

# Bings Murder

Being Made for Murderer in Seattle.

Derer Took a Broad Belt and the Victim's R.ngs.

revived in the atrocious... Bings by the search that... made by the police in Se...

Times of yesterday says... reason to believe that the... who murdered Mrs. Agnes...

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of the provincial police... mbia who has been in Se... three occasions recently...

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He refuses to talk about... the province of British Co... offered a reward of \$500...

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\$1.50 Per Annum \$1.50

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# Bombarded Daily

Boers Are Firing With Long Range Guns on Ladysmith and Kimberley.

Little Damage is Being Done at Either Places by the Shells.

Reinforcements Arriving at the Cape-Reitz Threatens to Execute British Officers.

London, Nov. 13.—A Capetown dispatch announces the arrival there today of the troopship Armenian with three batteries of artillery and an ammunition column, and the troopship Nubia with three companies of the Scots Guards and a half battalion of the Northamptonshire Regiment.

This brings the total number of reinforcements to 12,082, of which about 6,000 are already on the way to Durban, the Armenians and Nubia, whose troops belong to the first division, will probably also be ordered to proceed. Nine troopships, carrying 11,000 men are due at Capetown on Tuesday.

Estcourt dispatches say that the Boer communication has been established with Ladysmith, but so far no news has been received of later date than November 9th. The latest reports are that everyone was confident and cheerful, but food was becoming dear, bread selling at three shillings per loaf.

Colonel Baden-Powell's dispatches encourage the hope that the British garrisons along the western border are all able to hold out. At Kimberley Cecil Rhodes is employing 8,000 men, white and black, in road-making, as a remedy for destitution.

De Aar advices say the Boers at Kimberley have got the range of the mine and are constantly throwing shells at the dynamite pits. Several of the latter have been blown up.

From Brussels comes the story that General Joubert and Sir George White have been endeavoring to negotiate for the capitulation of Ladysmith, but have failed to come to terms.

Boers Retreat From Colenso. Estcourt, Natal, Nov. 9.—(Evening)—An armored train with a company of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers started at 1:30 this afternoon and reached the break in the railway line about half a mile from Colenso, without incident.

Captain Hensley with several men retreated and met a native, who said the Boers were occupying the town. While this conversation was in progress the Boers opened fire from Fort Wythe, but did no injury. Captain Hensley thereupon retired on the train, after which the Fusiliers volleyed from the fort. As there was no response the presumption was that the Boers had retreated.

The armored train returned here safely at 6 o'clock. Captain Hensley learned from the natives that the Boers are numerous on the Ladysmith side of Colenso.

During the afternoon there is a cessation of the bombardment of Ladysmith. The Surrender of Nicholson's Nek. Lorenzo Marquez, Delagoa Bay, Nov. 9.—Particulars of the surrender of the Irish Fusiliers and the Gloucestershire Regiment are given by Father Mathews, chaplain of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, who has arrived here from Pretoria.

He says the force would have held out, but that some subordinate without instructions hoisted a flag of truce on his own responsibility. Nothing then remained but to surrender.

"We were sent out," says Father Mathews, "to occupy a position with the object of preventing the Boer forces from joining. We started at half-past eight Sunday evening, marched ten miles, and got to the hill about one o'clock Monday morning.

"The first mishap was that the mountain battery stampeded and scattered the whole lot of mules. We formed up again and gained the top of the hill. The guns were gone, but not all the ammunition. I do not know what happened to the mules. They knocked me down. It was pitch dark. We had one hour's sleep.

The firing began just after daybreak, being somewhat slack for a time, but finally the Boers crept round and then the firing became furious. Our men made a breastwork of stones.

"Soon after twelve noon, there was a general cry of 'Cease fire,' but our fellows would not stop firing. Major Ayle came up and confirmed the order, and then the bugle sounded 'cease fire.'

"In our locality there was a rumor that a white flag was raised by a young officer who thought his batch of ten men were the sole survivors, but there were 900 alive. We had started with perhaps 1,000. I think many of the batterymen escaped.

"Some officers and men were furious at the surrender. The Boers did not seem to be in great numbers on the spot, but I heard that the main body had galloped off. Our men had to give up their arms, and the officers were sent to Com-mandant Steenkamp. Boer officers then ordered the men to fall in."

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Some of the Burghers Approach Within Fifteen Hundred Yards of the British.

## FURTHER NEWS IS ANXIOUSLY AWAITED

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Near the British Lines. It is claimed if the Boers got their forces within 1,200 yards of the British position it shows they fully realized the necessity of utilizing the brief interval before the arrival of British reinforcements to make a determined attempt to storm General White's position.

Ready to Attack Ladysmith. To successfully advance so close to Ladysmith, it is pointed out, the Boers must have been most active in entrenching, and the nearness of the besieging lines, it is added, indicate their readiness for assault, which there is a disposition in military circles to believe the Boers were not willing to undertake. It must, however, have been patent to General Joubert that Ladysmith would not fall to the fire of his artillery, and therefore he had no choice but to assault the place or retire to the passes of the Drakenburg, in the hope of involving the pursuing British in the intricate fastnesses of the mountains.

The cessation of the cannonade mentioned in the dispatch and in the opening of musketry fire, implies, it is claimed, that the Boers were obliged to stop their artillery for fear of hitting their own men.

Assault Indecisive or Postponed. This movement is regarded here as indicating either that the threatened assault was indecisive, otherwise, it is claimed, something further would have leaked out before now.

A French Report. A Paris paper gleefully announces the fall and capture of Ladysmith, but reports from this source no longer cause a ripple of excitement. Nevertheless, there will be considerable anxiety here until the War Office or some independent version of the latest developments at Ladysmith is known.

Diseased Beef. A letter written by an officer on board the transport Nubia, asserting that "1,600 rations of salt carrion, labelled New York, 1890, had to be thrown overboard as it was full of disease," adding "they only salt down the very worst portion of very inferior beasts and pigs," has aroused a storm of indignation against "the rascally contractors and incapable Admiralty transport officers, who allowed filthy salted brisket beef to be furnished to troops."

The War Office has accepted a gift of 10,000 plum puddings for the troops in South Africa. These puddings aggregate upwards of ten tons in weight.

Fighting at Mafeking. A private message from Mafeking re-

ports that all was well here on Monday, Nov. 6th.

Details of fighting at Mafeking have been received by the War Office from Capetown via Magalapy up to the engagement of October 25th, which has already been reported. The story, however, is pleasant reading for the British, as it shows the garrison was cheerful, well provisioned and confident.

MAFEKING SURROUNDED. Boers Gradually Approaching the Fortifications--Town Bombarded for a Week--Burghers Lose Heavily.

