

Has Dewet Been Taken?

Persistent Rumors Are in Circulation That He Is Now a Prisoner.

Information Was Received by Chartered South African Co. From Reliable Source.

The War Office, However, Has Not Any Confirmation of the Report.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 28.—Persistent reports are in circulation in London and on the continent that Gen. Dewet has been captured.

The British Chartered South African Company received this information from a source in which it is accustomed to place implicit confidence.

The war office, however, is without any confirmation of the report.

"Bohs" at Gibraltar.

Gibraltar, Dec. 28.—The steamer Canada, with Lord Roberts aboard, arrived here today. The field marshal landed at noon and received a great ovation. The Canada will resume her voyage to-night.

"A Hard Nut."

Toronto, Dec. 28.—Col. Otter, Col. Buchan, Lt.-Col. Ryerson and officers of C Company, together with Rev. Father O'Leary and war correspondents Hamilton and Ewan of the Globe, and Brown of the Mail and Empire, were banqueted by the citizens of Toronto last night. The Governor-General was present, and in his speech highly praised the work of the Canadians in South Africa. Regarding the guerrilla warfare now going on, Lord Minto said no European nation had ever had such a hard nut to crack as Britain has had in South Africa. In closing, Lord Minto said he would like to see far closer connection between the military forces of Canada and those of the Old Country, especially now that reforms in the Imperial army have been inaugurated.

Col. Otter briefly replied, referring in feeling terms to the dead heroes.

Hon. Wm. Mackay, in response to the toast of Canada, suggested that a grateful country might erect a monument in South Africa to her fallen sons, engraved with the word "Paardeberg."

Will Arrive on January 6th.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The following cable was received at the militia department today:

"St. Vincent, Cape Verde, Dec. 28.—Rosslyn due at Halifax about January 6th. Forty-five officers, seven nurses and 778 men of all ranks. (Signed) Drury."

This shows that there are two officers more and 16 non-commissioned officers and men less returning than previously reported.

London, Dec. 28.—Dispatches from South Africa show that Lord Kitchener has succeeded in holding the invading Boers in check, but he has not yet been successful in expelling them from Cape Colony, while small commandoes continue to display astonishing daring and activity over an immensely wide field.

It is questionable whether his proclamation will have effect until Gen. Dewet has been captured. The Boers are likely to regard it as a sign of weakness and to have a wholesome dread of Dewet's vengeance if they surrender. The proclamation is approved by the party at home that favors conciliatory terms to the Boers as a step in the right direction.

Queen Victoria, it is said, has approved the proposal to institute a new order of knighthood to reward officers who have served in South Africa. The order will probably be called the Star of Africa.

A dispatch from Vryburg, dated December 25th, says the Boers in considerable numbers were then making an unexpected movement westward. They had 150 wagons. The dispatch suggests that they were seeking to Damaraland, although the Boers themselves denied such an intention.

Attack on Garrison.

Newcastle, Natal, Dec. 27.—The Boers celebrated Christmas in the district between Standerton and Ingogo by more or less determined attacks upon every British garrison along the lines of communication. These, however, were in all cases successfully repulsed.

At Utrecht the Boer commandant sent in a demand for whisky, cigars and Christmas luxuries, failing which he threatened the town. His demand was ignored, and he attacked Utrecht in stone force Christmas morning. They were repulsed with loss, the British loss being slight.

Winnipeg's Welcome.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—In order that citizens might welcome home the men from the West who went to Africa with the first contingent, today was observed as a holiday here.

The train was late in arriving, but despite this and the chilly atmosphere, nearly 5,000 people thronged the streets adjacent to where the men stepped off, and tremendous cheers greeted the

heroes. An attempt was made to organize a procession up Main street, but so dense was the crowd that but little order could be maintained. A portion of the veterans were accompanied by the local military bodies, while others were carried up the street on the shoulders of friends and admirers.

At Holy Trinity church a short service was held, after which the march was resumed to the drill hall, where luncheon was served to about 200 by the city council and local government. Short speeches of welcome were made. To-night a promenade concert and public welcome was held.

The following British Columbians are in the party: Corporal Corbould, 6th Rifles, New Westminster; Corporal Lohman, Pte. J. Porte Smith, Pte. Walkie, 6th Rifles, New Westminster; Pte. Allen, Pte. Bonner, Pte. Harrison, Pte. Sinclair, 6th Rifles, Vancouver; Pte. Brethour and Pte. Smethurst, 5th C. A., Victoria.

Col. Otter's Service.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—At the banquet to Col. Otter to-night Lord Minto referred to his connection with Otter during the rebellion, and remarked he thought Otter had received some of the best recognition for the splendid services he had performed there. He commented on the great responsibility thrown on Otter in assuming the command of a thousand men full of enthusiasm and fight, but absolutely lacking in regimental machinery. Under Otter's administration as well as under his gallant leading in action this battalion had covered itself with distinction.

"The campaign in South Africa has been one of the hardest fought in the history of the Empire," said Lord Minto, "and I hope the opportunities Col. Otter has had of studying modern warfare on a large scale may go far in assisting to direct the practical efficiency of Canada's forces. We have learned that ancient tactics must give way before repeating rifles and quick firing guns, and that we must depend more on the individuality of the soldier. But I hope we are not going to draw from this the false conclusion that lower formation and greater individuality in the ranks are to minimize the necessity for discipline or lessen the powers of the superior directing control. I believe that broader mental tactics of the future will require a greater realization by the private soldier of the intentions of his commander and all the more implicit obedience to his directions. It will be indeed unfortunate if our lessons in irregular fighting should encourage the idea that 'go as you please' for huge collections of individual rifle shots. The humane characteristics of the armies of the present day have more fully rendered uncalled for iron discipline which attempted to control heroes of Badajoz or St. Sebastian, but if we are to succeed the recognition of the controlling power of command must exist now as of old through all ranks."

Lord Minto concluded: "I feel sure that Colonel Otter will not be overlooked by Her Majesty's government when the time arrives for the distribution of distinctions to those who have done good service for the Empire in South Africa."

Grant to Molloy.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The Patriotic fund committee has made a grant of \$1,000 to Trooper Molloy, who lost his eyesight in action in South Africa.

Capetown, Dec. 28.—Gen Dewet's attempt to break through to the south has been frustrated and he is now reported to be at Senekal with a large commando, holding the country between Ladybrand and Winburg.

The eastern parties of invading Boers are being constantly harassed and driven back towards the Orange River Colony. The Yeomanry who were captured near Britstown have been released.

Resignations.

London, Dec. 28.—Lt.-Col. Sprague, who commanded the Yeomanry at Lindley, has resigned. Several other resignations have been gazetted, among them being that of Mr. Ivor Guest, M. P., a captain of the Yeomanry.

Mining Plant Damaged.

Johannesburg, Dec. 28.—The Boers damaged the new Kleinfontein and Obintz mining plant yesterday.

The First Contingent.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The first contingent is disbanded from 31st December.

Boys Leave for Home.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—The British Columbia volunteers were given a hearty send-off this evening upon their departure for the coast.

They are loud in praise of the treatment received here.

Colville at Plymouth.

London, Dec. 29.—A dispatch from Plymouth announces the arrival there of Major-General Sir Henry Colville, whose resignation has been demanded by the war office, but who has refused to resign, and has come to England from Gibraltar to demand a court martial with reference to the responsibility for the Yeomanry disaster at Lindley last May.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 29.—Some officers have resigned from almost all the fifteen battalions of the Yeomanry, Capt. Lord Alwyne Frederick Compton among them. This raises a doubt as to whether the resignations are connected with the Lindley affair or are merely in the line of routine retirement, especially as a fortnight ago the secretary of state for war announced in parliament that the Yeomanry inquiry had entirely exonerated from blame Lieut.-Colonel Sprague and his regiment.

Forced Toward the North.

Naanapoort, Dec. 29.—Gen. De laet has severely defeated Heitzog's com-

mando, 18 miles west of De Aar, and has driven them towards Prieska. He captured a number of wagons and released the Cape police, who were captured at Philippstown.

Gen. Grenfell has turned back Kritzinger's commando toward Ventersburg. Both sections of the raiders are in a desperate plight, and it is probable that they will never be able to return to the Orange River Colony. They have received little accession in strength from the colonial Dutch.

The invasion will probably end in complete failure. It is held here that the rapid movement of the British forces which has brought about this result reflects the greatest credit on the army.

Recruiting here for the Prince of Wales's Light Horse is proceeding at the rate of 40 men daily. Five hundred troopers are being raised here. The Prince recently gave special permission for the use of his name. The regiment promises to be among the most popular of the new corps that are being raised.

Official Announcement.

Capetown, Dec. 29.—The government has issued a dispatch stating that the two Boers' columns which invaded the Cape Colony have not met with success. The eastern column has not succeeded in getting further south, and Gen. Grenfell has pushed them back a considerable distance in the direction of the Orange River.

The western column has almost entirely abandoned the Philippstown district.

About 45 of the Yeomanry who were captured were disarmed and almost immediately released.

It is believed that this column will be divided into two parts, and both are being followed by the British force which relieved Britstown. No considerable number of colonists have joined the invaders.

There is still considerable unrest along the Bechuanaland border, between Fourteen Streams and Vryburg.

Second Contingent.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—The second battalion, Royal Canadian regiment, is disbanded from December 31st.

May Succeed Major-Gen. Haley.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Military men expect to see Col. Otter appointed Major-General of Canadian militia in place of Major-General O'Grady Haley, who they assert, was only engaged for a year.

Fishery Cruisers

Contracts Awarded for Construction of Vessels for Use on Pacific Coast.

Albion Iron Works, of This City, Will Build One of the Boats.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Sir Louis Davies awarded contracts to-day for two cruisers for the province of British Columbia. Tenders were asked some time ago for these cruisers. One of the boats is to be used at the mouth of the Fraser river and the other for fishery protection service on the Pacific ocean.

The contract for the large cruiser, which is to be used on the Pacific Coast, has been awarded to A. Wallace, Vancouver, B. C. This steamer is to be 136 feet long over all, breadth 24 feet, hold 10 feet, depth moulded 11 feet, hold masted and classed 11 years "A1" at Lloyd's. It will carry 150 tons of coal. There will be three officers, three engineers and fifteen seamen. The price is to be between \$90,000 and \$70,000.

The small cruiser is to be 60 feet long, 11 broad and 6 feet depth. The contract goes to the Albion Iron Works, Victoria, B. C. The price is between \$70,000 and \$85,000.

A condition of the contract is that the fair wage resolution will be embodied in it.

HARMSWORTH'S OPINIONS.

Germany, He Says, Is Watching the Course of Events in the Philippines.

New York, Dec. 28.—Alfred C. Harmsworth, the editor and owner of the London Daily Mail, who has just arrived here, says in an interview:

"There is no adverse criticism, on the part of the English, of the amendments to the Hay-Panaceote treaty, so far as I have ascertained. You are going to build the canal, pay for it, and why should you not control it. If we dug a canal we would certainly expect to control it, and I think America looks at the matter in much the same light."

Referring to the insurrection in the Philippines, he said: "The Germans are watching the course events are taking, thinking that America will finally give up the job as a bad proposition and then they expect to come in and finish matters. France is also watching closely the trend of affairs over there."

STRIKE STILL ON.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 28.—The strike of the street railway men is as complete today as the day it was declared. Last night at midnight an agent of the company reached here with fifty men from New York, but he landed only three at the traction company's office.

Warning To France

The Pope on Attitude of Waldeck-Rousseau Ministry Towards Religious Orders.

Says the Proposed Bill Will Drive Catholics From the Republic.

And Hopes Government Will Not Renounce Services He Is Able to Render.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, Dec. 29.—The Matin publishes an interview with the Pope devoted exclusively to the attitude of the Waldeck-Rousseau ministry toward the religious congregations. Referring to the premier's speech at Toulouse, October 28th, when M. Waldeck-Rousseau enlarged upon the necessity of the chamber passing a law regulating associations—a measure directed against religious congregations—the Pontiff said:

"The concordat is being changed from an instrument of peace into one of war and oppressively. Every in Protestant countries religious orders are not excluded from the liberties enjoyed by other citizens. They will probably return to England and the United States, as in the days of the Terror, to find a refuge against the iniquity of Catholic France. The association's bill is the negation of all the laws of liberty."

"I hope the French government will not be so stupid as to renounce the services I am still able to render her. Several times recently I have been solicited by the head of a powerful state to permit the rights of France in the East and Far East to be disregarded. I have refused, although compensations were offered to the Church. But if the orders, without which Catholic expansion is impossible, are to be suppressed, what answer shall I give in a day when similar proposals are made?"

To Attack The Boxers

British Troops Dispatched to Disperse the Rebels Near Yang Tsun.

Little Opposition Is Expected as the Natives Have Very Few Arms.

Pekin, Dec. 27.—The British have increased their garrison at Yang Tsun by 1,000, with horses and three guns. A flying column of 1,000 cavalry will scour the country between Tien Tsin and Yang Tsun, in obedience to Field Marshal von Waldersee's orders, to be on the alert in view of the French report of an engagement with 2,500 Chinese troops. Col. Tullock's regiment will return to destroy the towns he held. This action is owing to the fact that it has been discovered that a number of Boxers unquestionably made their headquarters.

