tide, settled down on a rock and stove a hole in her bottom, will have to discharge the cargo of 3,500 tons of coal and go to the dry dock for permanent repairs. A hole five feet in diameter with a split five feet in length having been found in her bottom. Where the vessel will dock is not yet announced, but if the coal is not taken out of her she will probably have to come to Esquimaux.

AN UNCHARTED ISLAND. Captain C. L. Hooper, R.C.S., commanding the Behring sea fleet, has returned from an expedition to an uncharted island. It is about seven-eighths of a mile long and one-third of a mile wide, and is covered with hemlock and spruce. The approximate geographical position is: Latitude, 60 deg. 31 minutes north; longitude, 140 deg. 53 minutes west. The island is shown on the next edition of the hydrographic charts.

STEAM DYE WORKS. The Victoria Steam Dye Works, Victoria, has just received a new lot of dyes, and is now open for business. The works are situated at the corner of the Victoria and Esquimaux streets, and are under the management of Mr. Alfred Macgregor, President.

YOUR BUGGY FOR \$1.00. J. W. MELLOR. 1011, Wall Paper, Plate VICTORIA. For Sale, 1011, Wall Paper, Plate VICTORIA.

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THE CITY.

The annual meeting of the friends and subscribers of the Protestant Orphan's Home will be held at the city hall on Thursday at 4 p.m.

W. H. M. MAY, late of the Department of Public Schools, has been appointed to the position of teacher of the Sidney school in the place of Mr. Tomlinson, resigned. Mr. May entered on his duties on March 1.

BERT SCRIVER, arrested in this city on the 13th instant for forgery, is now on his way back to Westminster penitentiary in charge of Sergeant Langley, having been sentenced to a term of two years at Rossland yesterday.

Numerous prospectors are reported to be in the field at the southern end of Salt Spring Island, and several promising claims have during the past ten days been taken up, showing a wealth in copper and silver with some gold.

The funeral of the late Charles Padden took place yesterday, Rev. Canon Beards officiating at Christ Church cathedral and at the cemetery. The Pioneer society attended in a body, the pallbearers being W. Harrison, J. Leach, A. Jack, T. J. Partridge, T. Hopper and J. Johns.

ARTHUR W. CHURTON, of 62 Humboldt street, died of pneumonia at St. Joseph's hospital yesterday. The deceased was 56 years of age and had been suffering from the occupation of a furrier. His funeral takes place from the Reformed Episcopal church at 2.30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon.

The Victoria Choral Union, under the leadership of Mr. William Greig, will give their first concert on the evening of March 31, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, permission for the use of the edifice having been kindly granted by the session. An admirable programme of oratorio choruses has been in rehearsal during the entire winter, and the result should be a treat of high quality.

SEVERAL independent efforts have been made during the past few days to recover, by dredging, the body of Frank La Rochele, who has been missing since Wednesday week, and who is generally believed to have found death in the waters of the harbor. Yesterday Mr. McDonald, the diver, took advantage of the favorable water to make a submarine examination at a point in the neighborhood of which the missing man is thought to have disappeared. He saw nothing, however, of any body, and it is altogether probable that it has been carried out to sea by the tide.

The first Presbyterian church choir are nothing if not workers and they announce another concert for Wednesday evening, the 1st March. Anything this organization undertakes is generally well done and worthy of attending. On this occasion a private letter from one of the resident officers of the Alberni-Consolidated mine, at Alberni, states that on the 13th instant, having completed the raising of the shaft, the result of which was 200 tons of coal, the result of which was 200 tons of coal, the result of which was 200 tons of coal.

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LEGISLATIVE NOTES. It is not often that a member in charge of a bill is met by such an entire misconception of its purpose as the Alberni-Consolidated bill was when he brought the Masters and Servants' Act yesterday. The critics of the measure ignored entirely the fact that every subject dealt with in the various sections comes within the scope of the law as it now stands.

This man may contract with another to give him his services for an indefinite period, but the law does not permit of such a contract. The law does not permit of such a contract. The law does not permit of such a contract.