Capetown, Nov. 15.—An undated dispatch from Mafeking, received by a runner, via Magalapy, Wednesday, Nov. 8th, says:

"To-day all is quiet. We have been bombarded pretty heavily all week. On Friday night Captain Fitzclarence and Lieutenant Swinburn, with a squadron of the Protectorate regiment, made a magnificent bayonet charge upon the Boer entrenchment, driving them from position and bayoneting a number of Boers, who must have lost heavily.

"The charge was most gallant and determined. The party could not hold the trenches and lost six men killed, two prisoners and nine wounded in their retirement.

"We expect a general attack to-morrow. The bombardment has been most ineffectual. Everyone remains under shell proof cover. So far the shells have only wounded one man. The enemy is using one 94 pounder howitzer, and six other guns, from 7 to 14 pounds.

"The town is most cheerful and determined to resist an attack to the utmost. The Boers are entrenched on every side in great numbers, and are pushing gradually closer and closer to the town fortifications.

"We are all well off for provisions and water, though very tired dodging shells and fighting.

"Quite on civilized lines General Cronje has always given due notice before bombardment, and he allowed the ambulance party two hours on Saturday to recover the bodies of the six dead left on Friday in the Boer trenches.

"On Friday night Jan Botha, the well known Boer commandant, told a man with the ambulance party that their loss had been heavy, and his heart was very sore.

"The wounded include Captain Fitzclarence and Lieutenant Swinburn, both slightly.

"In a skirmish at the outposts yesterday one trooper was killed and nine wounded."

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Threatened Revolt of Basuto Chief. The possible revolt of the Basuto chief, Joel, who it has been announced may join the Boers, is attributed to tribal jealousy. There has been a long feud between the half-brothers Jonathan and Joel, the latter refusing to recognize his brother's nomination as chief. Joel,

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Troopships at Capetown. London, Nov. 15.—It was officially announced this afternoon that the British troopships Goorkha, with the first brigade of the 3rd division of the Royal Engineers; the transport Manila, with the second Devonshires, and the transport Nomadic, with the remounts have arrived at Capetown.

The transport Britannic, with the Royal Irish Rifles, has sailed from Capetown for East London.

How White Won the V.C. Now that Sir George White has won a decisive victory in Natal it may be interesting to recall the deed which gained for him his Victoria Cross. In the engagement at Charasia during the Afghan campaign the enemy failed to take the position of a hill, which it was necessary to capture. Major White, therefore, resolved to head an attack upon it in person. Advancing with two companies of his regiment, and climbing from one steep hill to another, he came upon a body of the enemy strongly posted and outnumbering his force by about eight to one. His men being very much exhausted, and immediate action being necessary, Major White took a rifle, and going on by himself, shot down the leader of the enemy. This act so intimidated the rest that they fled round the side of the hill, and the position was won, and Sir George obtained his V.C.

London, Nov. 16.—Details of the fighting at Mafeking during the last week in October are published in the Daily Mail. In the dispatch, which was sent by runners via Magalapa, the correspondent says: "After failure to rush the town Gen. Crouse had recourse to the tactics employed during the siege of Potchefstroom in 1880, making an advance to the town by a succession of trenches in echelon. Such a move had been anticipated by us for some time and for that reason there had been sent out parties to worry the Boers incessantly by night attacks. These tactics the enemy disliked, but he contented himself with a day shelling fire which exposed him to little personal risk."

"Then Col. Baden-Powell played his trump card by sending out a perfect storm of bullets poured in from the trenches to the rear. Again Potchefstroom's whistle sounded. It was 'cease fire and scatter home.' The British forces scattered silently, crossing back under the Furlous Fire in the darkness to the appointed rendezvous, where the roll was called. 'The end came,' says the correspondent. 'After five hours fighting the enemy retired, being heavily beaten for all time so far as Mafeking is concerned.' Col. Baden-Powell met and congratulated Capt. Fitzdarene and his men upon their splendid work, saying that it was a heavy price to pay but the Boers had to be stopped making rifle trenches within range of the town. The members of the party are now the envy and pride of the garrison. Even the Boer commander Botha expressed admiration of the attack and added that he would take Mafeking ere long for he meant to do one thing or the other."

"Sunday passed quietly, the volunteer band playing in the open laager. All Sunday night the Boers poured a rifle fire into the town. It was set going after dinner on Sunday evening, when Col. Baden-Powell hoisted a red lamp on the commandage, which was the signal for Capt. Fitzdarene's night attack. The rise answered splendidly. The moment the light appeared the Boers opened fire and their fusillade lasted the whole night through. There had been a tremendous waste of ammunition. Indeed it is estimated that 30,000 rounds of ball cartridges were wasted on the occasion of the night attack on the Boer trenches. "Double rations have been served out to the men who are under shelter so as to be on the safe side if the Boers should sweep the town by a long range rifle fire. The garrison has the fullest confidence in everybody and especially in the matter of implicit obedience to the order to hold the fire until the Boers get 'no more things.' The shelling continued all Sunday at intervals. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon Gen. Crouse sent in a flag of truce, giving Mafeking a

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(Associated Press.) London, Nov. 16.—The most startling news from the seat of war to-day is the report of the death of General Piet Joubert, commander-in-chief of the Boer forces. The report needs confirmation, but many people believe it well founded, as the general's death is said to have occurred on November 9th, when the Boer riflemen were understood to be within 1,500 yards of Ladysmith.

Severe Fighting. Severe fighting between the British and Boers on the same day has since been reported, and it is regarded in some quarters, as quite possible General Joubert, always noted for his personal courage and eagerness, may have dangerously exposed himself in a personal reconnaissance of the British position.

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It is claimed that the death of Joubert would likely lead to the adoption by the Boers of bolder and more active tactics, as he had considerable difficulty in restraining his hot-headed followers.

Bombardment of Ladysmith. The dribbles of news this morning bring the information that Ladysmith was still undergoing, on Sunday, bombardment from six 40-pounders. The British naval guns were silent.

The Boers, therefore, have got more heavy guns into position, while either the British ammunition has given out or the British gunners were reserving their fire in view of the practice made by the besiegers.

Boers Moving Southward. The reports that the Boers have penetrated southward from Colenso to Chieveley, where they are said to have cut the railway, shows that they are adopting a proper strategic plan to impede the advance of the British relieving forces.

Perhaps this may turn out to be General Schackeburger's force, which, when last heard from, was raiding Zululand. This force, it is asserted, may next be heard from south of Estcourt, which they will probably attempt to isolate before other reinforcements arrive. It is already reported that a Boer force has been seen in the neighborhood of the line north of the Mooi river.