The British say they do not expect serious trouble, mainly because the Boxers lack arms. Fortunately the Chinese are afraid to trust them with arms, as the government fears a rebellion against the present dynasty.

Two soldiers have been found dead outside the Temple of Heaven, with bullets in their heads. The murders are believed to have been committed by the Chinese.

A detail of the Sixth United States cavalry will leave to-morrow to investigate the recent burning of the Chinese and the British ambassades at Peking. The expedition will be commanded by Lieut.-Col. Theodore J. Winn, of the Sixth Cavalry.

The Peace Terms.

Shanghai, Dec. 27.—The Chinese newspapers here object to the proposed peace terms.

The Universal Gazette considers that the princes and officials who are to be punished should be named. It is questionable whether Tung Fung Hsiang is included among the punishable, as reported by Rev. Mr. Kelly, the Presbyterian missionary. The expedition will be commanded by Lieut.-Col. Theodore J. Winn, of the Sixth Cavalry.

Lord Dufferin's fellow directors are known in connection with many companies; Lieut.-Gen. the Hon. Somerset J. Gough-Calthorpe, who has been colonel-in-chief of the Fifth Dragoons since 1892, and Lord Polham-Clyton, master of the Queen's household, and son of the former Duke of Newcastle.

According to a dispatch received by the Associated Press from London the financial papers announce this morning that some trouble was disclosed on the stock exchange yesterday in the West Australian market, resulting in a considerable fall in the shares of the London & Globe Finance Corporation, Ltd., and Le Roi Mining Co., Ltd. Seven firms' checks returned by the clearing house; this, the dispatch added, did not imply failure, however, as it was expected that the usual period of grace allowed would enable the firms to meet their engagements.

Storm and Wrecks

Violent Gales Are Again Sweeping the Coasts of the British Isles.

A Number of Vessels of All Kinds Have Been Driven Ashore.

Fortunately the Casualties Are Slight—Four Men Drowned by Capsizing of Boat.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 28.—There have been more storms and violent gales in the channel, and considerable damage has been wrought ashore. The telegraph lines are down in many places.

The British bark Pegasus, from San Francisco for Queenstown, foundered off the Fenarth rocks. One man of the crew was landed at Cardiff. The fate of the rest is unknown.

While the British bark Queen of Cambria was being towed into Palmouth, her tow line parted and she was blown across the bows of the British bark Crown of India, damaging the latter's head. The Queen of Cambria was cut down to the water's edge. She was beached, and is leaking.

Wrecks Reported.

London, Dec. 28.—Reports arriving from all the coasts announce damage done by the storm. Vessels in great numbers are seeking shelter in the harbors, and a number of minor wrecks have been announced.

A dispatch from Holyhead says the British bark Primrose Hill is drifting up the Channel under bare poles. The coast guardmen are endeavoring to assist her with the life-saving apparatus.

Later dispatches from Cardiff indicate that the Pegasus has not foundered. The statement of the loss originated with a mate of her crew, who was landed at Cardiff this morning. It now appears that the Pegasus was subsequently floated and towed to a place of shelter. When she grounded her boats were made ready for lowering, and the davit of one of them carried away, precipitating five men into the water. They were all drowned, with the exception of the sailor landed at Cardiff. This man was picked up by a tug.

A Spanish steamer was driven ashore at the Portland breakwater. The Weymouth lifeboat attempted to rescue her crew, but the fearful seas running prevented it.

The British steamer Penopolis is ashore on the sands between Abaraven and Briton Ferry. No fatalities have occurred.

The gale is so furious in the Channel that the continental services were suspended this afternoon.

NEW CABINET.

For Prince Edward Island Was Sworn in Yesterday.

Charlottetown, Dec. 28.—The members of the new government are: Premier Farquharson, attorney-general; A. Peters, commissioner of public works; Cumisiskey, commissioner of agriculture; B. Rogers, provincial secretary; Malcom, MacDonald, James Richards, R. C. McLeod, Peters, McNutt and George Forbes. Four of the number were previously members of the Farquharson government. The choice of a Speaker has not yet been made.

The members of the executive were sworn in to-day.

ELOPED WITH COACHMAN.

Runaway Wife Found in Winnipeg and Has Returned Home.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—Mrs. W. R. Savage, wife of the mayor of Wellington, Kansas, who eloped with her little daughter and her husband's coachman, Frank Cyler, has been living with Cyler for the past nine months. Mrs. Savage's sisters arrived there last week, and with the aid of detectives, located the erring woman and finally induced her to return home.

A CORNER IN BEANS.

Heavy Purchases Caused a Rise to Over Two Dollars Per Bushel.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—A corner in beans is the latest novelty in the Chicago market. It is being engineered by the Albert Dickinson Co. Within two weeks the price has risen from \$1.84 per bushel to \$2.00, and dealers predict a further advance to \$2.50 within a fortnight. Heavy purchases by the government are said to be at the bottom of the boom in prices.

THIEVES' HAUL.

Detroit, Dec. 28.—The Michigan Central depot at Wyandotte, a suburb of Detroit, was the scene of a bold mail robbery some time last night, when a pouch containing, it is estimated, \$100,000 of negotiable paper, checks and money, was stolen from the waiting room. Two class mail matter were on the platform arrived at 2:08. Night Operator Dicher, it is supposed, took the two bags, and instead of carrying them to the ticket office, where the mail is usually kept, allowed them to lie in the waiting room.

LIVERPOOLS WERE CAPTURED

Boers Took British Post at Helvetia and Made Two Hundred of the Garrison Prisoners.

THIRTY-THREE KILLED AND WOUNDED

Burgers in Cape Colony Are Evidently Waiting for Reinforcements From the North—Dewet's Force Held in Check.

(Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 31.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener:
"Pretoria, Dec. 30th, 7.50 a. m.—General Lyttleton reports that our post at Helvetia was captured yesterday morning by the Boers. About 50 were killed and wounded, and 200 taken prisoners."

Lord Kitchener reports that he is following with a small force in the track of the enemy, Helvetia being re-occupied by forces who have been reinforced from Belfast.

Helvetia was a strong position on the Machadodorp Lydenburg railway, and was held by a detachment of the Liverpool regiment.

"I am asking for further information," wires Lord Kitchener.

According to further telegrams received yesterday, Zerst is practically besieged, but has provisions sufficient for five months.

The garrison at Ottoshoop, has been withdrawn to Lydenburg.

A dispatch from Carnarvon, dated yesterday, reports that the point were driven off, and are being pursued.

"It is evident," says a belated dispatch from Krugersdorp, dated December 23rd, "that the Boer commissariat in the direction of Magalesberg is well supplied, and that until the country between here and Magalesberg is properly cleared of Boers, they will continue to concentrate there, the ground being particularly adapted to their methods of warfare."

The Boers admit that in their fight with General Clements at Nootgedacht they lost 130 men.

Lord Kitchener wiring from Pretoria on Saturday, December 29th, says:
"There is not much change in the situation in Cape Colony."

"The eastern force of the enemy appears to have been broken up into small parties at Utrecht, and to be moving about rapidly into the same district, evidently waiting for support from the North."

"The last report states that the western force is moving to Carnarvon and De Lisle and Thorneycroft are in close pursuit."

"French has occupied Ventersdorp. Clements reports that he is opposed on the road to Rustenburg."

"The eastern line was blown up near Pan and a train was held up this morning on the Standerton line near Vaal station. White's column has arrived at Senekal."

"Knox's column and Boyce's brigade are holding Dewet from breaking south."

Commenting upon the Helvetia incident, the Daily Mail calls upon the government to send out at least 50,000 additional mounted men.

Surprised at Dawn.
London, Dec. 31.—Gen. Kitchener, telegraphing from Pretoria, Sunday, December 30th, says:
"The post at Helvetia was surprised at 2.30 a. m., the enemy first rushing at 4.7 p. m."

"At dawn the officer commanding the post at Swartz kopje sent out a patrol and shelled the enemy out of Helvetia, making them abandon the gun temporarily. The Boers, however, formed our prisoners around the gun and got it away eventually. No ammunition belonging to the gun was captured."

"The casualties were four officers wounded, 11 men killed and 22 wounded."

"A column was sent out from Machadodorp but owing to the bad roads it failed to arrive in time."

Services Declined.
London, Dec. 31.—Mr. Chamberlain, according to a dispatch from Wellington, N. Z., has declined the services of Maoris for South Africa.

Recruits for Baden-Powell.
Ottawa, Dec. 31.—A gratuity of five months' pay, amounting to £40, has been given by the war office to Lieut. Mason, of the first contingent, who was wounded at Paardeberg.

to show that the British are regaining the ground recently lost.

A dispatch from Standerton, dated December 28th, says it is estimated that 2,000 Boers were engaged in the operations in North Natal, hoping to break the British line of communication. This plan failed, and the Boers were driven off in each case with more or less loss, their casualties in the process of the day numbering 50, while the British casualties were slight.

According to a Johannesburg dispatch of Friday's date, Gen. French occupied Ventersdorp that day without opposition. This place being a great telegraphic centre, has been much used by the Boers for the dissemination of information.

The possession of Ventersdorp, Richardson and Zerst gives the British a strong hold upon this part of the country.

From Carnarvon, under yesterday's date, comes a dispatch saying that the Boers occupied Vossburg on December 27th, in force, and were reported to be moving on Carnarvon, where martial law has been proclaimed. The farmers have assured the authorities that they will remain loyal and will suppress disloyal talk.

It is creditably reported, according to a dispatch from Newcastle, dated December 29th, that Louis Botha has informed Commandant Spruit that Kruger has sent word that the burghers must lay down their arms of continue fighting on their own account, as no support from Europe can be expected.

Almost Isolated.
Cradock, Cape Colony, Dec. 27.—Kimberley is almost isolated by Boer raiders. No mail had reached there from December 19th to December 25th. Provisions are at famine prices. The military took charge of all the food stuff on December 22nd.

The Leinster regiment, commanded by Major Barry, had a skirmish lasting four hours with the Boers at Orientfontein, on December 27th, suffering slight losses. The Boers at Cradock are a convoy of 25 wagons on Christmas Eve.

Statement by Colville.
London, Dec. 29.—Major-General Sir Henry Colville, whose resignation has been demanded by the war office, but who refused to resign and came to England from Gibraltar, arriving at Plymouth a day to demand a trial by court martial, to establish the responsibility for the Yeomanry disaster at Lindley last May, has made a counter strike at the war office in a three thousand word statement, which he has given to the press.

He says he has come home to demand a free inquiry and does not intend to be made a scapegoat for the sin of the staff. He avers that the Lindley disaster could never have happened had he been informed of Lord Roberts's intentions. The primary cause of the disaster, he says, was the insufficient information given by the headquarters staff to Scott, Spragg and himself, and he declines to accept the blame. He lays out the facts and blames others.

Gen. Colville and his influential friends in and out of the army are thus beginning a campaign against the new secretary of state for war, Mr. William St. John Broderick, Lord Roberts and Gen. Kitchener. It is said it is to be fought out with some severity in parliament.

When he returned from South Africa, Gen. Colville says he fully acquainted the war office with the facts. After some time he was informed by Gen. Evelyn Wood, the adjutant-general, that Lord Lansdowne, then secretary of state for war, had directed him to say that Gen. Lord Wolseley, the commander-in-chief, has approved Gen. Colville's resigning his Gibraltar command. He learned incidentally that an army board of five of the highest officials of the war office had considered his statements and Lord Roberts's disapproves on the subject. His resignation was the result of the inquiry. To his intense surprise, Adjutant-General Wood, on December 21st, notified him that Mr. William St. John Broderick, the newly-appointed secretary of state for war, held him responsible for the loss of the Yeomanry, and ordered him to quit his command immediately, and hand over his resignation.

Gen. Colville, going into official details, says he was ordered to concentrate his division at Helbron on May 20th, and names the various dispositions of the other divisions, which extended across the Orange River Colony. He assumed that Lord Roberts intended to advance, sweeping all before him. His orders were absolute, and he had to carry them out. Hence he could not go to the relief of the 500 Yeomanry without risking the success of the grand operation. Under any circumstances, he says, he considered it his duty to push on, even if he were sure it would entail the loss of the Yeomanry. Besides, he had only food enough for two days. He pushed on, and the Yeomanry surrendered. Lord Roberts broke up Gen. Colville's division and expressed his dissatisfaction.

"On my pointing out that I had obeyed his orders to the letter," declares Gen. Colville, "he said his orders were only intended as a guide."

Gen. Colville alludes to some of the Yeomanry being millionaires, and quotes

Lord Roberts as saying it was his duty to sacrifice his force for the Yeomanry. "We will remember," Gen. Colville says, "that the corps of the elite numbered 500 and my force nearly eight times that number."

en. Colville recites two examples of what he considers Lord Kitchener's "defective staff work."

THE BOYS AT VANCOUVER.
Private Smethurst's New Year Greeting to People of Victoria.

(Special to the Times.)
Vancouver, Dec. 31.—"Tell them we are more than satisfied with our treatment all through. Our welcome in Vancouver has been as warm as if we were one of yourselves. The British Columbia men have all through been as one family. It was share alike all round; yet we are impatient to see the folks at home in Victoria."

