

What Victoria Would Lose

How Withdrawal of Naval Squadron and Reduction of Station Affects City.

Great Sums Spent Amongst the Merchants by Some Former Flagships.

Theories and Conjectures at the Naval Village — Packing Perishables.

NO question of the day is discussed with greater interest in Victoria than that concerning the effect upon the trade of the withdrawal of the naval squadron...

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Standing (Left to Right)—Ald. Stewart, Ald. Eiford, Ald. Graham, Ald. Beckwith, Ald. Oddy, Ald. Kinsman, Ald. Vincent, the Mayor, Ald. Goodacre, Ald. Fell.

High Tides On The Delta

Bursting of Dykes Does Great Damage Along Banks of Fraser.

Watchmen Continually on Guard at Canals Near Steveston.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 31.—The severe winds and high tides have been doing their worst on the Delta.

ABOUT RUSSIA'S WAR FINANCES. Statement furnished Associated Press from High Sources Yesterday.

Paris, Dec. 31.—In connection with the approaching Russian war loans in Paris and Berlin, the following interesting statement of the Russia war finances...

SCANDAL IN OREGON. Portland, Ore., Dec. 31.—United States Senator John H. Mitchell, Representative Binger Hermann and Geo. Sorenson...

RESPECTING PASSPORTS. Victory Crowning Efforts of United States to Secure Its Rights.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—It is now apparently certain that a decree of the United States to secure recognition of American passports without distinction of religion...

INDICTED FOR CONSPIRACY.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 31.—United States Senator Binger Hermann was indicted today for conspiracy to defraud the United States government of public lands.

TREASURY RETURNS. For the U. K., Issued Last Night, Show Some Interesting Figures.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The treasury returns for the United Kingdom, issued today, show the three quarters ending today a total revenue of \$481,248,320.

PACIFIC FISHERIES CO. Loves of Chicago and Baldwin of Portland President and Treasurer.

ANGUSTA, Me., Dec. 30.—A certificate of incorporation has been filed here for the Pacific American Fisheries Co., with a capital of \$1,500,000.

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PACKING PLANT LOSS.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Fire in the plan of the Jacob Doid Packing Co. at East Buffalo tonight caused damage estimated at \$75,000.

AMERICAN SPRINTER. Plymouth, Dec. 31.—Arthur G. Duffy, the American sprinter, arrived here today just in time to catch the steamer...

LESE MAJESTE. Munich, Dec. 31.—A newspaper here says that the Saxon judiciary authorities have instituted proceedings against Simplicissimus, a Munich comic weekly...

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Great Storms In Europe

Gales Prevailing in Germany During Last Twenty-Four Hours.

Towns Partly Flooded and a General Suspension of Business Occurs.

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Canners to Act at Once

Memorial to Be Forwarded to Ottawa Urging Arrangement of Close Season.

Proposed That for Two Years All Fishing Operations Be Suspended.

Merchants of Vancouver Meet and Informally Discuss the Assessment Act.

From Our Own Correspondent. VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 31.—From absolutely reliable authority, the Colonist correspondent learned this morning that next week a memorial will go forward to Ottawa, signed by the operators of every one of the forty-three canneries...

This informant stated that the fishermen in these cases were quite in accord with the canners that the drastic methods proposed should be adopted.

The informant further stated the only solution of the difficulty was the closing of the river by the government and the government's action depended almost entirely on the attitude of the fishermen, as the canners had all agreed to the suspension of operations.

A new born infant was found on the sidewalk on Hastings street last evening between Carrall and Abbott streets. The citizen who found it said it was void of life. It was placed in charge of the police for investigation.

PROSPEROUS COLONY. Newfoundland Government Records the Largest Revenue in Its History.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 31.—The revenue of the colony for the half year ending today is the largest ever recorded, being \$1,222,000, or \$25,000 more than for the same period last year, and despite a reduction in duties estimated at nearly \$100,000.

FIRE WASTE DURING 1904. Statistics Showing Big Losses During Period Just Brought to Close.