Short of Supplies. According to the latest advices from British sources at Estcourt the Boers are suffering from lack of supplies, though the large stores the British left when they evacuated Newcastle and Dundee, must have been of great assistance to the Boer commissariat, but the task of maintaining a complete investment of Ladysmith is probably proving onerous.

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The Relief of Kimberley. There are signs that a forward movement for the relief of Kimberley may be expected shortly. There is great activity at De Aar, whence the advance appears likely to be made. There is, it is said, no urgent reason for this unless the food at Kimberley is getting low, but the moral effect will be good for the British.

Departure of Mountain Battery. The greatest enthusiasm was shown this morning at the departure from New-Port of a mountain battery of the Royal Artillery consisting of six guns. Thousands of people lined the streets cheering and singing, and the battery had difficulty in reaching the train through the dense crowds. This was the last mountain battery remaining in England, eight others being in India, and the tenth having been captured by the Boers at Nicholson's Nek.

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understood it to visit Natal there. "Many emigrants are to be seen in Natal, or are to be seen in Pretoria."

Capetown. A dispatch Thursday, Nov. 15, says the Boers have been in the form of a band, spreading with a proclamation government of life and death, occupied by the Boers. A great army is said to be in the direction of Ladysmith early this morning.

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CAPE NOME. Victorians would learn with consider able interest that the frigid zone has contributed another store of gold of marvellous richness to the world's supplying areas of the precious metals. Rumors have been flying about for months that Cape Nome and all the region thereby were impregnated with gold to an extraordinary extent, but owing to the emphatic statements to the contrary of men who returned from that locality last autumn those rumors of buried wealth in the Cape Nome sands have been received with something more than caution.

By the steamer Alpha, which reached Victoria yesterday, another story is told, and with so much evidence of veracity that it is not easy to disbelieve it. Moreover, the returning miners bring with them tangible proof of the remarkable progress of the little community at Cape Nome that in more senses than one speak for themselves. These are copies of the two newspapers published in the camp, the Nome News and the Nome Gold Digger. They are small sheets, but they are most creditable productions for so young a camp. Crammed with news, timely and even cleverly written, they tell a pleasant tale of prosperity and confidence in the far northern addition to the goldfields. No community can support two papers like the News and the Gold Digger unless it is solidly established and full of hope and confidence.

The details of the new discoveries are certainly enough to justify the claims made for the camp, and there can now be little doubt that the beginning of next spring will see a repetition of the northward rush that took place on the discovery of the richness of the Klondike. Cape Nome is, in one way, "easy to get at," being situated practically on the shore of Norton Sound, although we hear it is somewhat difficult to make a landing on account of the prevalence of high winds, causing a heavy sea to break on the beach. There are, however, other means of approach which are safe, although involving an overland journey of some length.

HOW THE NEWS COMES. No doubt many readers of the Times wonder how it is possible that the news of the fighting in far-away South Africa reaches Canada so quickly after the stirring events which it records have taken place. Their wonder will be considerably increased when they learn that the route by which that intelligence is flashed to the heart of the world, London, is about as crooked (or a little more so) as a dog's hind leg. The following table of places and distances will be found useful by those who are studying the course of the war with a view to forming an accurate opinion of what is taking place.

When it is noon in New York it is 7 o'clock in the evening of the same day in the Transvaal, and 8:40 a.m. in San Francisco. News from London, Ladysmith, and other points in the South Africa reaches the Cape Coast over the Durban cable, the east coast line or via Capetown and the east coast. From Durban the cable runs 345 miles to Lorenzo Marques (Delagoa Bay), thence into the Indian ocean and emerging thence by cable to Zanzibar, 492 miles, and finally to Aden, 1,290 miles farther. From Aden the news goes under the whole length of the Red sea to Suez, 1,403 miles, thence on land wires to the Suez canal 167 miles, 974 miles away, then by cable to Alexandria, 154 miles; 1,126 miles to Lisbon, 338; to Lands End, England, 809; then by land to London, and from London to Dublin, thence by cable to Liverpool, 214 miles; thence under the Atlantic ocean to Nova Scotia, 2,348 miles; 840 miles of cable remain and the news is in New York. Over the west coast route the start is made at Capetown, thence by cable to Mossamedes, 1,383 miles; to Benguela, 234; to Loanda, 236; to Acra, 975 miles; to Sierra Leone, 1,020; to Bathurst, 463; thence to Santiago, the British possession near the Cape Verde Islands, 470; to St. Vincent, 294 miles; St. Vincent to Madeira, 1,169; to Lisbon, 632; thence to London, following the same route as news from the east coast.

New York Evening Post promotes the gaily of nations with a funny story to illustrate the position of the Transvaal and the neutrality question. The only ground on which the republic can look for help from neutrals now, says the Post, is that urged by the Scot in the yarn. Sandy was fortunate enough to be able to render valuable aid to an Englishman in danger, and Bull said: "My friend, you have done me a good turn, and whenever you are in trouble, and are in the right, I will help you." "Oh damn the right," shouted the piqued Caledonian, "it's when I'm in the wrong I'll be sperin' for help."

Before leaving England for the seat of war General Buller said in a letter to a correspondent: "I only wish my boy was with me. How he would have enjoyed his luck." General Buller's son, mentioned in the foregoing, was an officer in the second battalion of the 90th Rifles, his father's corps, and died last July.

Nice fat thing the Eastern Telegraphs monopoly is making out of the British government now. For the wretched service they are giving from the Cape they make a clear profit of fifty cents on each word transmitted. Each word, let it be noted, not each message. The British people is long suffering.

Doston women have taken up the case of Robers, congressman from Utah, in terrible earnest. They won't rest till they have him ejected. Boston has no use for Bluebeard philosophy.

### Hunting for the Enemy

#### Whereabouts of Aguinaldo and His Army is Not Known.

#### Filipino Headquarters Moved to Bongabong-Americans Control the Roads.

(Associated Press.) Manila, Nov. 14.—The whereabouts of Aguinaldo and his army and cabinet is a perfect enigma.

General Otis learned that Aguinaldo recently issued a proclamation transferring the capital to Bongabong, giving as the reason for the step the unsanitary condition of Tarlac. It is supposed that the leaders of the insurrection who are not already at Bongabong, are retreating to that place, though when they left Tarlac, whether they are traveling with the army, how many soldiers they were holding together, and whether the leaders of the troops have got beyond General Lawton's line, are all unknown. It is hoped, however, General Weaton has effected a junction with Young, forming a cordon from San Fabian to San Isidro.

General Lawton has 6,000 men and General Wheaton 2,700, a small force to control so many miles, but it controls the main roads by which the insurgents must move to the northwest. With the Americans advancing at the present rate they could drive the insurgents from Bongabong in a fortnight, and it is impossible for the rebels to establish another capital in Luzon, which cannot be captured within a month.