This is the message of New Year's greeting given by Pte. Smethurst, one of the Victoria boys returning from South African service, for the good people of the capital.

The British Columbia men of the first contingent arrived here this afternoon and were given the most demonstrative welcome ever seen in the city.

The returning men were: F. D. Laferty, lieutenant, R.C.A., in command, H. Smethurst, W. H. Brethour, and C. Leow, privates.

G. Corbould, A. O. Lohman (corporals), O. J. Wilkie, J. P. Smith, Westminister.

H. E. Niebergall, J. J. Sinclair, H. J. Allan, H. M. Bonner, S. S. Harrison, Vancouver.

There was a crowd of five thousand people at the station, and the enthusiasm was tremendous. Mayor Garden received them as they stepped from the decorated train, and the military guard of honor spread among the citizens gathered for blocks around. There were several thousand school children heading the street parade. The men were taken to the Alhambra theatre for lunch and from there the Victoria men will be escorted to the steamer, arriving at the capital this evening.

The Victoria men are looking in remarkably good health, as if they were just returning from a week's holiday. Each tells the same story of the grand reception at Helvetia, and met generous treatment all the way across the continent.

Imprisoned By Floods

Coventry's Streets Inundated and Inhabitants Are Unable to Leave Their Homes.

Buildings and Bridges Have Been Swept Away and Much Stock Drowned.

(Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 31.—Heavy snow storms, deluging rain and furious gales, have created havoc in many parts of the country. There have been disastrous floods in the Midlands and westward, and all sides much stock has been drowned.

The railroads and highways are blocked, buildings and bridges have been carried off and the overflowing streams have inundated miles of country, while the rains have submerged the streets in some of the towns three to four feet.

At Coventry the devastation is greater than at any time during the last 30 years. A number of factories have been flooded and hundreds of the inhabitants are imprisoned in their homes.

Many trains on the Midland railway have been stopped because of their fires being extinguished by the floods.

The town of Bath is completely isolated by the rise of the Avon, which is now ten feet above the normal.

Immense tracts of land in several counties have been transformed into inland seas, the inhabitants seeking refuge in the upper rooms of their dwellings. Many villages are altogether isolated, and some towns of considerable size are without gas owing to the works being flooded.

TIDE TABLES
For Seaports in British Columbia—Ottawa Municipal Nominations.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The tidal survey branch of the department of marine and fisheries has issued tide tables for the chief seaports in British Columbia for 1901. These are the first that have been compiled especially for the Pacific coast in Canada.

The Dominion government has passed an order-in-council approving of the sale of the Bank of British Columbia to the Bank of Commerce. This was necessary by the new Bank Act. The order will appear in the next official Gazette, and then the agreement between the banks will be legal.

Municipal nominations took place here to-day. There are six candidates in the field for the mayoralty. They are: Messrs. Cook, Morris, Campbell, Rainshill, Butler and Davis. Four were aldermen in the present council, and Messrs. Campbell and Cook ex-aldermen.

OFFICIAL TRIP.
(Associated Press.)
New Orleans, Dec. 31.—The heads of the Southern Pacific Railway Company are gathered preparatory to starting to-day on their annual official system with the new president, Chas. M. Hays. Vice-president Stubbs said to-day that the plans originally made for deep water connections at Galveston would be carried out.

BOUGHT CARRARA QUARRIES.
(Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 31.—It is stated that Senator Proctor, of Vermont, has bought the famous Carrara quarries of Italy, thus securing, with his Vermont holdings, the control of the bulk of the world's supply of statuary and building marble. The sum paid was \$1,100,000.

Kwang Hsu's Successor

Empress Dowager Reported to Have Appointed a New Emperor, Tung Hsu.

Former Occupant of the Throne Intends Returning to the Capital.

London, Dec. 28.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Standard wires: "Private advices from the province of Shan Si say, that while the court was sojourning at Tai Yuen Fu, the Empress Dowager secretly appointed a new Emperor, with the title of Tung Hsu. He is a 15-year-old boy, who was taken to Sian Fu in the imperial yellow chair. This explains the permission given to Emperor Kwang to return to Peking."

"Emperor Kwang Hsu has notified the reform party that he is returning to the capital and will need their assistance."

Reinforcing Expedition.
Berlin, Dec. 28.—An official denial has been issued here of the report from Peking published in a New York newspaper that differences have arisen between Field Marshal Count von Waldersee and Dr. Mumm von Schartzstein, the German minister at Peking, over a question of procedure.

The war office has received the following dispatch from Count von Waldersee: "Peking, Dec. 28.—A column commanded by Major von Madai will start tomorrow for Shan Ho Hsien to co-operate with the Grucher expedition which left Tien Tsin on December 10th for Yuen Tsiu. A United States detachment will leave Peking tomorrow via Hsing Ho Hsien with the same object. The Chinese who were defeated by the French on December 22nd fled in a southerly direction."

Terms Considered Harsh.
Washington, Dec. 28.—The Chinese embassy here is without information on the report that Emperor Kwang Hsu does not approve the demands submitted by the powers. For some days, however, the view has prevailed in Chinese quarters that the terms were so harsh that it would be difficult to secure their acceptance. The state department had received nothing from Mr. Conger to indicate that the Emperor opposed the acceptance of the peace terms and the officials continue to be hopeful that there will be an early acquiescence.

Italy's Policy.
Rome, Dec. 28.—In the Italian senate to-day, the minister of foreign affairs, Marquis Venosta, replying to Marquis Vitelleschi during the discussion of the foreign affairs budget, said:

"We cannot leave to others the task of safeguarding Italy's interest in China. Italy will continue in loyal and moderate collaboration to assure the same indemnification and guarantees that are obtained by the other powers."

London, Dec. 31.—Writing to the Times from Peking yesterday, Dr. Morrison says:

"The Chinese have accepted all the conditions of the joint note. They are sending formal acceptance by an envoy and ask that negotiations should commence forthwith and military operations cease."

"Li Hung Chang is much better, although much shaken."

"Five expeditions are now operating. Every report tells of increasing unrest. The policy of depriving the Chinese of all power to exercise authority is spreading disorder broadcast and forcing peaceful Chinese into opposition."

In a dispatch dated December 28th, Dr. Morrison sends a long protest against German harshness, which, he says, is creating, instead of checking, disorder. He accuses the Germans of harrasing the country and punishing the innocent and the guilty indiscriminately, in order to levy fines for defraying their own military expenses, and to form an excuse for continuing hostile occupation.

He also charges Count von Waldersee

with a breach of faith, on the ground that he gave Li Hung Chang a map depicting the area of the occupation in the province of Chi Li, and indicated the district beyond which the allies would not operate, and yet allowed the German troops to inflict severe punishment upon the Chinese at the Sang Chau and Yung Ching, both of which are outside the area.

Repeating the statement that the Germans are preparing for an expedition to Sien Fu in the spring, and also mentioning trouble in the Yang Tse valley, Dr. Morrison says: "The question arises whether the occasion should not be seized to separate the British troops from Count von Waldersee's command."

Chinese Scattered.
Berlin, Dec. 31.—Count von Waldersee reports to the war office, under the date of Peking, December 20th:

"The Chinese, who fled south, were pursued by a squadron of Kien 100 kilometres southwest of Peking, where the Chinese scattered. Grucher's column seized a great quantity of ammunition, quick-firing and Krupp guns, Maxim rifles, etc., at Nan Chen, 21 kilometres east of Pao Ti Sien, which had been abandoned by the fleeing Chinese."

Starved to Death.
New York, Dec. 31.—The American Bible Society has received a report from the Rev. John B. Hykes, its agent in China, dated Shanghai, November 27th, in which he says that the missionaries who are safe in Tai Yuen Fu are Graham McKie, Miss Chapman, Miss Way, Mrs. Ogren and child. Mr. Ogren was massacred.

Duncan Kay, his wife and child escaped to the mountains from their station at Ku Wu Sian. An anti-Christian kept them supplied with food until he was discovered by the Boxers and killed. After his death his widow nobly tried to save the lives of the missionaries by smuggling food to them, but the Boxers found out what she was doing and murdered her. Then they placed guards at the entrance to the gorge where the Kays were concealed, and so effectually did they prevent all communication with them that they enticed all of their food supplies, all three of them starving to death.

Worst Gale For Years
Inevitable Vessels Have Been Driven Ashore to Coast of England

Many Lives Lost, But So Few Particulars Are to Hand

London, Dec. 28.—Reports of shipping casualties already to hand show that the gale was one of the worst known in many years. Probably several days will elapse before the full extent of the damage becomes known. In addition to some vessels, not yet identified, which have been wrecked or placed in great danger, the fate of some of the cross channel mail steamers is in doubt.

For instance, the Great Western Railway Company's steamer plying between Milford and Waterford is twelve hours overdue and no tidings of her have yet been received. It would be impossible to enumerate all the minor casualties.

In response to rockets from Eddystone Light, Plymouth sent a dory with a lifeboat to assist what was reported to be a large steamer in distress in the channel. The endangered vessel is the Mercury, last reported arrived at Bilbao Bay on November 29th, from Bonlogne, which had sought shelter in Portland roads. It is believed that the crew can be saved.

A terrible accident took place near Taunton; the breakwater at Watchet harbor yielded to the force of the gale and became a wreck, permitting a tremendous sea to have full play against the shipping in the harbor. Several vessels broke adrift, two foundered and five others were driven into a hopeless tangle in a corner between a pier and a wharf, where they lay grinding each other, and the gale both on land and sea, but everywhere the telegraph wires are much disorganized and reports are therefore incomplete.

Some fifty barges and sailing craft broke from their moorings in the Thames. At Oswestry the theatre was destroyed. The steamer Zeisero collided with another steamer, the Clevedon, in the Bristol channel; a lifeboat rescued nine of the Zeisero's crew.

ASHANTI REBELLION OVER.
London, Dec. 31.—Col. Willcocks has called the government that the Ashanti rebellion has ended, all of the rebel chiefs having surrendered.

CATARRHAL HEADACHES.—That dull, wretched pain in the head just over the eyes is one of the surest signs that the seeds of catarrh have been sown, and it's your warning to administer the quickest and surest treatment to prevent the seeding of this dreaded malady. Dr. Anew's Catarrhal Powder will stop all pain in ten minutes and cure you. Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.,—121.

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The gradual removal of the social barrier which formerly restricted English political and educational life was never better instanced than by the appointment this week of Mr. Jos. Owen to a fellowship at Oxford. Six years ago Mr. Owen was a mill hand at Okham,

Bandit Seeks Bandit

Di Lorenzo Threatens to Take the Life of the Outlaw.

Police and Soldiers are Awaiting the Outcome of Duel Between the Men.

(Associated Press.) Rome, Dec. 29.—The hunt for the notorious bandit and murderer Muscolino, which has been going on for a long time, is nearing a dramatic climax. At the beginning of last week he was so hard pressed by the police and military that only two of his companions, named Jelli and Di Lorenzo, were desperadoes with records second only to that of Muscolino himself. The rest of the band had either been killed or captured by the police.

Muscolino suspected treachery on the part of Jelli and Di Lorenzo, and a week ago he accused the former of designing to betray him and thus obtain the reward of 20,000 lire. That precipitated a row, and Muscolino attacked Jelli with a dagger, striking him several times, and leaving him for dead. Di Lorenzo found Jelli in a dying condition. He bound up his wounds, but his aid was too late and Jelli died. Before his death, however, he warned Di Lorenzo that Di Lorenzo thereupon took to the country with the avowed intention of killing Muscolino. The two brigands are now prowling around in the Agromonte district, seeking each other's lives.

Soldiers and police are drawing a cordon around the district awaiting the issue of the duel that will certainly occur when the two men meet. Di Lorenzo has been informed that if he kills Muscolino he will be given a free pardon for his many crimes.

PROPOSED NAVAL RESERVE.

Washington, Dec. 29.—A bill will be introduced into congress upon its re-assembly for the formation of a naval reserve based upon plans prepared by a board composed of Admiral Dewey, Rear-Admiral Crowfield and Capt. Evans.

The features of the bill are the limitation of the reserve force to a total of 20,000 men; the force not to exceed 600 in number. The terms of enlistment is fixed at five years. Retired naval officers, owners and masters of ocean steamers, may qualify as lieutenants at \$200 per year for the first grade, \$150 for the second grade, and \$100 for enlisted men. Enlisted men are limited to 500 per year and are to be provided with two uniforms and a sleeping outfit. Not less than thirty days' service, each year on a naval vessel is required. Naval reserve officers are to be home upon the expiration of their term of service, but are entitled to hospital treatment, pensions and admission to the sailors' home on the same terms as regular sailors. An appropriation of \$100,000 will be asked for.

President McKinley has sent a gold watch and chain and a binocular respectively to the master and second officer of the steamer Commonwealth, in recognition of the saving of the crew of the American schooner Landing Breeze, who were taken from the vessel October 17th, a few miles from Boston, when the Landing Breeze was in a sinking condition.

BURNED TO DEATH.

New York, Dec. 29.—Three-year-old Federal Dolan was burned to death, this afternoon. His clothing having been ignited by a hidden Christmas tree at his home. They had set the tree afire while trying to light the candles.