THE STRANGEST MISCONCEPTION was over the section providing that the statute should apply to the case of persons hired abroad. This provision, as Mr. Sword pointed out, was wholly in favor of the workmen, but the house struck it out under the mistaken notion that thereby they were preventing the hiring of foreign laborers. The majority of the members that their eyes to the fact that at the present time a man may go anywhere in the world and hire workmen to come to British Columbia, and get a notion into his head that the section struck out was calculated to give contractors and others privileges which they do not now enjoy. In fact the proposed section would take away from contractors hiring people abroad an advantage which they now have. But the house would not see it.

Mr. Kellie had a question of privilege. He had read something in the Colonist. Mr. Kellie was right, in point of fact, for it is a privilege to read the Colonist. He was wrong, in point of fact, for it is a privilege to read the Colonist.

THE HAMMOND MURDER TRIAL. The Hammond murder trial was resumed this morning, Mr. Johnson, Q.C., the leading counsel for the defence, surprised his hearers by announcing that he defended the prisoner, and that he would not make any complaint. He was simply calling the government's attention to the fact that the Colonist's hat showed the necessity of hastening the passage of the Companies Act.

The road to a certain uncomfortable locality is alleged to be paved with good resolutions. Happily for the legislature of British Columbia, all the resolutions which honorable members put on the motion paper are not good.

OWNERS SOUND, Feb. 19.—A by-law granting a \$40,000 bonus to the C. P. R. for increased steam capacity to be carried by a large majority here today.

HOCKEY IS POPULAR.

The First Game of Victoria's Newly Formed Club Proves Decidedly Interesting.

Westminster Disappoints In Arranged Match With The Hornets—Local Games Cancelled.

Victorians had their introduction to the popular game of hockey yesterday afternoon, when the members of the recently formed club enjoyed an interesting practice match in the drill hall, some twenty players being in attendance, about half of whom were ladies. Mr. Flinton, the introducer of the game in this province, and Lieut. Gordon E. E., captained the respective sides.

All at half time the score stood two goals all the play up to this point having been a draw. The hockey club would rapidly become a favorite game in this city, as it has in Vancouver and New Westminster. Besides being an interesting game for players it is very pretty from the spectators point of view—and this is decidedly material as a factor of its assured success. It is understood that the club will hold their practices regularly at the drill hall by permission of the commanding officer, until such time as their ground at Elkwood and Hinkler parks is in shape for use.

The solidity of the drill hall floor and the limited space within doors militate against the hockey club, but the game will be much improved when the ground is in shape for use. The ladies yesterday played heartily into the game, and the club and audience were highly pleased and frequently called for approval. Considering that hockey under authorized rules is practically unknown here, the practice is a fair one to assume that a real strong hockey club will be formed in the near future. The old player's adage, "Hockey once played, always played," certainly applies in Victoria, as it was a matter of no little difficulty to terminate the game yesterday.

The ground at Oak Bay will be in proper order for play this week, and with fair weather it is hoped to see a large gathering of lady experts. The club membership is steadily increasing, and the prospects of the organization is of the brightest.

FOOTBALL. THE GAME WAS OFF. NANAIMO, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The English football match between the Hornets and Westminster did not take place today, the Westminster team appearing to be unable to organize. The game was postponed until the 27th inst., as no word was received from them. Much interest was shown in the game and the failure of the match was a disappointment to the large and considerable attendance. The grounds were, however, in rather poor condition owing to the heavy fall of snow.

HERE AND THERE. Victoria's police department was seen yesterday in the discharge of its duties. The police were seen in the discharge of their duties. The police were seen in the discharge of their duties.

THE COMPANIES ACT. TO THE EDITOR.—I understand the legislature is likely to amend the Companies Act as regards mining companies at the present session. As one of the public who has had some sharp experience with mining shares, I have permitted to make some suggestions. What the public seem to want is information as to what has been, and is being done, with the money contributed to the treasury stock of the different companies. This information the officers of the average company seem indisposed to give. Therefore, the legislature should insist on the fullest publicity. With that end in view, I propose the following amendments:

1. A sworn statement of the amount paid for the claim or claims proposed to be developed before the company be permitted to issue shares. 2. No promoters' stock to be sold inside twelve months from date of incorporation. The recent experience of the Elise Co. justifies this clause. 3. At least one-half of the capital stock to be placed in the treasury. 4. Monthly returns from all mining companies, sworn to by the proper officers, to be published in district where mine is situated, showing liabilities, cash on hand, amount of treasury stock unsold (also amount sold during the month), commission paid broker and the sum netted by the company, how the proceeds were disposed of, also what promoter's stock was sold. This clause should be made to include all companies at the present time engaged in mining in the Province. The letters which are constantly being written to the newspapers show that some such amendment is badly needed. 5. A certain proportion of the gross amount derived from the sale of treasury stock to be expended on the claim. The commissions paid brokers at present are outrageous, and the legislature should see that this form of robbery is put an end to. Rossland, Feb. 13.

MONTEAL, Feb. 19.—The Star's fund has turned \$35,000 this afternoon. WEDNESDAY, Feb. 19.—Miss Mary Hiscock, the elder of the two daughters of Major Hiscock, M.P.P., who was assassinated by gas at their hotel on Wednesday, died this morning. Her sister Harriet is still in a precarious condition. OTTAWA, Feb. 18.—Joseph Homier, the West-Empton farmer, who was murdered by his wife, his daughter and his wife with his axe on Tuesday night, still lives but his end is not far off.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—One of the hardest and gamest fights ever seen in a ring took place this afternoon at the Polo Athletic Club. The contestants were Dave Sullivan, of Boston, and Patsy Haley, of Buffalo. They met for a 20-round encounter at 116 pounds, and both of them weighed in at 116 pounds at the close of the fight. The referee awarded the bout to Sullivan in the thirtieth round.

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MRS. JONES ARRESTED.

A case that promises interesting developments will come up on Monday in the provincial police court. William Foot, an aged man with a little money, some years ago purchased a home in the Lake district, where he has since resided. For the past seven or eight years a secret through infirmity has been bed-ridden and helpless. Some time ago Mrs. Ella Jones, whose husband is a neighbor of Foot's, was engaged to look after the aged man when necessary bills amounting to \$206 for the period between December 21 and February 20 were sent in for payment to the gentleman who was acting as chamberlain. Mrs. Jones suspected something was wrong, as it appeared a decidedly large amount of groceries to be consumed in so short a period. A visit to the Foots house on Friday showed very few provisions there, and accordingly a search was taken out and a provincial constable Beaven made a proceeding trip to the Jones' place yesterday. There, stowed away in a barn, were picked up a large quantity of preserves, canned meats, oatmeal, and a large quantity of groceries generally. All of these things had been bought by herself, but the constable loaded up the goods on a wagon and brought them into town, and later in the evening made another visit with a warrant to arrest Mrs. Jones on a charge of stealing goods to the value of \$40, belonging to William Foot. Mrs. Jones was taken out and committed to jail, and will have her preliminary hearing to-morrow.

ALIEN LABOR LAW. ROSSLAND, Feb. 20.—The following self-explanatory petition was adopted at a meeting of United States citizens held here last night: "To His Excellency Grover Cleveland, President of the United States: Whereas, it has passed the American Congress to pass an alien labor law, containing a clause known as the Corlies amendment, which is directed against the wage-earners of Canada, therefore he it resolved by the undersigned American citizens, residents of Rossland, representing a large number of the 25,000 American residents in British Columbia: 1. That the Corlies amendment is an American business, a disgrace to Canada, and if allowed to become a law can only result in the destruction of that existing both countries, and the welfare of the people of both countries. 2. That many thousands of American citizens are now resident of, and heavily interested in, the business of the newly discovered gold and silver mines of British Columbia, where the most cordial relations possible exist between the citizens of the two countries. 3. That the Western states of America no longer offer attractions for emigrants, on account of the prevailing depression in business, and the fact that if allowed to become a law can only result in the destruction of that existing both countries, and the welfare of the people of both countries. 4. That the Corlies amendment is an American business, a disgrace to Canada, and if allowed to become a law can only result in the destruction of that existing both countries, and the welfare of the people of both countries. 5. 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THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RAILWAYS.