The rapid approach of the Americans was a complete surprise to the insurgents, as the latter expected them to move slowly as they did from Manila to Angeles. The Filipinos thought it impossible for the Americans to make headway in the mud which prevailed everywhere, and the sudden invasion astounded the natives along the lines of General Young's march, who had been told the Americans were confined to the suburbs of Manila.

Grounding of the Charleston. Manila, Nov. 14.—The United States cruiser Charleston came aground near Vigan on a hidden reef. She has 35 fathoms of water on both sides. The crew worked at her machinery for two days and nights trying to get her afloat, but a typhoon arising the crew were compelled to take to their boats and seek refuge on a small island five miles away. The natives are friendly. Lieut. Macdonald and a number of sailors put off in a small boat and reached the Galbo, which brought them to Manila. The ship had Helena, which had been dispatched to bring away the crew. Lieut. Macdonald describes the Charleston when last seen, as being hard and fast aground, with bottom bad, stove and well out of the water.

#### AN OFFICER ON AMERICANS.

London, Nov. 13.—A somewhat pessimistic view of the situation in the Philippines is taken by a British naval officer who has just returned from the islands.

According to the published interview he thinks that more river gunboats are needed, and that Gen. Otis is trying to run the campaign too economically. Paying a high tribute to the "surprising intelligence and confidence of the American soldier," the officer adds: "Patience and bravery the American soldier has shown in a high degree, but he is not particularly mobile. The troops would be more efficacious if, instead of being collected in comparatively enormous numbers, they were used in smaller bodies, moving more rapidly and firing on the country instead of requiring vast quantities of potted luxuries. Moreover, he looks tired and as if he wanted something to do. Except for an occasional game of baseball there is nothing for him to do but drink. Now, if he were a British soldier he would be diverted by all sorts of sports."

#### ARE YOU BILIOUS?

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#### BANK OF MONTREAL.

(Associated Press.) Montreal, Nov. 14.—The half yearly report of the Bank of Montreal issued to-day shows the net earnings for the six months ending October 31st to be \$658,161, an increase of \$29,043 over the same period of last year. For the six months ending April 30th, the earnings were \$721,464, making the total for the year \$1,379,625.41. The usual dividend of five per cent. will be paid in December.

#### DIPHTHERIA AT OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Nov. 14.—Thirty-eight cases of diphtheria has developed here in the Kindergarten Central school here. Two deaths have occurred.

#### Hood's Pills

Are prepared from Nature's mild laxatives, and while gentle are reliable and efficient. They

#### Pouse the Liver

Cure Sick Headache, Biliousness, Sour Stomach, and Constipation. Sold everywhere, 25c. per box. Prepared by C.L. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

### ITALIAN PARLIAMENT OPENED.

(Associated Press.) Rome, Nov. 14.—Parliament was opened this morning by King Humbert in the hall of the Senate. His Majesty was accompanied by the Queen and all the royal family, except the Duke of Abruzzi, the cabinet members and the principal court officials and dignitaries.

In the speech from the throne His Majesty expressed the hope that the deputies would actively resume their labors with least session. Above all, he added, it was necessary that the budget be speedily discussed. The King announced projected bills, including measures for the mitigation of taxation laws, and dwelt upon the notable economic improvement in the kingdom.

Advertising to foreign affairs the King said Italy's relations with the Powers were excellent, and nothing menaced the country in any direction. He also alluded to Italy's participation in The Hague peace conference, and added: "The forthcoming celebration of the Holy Year will afford us an opportunity of showing we understand how to respect the obligations we have assumed in coming to Rome."

### SEVEN AMERICANS KILLED

#### And Fifteen Wounded During the Storming of Salina—Filipinos Lost Seventy-seven Men.

London, Nov. 14.—A special dispatch from Manila says seven Americans were killed and fifteen wounded in Gen. Wheaton's daybreak attack this morning on the town of Salina, which was stubbornly defended. After a heavy fire the Americans stormed the works. Seventy-seven dead Filipinos were counted in the trenches.

Washington, Nov. 14.—A cable dispatch received at the war department announces that Major John A. Logan, 33rd Volunteer Infantry, has been killed in a fight at Luzon. He was leading his battalion in the action. Deceased was a son of the late General Logan, Illinois.

### A SERIES OF FATALITIES.

(Associated Press.) Deseronto, Ont., Nov. 14.—John Cain, a section man on the Bay of Quinte railroad, was killed here yesterday by an engine striking him.

Peterborough, Ont., Nov. 14.—James Webster, an Ontario farmer, was killed to death by the horses of a hay cart, from which he fell.

Hamilton, Ont., Nov. 14.—Thomas Fee, a well known hackman, was killed at the Grand Trunk station last night.

London, Nov. 14.—Stanley Allen, head shipper of the McChery Manufacturing Co., and family, consisting of his wife and two little boys, aged eight and ten, were asphyxiated by coal gas on Sunday night. The youngest boy is dead, and the mother is in a "dying" state. The father is in a "dying" state. The cause is supposed to have been a defective stove combustion.

### SITUATION IN FAR EAST.

London, Nov. 13.—Inquiries made by the Associated Press reveal nothing extant in the "dramatic" section of the press regarding the situation in the Far East. For a long time it has been known here that China and Japan were closely allied, but neither British nor American diplomats in London believe that the alliance is of an offensive nature. At any rate, it can be asserted positively that if Japan and China contemplate aggressive action against Russia, Lord Salisbury is not aware of their intention. However, the foreign office officials have no information to confirm recent sensational reports, they have come to regard the Eastern problem as so difficult in respect of getting information that they have endeavored to take precautions against everything.

A British official, who discussed the situation, said: "While reports of a rupture of Russia and Japan are easy of creation, and while they are liable to constant repetition so long as the diplomatic press continue to view the Far East with such serious attention, it is certainly palpable that if Japan really means to strike a serious blow at Russian control, she must do it quickly, for very soon Russia will be far stronger than she is now."

Discussing the bearings of Russia's naval estimates upon this question, the official asserted that this certainly indicated the intention of the Czar to increase the Russian fleet in Chinese waters, which, if done in the scope outlined in the estimates, would leave Japan but little chance. "I should leave Japan to the Chinese, if I could in the shape of these reports which have astonished me," he continued, "is the suggestion of Chinese co-operation. Thus far no nation has been able to arouse the Chinese sufficiently to get them to combine in military enterprises. If they had done this, or even believed she has, then she has accomplished more than Great Britain or Russia in a century of efforts."

The action of the United States government in requesting assurances from foreign governments regarding the "open" policy in China has created intense satisfaction in official circles. "Lord Salisbury," according to the official quoted above, "has gladly acquiesced in this step on the part of the United States."