Applications For Charters

Proposal to Build a Railway From Princeton to International Boundary.

The Kettle River Railroad Will Commence on Canadian Side, Near Cascade City.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Application will be made at the next session of the Dominion House for an act to incorporate a company to construct and operate by steam or electricity, a single or double track of standard gauge railway for the purpose of conveying passengers, freight, merchandise and goods, commencing near Princeton, Yale, southerly and westerly along Shingle creek to Fish Lake pass, thence southerly along the pass to Fish Lake, thence along Keremeos canyon to Keremeos valley and southerly through said valley to Keremeos, and thence southerly through Similkameen valley to the international boundary line at or near its crossing of the Similkameen river in British Columbia, also with power to build a branch from the lake, westerly through upper Keremeos valley to Nickel Plate camp, and Twenty-Mile creek, and also a branch westerly through Similkameen valley to Princeton.

An application will also be made for an act for a railway commencing at a point on the Canadian side of the international boundary line near Cascade City, in the Osoyoos division of Yale district, B. C., thence along the westerly side of Kettle river by the most feasible route to a point off the Canadian side of the international boundary line near Carson, Yale, with power to construct and operate branch railways and tramways in connection therewith, not exceeding twenty-five miles in length and all necessary roads, bridges, ways, ferries, etc.

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Killeville, Dec. 29.—Steps are being taken here to petition the Dominion government to either stop the exportation of natural gas to Detroit or compel the Interior Construction & Development Co. of that city to comply with the order-in-council which provides that the company shall supply factories or houses along its lines in Canada, which they have so far declined to do.

DEVELOPING DAMARALAND.

International Syndicate Has Been Formed to Carry on the Work. Capetown, Dec. 28.—A strong international syndicate has been formed for the development of the mineral resources of Damaraland. The bulk of the capital, which is British, will be held jointly in London, Paris, Berlin and New York.

The German government was formerly extremely discouraging towards the efforts of foreign capitalists to develop the country, but is now offering every facility. The scheme includes colonization, mining, and the construction of a railway from Schwimung to Etjenberwe.

AMERICAN COMPETITION.

London Times Says That in the United States Young Men Receive Encouragement.

London, Dec. 29.—The Times, in another article on American engineering progress, deals with educational influences, and arrives at the conclusion that it is not so much superiority in technical education which explains this progress as the fact that Americans give to young men positions which in England are supposed to belong to long experience. Commenting editorially on the whole situation, and in a respectful tone, the Times says: "It is useless to disguise the fact that Great Britain is being out-distanced. The competition does not come from the glut caused by miscalculation as by the home demand. Our own steel makers know better, and are alarmed. The threatened competition in markets hitherto our own comes from efficiency in production such as never before has been seen. One of the most disquieting factors in the problem before us is that the United States have a trained body of young men determined to make their country great and who have been educated to a living, practical interest in things useful to that end."

Berlin, Dec. 29.—The Berlin Society of Merchants in the course of its annual report, published to-day, says: "The first impulse to a revival of the tide of prosperity proceeded from the United States. Unfavorable reports about iron markets came from beyond the Atlantic in the spring. The spectre of American competition in European markets produced immediately a disastrous effect upon the Bourse."

TOWNS CAPTURED.

By United States Troops, Who Also Succeeded in Dispersing the Filipinos.

They Also Took the Insurgents' Stronghold in the Interior of Mindanao.

(Associated Press.) Manila, Dec. 28.—A pushing campaign has been carried on by the Fourth Infantry during December in Northern Mindanao. The town of Jemez was captured, as was also the insurgent stronghold in the mountains further inland. The coast town of Langarita was captured by a detachment of a hundred troops who scattered the enemy in that vicinity, killing and capturing several.

A portion of the troops thus engaged have returned to Cagayan and joined in the campaign which Brigadier-General Kobbe is personally prosecuting. Gen. Macarthur's proclamation is resulting in many arrests of alleged insurgents in Manila and vicinity. A few of those taken into custody were executed. One insurgent was wounded in attempting to escape.

COAL FOR FRANCE.

Two Hundred Thousand Tons Will Be Shipped From the United States.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 28.—E. K. McIlwaine, a member of the American chamber of commerce in Paris, is now in this city closing negotiations for the sale of coal to the French government. This order, he says, may reach 200,000 tons. The immediate necessities require 70,000 tons. Mr. McIlwaine believes a substantial coal trade between this country and France will soon be established.

CROKER'S INCOME TAX.

London, Dec. 27.—Mr. Richard Croker, who has been retreating for several weeks in Carlsbad and Nice, returned to Wantage two days before Christmas, where he received a summons to appear on January 2nd to reply to inquiries respecting his income, in connection with the income tax. He left Wantage yesterday, presumably for the Continent. His house to-day was absolutely closed, and there is no expectation of his return before next week.

CANCER SUFFERERS SHRINK FROM CHLOROFORM AND CUTTING.

No Further Need For Dangerous and Painful Operations Since the Introduction of the New Constitutional Treatment.

People naturally dread the surgeon's knife, the chloroform and the operating table. More especially is this so in the case of those suffering from cancer, as the most skilled surgeon will tell his patient that he can realize no hope of a permanent cure by operation, and that the disease is as likely as not to return within a year. The new method of treating cancer by a constitutional remedy, takes internally, has been so wonderfully successful that within the last few years it has practically superseded all other forms of treating this disease. The principle on which it is based is this: that cancer is a violent poison in the blood, and removing the taint or growth simply does not get at the cause of the trouble. The new remedy, when taken into the system, goes directly to the root of the disease, searches out the cancer poison, neutralizes and destroys it and builds up the weakened organism. It is a pleasant preparation to take and will not upset the stomach of the most delicate. Messrs. Stott & Jory, Bowmanville, Ont., on receipt of 2 stamps, will be pleased to send further information about this remedy to any one desiring it.

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(Associated Press.) Manila, Dec. 28.—A pushing campaign has been carried on by the Fourth Infantry during December in Northern Mindanao. The town of Jemez was captured, as was also the insurgent stronghold in the mountains further inland. The coast town of Langarita was captured by a detachment of a hundred troops who scattered the enemy in that vicinity, killing and capturing several.

A portion of the troops thus engaged have returned to Cagayan and joined in the campaign which Brigadier-General Kobbe is personally prosecuting. Gen. Macarthur's proclamation is resulting in many arrests of alleged insurgents in Manila and vicinity. A few of those taken into custody were executed. One insurgent was wounded in attempting to escape.

COAL FOR FRANCE.

Two Hundred Thousand Tons Will Be Shipped From the United States.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 28.—E. K. McIlwaine, a member of the American chamber of commerce in Paris, is now in this city closing negotiations for the sale of coal to the French government. This order, he says, may reach 200,000 tons. The immediate necessities require 70,000 tons. Mr. McIlwaine believes a substantial coal trade between this country and France will soon be established.

CROKER'S INCOME TAX.

London, Dec. 27.—Mr. Richard Croker, who has been retreating for several weeks in Carlsbad and Nice, returned to Wantage two days before Christmas, where he received a summons to appear on January 2nd to reply to inquiries respecting his income, in connection with the income tax. He left Wantage yesterday, presumably for the Continent. His house to-day was absolutely closed, and there is no expectation of his return before next week.

CANCER SUFFERERS SHRINK FROM CHLOROFORM AND CUTTING.

No Further Need For Dangerous and Painful Operations Since the Introduction of the New Constitutional Treatment.

People naturally dread the surgeon's knife, the chloroform and the operating table. More especially is this so in the case of those suffering from cancer, as the most skilled surgeon will tell his patient that he can realize no hope of a permanent cure by operation, and that the disease is as likely as not to return within a year. The new method of treating cancer by a constitutional remedy, takes internally, has been so wonderfully successful that within the last few years it has practically superseded all other forms of treating this disease. The principle on which it is based is this: that cancer is a violent poison in the blood, and removing the taint or growth simply does not get at the cause of the trouble. The new remedy, when taken into the system, goes directly to the root of the disease, searches out the cancer poison, neutralizes and destroys it and builds up the weakened organism. It is a pleasant preparation to take and will not upset the stomach of the most delicate. Messrs. Stott & Jory, Bowmanville, Ont., on receipt of 2 stamps, will be pleased to send further information about this remedy to any one desiring it.

A TENDER HEARTED OLD MAN.

The Cape Times has been printing stories of the war and of the part Kruger and his associates played in the events which preceded it. Some anxiety has been expressed lest the historian of the future should not have sufficient data at his command to compile a reliable account of the edification of future generations of this most interesting period in the history of British rule in South Africa.

PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL AFFAIRS.

We agree with the Colonist that it would indeed be well if it were possible for the federal and the provincial governments to co-operate in effective measures for the development of British Columbia. But it must surely have escaped the memory of the Premier that the present government when it was formed was understood to be thoroughly independent of party in the federal sense of the term, that its very existence may be said to depend upon the carrying out of this agreement in good faith, and that some of the members of his administration have so far forgotten or chosen to ignore the conditions upon which they were called in as to have brought the reproach upon the government that it is nothing more than a Tory machine and that its chief object appears to be to strengthen the Tory cause in British Columbia rather than attend to matters of paramount importance to the province.

MINING SHARES.

The Rossland Miner draws attention to a decision of Mr. Justice Walkem of particular interest to those who deal, whether as buyers or sellers, in mining stocks. Our contemporary comments as follows on this judgment: "It will serve as a bulwark between unscrupulous vendors of mining shares, whether acting as trustees of a company or as not recognized by them, and the investing public, which has neither the time nor the opportunity and under any circumstances should not be called upon to inquire thoroughly into the title of the shares which they purchase in the open market. It is indisputable that shares in not a few mining companies with a par value of say \$1 each, have been flying about the streets of this town, like, at 5 cents apiece or more, as a bait to unsuspecting buyers and subject to every puff of wind, adverse or otherwise, that might raise or depress their value.

THE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM.

The success of the intercolonial railway under a business administration seems to have opened the eyes of the Dominion ministers to the possibilities of service to the people of government railways. Mr. Blair was not at all dismayed by the opposition to his election in St. John by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. His threats of what would happen to that important city if he were returned did not weaken but appeared rather to strengthen his position in the constituency. The voters recognized that in the Minister of Railways and Canals they would have a vigorous and aggressive representative in whose charge their interests would be perfectly safe. They sustained Mr. Blair's contention that it was desirable that the government railway should be run as a business concern entirely independent of the C. P. R. If the Conservatives had been successful this valuable property of the country would have reverted to its former position as a feeder for the C. P. R. Last year it earned a good-sized surplus after paying all running expenses and supplying about half a million dollars for new rolling stock.

Final Session For the Year

Trustees Wrestle With the Question of Excluding Non-Residents. Several Additional Teachers and Janitors Required for the Coming Year.

There was a small attendance of members of the school board last night, Trustees Mrs. Wm. Grant and Messrs. Drury, Belyea and McCandless alone attending in addition to the chairman, Dr. Lewis Hall. The principal discussion took place over the question of the exclusion of non-residents from the schools. A request for supplies from the principal of the Hillside school was referred to the supply committee, with power to act.

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Illustration of a woman sitting in a chair, possibly reading or writing, with a lamp and books nearby.

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A NIGHT OF TERRORS.

Britton, S. D., Dec. 25.—A number of friends gathered at the house of John Pyplar, near Veblen, to-night, to sit up with the remains of one of his children. During the evening Pyplar was found lying between the house and the barn, with several gashes in his skull, and with his throat and neck severely injured. He was picked up for dead. Upon seeing his condition, Moses La Frombis disappeared and a little later was discovered hanging to the limb of a tree near the barn. He was cut down before life was extinct. Pyplar is in a fair way to recover. La Frombis is under arrest to await the result of the injuries to Pyplar.

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A Conscious Snail. Debt of Thirty Years. A remarkable insured cured a few weeks lands, proprietor of was paid a debt of thirty years. The is a resident of T.

NEW OCEAN FREIGHTER.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The first ocean freighter ever built in Chicago will be launched on Saturday afternoon in the yards of the Chicago Ship Building Co. on the Calumet river. The new boat is 242 feet long, and has a capacity of 500 tons. Its first cruise will be to Hamburg, Germany, laden with grain.

OLD RELIABLE.

...IT'S THE... OLD RELIABLE... REMEDY... for Spavins, Ringbones, Splints, Curbs and all forms of Lameness. It is certain in its effects and cures without a blenheim, as it does not guarantee its merits. Price, 25 cents for 2 1/2 oz. As a liniment for family use it has no equal. Get your drugist for Kendall's SPVIN CURE, also "A Treatise on the Horse," the book free, or address DR. B. J. KENDALL COMPANY, ESSBURG FALLS, VT.

Mr. McCandless said he understood th.

sees peculiarly feminine. It establishes regularity, dries the drains which weaken women, heals inflammation and ulceration and cures female weakness. For ailing women it has advantages over any other preparation, by reason of its promotion of a perfect condition of the female health, and also because it is free from alcohol, and contains no opium, cocaine, nor any other narcotic. Backache, the headache and the many ailments resulting from womanly diseases are entirely cured by the use of "Favorite Prescription."