New York, Dec. 31.—From statistics it appears that during the year 1904, worth of property in the United States was destroyed by fire in 1904, making the largest annual ash heap in the history of the country.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT. Erie, Pa., Dec. 31.—A double-track car on which twenty-four men were returning from work at the Pittsburgh dock, two miles west of this city, to-night, was struck by a Lake Shore & Michigan railway switching engine about a mile east of the docks, and the men were killed or fatally and several severely injured.

ON 'CHANGE. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 31.—A vandeville performance was held today at the Board of Trade, to take the place of the customary throwing of bags of flour and grain to celebrate the close of the year.

NORTH SEA AFFAIR. St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—It is understood that Vice Admiral Doubaussaf will leave here next Wednesday for Paris, where he will replace Admiral Kazanoff as Russian representative on the international commission of enquiry into the North Sea incident.

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THE YEAR 1904—A REVIEW.

At 12 o'clock last night the fourth year of the Twentieth Century closed out. Taken all in all, it has not been a very eventful year.

Politically it was a momentous year for Canada and the United States. Presidential elections in the United States and general elections in Canada had marked the year.

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mental death roll of men and women prominent in every sphere of life, but space will not permit even brief reference to them.

During the early part of the year more especially there were wars and rumors of wars, floods, disasters at sea and in the air, and holocausts, which might have been held, and probably were held by many, to be portents of the day of doom, so frequent were they.

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would not worry about charges brought by members of the Government that is carried in the breeches pockets of Senator Cox and Manager Hays.

No other man has done so much for the cause of reform in British Columbia as Count Tolstoy, and yet when a practical scheme of reform was made to be introduced, it was not always the best judge of the form which change should take.

NEW ZEALAND WANTS SALMON. L. F. Ayles, commissioner and chief inspector of the Fisheries Department, has arrived at San Francisco for the purpose of taking home with him 1,000,000 eggs of the salmon.

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(From Friday's Issue) Happily wedded—Rev. on Wednesday evening at the residence of Frederick Williams, Sarah Pollard.

Not Yet Awarded—The construction of the hotel has not yet been decided upon. It will be reached or so.

Annual Meeting—The meeting of the North Pacific B. Co. will be held at Portland on Wednesday, when the fall horse races will be held.

E. V. Bodwell Married—E. V. Bodwell, of the firm of Messrs. Lawson, married Mrs. M. C. the late Maynard Cowan of Victoria.

Proposed Secretary—The proposed secretary of the Commercial Institute will be Mr. J. M. Lamb, of this city. Mr. Lamb will live in Montreal.

Amateur Promoted—Friends of Miss Ethel G. pleased to hear that she has been promoted to the position of secretary of the Commercial Institute.

Egg Famine Averted—Eggs ruling at 70 cents a dozen, and the prospect of a severe shortage, has been averted.

Admiral—As my announcement elsewhere, Mr. Johnson has given way to a large number of friends.

Looking for Poles—Several poles suitable for telegraph lines are required by the phone trunk that is being formed.

The Shearwater Away—Orders were received by H. W. yesterday requiring the shearwater to be taken away.

A Warlike Jap—N. B. Jap who drew a knife at A. Stewart, real estate agent, yesterday.

Entertained Sir C. H. O. entertained Sir C. H. O. at dinner on Saturday.

Minnesota's Steward—Webster, chief steward of the ship, is a man of heart.

Strengthening the Canadian's Toronto Globe contains an illustrated article of importance to the Empire.

Sugar is Dearest—Yesterday's sugar market was a very quiet one.

Won't Talk Salmon—Hall, M. P., was seen yesterday and asked for his views on the salmon industry.

Calcedonia Park—The fence removed from the estuary ground, Calcedonia Park, has been subdivided into lots.

Slag For Streets—The slag from the steel works is to be used for the streets.

THE ESQUIMALT NAVAL STATION.

There are many citizens of Victoria who regret to see the same error repeated in the case of the Esquimalt Naval Station.