### TRAFFIC IN HUMAN BODIES.

(Associated Press.) St. Louis, Nov. 14.—Four zinc lined trunks, such as used by travelling men, containing human bodies, were taken from the baggage room at the Union station to-day. Frank Thompson, city undertaker of Memphis, Tenn., is under arrest. For some time the police have been aware that traffic in human bodies had been going on through this city, and have been on the watch for evidence. Thompson said he had the contract for burying the city dead of Memphis. For some time, it is alleged, he has been selling bodies to medical colleges throughout this part of the country.

### SLOCAN LABOR TROUBLES.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Nov. 14.—Hon. D. Mills is arranging to send a commissioner to the Slocan district to enquire and report upon the labor troubles there, before carrying out the request of the Miners' Association. Reports received are conflicting.

### Big Fire at Essington

#### The Northern Port Swept by a Conflagration on Friday Last.

#### Miners Getting \$15 per Day On Indian River-Starvation and Death.

Steamer Danube, which arrived this morning, brought news that the northern British Columbia town of Port Essington narrowly escaped being destroyed by fire on Friday last. Fire broke out in the laundry next the hotel, and before the flames had been extinguished, the Port Essington hotel, the two stores and a number of cabins and shacks were destroyed with all they contained. The loss will amount to between \$60,000 and \$70,000. The cannery of Robt. Cunningham, a warehouse and the wharf were the only buildings that escaped destruction in Essington. Messrs. Cunningham have been here for some time, and a member of the family arrived by the Danube to tell them of the fire.

The messenger, Mr. George C. Cunningham, says that attention was suddenly attracted by the crackling of the burning buildings at 11:30 p.m. on Friday last, and running out they saw the big hotel, which is a wooden building approximately 30x130 feet, in a sheet of flame. The fire quickly spread to the outhouses and the residence of Mr. George Cunningham, and across the road to the stores, which contained a large amount of general merchandise. The stores and ten or twelve cabins on the village street running parallel with the waterfront, were totally destroyed, together with their contents, not a vestige being left. The cannery and the Indian by dint of great exertion broke down the connecting buildings leading to the cannery, and thus saved the big building and its large stock of salmon. A warehouse and the wharf were also saved.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. It began in an outhouse used as a laundry, but no one had been working there for at least two days before the fire. The chief clerk and Mr. Cunningham made a round of the buildings half an hour before the fire and secured everything. All was well then, and when the flames burst out half an hour later, they could scarcely believe their eyes. In Mr. Cunningham's residence the savings of 23 years' work (all eaten up) and all his worldly goods for the buildings is a bunch of keys. No one was injured. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

She had a number of Dawson passengers, including J. S. Cape, the representative of English capitalists who are largely interested in many of the northern goldfields. T. Price, who brought out \$11,000 in gold, and R. A. Jackson, who had \$6,000. According to news from Dawson reports of good pay have reached here from Indian river. Bill Taylor, an old British Columbia miner, who has reached Dawson from there, says miners are making \$15 a day with "grizzlies," while those working with rockers are not getting more than \$5.

Copyers of the Skagway Alaskan reliever by the Danube tell a chilling story of starvation and death in the wilds of northern Alaska. The victims were M. C. Daly, of Boston, Mass., and two Frenchmen, whose names could not be learned. The story was brought to Skagway by William Lawler, an old-time Alaskan miner. Late in the fall of 1898, it appears, Lawler, together with the three men mentioned, and a fifth named J. Smithson, started out to prospect on the headwaters of the Mosquito river. About Christmas time they went across the border and began to stake ground on Bonanza river. A blizzard came on and the cold was intense. Daly and the two Frenchmen became separated from the other two men and wandered away without provisions and with scant clothing and blankets and a single tent. After the storm Lawler and Smithson followed their footsteps in the snow. They found messages written on trees, telling the sad story of privation and suffering.

After a time the little searching party

### Fighting The Fires

Hard life the plucky firemen lead; out in all sorts of weather—baking, sleeping, catching cold and straining their backs. Hard to have strong, well-kidneys under such conditions. That's why firemen, policemen and others, who are exposed to the weather, are so often troubled with Weak, Lame Backs and with Urinary Troubles.

### DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS

are helping hundreds of such to health. Mr. John Robinson, chief of the fire department, Dresden, made the following statement: "Prior to taking these pills I had kidney trouble which caused severe pain in the small of my back and in both sides. I had a tired feeling and never seemed to be able to get rested. However, I commenced the use of Doan's Kidney Pills, which I got at Switzer's drug store, and after taking three boxes am completely cured. I have now no backache or urinary trouble, and the tired feeling is completely gone. In fact, I am well and strong. They are a remarkable kidney cure, and I heartily recommend them to those suffering from troubles similar to what I had."

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came upon the camp of their former comrades. "Death had been there before them. On the ground, rolled in his blankets, his form wasted to a mere skeleton, was the corpse of one of the Frenchmen. On a camp stove was a kettle containing a frozen mass that told its own story. It was filled with the rawhide change of snowshoes, which the starving men had attempted to boil for food.

A short distance from the tent, close beside the trail, was found the body of the other Frenchman. The wolves had stripped every particle of flesh from the bones. A little further on Daly's body was found in a similar condition. Securely buckled around the hollow ribs as if in mockery at its supreme helplessness in that sodid death, was a buckskin belt containing \$1,000 in gold dust.

The bodies were buried as best they could be, and a well-known prospector took charge of the gold and other effects to send them, if he can, to the relatives of the deceased.

The Danube has 38 passengers, and her purser, Mr. Nickels, says \$40,000 in gold. A number of river navigators came down by the steamer, including Capt. Murray of the Canadian Purser Force of the Anglian, Capt. Bowden, owner of the Ruth, and Capt. Parsons of the Kibbourne. They bring news that when they left the Gleaner was still running. She and the Australian were making trips to Cariboo crossing. The telegraphic reports of the weather on the Yukon up to November 8th were received by the Danube as follows:

Bennett-Clear, calm; thermometer, 20 above.

Allen-Clear, calm; thermometer, 18 above.

Tasial-Cloudy, calm; thermometer, 20 above.

White Horse-Partly cloudy, light south wind, cold.

Lower Labarge-Northwest wind, cloudy, cold.

Hootalinqua-Cloudy, calm; thermometer, 8 above.

Pig Salmon-Cloudy, cold.

Five Fingers-Clear, calm; thermometer, 8 above.

Port Selkirk-Cloudy, calm; thermometer, 4 above.

Selwyn-Cloudy, calm; thermometer, 5 above.

Osgive-Cloudy, northwest wind; thermometer, 5 above.

Dawson-Fine, clear; thermometer, zero.

The steamer will sail for the North again to-morrow evening.