"I will drop you a few lines to-day to let you know that I am feeling well," writes Miss Annie Stephens, of Belleville, Wood Co., W. Va. "I feel like a new woman. I took several bottles of 'Favorite Prescription' and 'Golden Medical Discovery.' I have no more pain in any more. I think that there is no medicine like Dr. Pierce's medicine. I thank you very much for what you have done for me—your medicine has done me much good."

Important to Women.
Dr. Pierce invites sick and ailing women to consult him by letter free of charge. All correspondence is regarded as sacred and the written confidence of women are guarded by the same strict professional privacy observed in personal consultation with women at the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., to which institution Dr. Pierce is chief consulting physician.

Women in general and young women in particular express their appreciation of the privilege offered by this free consultation by letter with Dr. Pierce, not only because of his professional advice is supplemented by his wise fatherly counsel, but because it affords them a way of escape from the delicate questions, the offensive examinations and obnoxious local treatments, which offend the delicate sensitivities of modest women. Write without fear as without fee, to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Dr. Pierce's offer of free consultation by letter is not to be classed with the spurious offers of free medical advice by men or women who are not physicians and cannot legally practice medicine. Such advice is not only worthless, but may be dangerous.

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Sometime a dealer tempted by the little more profit paid by less meritorious revivifications, will offer a substitute for "Favorite Prescription" claiming it to be "just as good." It is not wise or safe to trade with unknown medicines. Insist on "Favorite Prescription," the medicine which has won the confidence of women by its almost countless cures.

Given to Young Women
Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser, an invaluable guide to health, is sent free on receipt of stamps to pay expense of mailing only.

"I think that your 'Adviser' is a fine book," writes Miss Flora I. Greer, of 107 Howe St., Akron, Ohio, "and a book that every one should own. If more girls would read it instead of trashy novels, there would be healthier women and children than there are to-day."

Send 21 one-cent stamps for the cloth-bound volume or only 21 stamps for the book in paper-covers. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Pleasure Reigned

The Masonic Brethren Honored Occasion of Installation Royal-ly Last Evening.

Large Number Assembled Around Festive Board-Officers for Next Term.

The Masonic Temple, Douglas street, was the scene of a very felicitous gathering last evening, the occasion being the installation of the officers-elect of Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2, A.F. & A.M. The ceremony of installation was succeeded by a banquet, and it is not surprising too much to say that few functions of a like character have ever attained the degree of perfection which signified that of last evening.

The first portion of the evening was occupied by the installation of officers. D.D.G.M. H. L. Salmon officiated as installing officer, ably assisted by Worshipful Bro. A. McKeown, P.G.M.; R. B. McMicking, P.G.M.; Ensign Sharpe, Esq. Grand Director of Ceremonies; G. Glover, W. W. Northcott, R. H. Brett, The officers were: W.M., Mr. W. Currie; Edward B. Paul; S.W., Bro. Arthur Walker; J.W., Bro. W. F. Carey Pope; treasurer, Bro. B. S. Heisterman; secretary, W. Bro. A. Maxwell Muir; S.D., Bro. J. J. Randolph; J.D., Bro. A. W. Currie; director of ceremonies, Bro. A. McAfee; SS., Bro. Leonard Tait; J.S., Bro. H. J. Scott; I.G., Bro. H. M. Graham; or- ganizer, Bro. W. Haynes; Tyler, Bro. F. Stockham.

After this important ceremony a very pleasing incident occurred illustrative of the good-fellowship prevailing among the craft. This was the presentation by D.D.G.M. H. L. Salmon, on behalf of the lodge, of a handsome jewel, elegantly engraved, to the immediate Past Master Bro. F. Robertson, in recognition of his signal services in the interests of the organization. The presentation was accompanied by brief but appropriate remarks and suitably responded to by the recipient.

The members then adjourned to the banquet hall, which was beautifully decorated. Even in this particular, the elaborate nature of the arrangements became apparent, as the present at first glance, and presaged a very enjoyable evening. The spacious table was in truth laid out by an artist in the culinary line. The happy mean between the extremes of too much and too little was accurately gauged by Bro. E. E. Leason, of the Hotel Victoria, whose deft labors had transferred the table into a little wonderland of its own.

The word banquet has become synonymous with tempting delicacies, but the delectable collations prepared for the brethren last evening would have drawn an exclamation of admiration from an epicure. Fully a hundred were assembled around the festive board, the head being occupied by Worshipful Bro. Edward B. Paul, who acted as toast master. The gathering was fully representative of the craft, not only locally but in the broadest sense. There were present members of the order from all parts of the continent, and the union of these on such an occasion singularly exemplified the great power exerted by the order in the interests of good-fellowship and brotherly regard.

Mr. Currie thought that it would be a good idea to have the boys lie over in the morning and arrive at Victoria on New Year's evening. This proposal did not meet with the approval of the committee, who thought that far more people would be on the streets on New Year's Eve, and therefore the success of the demonstration would be more sure. The boat, he thought, would not arrive until late.

The mayor, however, said he could make arrangements to have the boat arrive about 10:30 in the evening.

Mr. Lugin moved that the mayor be requested to see Col. Gregory and secure, if possible, his co-operation in the reception of the boys. He thought it would be a good plan to meet them at the inner wharf, with the band, and escort them to some building, as near as possible the centre of the city, where light refreshments could be served and where the friends of the returning heroes would have a chance to shake hands. This suggestion received the support of the committee.

The question then came up as to where the reception could be held. The idea of the drill hall was discarded, as the hall, were not yet down, and the dancing floor would not be up by the time the boys arrived. The city hall was thought of, but after some disally, however, the mayor was requested to make arrangements with the proprietor of the Driford hotel to have the reception held in his house. One of those present then suggested that the members of the first contingent already returned be requested to meet the boys in a body dressed in their khaki uniforms. This was adopted.

The carrying out of the arrangements for the reception were left in the hands of the mayor. The meeting then adjourned.

Wm. Roberts, late manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, is dead. Death was sudden and due to congestion of the lungs.

A Minister's Duty
A Glowing Tribute to the Sterling Worth of Dr. Agnew's Cathartic Powder.

"When I know anything worthy of recommendation I consider it my duty to tell it," says Rev. James Murdoch, of Hamburg, Pa. "Dr. Agnew's Cathartic Powder, has cured me of catarrh of five years' standing. It is certainly magical in its effect. The first application benefited me in five minutes. Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.—18.

REMARKABLE HONESTY.
A Conscious Shippen Creditor Pays a Debt of Thirty Years' Standing.

A remarkable instance of honesty occurs in a few weeks ago, when Mr. Rowlands, proprietor of the Burnside Hotel, was paid a debt due his father for over thirty years. The creditor in the case is a resident of Tacoma, having many

years ago lived in Metehosin, and it was while here that the debt referred to was contracted. Mr. Rowlands was also a resident of Metehosin at that time, and usually kept a number of cattle on his place. Two suddenly disappeared, and for long the owner had no knowledge of what happened them. A short time ago, however, Mr. Rowlands was surprised one day on receiving a letter from his old neighbor now living in Tacoma, reciting the particulars of the theft, and offering remuneration for the same. One of the bullocks he had killed and sold, he did not know what had become of the other. Mr. Rowlands, however, thought little of the letter, and dismissed it from his mind by relating the incident to his son, and leaving it with him to arrange a settlement. The latter was in the bar of his hotel on the Burnside road when the Tacoma party walked in, asked him the price of the bullocks, explained that twelve years ago a change had come over his life, and that the incident in question had been preying heavily on his mind ever since. He put down \$50 in payment for the animals, and then departed a happy man.

To Welcome Our Boys

The Patriotic Committee Make Arrangements to Mark Their Return.

Proposal to Have All the B. C. Men Here For Governor's Guard.

A meeting of the patriotic committee was held yesterday afternoon for the purpose of making arrangements for the reception of Ptes. Brethour, of Saanich, and Smethurst, of Victoria, belonging to the first Canadian contingent, and who are expected to arrive in this city on Monday evening, New Year's Eve.

There were present the Mayor, Messrs. Ridgway Wilson, George Jeeves and C. H. Lugin.

After some preliminary discussion a suggestion was made by George Jeeves that on the opening of the legislature all the British Columbia volunteers who went to South Africa with the first contingent should be invited to this city to form a guard of honor to the Lieut.-Governor. This suggestion met with the unanimous approval of those present, and Ridgway Wilson immediately acted on the suggestion and introduced a resolution requesting the mayor to interview the government and seek their co-operation in the carrying out of the scheme.

Mr. Jeeves thought the plan might be carried still further and that all the mayors of the province be invited to this city for the purpose of participating in the affair. He thought a banquet might also be served and a general celebration held.

Mayor Hayward was then voted to the chair, and it was decided, on motion of Watson Clark, to proceed to business, endorse the work of the committee, and have been above in the interests of the exhibition of 1901, and to amend the constitution. The amendment consisted of increasing the subscription fee from \$2 to \$3, and the number of vice-presidents from two to three.

Mr. Pierson, the local representative at the Portland convention, reported as follows:

The British Columbia Agricultural Association, Victoria, B. C.

On compliance with your gentlemen—I proceeded to Portland, Oregon, and there, on the 15th inst., at the Rural Spirit office, attended a meeting of the British Columbia Agricultural Association, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia, in which 12 or 13 places were represented. The arrangement for race meetings seemed to be the leading feature, and where practicable, to combine such with a general exhibition.

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Local News.

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-One of the prettiest calendars of the year is that issued by L. Dickison, the Douglas street grocer and feed merchant. The lithograph is a reproduction of a photograph of Mr. Dickison's famous bull dog "Bobs," which was so much in evidence in the patriotic demonstrations of last summer. The identical flags which the dog bore in his mouth in the parades mentioned are held under his paw in the lithograph.

-With one accord throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion unite in saying that if there is one paper which should be in every household, it is the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal. Subscribers are pouring into their office in Montreal at a tremendous rate. Canadians without the Family Herald and this season's pictures, do not know the treat they are missing.

-In Chambers this morning Mr. Justice Drake heard an interesting case arising out of the expropriation of lands at Work Point by the Department of Militia for the purposes of the new barracks which were erected there this summer. All of the property desired was yielded without trouble, excepting a plot of ground belonging to the defendant, Schlegel, of which he refused to relinquish possession, even after the Department of Militia, through Mr. Alexis Martin, who acted for the Minister, had proffered him \$3,150, the sum which he himself estimated he was entitled to for the purchase of another piece of ground and the erection of a house. This offer was made by the department without prejudice to his claim. The court granted the application for the issuance of a warrant to put the Minister in possession, but the warrant is to be in the registry for a fortnight before being executed. Mr. Martin for the Crown, and Mr. Yates for the defendant.

-The mystery regarding the identity of the man whose decomposed body was found in the Chemainus river by a hunter named Leers, has not been solved. The body was found near Westholme, and was brought to Chemainus. An inquest failed to clear matters, as the verdict was of a purely open nature. It is not certain whether the body actor is that of a white man or Chinaman. According to information received by the provincial police, who have the matter in hand, it had apparently been in the water for about six weeks. In this connection it might be mentioned that nothing has been heard of Sidney Arnold, who disappeared from this city just prior to the federal election. While it is not over probable that the remains are those of the missing man, it has been suggested that this might be the case. The only means of identification would be the clothes, as the advanced state of decomposition would render all other means impossible.

-It was the ship Challenger, not the Charmer, as was first reported by Port Townsend dispatches, that was sighted on December 19th, 150 miles south of the Columbia river, flying signals of distress. A later dispatch from Port Townsend says all that Capt. Gracie, of the Falkland, could make out was the signal J. S. K. D. Other signals were flying, and he thinks they read, "Report me," but is not sure. At the time he spoke her she was heading northeast in a strong westerly wind and a tremendous sea. The ship was laboring heavily and evidently in serious straits. She had lost her main topmast and mizzen mast and had only the lower main yard left on the mainmast and was travelling with only a jib set. Capt. Gracie says that he could have lent no assistance had he remained by her on account of the terrible sea that was ransacking at the time. The Challenger was loaded with coal from Ladysmith, B. C., for Kahlutai and is twenty-nine days out. From the course she was running it is evident that she had turned at sea and was trying to make Cape Flattery or some harbor of safety on the coast. Capt. Piltz, of the Challenger, has been unfortunate of late with his vessels, having but recently left the new four-masted barkentine William Carson, just out of Honolulu, in collision with a steamer. At the time she was bound from Australia, coal laden for Honolulu.

From Saturday's Daily.
 -The building inspector recently inspected the exhibition building at Oak Bay, and ascertained that before being utilized it will have to be somewhat strengthened. It is the intention to install new pillar supports beneath the large dome. An expenditure of \$1,000 will be required.

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The burial service at the Reformed Episcopal Church was performed by Rt. Rev. Bishop Dodge, assisted by Rev. Dr. Wilson. The following gentlemen acted as honorary pallbearers: Hon. J. H. Turner, Hon. Justice Martin, Dr. J. W. Powell, Mr. John Bryden, Mr. Wm. Wilson, Mr. W. Minnie, Mr. W. G. Gibson, Mr. H. B. Wilkman. The cortege to the cemetery was very large, and after a brief service the body was lowered into the grave and the last farewells said.