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Admiral Togo Now At Tokio

Chief Commander of Japanese Fleet Gets Fine Reception on Arrival at Capital

More Particulars About the Course of the Great Rihlung Fort

Tokio, Dec. 30.—Admiral Togo and Vice Admiral Kamimura, with their staffs, arrived at the Shimbashi station from Kure at 9 o'clock today.

As Admiral Togo appeared a great shout arose, hats were thrown in the air, arms were raised, "banzai" was cried.

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ANOTHER STEP NEARER.—Headquarters of the Japanese before Port Arthur, Dec. 30.—Rihlung fort, captured yesterday, is the largest and strongest of the eastern fortifications.

According to the statement of three prisoners, the defenders of Fort Rihlung numbered about 500, besides some sailors.

HONORS FOR THE RUSS.—Slaputa, via Mukden, Dec. 30.—Russian artillery engaged in an action on December 29th against the Japanese.

RUMORS OF RETURN.—St. Petersburg, Dec. 30.—A report that the cruisers Orel and Izumrud, of the second Pacific squadron, have been ordered to return is current here.

RAIL IS OFFERED.—Address Shortly to Visit Victoria Sees Inexpensive Advertising.

New York, Dec. 30.—May Irwin, the actress, has offered to furnish bull in any amount up to \$50,000 for the release of Nan Patterson from the Tombs.

WHY KANSAS GOES "DRY."—Denver Republican.—A traveling man who drove across the country to a little town in Western Kansas the other day met a farmer hauling a "where do you get water?" is asked.

FIXING RESPONSIBILITY.

Cause of Explosion on U. S. S. Massachusetts Officially Assigned.

COASTGUARD HEROES.

Bring Safety to Shore Entire Crew of the Lost Northeastern.

WESTHAM ISLAND IS INUNDED

Rainstorm and Tide Conquer the Dyke With Disastrous Results.

New Westminster, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Westham Island, one of the largest islands in the Fraser river delta, given up to rain and practically all under cultivation, is today covered by from two to three feet of water.

SPEAK OF ROUTE TO THE TANANA

Northern Men Agree That White Pass Line Is the Best Entry.

In an interview last night, Matt J. B. White, traffic manager of the White Pass and Yukon route, P. Vachon and S. Sterling, of Vachon & Sterling, Dawson, who have been discussing the route to the Tanana, and the route to the Yukon.

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Hon. J. H. Turner Writes of the Show—London Merchants Interested.

(From Saturday's Daily.) Hon. J. H. Turner, agent general for British Columbia in England, has written to R. M. Palmer, of the Bureau of Horticulture, regarding the success of the British Columbia fruit at the Colonial Fruit Show of the Royal Horticultural Society, held in London, Westminster, London, S. W., from December 12 to 15.

Blair's New Position

Toronto, Dec. 29.—The announcement was made tonight that Hon. A. G. Blair, minister of the Interior, has been appointed to the position of minister of the Interior, and will be succeeded by Mr. Blair.

REFORMERS NOT WANTED

Patrician Russian Statesman Retires—Prince Gallitzen a Prisoner.

New York, Dec. 30.—According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Herald, Prince Gallitzen, the minister of the interior, is determined to resign. This under the circumstances of the last few days, is a surprise.

DAY'S HAPPENINGS AT LADYSMITH

Lumber Co. to Resume Operations Fire at Methodist Church.

Ladysmith, Dec. 28.—The Ladysmith Lumber Company's mill at Fiddick's after a short suspension of operations, has resumed work on the commencement of the new year, there being now plenty of orders ahead.

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DIPLOMATIC CHANGES.

President Roosevelt Considering Appointments to Be Made in March.

Other Liners Will Probably Follow—Anbu to Load Lumber Here.

(From Saturday's Daily.) It is not improbable that the steamer Tacoma, of the Northwest Commercial Company, now loading at Seattle for the Orient, may be interested in a Japanese cargo.

More Battleships

London, Dec. 30.—According to the Daily Mail, the admiralty is preparing designs for new battleships of 17,000 to 18,000 tons and carrying ten 12½-inch guns.

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SAVED BY A SNOWBANK.

William Donovan Has a Unique and Thrilling Experience.

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