### THE PLAGUE.

(Associated Press.) Trieste, Nov. 15.—The captain of the Santos for Trieste, reported from Cape Verde islands on Nov. 5th that there is plague on board, and that three of those attacked have died.

Oporto, Nov. 15.—Five additional cases of plague were reported yesterday, with one death from the same cause. King Charles visited the hospital yesterday.

### MAGISTRATE'S SUDDEN DEATH.

(Associated Press.) London, Ont., Nov. 14.—E. Jones Parke, police magistrate of London for the past twenty years, dropped dead yesterday afternoon.

Always avoid harsh purgative pills. They first make you sick and then leave you constipated. Carter's Little Liver Pills regulate the bowels and make you well. Dose, one pill.

From The Steamer With The Riches Deposit Whaling Co. Dutch Ha Brot Steamer Alpha arrived this morning with about 100 of the crew of schooner Memento. A very able budget of fields of Cape and from the up-bound was an exceeding fore reaching U previous spell of Alpha was spoken Bear, which zed Nonte and the That one hour's Buckholz from pass that night, ted on the was most impossible St. George Lauraada was st to obtain even a When near the ground in a be load of shingles thrown overboard selling at \$250. At \$30 a thousand By transferring the after had floated off and safety. At Officers and when Cape Nome of presenting a late in the morning a very temporary break of fire w other feature w the place is the ments. Owing to vermin and the along the beach is that of a man's right to a he steps off it. son. All therefor the which they work which are indic in the form of a spectra this sy Should be not d a mile and to pa cargo lighter; on the 150 tons spare. There are abo now and next v will be 50,000. Cape. The ever shift rushes point at the North wind next stamped. tre of this distrib road, and with the already project the point at wh the North wind next stamped. Gold has been f as great quant and the country miles around. Th Having there now sand \$3.50 a pound diggers are al The principal s covik river and former enters the tween Cape Yor Wales. Prospectors hav up the river on creeks have been holly think the to these diggings. A Vict John Guwvin by the United s ship's officers. B ing two men, alt of the passengers being made the game by one of and trading con tempting to get Bur

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# From Nome's Goldfields

## The Steamer Alpha Arrives With Stories of Gold.

### The Richness of the Placer Deposits Fully Confirmed

#### Whaling Schooner Wrecked at Dutch Harbor—Survivors Brought Down.

Steamer Alpha, Captain Buckholz, arrived this morning from Cape Nome with 100 passengers, including 32 of the crew of the wrecked whaling schooner Memmaid. She brings a valuable budget of news from the mining fields of Cape Nome and Cape York, and from the Yukon gateway.

A Rough Trip. The up-bound journey of the Alpha was an exceedingly rough one. Just before reaching Unalakleet, and after a previous spell of delightful weather, the steamer was spoken by the U. S. cutter Bear, which gave the latest news of the storm and the beaching of the Laurada. That one hour's delay prevented Capt. Buckholz from getting through the pass that night, as a fog suddenly settled on the water, in which it was almost impossible to take bearings. Passing St. George's Island, where the Laurada was stranded, it was too foggy to obtain even a sight of that vessel.

When near Port Clarence she went around in a heavy storm, and her deck load of shingles and lumber had to be thrown overboard. This, with lumber selling at \$250 a thousand and shingles at \$30 a thousand, was a heavy loss. By transferring 150 barrels of beer from the after hold forward, she was, at last, hoisted off and completed her journey in safety.

At Cape Nome. Officers and crew were surprised when Cape Nome was reached. Instead of presenting a barren, deserted shore, the settlement seemed as thickly populated as Nanaimo. The buildings are of a very temporary character, and an outbreak of fire would be disastrous. Another feature, which is telling against the place is, the fact that the government claim, 60 feet of highway along the beach, the only law obtaining is that of "miners' rights." Each man's right to a claim terminates when he steps off his property, a general rule. All therefore who can pitch their tent on the little plot of ground upon which they work and the boundaries of which are indicated by a shovel mark in the form of an X, are safe.

There is practically no anchorage. The Alpha was obliged to be off shore about a mile and to pay \$15 a ton to have the cargo lightered; \$80 a ton was realized on 150 tons of coal she had to spare. There are about 5,000 people at Nome now and next year it is expected there will be 50,000.

Cape York Next. The ever shifting character of gold rushes points to Cape York, about forty miles from Nome, as the scene of the next stampede. Fort Clarence, the centre of this district, has a beautiful harbor, and with the completion of a railroad from that point to Nome, which is already projected, is bound to become the point at which all the supplies for the North would be landed, and there is practically no harbor at Cape Nome. Gold has been found here, however, in as great quantities as at Cape Nome, and the country is now staked for 12 miles around. There are about 30 people living there now. At five feet in the sand \$3,500 a pan is being taken out. The diggings are all shallow.

The principal staking has been on Anakovik river and its tributaries. The former enters the sea about half way between Cape York and Cape Prince of Wales. Prospectors have gone about 12 miles up the river on which over 12 tributary creeks have been staked. Capt. Buckholz thinks the rush next year will be to these diggings.

popular citizen of Cape Nome, formerly of San Francisco, died of typhoid fever on the 21st.

## LOSS OF A WHALER.

### A Tale of Disaster—Shipwrecked Mariners Brought Down.

The Alpha brought the first mate and 32 of the crew of the whaling bark Mermaid, of New Bedford, which was left a wreck at Dutch Harbor. The Mermaid sailed from San Francisco on a whaling cruise to the Arctic on March 28th last and after eight months of steady weather in the far northern seas was wrecked in a series of heavy gales encountered at the close of October. While she was off Fox Island on October 28, she encountered an awful storm, and according to the story of the shipwrecked whalers who arrived this morning, it seems as though she would be lost. Capt. Gifford hid the bark to, and for hours she lay with the seas breaking over her. One heavy sea tore away the bulwarks and a following wave leaped high up on the vessel with fatal results. It threw the lookout man, Jack Keeney, a married man of San Francisco, to the deck with such terrific force that he was instantly killed. The body was washed up and down the deck for some time before it was secured and made ready for a sea burial. All day she was swept by the waves and at times it seemed as though she would turn turtle. On one occasion she went so far over on her beam that her foremast and main yards went into the sea. The whalers thought that it was all over with them and the ship.