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Three more of Victoria's volunteers will reach home to-night, Ptes. Smethurst, Leeman and Brethour being among the detachment which reached Vancouver to-day. They will probably arrive in the city to-night about 9:30 p.m. A reception will be given at the Princess Louise from the Matland.

At the wharf the men will be met by the mayor and aldermen, members of the patriotic committee, officers and men of the Fifth Regiment, and a large number of the city's citizens. The men will be escorted by way of Fort, Government, Yates, and Douglas streets to the city hall.

The men will receive a formal welcome upstairs in the large council room. The three Victoria men mentioned are the only ones to arrive this evening, the remainder staying over at points along the line, to visit friends. Private Smethurst was with the quartermaster, and was at all the engagements in which the first contingent was concerned, which was also true of Leeman and Brethour. A number of Saanich people will be present to assist in giving welcome to Brethour.

The city council will be in session to-night and will seek to have the evening's business disposed of before the arrival of the boat. After the receipt of the news that the mayor and aldermen will attend the end-of-the-century service in St. Andrew's church.

WORKER REMEMBERED.
 Children of St. Columbus Church Present Address and Oak Secretary to Miss Watson.

The following address, together with a handsome oak secretary, was presented by Miss Watson at the annual entertainment of the St. Columbus Presbyterian Sunday school, Oak Bay, held the other evening.

Dear Miss Watson:—We, the members of the Ladies' Aid Society, together with the boards of managers and session, desire to express our heartfelt appreciation of the spirit and manner in which you are fulfilling the many positions of responsibility and honor with which you are at present entrusted. Believing that you have always done your duty unwaveringly and to the best of your ability, we therefore take very great pleasure in asking your acceptance of this secretary as a small yet tangible expression of our love and esteem towards you as a co-worker for the cause of Christ in this place.

The effect of the collapse of the London & Globe Finance Corporation, may have been felt in this city, through British Columbia mining shares. The latest advices are that the tone of the market is more buoyant and that no serious failures are anticipated. It would be unfortunate indeed if the year to which we are looking forward so hopefully should be darkened at its very dawn by a shattering of the confidence of the investing public.

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Along the Waterfront.

Steamer State of California arrived on Sunday on her first trip on the San Francisco-Victoria run with only eight cabin and thirteen second-class passengers for Victoria out of a total of 70 aboard. Though this is the first visit of the ship here, she is by no means a stranger to the coast. She is one of three steamers built specially for the San Francisco-Portland route fifteen or sixteen years ago. The Oregon was the first to arrive on the coast, then came the Columbia, and later the State of California. The latter is very similar to the well known City of Puebla, having been designed and constructed in such a way as to allow her to cross over the bar of the Columbia without difficulty. The Unatilla, of the Pacific Coast fleet, was also in on Sunday on her way south, and there embarked on her at this port, O. S. Morse and wife, M. Matheson and wife, W. Williamson, J. Manstone, Mrs. D. Allen, Miss V. Elliott, W. Scarth and wife, E. S. Hunt, Thomas Leese, J. Dolton, and Mrs. J. Dolton.

The German ship Carl, which was towed into Port Angeles on Christmas morning, and of which brief mention has heretofore been made, got a very rough deal at the hands of the big storm. Her captain states that during the height of the blow he never expected to reach shore again. The great seas that swept the Carl's decks tore away her stanchions and water poured through the holes thus left so rapidly that she was in danger of sinking, the pumps being unable to cope with the rising water. Her cargo of wheat was saturated, and it became necessary to jettison a portion of it. The Carl, it is said, is to be put in dry dock at Esquimalt.

The steamer John S. Kimball is to be surveyed by Tacoma by the government officials, in consequence of the injuries sustained by the vessel in a storm off Cape Flattery. It has been found that the forward superstructure of the Kimball was badly strained. It will be necessary for the steamer to discharge her cargo.

A press dispatch from Holyhead reports that the bodies of 20 members of the crew of the British bark Primrose Hill, Capt. Wilson, from Liverpool for Victoria, which went on the rocks during the gale and broke up, have been washed ashore.

British ship Dunreagan was launched from the Esquimalt marine railway on Saturday afternoon, but will not leave here for the Sound for eight or ten days yet.

D. G. S. Quadra goes out of commission today for a two months' rest, during which time her work will be engaged in giving her a much-needed overhauling.

Steamer Willapa arrived at Vancouver from Northern British Columbia ports this morning, and will reach Victoria some time this evening.

Ten per cent. reinsurance is being offered on the overdue British bark Castle Rock now out sixty days from Hongkong.

British steamship Milton, 2,004 tons, is on her way to British Columbia from Vladivostok. She sailed on December 17th.

American ship Alexandria, 2,043 tons, is on her way to Modyville from San Francisco for lumber cargo.

British bark Dundee, 1,068 tons, is out 33 days from Hongkong. She is coming to load at Chemainus.

ENTERTAINMENT AT COWICHAN.
 (Special Correspondence of the Times.)
 South Cowichan hall was the scene of a very enjoyable event on Saturday evening, when Mr. and Mrs. Edward Miller gave an entertainment to the children of South Cowichan district school. At 6:30 p. m. all were present, and the fun commenced by many pleasing parlor games. Frank Panned gave selections on the violin, and Mrs. Miller kindly brought her new phonograph into play, to the great enjoyment of all. The games were enjoyed, and participated in by many mothers, as well as their children. At 10:30 tea, cake and many other things were partaken of, after which three classes were given by the boys and girls for Mrs. Miller, and all departed for their several homes, carrying with them a memory of an enjoyable event.

RETIREES FROM CONTEST.
 (Special to the Times.)
 Vancouver, Dec. 28.—Thos. Dunn today announced his retirement from the majority contest. He was not satisfied with the alibemantic ticket chosen by the Citizens' Association. Aid. McQueen will probably be elected by acclamation.

The Times wishes all its friends a happy and prosperous new year, and hopes that they may live long and become thoroughly acquainted with the new century upon which we are entering.

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The Work on Rossland Will Be Continued Usual.

They Are Able to Pay Way—West Australian Shares Unsold.

Rossland, Dec. 20.—Coalment was caused here by suspension of the London ton yesterday; but from information available, that it will not affect the ability.

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They Are Able to Pay Their Own Way—West Australian Shares Unstable.

Rossland, Dec. 29.—Considerable excitement was caused here by the news of the suspension of the London and Globe in London yesterday; but from the best sources of information available, it was evident that it will not affect this camp unfavorably.

The London and Globe has a capital of \$2,000,000. It was formed as the parent company for West Australian companies. It is the parent company of the British American Corporation, which was organized on March 1, 1893, for the purpose of operating in British Columbia mines, with a capital stock of \$1,500,000. It is the parent corporation of the Columbia-Roosevelt Mining Co., Rossland; Great Western Mining Co., Northport Mining & Smelting Co., and Le Roi No. 1 Mining Co., and Le Roi No. 2. The shareholders in the London and Globe had the preference in purchase of the shares of the B. A. Co., and also when the flotations were made of the Le Roi, Le Roi No. 2, and the other flotations made by the B. A. Co. In this way considerable stock in these companies is held by the stockholders in the London and Globe. Before the several companies were placed on the market, however, the B. A. Co. financed them, that is to say, they found the money to purchase them and to put them on a shipping basis. The B. A. Co. received what money was advanced in this way, and a profit when the companies were organized and their shares disposed of. These companies are all standing on their own bottom now and are independent. They are being operated by the companies formed to run them and are in no way affected by the fact that the London and Globe has suspended payment.

The Le Roi has been shipping the No. 1 and Rossland and Great Western and the Columbia and Kootenay are all in a profitable state. The latter, however, has not yet been provided with transportation facilities, and is not in quite as forward a state as the others are. What has kept No. 1 and the Rossland and Great Western from shipping only a few hundred tons for several months past is the lack of smelting facilities, and these are now being provided for by the enlargement of the smelter at Northport.

The Le Roi has 90,000 tons of ore in the yards at Northport, and there is still more broken down ready to ship in the Le Roi. The Le Roi No. 2 and the Rossland and Great Western, in fact, could, were the smelter facilities available, ship 1,000 tons a day.

The Nickel Plate Co. shipped 4,000 tons of the Le Roi No. 2 the same day. By the first of February the Northport smelter capacity will increase from 650 tons to about 1,600 tons, and this will enable it to handle about all the present output. But in order to provide for a future increase, the smelter's capacity is to be enlarged to at least 2,000 tons per day.

The management of the B. A. Co. in this city knows nothing whatever of the causes of suspension of the London and Globe, and says that they are paying all their attention to mining, and have no knowledge of the manipulations of the London stock market. They were positive, however, that the suspension would have no effect on the mines here, as they are able to stand alone and pay their own way, and that their future was assured beyond the peradventure of a doubt. So far as Rossland is concerned, the fall in the price of the stock will have little or no effect, for the reason that only a very few shares are held here. A short time since there was some speculation on margins in Le Roi shares, and some sold out at a profit, and the rest were sold out because of a failure to put on margins. One man owns 3,000 B. A. Co. shares, and he is amply able to hold them for a life. It is thought the suspension of the London and Globe is due to a cause, ever since the Whitaker Wright coup in Le Roi No. 2, in which the brokers who bought shares were pretty badly squeezed. A number of London brokers have been endeavoring to make a similar coup in order to get even.

On Friday the annual meeting of the Le Roi Company was held in London, and at this the announcement was made that owing to the large sum required for development work and for the business plants put in, that no dividend would be declared. This, it is thought, led to an onslaught on the London and Globe, which caused the suspension.

Situation in London.

London, Dec. 29.—Many of the shares of the West Australian and other groups were absolutely unsalable to-day. Since Thursday, Lake Views have lost five and six cents. The British American Corporation shares were quoted Thursday at 84. 1/2; to-day they were 10 1/2, after being 8 1/2.

London and Globe shares fell from 14 1/2 to 6 1/2. They are now 10 1/2. Although there is some pessimism in regard to speculative shares generally, lest the public should become alarmed, it is thought that probably the worst is known. The London and Globe, in one of the subsidiaries of which the Lake Views are held, was originated, is a highly speculative financing company, which has met with much adverse criticism during the last few years.

A TELEPHONE CABLE.

Probability of the Route Being by Way of Saanich and Point Roberts.

Mr. Farrell, who is conducting the negotiations for the connecting of the Mainland and Island telephone systems by means of a cable, is in the city this week endeavoring to interest citizens in the proposal.

The company is considering alternative routes, on by way of Gabriola Island from English Bay, Vancouver, to Nanaimo, and thence to Victoria. The distance across to Nanaimo would be about twenty-six miles.

The other, and preferable route, is from Point Roberts to Sidney, touching at Mayo, Pender, and Moresby, and thence to Saanich peninsula, and into the city.

The advantage of this route is that the stretches of cable (the expensive part of the line) will be comparatively short, the line being conducted overland on the islands.

Another important reason in favor of the Sidney route is that the island sections will be remunerative, thirteen sections having been promised on Mayne Island alone. The patrons will pay, in addition to the ordinary rental, a cable toll, but this they will not object to, owing to the great convenience which will be afforded them.

It is estimated that in any event the cable will cost \$100,000, and that it will be one of the most pretentious and important enterprises in sub-marine telephone work ever attempted.

The cable will be sufficiently large to permit of handling all the business offering from the south of the international boundary, to connect with which a cable may be necessary, and the Fraser should the line go by way of Nanaimo.

There seems little room to doubt that Nanaimo and Victoria will, in any event, be connected in the immediate future by a telephone wire.

NORTHERN NOTES.

New Trail From Five Fingers—Northern Weather Report.

A letter to the Times, dated Skagway, December 23rd, says:

The people at Five Fingers have cut a new trail, beginning at the old "Reindeer" station and coming out to McKay's post. This will cut off 10 miles of the C. D. O.'s roughest part. It runs through a very level country.

D. Barnes, of the firm of D. Barnes & Co., Vancouver, came out from Dawson in ten days. He went in with the last snow of the season and got hung up at Selkirk. He reports the trail unit for double teams. Lemons are \$40 a box in Dawson.

Frank Starin and White had a boxing bout of 10 rounds.

The Canadian Development Co. has got behind in carrying the mails. Three tons of mail is lying at Selkirk. It is thought they will put on an extra force and get it away.

Murray McDonald, brother-in-law of A. D. Williams, a prominent mine owner on Hunker creek, has been missing since July 1st. He was last seen on the steamer Yukon at White Horse, and had been going home to Nova Scotia, and had considerable money, and was very fond of displaying it. The police have given up the search.

The White Pass & Yukon railway bridge at the Switchback is completed. By the first of the year trains will be crossing. It is the only structure of its kind in Alaska, and is 215 feet high, 400 feet long and weighs will add 450 tons more. It was built by the Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Co. Wm. Bates was foreman; John Hison, assistant engineer and Alfred Williams, his assistant, were looking after W. P. & Y. interests. This will make a difference of 20 minutes between Skagway and White Horse. The Switchback was where the W. P. & Y. railway had the most trouble with the snow, and the rotary had to back up to get to the Switchback. It is reported that they are going to run the passenger train at 9 o'clock instead of 8:30 in the morning.