An article appeared in a recent issue of the Toronto Globe with all the prominence of the leading place and double leading. It was an argument for the government control of railways.

The idea that the Canadian Pacific and the Grand Trunk railways would continue to wage upon another a war in which both must lose, while they have it in their power by combining, is one that cannot be entertained for a moment by anyone who knows the ways of business and the ways of the world.

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Rev. Dr. Milligan, of Toronto, has felt called upon to warn his congregation against being drawn into the vortex of mining speculation, and seemed inclined to find fault with the newspapers for giving great prominence to mining matters.

Without a fuller report of the reverend gentleman's remarks than we have at hand, it is not possible to pass judgment upon them, but that he is not without warrant in directing his attention to the matter will, we think, be admitted by all persons who are in a position and are willing to form an honest opinion about it.

No true friend of British Columbia desires to see the people of the Eastern provinces or elsewhere misled into rash mining speculations. Everyone, who has the welfare of our province at heart, will join with us in an expression of regret that unscrupulous speculators are taking advantage of the great results and greater promise of mining development to foist upon the public schemes which are unworthy of serious consideration for a single moment.

At the same time it is extremely difficult to know where to draw the line. No responsible newspaper would knowingly admit to its columns the advertisement of a "fake" mining concern. But how can it decide a matter of this kind in advance? It is not so long ago that Le Roi stock was being offered for 10 cents a share, and the offer was regarded by wise people out of ten as a plain gambling proposition.

Yet that same stock is now worth almost as many dollars. A newspaper published in a neighboring city declined to recommend the purchase of this stock at 10 cents, and the party having it to dispose of left the town without making a sale. Other instances of a similar nature could be cited. There is absolutely no way by which a newspaper can tell in advance whether a mine or mining stock advertised in its columns is such a warranted investment.

In regard to mining news, every paper desires to print only the facts; but it is impossible to verify all statements coming from the mining districts, or even a majority of them, the almost invariable practice of careful newspapers is to give the authority upon which its news of this class is printed, leaving its readers to judge of its value for themselves.

To Dr. Milligan it may seem that the reports from British Columbia mining fields must necessarily be gross exaggerations. As a rule they are not, as he would know if he would visit the mining camps himself and see what is being done and what is in prospect.

Nevertheless it is unfortunately only too true that a number of petting schemes are taking advantage of the mining development of this Province to fleece the unsuspecting public. We know only one way in which to checkmate their nefarious schemes, and that is for the press to keep the public on their guard against this new class of confidence men—that is new to Canada.

So far as the purchase of stock in companies started in good faith is concerned, intending buyers ought to exercise the utmost caution. There is not so much necessity for saying this on the Coast as there is in the East. Here people generally know pretty well what they are doing when they buy mining cheap stocks in speculation pure and simple and when they buy them they do so with their eyes open.

A man out here who would complain that he made a loss by buying \$1 stock for 5 or 10 cents would simply be laughed at. In the East it may be otherwise, and probably is. People there are not so closely in touch with mining matters as they are here. They do not realize what it takes to convert a mere prospect into a producing mine.

They do not understand that among the thousands of claims staked out there must necessarily be a large percentage that are of no earthly value. But the fault does not lie wholly with the press, or even with the promoters of stock companies. The buyers, who may lose their money, must directly bear a large measure of the responsibility. When something nominally worth a dollar is offered for five cents, any person with an ounce of common sense must know that there is some element of chance in the matter.

If there was not, no such offer would be made. When the stock of a mine is worth par, it is not sold for such fractional prices as those which usually attract the buyers for whom Dr. Milligan speaks, and it is preposterous to suppose that they do not know this. Any man fit to live without a guardian knows the element of risk involved in buying development shares in a mining corporation. It is largely because the gambling instinct is so strongly developed in most people that schemes which are purely speculative, not to call them by a harsher name, succeed, and their promoters get rich at the expense of a lot of people who are willing to take the chance of getting something for nothing, or next to it.

On the general proposition of mining investment it may be said that the intending purchaser of stocks has his best guarantee in the character of the promoters of any enterprise, although it not infrequently happens that men of standing lend their names to projects which will not stand investigation. The latter man contemplating investment

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