On the afternoon of the next day, the 29th, the storm abated somewhat and they took advantage of this to patch up their storm-tossed craft. Then with the water rapidly rising in the hold they started for Dutch Harbor. On the 30th, however, and even more furious storm than that encountered before sprang up. Soon it was a gale. The wind swept over the vessel with hurricane force. The whole crew were soon at work pouring out on the water and none expected that they would ever reach the shore, which could be seen at times through the haze. Over twenty barrels of whale oil were poured on the heavy seas. The foremast was torn loose by the severe weathering and both the starboard and port boats were carried away, and the davits run out of shape. On the 2nd inst. they at last made the land, running into a small harbor some distance from Dutch Harbor. They threw out the anchor in 75 fathoms of water but had only 45 fathoms of chain, and it was not until the bark had drifted in, stern on, that an anchorage was made. There they repaired the sails and the next day sailed for Dutch Harbor, where the ship was left a total loss. She was commanded by Captain Buckholz of the steamer Alpha and Capt. White of the Townsend, which was there on her way to save the Laurada, and First Officer McInnes of the Alpha. Capt. Gifford remained with the vessel, together with Second Mate Cahill, Engineer Kowalsky, the cooper and a boat steerer.

The Mermaid was an old vessel. She was built 46 years ago at New Bedford. According to those who returned this morning she was unseaworthy and they say the man who gave her a clearance should be severely dealt with.

The Mermaid when she was wrecked had about thirty-five tons of whalebone and a similar amount of whale oil. Her entire cargo, including two whales, was worth about \$20,000. It was brought down on the Alpha and will be shipped to San Francisco. The vessel itself was worth, perhaps, \$30,000. Capt. Gifford will try and sell the hull, for the cost of repairing her at Dutch Harbor would exceed that of buying a new craft.

The captain of the Mermaid had made no preparation for his men, and when the Alpha arrived Capt. Buckholz was impetuous to take them, which he did, trusting to the United States government to recoup him for the amount of their passage.

The municipal council of Nome has granted a conditional franchise to D. H. Pitzer for the construction of a foot passenger bridge across the Snake river. The cost will be \$3,500. It is to be completed by June 1st and in five years reverts to the town.

A severe wind, snow and sleet storm raged at Nome on October 18th, causing the loss of thousands of dollars on the waterfront. The heaviest losers were the Hospice of St. Bernard, of which Rev. Dr. Wirt is superintendent. A large quantity of bedding, clothing, furniture, lumber, etc., had been loaded on an A. C. barge, which was driven ashore in the night, stranding the shore with wreckage. The steamer Sovereign attempted to run into Snake river, but was caught by the wind and beached, and before night the water was washing clean over the lower deck, filling the hold with water. The loss will aggregate \$10,000.

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MINISTER ELECTED. Hon. Frank Latchford Has a Majority of 311 Over McGarry. (Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Nov. 15.—Full returns from South West give Latchford (Liberal) a majority of 311 over McGarry (Conservative).

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THE QUEEN VISITS BRISTOL. (Associated Press.) Bristol, Nov. 15.—The visit of Queen Victoria here to-day to open the convalescent home at Clifton was made the occasion for a great display of patriotism. The town was lavishly decorated and Her Majesty passed through six miles of Venetian masts, Imperial standards, heraldic designs and garlands or flowers. The Queen and Royal party were received with a royal salute and escorted by a detachment of Household Cavalry, the procession started for Clifton amid tumultuous popular acclamations.

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Porting News.

THE OAR. CHAMPIONSHIP MEET. A championship meet of aquatic sports will be held in Vancouver next week...

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Struggle for Masampo Occasions Strained Situation in the Far East.

Russia Forestalled by Japan, Who Bought the Foreshore Rights.

Japan Determined to Resist Further Aggression by Russia.

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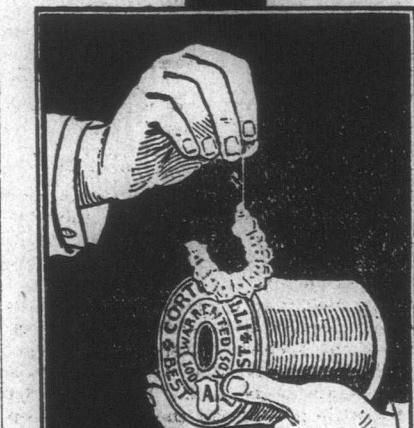
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The dead level of monotony at last night's meeting of the city council was broken only by two features, one of which did not really belong to the meeting but made itself known, as it were, on the side, and the other of which was interpolated during a lull in the proceedings. The first feature was that the aldermen were all feeling a little elated that they will be able again to comply themselves this year upon keeping within their estimated expenditure and revenue, and will have a balance of about \$6,000 to appropriate which will be made at the adjourned meeting to be held this evening.

The second, the interpolated feature, was a personal explanation made by Ald. Humphrey in regard to the celebrated Victoria West meeting of last week, in which the alderman refuted some of the statements made regarding himself and gave a few words of advice to the reverend gentlemen who took part in that meeting.

His worship the mayor took the chair at the usual time, when all the aldermen were present, City Solicitor Mason and Bradburn and City Clerk Dowler in their places, and there being an audience of nine.

Complaints. The minutes were read and duly adopted, and under the next order of business the first communication came from Hon. W. J. Macdonald, complaining of the condition of a water pipe from Montreal, along Niagara street, which is unsatisfactory, and has been condemned as worn out and too small. The mayor explained that this matter has already been referred to the water commissioner and has either been attended to, or is being attended to, by that official. The senator also took the opportunity of calling the council's attention to the condition of the sidewalk between Oswego and Montreal streets; the mud holes from Dallas road, and the bad repair in which Montreal street from Simcoe to Dallas road is at present.

The sidewalk and streets matters were referred to the city engineer for report. Ald. Humphrey remarking that he had been along the streets and saw nothing the matter with them.

Advertising the City.

From Secretary Elworthy of the Board of Trade came to communication the first inviting the mayor and aldermen to attend a citizens' meeting to be held on Wednesday evening in the Board of Trade rooms for the purpose of considering the best methods of advertising the city as a business place, and to report thereon at the second meeting to the council the resolution of the advertising committee setting forth that while agreeing it is necessary to expend money to advertise the city, it is also desirable to improve the streets and roads, therefore they approved of the paving of Fort street and trusted the good work would continue.

The first letter was received and filed and the invitation accepted and the second was disposed of without any formal motion being made.

These letters brought up one received from a Mr. Lefroy, managing director of the company which publishes the B. C. Review and had reference to an interview the writer had with the council last Monday evening at the closing of the ordinary meeting. Mr. Lefroy quoted the council \$600 for a half page advertisement in the B. C. Review for fifty-two weeks, the matter changeable not oftener than once a month. They would also have the privilege of inserting six illustrated articles. These are the same terms accepted by the cities of Nelson and Rossland, and Mr. Lefroy assured the council the price would leave no profit for the paper, but would possibly repay the company by the increased interest aroused by the insertion of the articles.

The letter was referred to the advertising committee of the Board of Trade.

Ald. Humphrey's Explanation.