The South Africaners in Dawson, Y. territory, they will go to the Trans-Canada line in one month.

The bankers of Dawson are doing all they can to prevent the establishment of a government assay office at that place. This bank this season purchased and now has \$12,000,000 worth of gold, or half the output. It is a great profit to them.

Good reports are daily coming in from Porcupine district, and the way is opening for freight and passengers. D. Atkin & Hatley are going to put on 25 horse-teams to freight the goods into the interior. The Chibouche trail is in excellent condition, and in a few weeks will be crowded with teams hauling supplies.

The Yukon council has made a complaint to the Canadian Development Company about the way mails have been arriving in late because of the delay in the mail carriers from the lower Yukon report a big strike up in the Tanana district, which is on the American side. They say it goes \$1. to the pan. Capt. Hely, of the N. A. & P. Co. Dawson, got letters from parties in there but refuses to give any information. A stampede is expected from Dawson.

The Liberal party of the Yukon have organized a party. It is the first political party to organize in the Yukon. It favors a paper mail in winter as well as summer, and a faster winter mail service. It also urges a Canadian mint and a government assay office.

The northern weather report for December 22nd is as follows:

Yakoot—Clear, calm and cool.

Telegraph Creek—Cloudy, north wind and 14 above.

Nashua—Clear, calm and 1 below.

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Pike River—Cloudy, calm and mild.

Bennett—Clear, calm and 22 above.

Caribou—Clear, calm and 8 above.

White Horse—Clear, mill, calm, and 8 above.

Atlin—Clear, calm and 10 above.

Tagish—Cloudy, calm and 5 above.

Lower Labarge—South wind, part cloudy, 22 above.

Upper Labarge—Clear, south wind, 22 above.

Hoople—Clear, calm and 20 above.

Big Salmon—Clear, calm and mild.

Five Fingers—Clear, calm and 2 above.

Stewart River—Cloudy, calm, and light snow.

Ogish—Cloudy, calm, light south wind and 3 below.

Selkirk—Clear, calm and 7 below.

Selkirk—Cloudy, calm and 13 below.

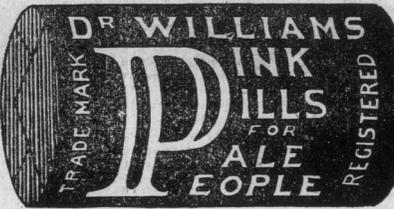
Dawson—Light snow and 13 above.

Forty Mile—Cloudy, calm and 2 above.

PNEUMONIA PREVENTED.

Among the tens of thousands who have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for colds and influenza during the past few years, to our knowledge, not a single case has resulted in pneumonia. This Whitefield & Co., 240 Washburn avenue, Chicago, one of the most prominent retail druggists in the world, is speaking of this, saying: "We recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a gripe in many cases, as it not only gives prompt and complete recovery, but also counteracts any tendency of a gripe to result in pneumonia." For sale by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents.

Two Canadian Productions



Cannot be Beaten in the World.

It Finally Passed

Craigflower Road Reopening By-law Considered for Last Time Yesterday Afternoon.

City Council in Special Session Deals With Communications and Other Matters.

A special meeting of the city council was held at the city hall yesterday afternoon when a number of communications and other matters were disposed of. There were present Mayor Harward, Alds. Boydson, Beckwith, Williams, Cooley, Cameron and Kinman.

After the ordinary formalities communications were taken up. Mrs. Joseph Harris, of Kamloops, wrote applying for readmittance into the home for the aged and infirm women. Enclosed was a contribution from Hon. J. D. Prentice, provincial secretary, stating that the government was willing to contribute \$15 per month for her maintenance. He referred to the committee of management for the home for the aged and infirm women.

P. B. Brown, manager of the Colonist, submitted a schedule of advertising rates for municipal notices to go into effect at the beginning of the new year. Referred to the finance committee.

J. P. Walls wrote regarding the connection of his property and that of neighbors with the sewer on North Park street. Referred to the city engineer for report.

C. C. Pemberton, on behalf of his client, Mrs. Tucker, owner of a number of lots of the Christ Church Trust Estate, directed attention to the fact that during the rainy season water ran from the church premises to her property, causing considerable inconvenience. A remedy was suggested in the shape of a drain extension to catch the rain water from the church. It was also requested that the hollow on Blanchard street adjoining lot 27 be filled. Referred to the city engineer for report.

A. T. Goward, manager of the British Columbia Electric railway company, asked whether anything definite would be done in the near future toward strengthening Point Ellice bridge. Referred to the incoming council.

A petition was read from W. Dickson and fifteen others, asking that an electric light be installed on Mary street, Victoria West, near the station. Referred to the electric light committee.

The next business was the reconsideration of the Craigflower road reopening by-law. This was adopted, and finally passed on the following division: Ayes—Aids, Brydon, Beckwith, Cooley and Kinman; Nays—Aids, Cameron, Kinman and Williams. The by-law is now law.

The next matter for consideration was the consolidated by-laws. This was recommitted and dealt with by the council in committee with the Mayor in the chair. After further progress the committee reported, and asked leave to sit again. The report of the committee was adopted and the council adjourned.

BIG BRIDGE CONTRACT.

Contractor Bain of New Westminster Gets the Plum.

The contract for the construction of a bridge across the Thompson river at Kamloops, for which tenders were called some time ago by the provincial government, has been awarded. The successful tenderer is David Bain, contractor of New Westminster, and the price is in the neighborhood of \$200,000.

The bridge will be of wood, and will be situated at the west end of the town, being supplementary to the bridge by means of which communication is had with the Indian reserve. It was projected by the old Turner government, and was revived again last session when E. J. Fenton secured an appropriation for the purpose.

AMPHION AT LIMA.

List of Officers Now Serving on Her Majesty's Ship Amphion.

H. M. S. Amphion arrived at Lima, Peru, on Wednesday en route to the Pacific station, on which she has already served a commission. She is a second-class cruiser of 4,200 tons.

The new officers of the Amphion, which was commissioned at Devonport on September 20th to relieve H. M. S. Leander, are as follows:

Commander—John Casement.

Lieutenant—Thomas L. Thorpe-Douglas.

Gunnery Lieutenant—Walter H. C. Calver.

Navigating Lieutenant—Herbert Cayley.

Lieutenant—Raal E. M. Waters.

Lieutenant R. N. Arthur Greenstock.

Lieutenant R. M.—Chas. L. Hall.

Chief Engineer—John B. Butler.

Gunner—John Chisholm.

Staff Surgeon—John W. Slaughter, B.A., M.E.

Faymaster—Jas. Murray.

Assistant Paymaster—Jos. T. Gedge.

Assistant Engineer—Walter W. Newton.

Boatswain—J. J. Webber.

Carpenter—Henry J. Soper.

News comes from England that the executive staff to the Imperieuse is drawing to close, and she will shortly be ready to proceed to the North Sea to test the new gun mountings of her recently added armament of six-inch quick-firing guns.

STOMACH "SOOVLERS."

"Ever notice the signs and furrows that steal into the face of the sufferer from indigestion, dyspepsia and chronic stomach ailments? Watch the sunken cheeks and the lines vanish when Dr. Von Sain's Pepsin Tablets are given a chance to show their power. One lady, in writing of their efficacy in her case, calls them "A heaven-born healer." 35 cts. Sold by DeWitt & Hisecks and Hall & Co.—120.

VERDICT OF MANSLAUGHTER.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—The coroner's jury, to-night, gave a verdict against Emory Coriose of "manslaughter, with extenuating circumstances," for the stabbing of Joseph Laurencelle, at the Rideau rifle range, recently.

THE BEST PLASTER.

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound to the affected parts is superior to any plaster. When troubled with lame back or pains in the side or chest, give it a trial and you are certain to be more than pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. Pain Balm also cures rheumatism. One application gives relief. For sale by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents.

NOW IN HIGH SCHOOL.

Results of the Examinations Held Here Recently—Larger Percentage Successful Than at Mid-Summer.

The period of suspense on the part of the candidates who sat at the High School entrance examinations on December 17th and 18th expired on Saturday, the results showing that those successful numbered as follows: Victoria, 40; Nanaimo, 12; New Westminster, 22; Nelson, 8, and Rossland, 5.

As the consideration of the paper on grammar has not yet been concluded, the results of the examination of Vancouver have not been announced, but it is believed that between 60 and 65 candidates have been successful there.

The possible number of marks was as follows, and those who obtained the requisite percentage in Victoria are:

North Ward—Frank Anderson, 711; Edward Hoskey, 705; Richard Hall, 690; Joseph Cox, 685; Mable W. Clarke, 680; Maggie McNutt, 626; Alice Connolly, 617; James Holland, 617; Mary Haynes, 609. Number presented at examination, 10.

Victoria West School—Henry P. Rutter, 638; Ruth E. McDonald, 615; Wm. R. Parkinson, 602. Number presented at examination, 12.

South Park—Isabella Holmes, 673; Gertrude M. Smith, 659; Willis L. Atliott, 651; Edith Renfroe, 641; William A. Irving, 623. Number presented at examination, 6.

Boys' Central—Andrew L. Neelands, 733; Ellis H. Howling, 707; Robert L. Dickinson, 690; John G. Anderson, 687; Gilbert G. Fraser, 643; John P. Walls, 638; Eric W. Hardie, 618; James W. Maynard, 609; Harold Rendell, 608; Joseph W. Kinlock, 601. Number presented at examination, 13.

Girls' Central—Gertrude M. Shanks, 772; Juanita Hastings, 726; Lily A. Cummins, 716; Elsie M. Giffin, 712; Florence V. Corder, 691; Edith M. Renne, 683; Mary M. Elliott, 665; Grace E. Savage, 623; Lotie M. Garvin, 615. Number presented at examination, 12.

St. Louis College—William H. Sweeney, 679; James M. Keefe, 613; E. J. Leonard, 605. Number presented at examination, 5.

Cedar Hill—Marian Russell, 639. Number presented at examination, 2.

The percentage of those who were successful at these examinations was considerably in excess of that at midsummer. On that occasion 113 passed out of 374, while at the recent examinations out of 225 candidates 150 were successful.

A LONE HIGHWAYMAN.

Held Up a Stage and Got Away With \$50.

(Associated Press.)

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 28.—A lone highwayman held up the Hot Springs junction stage last evening, securing about \$50 from the express box. It is reported that an important consignment of gold dust from a mine near Hot Springs formed part of the booty. The bandit conducted operations quietly and disappeared on a horse. The stage driver hurried on to Hot Springs junction, where a posse was organized and is now on the trail of the robber.

COMMON SENSE AND MODERN MEDICAL SCIENCE HAVE REVERSED THE OLD UNIVERAL BELIEF THAT RHEUMATISM CANNOT BE CURED.

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The United States transport Leelanaw, while on her way to the Orient from San Francisco by the southern route, was caught in a severe storm, and lost all her live stock.

BIRTHS.

WELLS—At Vancouver, on Dec. 28th, the wife of Dr. Octavius Wells, of a son.

SMITH—At 704 Burrard street, Vancouver, on Dec. 23rd, the wife of Colin Simpson Smith, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

PATERSON-WATERS—At Rossland, on Dec. 24th, by Rev. H. Mackay, B. A., W. L. Pateron and Miss Margaret Waters.

IRVING-MCGRACKEN—At Port Moody, on Dec. 26th, by Rev. A. Dunn, James Irving and Miss K. McCracken.

COVING-LAXTER—At Vancouver, by Rev. M. Bishop, Geo. Covling and Miss Gertrude Baxter.

GIDLEY-LEIGH—On Thursday, Dec. 27th, at the family residence, Mary street, Victoria West, by the Rev. A. Fraser, Capt. J. W. Gidley, late of Penetanguishua, Ontario, to Alice J. M. Leigh, of Victoria, B. C.

DIED.

GLEM—At Gold House, Water street, Vancouver, Lella, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Glem, aged 2 years and 6 months.

COWAN—On the 28th inst., Irene, infant daughter of J. E. and Bertha Cowan, aged 4 days.

DAVIDSON—At Vancouver, on Dec. 21st, Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Davidson, aged 3 years and 6 months.

HIGGINS—In this city, on December 26th, Mary Jane, wife of Hon. D. W. Higgins, a native of Charlotte town, Prince Edward Island, in the 56th year of her age.

MACDONALD—At Kamloops, on Dec. 27th, Mrs. Elizabeth G. Macdonald, aged 77 years.

FORESTERS AT ENDEBERY.

A new court of the Independent Order of Foresters was organized at Endebery on Thursday evening, 27th inst., with a charter list of 25 members. The following officers were selected for the ensuing year: Court deputy, Wm. Fortine; chief ranger, Wm. Handcock; P. C. B. Norman McLeod; V. C. B. Wm. H. Hutchison; recording secretary, Samuel Bower; financial secretary, Howard G. Lawes; treasurer, Walter F. Wood; orator, Rev. R. N. Lowell; organist, Hudson C. Aldis; S. W., Albert E. Johnston; J. W., John H. Bailey; S. B., Frank Franklin; J. B., Robt. D. L. Long; trustees, Wm. Bailey, Wm. J. Graham and Wm. Ashton. This is the 28th court of this progressive order established in British Columbia by W. R. G. Thomas, D. S. O. R.

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Yates St.

Along the Waterfront.

Steamer State of California arrived Sunday on her first trip on the San Diego-Victoria run with only eight and thirteen second-class passengers for Victoria out of a total of 73. Though this is the first visit the ship here, she is by no means a stranger to the coast. She is one of the steamers built specially for the San Diego-Portland route fifteen or sixteen years ago. The Oregon was the first to arrive on the coast, then came Columbia, and later the State of California. The latter is very similar to the well known City of Puebla, having been designed and constructed in such a way to allow her to cross over the bar of Columbia without difficulty. The hull of the Pacific Coast steamer was in on Sunday on her way south, and she embarked on her at this port. O. S. and wife, M. Matheson and wife, W. Williamson, J. Manstone, Mrs. D. ten, Miss V. Elliott, W. Scarth and Mr. E. S. Hunt, Thomas Leese, J. Dolan, and Mrs. J. Dolton.

The German ship Carl, which was towed into Port Angeles on Christmas evening, and of which brief mention has heretofore been made, got a very rough ride at the hands of the big storm. Her captain states that during the height of the blow he never expected to reach here again. The great seas that swept Carl's decks tore away her stanchions and water poured through the holes left so rapidly that she was in danger of sinking, the pumps being unable to cope with the rising water. Her cargo of wheat was saturated, and it became necessary to jettison a portion of it. The Carl, it is said, is to be put in dry dock at Esquimalt.

The steamer John S. Kimball is to be towed at Tacoma by the government officials, in consequence of the injuries sustained by the vessel in a storm off Cape Flattery. It has been found that the forward superstructure of the Kimball was badly strained. It will be necessary for the steamer to discharge her cargo.

A press dispatch from Holyhead reports that the bodies of 20 members of the crew of the British bark Princess Hill, Capt. Wilson, from Liverpool for Victoria, which went on the rocks during the gale and broke up, have been washed ashore.

British ship Dunreag was launched from the Esquimalt marine railway on Saturday afternoon, but will not leave for the Sound for eight or ten days yet.

D. G. S. Quadra goes out of commission to-day for a two months' rest, during which time her crew will be engaged in giving her a much-needed overhauling.

Steamer Willapa arrived at Vancouver from Northern British Columbia yesterday morning, and will reach Victoria some time this evening.

Ten per cent. remittance is being offered on the overdue British bark Castle Rock now out sixty days from Hongkong.

British steamship Milton, 2,044 tons, is on her way to British Columbia from Vladivostok. She sailed on December 17th.

American ship Alexandria, 2,043 tons, is on her way to Modryville from San Francisco for lumber cargo.

British bark Dundee, 1,908 tons, is out 33 days from Hongkong. She is coming to load at Chemainus.

ENTERTAINMENT AT COWICHAN.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

South Cowichan hall was the scene of a very enjoyable event on Saturday evening, when Mr. and Mrs. Edward Miller gave an entertainment to the children of South Cowichan district school. At 6:30 p. m. all were present, and the fun commenced by many pleasing parlor games. Frank Panel gave selections on the violin, and Mrs. Miller kindly brought her new phonograph into play to the great enjoyment of all. The games were enjoyed, and participated in by many mothers, as well as their children. At 10:30 tea, cake and many other things were partaken of, after which three cheers were given by the boys and girls for Mrs. Miller, and all departed for their several homes, carrying with them a memory of an enjoyable event.

RETIREES FROM CONTEST.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—Thos. Dunn today announced his retirement from the majority contest. He was not satisfied with the adreanatic ticket chosen by the Citizens' Association. Aid, McQueen will probably be elected by acclamation.

The Times wishes all its friends a happy and prosperous new year, and hopes that they may live long and become thoroughly acquainted with the new century upon which we are entering.

Iron Mines Bonded

East Sooke Property Reported to Have Passed Into Hands of Pennsylvania Syndicate.

Temporary Buildings to Be Erected at Once and Machinery Installed.

Negotiations, which have been pending for some time for the purchase of the East Sooke iron mines, are reported to have been consummated to-day, the property passing into the hands of a Pennsylvania firm.

The buyers are already interested on the island, being the same syndicate who own and operate a mine on Barclay Sound.

The property purchased is well known to Victorians, it having many years ago been prospected; and it has also been long on the market.

Buildings for temporary use are to be at once erected on the property, and the mineral veins explored without delay.

The iron resources of the mine are said to be practically inexhaustible for the next century.

The negotiations have been in progress for some time, Capt. Kelly, of this city, being instrumental in interesting the parties who now hold the option.

As soon as this is done work will actively commence on the property, as it is understood that those securing the option are bound to expend a good many thousands of dollars upon the claim.

The property involved consists of about five hundred acres, and although Messrs. H. Young and W. Ralph own a considerable part of it, a considerable number of other property holders are interested in the deal.

The full significance of the transaction is scarcely conveyed in the bare statement that the iron property has been bonded.

Fortunately they have not far to seek for the necessary black diamonds. Right across the bay from the properties which have passed under bond there is a fine seam of coal on the Muir property.

The nature of the obstruction was certainly very substantial, and the evident design of the wrecker or wreckers was to precipitate the car down an incline skirted by the track.

The scene of the attempt was fairly favorable to the design. As it is usually on a curve, the head-light of the car would not command the barricade until too late, and the miscreant responsible for the attempted outrage probably trusted to the probability of the motorer's failure to observe the obstruction in time to stop.

The object of the would-be wrecker is difficult to fathom. Robbery is hardly a probable explanation, as the neighborhood is too well traversed.

Victoria is likely to be invaded by a bigger throng of tourists this year than ever before. The fame of the coast cities and of their scenic beauties is yearly drawing larger crowds of sightseers to the West, and few of these return without visiting Victoria, which is now recognized as the gem of the group.

The value of the advertisement the city receives through the visit of the press men and the notices the place receives in the eastern press cannot be over-estimated, and steps will doubtless be taken by the mayor and council to give them the most favorable impression possible of this city.

How few girls speak and read properly. They mumble, they hesitate, they run into words together, they mix up their steps, they ignore their commas. To be read by the average girl is supreme misery.

Colonel Lord William Leslie De La Poir Beresford died last night. He was born July 20th, 1847.

DEATH OF B. A. ST. GEORGE.

Another of Victoria's Volunteers Succumbs to Enteric Fever at Doornfontein—Was Member of Strathcona's Horse.

Dispatches from the front chronicle the death of still another of our little contingent sent out from this city to serve with the forces charged with the conduct of the war in South Africa.

St. George and his brother-in-law, Pall, whose promotion to a commission was told of in a letter from Trooper Fraser, printed in these columns a few days ago, were among the first to offer for service when volunteers were called for for the Horse.

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Defective Sewerage

Physicians Attribute the Outbreak of Typhoid Fever to Local Causes.

The Milk and Water Supply of the City Is Perfectly Pure.

A considerable number of cases of typhoid fever have engaged the attention of the medical men of the city for the last two months, and have caused more or less alarm.

The reasons for the outbreak have been commonly ascribed to the milk supply, an agency which it is well known is very liable to contamination, and in which cleanliness is absolutely essential for the protection of health.

With a view to ascertaining, if possible, the causes of the trouble, a Times representative consulted a number of medical men in the city, and the sentiment among them seemed to be unanimous that the outbreak was due entirely to defective sewerage.

Some of the localities afflicted were on the high lands, some on the Bay and some in Victoria West. In the former, the sewers, owing to the dry weather which has prevailed, were not kept flushed, gas accumulated there not displaced by the flow of water, and found its way by means of the avenue which the sewer pipe provided into the homes of the citizens.

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manded by the magistrate in the stamping affair at Extension to-day from two Italians. The money was immediately put up.

The city council and board of trade have addressed a duplicate letter to President Shaughnessy, of the P. E. R. and Mr. Dunsmuir, of the E. & N. railway, urging them to have the railway ferry brought to Nainaimo instead of Ladysmith as now, stating numerous reasons for the change.

TRADE WITH PERSIA. A Victorian Arranging for Direct Connection in This New Field of Business.

George Carter, formerly secretary of the now defunct Young Men's Christian Association, will leave here on the steamer Eclair Mon, sailing on the 7th of next month, on a business tour of China, the Straits Settlement, Ceylon and India.

Inasmuch as his trip is calculated to promote a trade between those remote points and Victoria, the expedition is one of more than common interest. Mr. Carter's direct mission to the Far East is to enter into an agreement with a big Bombay exporting firm for its exclusive handling of American business.

PRIMROSE HILL WRECKED.

A Merchantman Bound For This Port Reported a Complete Loss in English Channel.

R. P. Rithet & Co. were advised yesterday by cablegram that the big four-masted British bark Primrose Hill, reported by the Associated Press, "drifted up the channel under bare poles," was a total wreck, together with her valuable cargo for Victoria and Vancouver.

The vessel was on her way to this port and appeared to have only recently started on her long voyage when overtaken by disaster. According to telegraph reports storms of great violence have been sweeping the British channel during the last few days, and causing great destruction to shipping.

The Primrose Hill was carried ashore in one of these tempests and the work of complete destruction accomplished in a very short time, for in a few hours after the Associated Press reported her being driven up the channel, the news of her total loss was received. At what point it was stated in the cablegram to arrive only the most meagre details are given.

The fate of the crew even is not mentioned, although from this fact it is concluded that they got ashore safely. The vessel's commanding officer, R. P. Rithet & Co., and Evans, Coleman & Evans, of Vancouver, these firms having also two of her principal cargo consignments.

The Primrose Hill, Capt. Wilson, should have left Liverpool on or about the 10th. She was an iron bark of 2,520 tons, built by T. Boyden & Son, of Liverpool, in 1886. She was owned by the Sailing Ship Primrose Hill Co. Her dimensions were: Length, 301.6 feet; beam, 42.1 feet; and depth of hold, 24 feet.

TO SALVE THE ALPHA. Party Will Visit the Wreck After New Year to Examine It.

As the ship, it is stated, is beyond recovery, no effort will be made to raise the lost steamer Alpha lying at the bottom of the Straits of Yellow Rock, Baynes Sound. The weather has been so stormy since the occurrence of the disaster that nothing has been done to lift the vessel from her watery grave, and it is not supposed now that the hull will be worth raising.

An examination, however, of the submerged wreck is to be made soon after New Year, Captain Foster, who was in command of the steamer at the time she was running between Victoria and northern British Columbia ports, will then visit the scene of the wreck in company with Mr. Gemmell, the owner, and Diver McHardy, of this city. After the investigation it will be decided what course will be pursued in salvaging the ship.

Call to Arms. Capetown, Dec. 31.—The meeting has called upon the districts, including Capetown, to contribute to the formation of a paid force to repel the invasion from the east.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

Earldom For "B"

Lord Roberts Honored Majesty on His Return to South Africa.

The Boers in Cape Cutting the Telegraph Wires.

Lord Roberts on board anchored at 11.45 a.m. to-day. The ships in the roads were dressed; the sea front was decorated with lanterns, and the masts with festoons adorned to Osborne House, at the which was erected a unique the Queen's appreciation of marshal's work, in the shape of laurel. This was the first an arch had ever appeared of any subject of Her Majesty.

After Lord Roberts's audience Queen he was to rejoin the Southampton and remain of morning.

A large concourse of people Lord Roberts's arrival at pier and landing. The Queen's presence was a great pleasure to many. There were deafening welcome. Princess Beatrice, who was the Duke of Devonshire, was also present.

Repeating, he said he regretted return was not accompanied peace, but while he feared war to continue for some time, he had no fear regarding the conclusion with a eulogy of the army of Great Britain, components of which he splendidly.

Lord Roberts then proceeded Majesty's Isle of Wight, where he will receive the Chamber by a number of Princesses, Lord Roberts into the presence of the Queen, and her Majesty's suite.

The Queen bestowed to-day on Lord Roberts, with his children, the title of Duke of Devonshire, a title which includes a provision for the patent of nobility to a spouse or line of succession in descent on the decease of the Duke. The son of Lord Roberts, the Hon. F. N. S. Robert, was born on December 17th, 1890.

Moving to Graaf Reinet, Cradock, Cape Colony, J. attachment of Boers entered southward of Middleburg. The Boers have been reported to have crossed the Orange River.

Kruger Suffering From The Hague, Jan. 2.—Mr. Kruger is suffering from a slight attack of rheumatism. There is no anxiety as to his condition, but he is obliged to rest.

London, Dec. 31.—Lord A. is expected to return to the war office, December 31st (9.30). "A small portion of the 'British' which entered the Colony has crossed the Orange River, and crossed the Orange River between Bangor and Sherburne, causing damage to the railway under Williams will be this body to-day.

The force which entered to the west passed the narrows to Victoria West yesterday. They were going west, closely followed by the Boers.

"Very few recruits from the Boers have joined the enemy. Heretofore they have been already dropping their arms, and emptying their pockets of their cartridges."

London, Jan. 1.—A Craigs says: "The Boers burn goods train near Roseburg. The authorities at Roseburg have ordered the destruction of the dock. It is reported that the Boers have crossed the lines and are heading Middleburg."

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