It was while the clerk had gone in search of the letter from Mr. Lefroy and there was a lull in the proceedings, that Ald. Humphrey rose and asked permission to say a few words on a matter of privilege. It was with reference to the famous Victoria West meeting last Thursday. He had been called down for stating that no petition had ever come in asking for a light near Mr. Dunsmuir's gate. When he made that statement he had reference only to last year and this, but he had been called upon by a gentleman who made the statement that a petition had been sent in headed by one Fawcett, and containing 200 names. The speaker had had careful search made and found that a petition was received headed by a gentleman of that name, but he had reference to the removal of a fence. (Laughter.) And it contained only 50 names. Mr. Dowler had searched and there was no petition asking for a light either in 1897, 1898 or 1899.

The mayor said he had no recollection of any.

Ald. Humphrey then went on to refer to something Rev. Mr. Barber had said in reference to himself at that meeting. But the mayor said they had no time to go into that. Ald. Humphrey persisted however that now was the time. If the council were slandered it was the duty of the council to resent such slanders. Mr. Barber had said something about the aldermen who voted for the Craigflower road closing by day being influenced. For himself, Ald. Humphrey could say that no person had in-

fluence him, others could speak for themselves, but he felt quite sure they would all say the same. He thought Rev. Mr. Barber and Rev. Mr. Macrae had better attend to their flocks instead of getting into that Craigflower road mud hole. If they threw mud like that some of them would stick. "I think," continued Ald. Humphrey, "Mr. Barber has taken this council to be as cheap as himself in regard to being bought."

The Mayor—Ald. Humphrey, I really must ask you to allow us to go on with the business.

Ald. Humphrey—And Mr. Macrae has got the indignation. (Laughter.) The Mayor—Ald. Humphrey, that is enough.

Ald. Humphrey—If they had had a stomach pump there to take some of the bile off his stomach he would not have said what he did.

The mayor had been interrupting Ald. Humphrey with reminders that he was out of all order, and Ald. Humphrey concluded by saying "Oh, I've said all I want to say, now, Mr. Mayor."

The aldermen all indulged in a hearty laugh, and allowed themselves another when the clerk read the next letter.

Dr. Hecken's Prayer.

Hon. J. S. Helmcken again called the attention of the council to the nuisance allowed to exist by the drainage from the public park being allowed to run into the grounds of the Invertavish Nursery. "How long, oh, how long?" the doctor said, "is this to continue? Hope deferred maketh the heart sick."

Ald. Cameron thought it would be wise to refer this to the city engineer. They had had reports from previous engineers without anything being accomplished, but perhaps Mr. Topp would be able to grapple with the problem. This was seconded by Ald. Williams and carried unanimously.

Rock Bay Bridge.

From A. T. Goward, local manager of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, came another communication referring to the work it is proposed to do on Rock Bay bridge. The special committee had waited upon the company, and on behalf of the company he now informed the council of the company's willingness to contribute to the expense of providing the bridge be put in condition to last for several years. If the bridge be made safe to carry cars weighing 30 tons, and all specifications are submitted to the company's engineers, the company will pay \$75,000 towards the total expense, and in addition will lay the ties and rails of their own track.

Ald. Humphrey moved to refer the letter back to the same special committee. The matter is in rather different shape now.

A discussion took place about the 30 ton cars, Ald. Stewart not having any idea that the company had cars so heavy, even when loaded. The mayor said he believed the car that went through the Point Ellice bridge weighed, loaded, 23 tons, but Ald. Stewart said that was very exceptional. He knew it was very inconvenient for the company to have to run small cars on the Esquimalt branch now traffic was increasing.

Ald. Williams wanted to know about Point Ellice bridge. If Rock Bay bridge be so strengthened will Point Ellice need similarly treating?

The mayor said the engineer informed him that Point Ellice bridge is strong enough to carry a locomotive.

It further developed that the estimated total cost of the improvements is \$1,500 or \$1,600.

Ald. Beckwith seconded the motion to refer the letter to the same special committee, and it carried without dissent. That being disposed of, a second letter having bearing on the same subject was read. It came from Messrs. Fell & Gregory, acting for the Taylor Mill Company, and informed the council that their clients object strongly to the proposed plan of alterations. Indeed if they be persisted in, the company will take legal proceedings. They believe the department of marine and fisheries has already informed the council that such alterations will not be allowed as they will interfere with navigation, narrow the waterway and lead to the greater accumulation of silt. Messrs. Fell & Gregory were again writing the department in regard to the matter.

Ald. Beckwith thought the better way would be to refer this letter also to the special committee to confer with the Taylor Mill Co.

Ald. Humphrey moved that it go to the city solicitor for report, and Ald. Brydon suggested that both the solicitor and the committee be asked to report.

Ald. Hayward agreed that the committee should consult with the Mill Company. He thought the letter were under a misapprehension as to the effect the alterations will have. In fact it seemed to him that the narrowing of the waterway would have a tendency to decrease rather than increase the deposit of silt.

Ald. Humphrey thought the Taylor Mill Co. have nothing to do with the filling in of the bridge at this end. The Snyward Mill Co. are agreeable to it. The letter went to the city solicitor and the special committee.

A Broken Window.

Mr. H. M. Grahame, as agent for the owners of the Five Sisters block, called the attention of the council to the fact that a plate glass window in one of the stores has been broken by the carelessness of the corporation workmen, who, in breaking concrete, allowed a piece to go through the window into the store.

Ald. Humphrey wanted to refer the matter to the city solicitor, believing that if the window is insured the city will not have to pay. A similar accident happened on the other side of the street and the city had not to pay for it. The mayor thought the city engineer should be asked to enquire into the circumstances and the letter went to the solicitor and engineer together.

A Bad Drain.

A. W. Jones asked the council to attend to a drain on Edmonton and Fernwood roads.

Ald. Humphrey wished to have the letter referred to the city engineer, believing the work should be done.

Ald. Williams agreed that it should be done, the work would not be much, but he remembered the estimate correctly. Finally, Ald. Humphrey suggested that the letter be laid on the table for consideration when the supplementary esti-

mates are considered and the suggestion was acted upon.

Ald. Hayward (sotto voce)—What a scramble there'll be for that \$6,000.

Victoria West Matters.

Thomas F. Gold, secretary of the citizens' meeting at Victoria West, Thursday, informed the mayor and council that a special committee had been appointed at that meeting for the purpose of interviewing the council to present resolutions and discuss matters of interest to the residents of the suburb. The writer hoped the council might convene on an early meeting.

Ald. Beckwith moved the letter be received and filed and the meeting arranged. It was in accordance with the expressed wishes of the council.

The mayor asked what evening would suit. For himself he was engaged every evening this week on civic business, with the exception of Thursday, and on that evening he intended to be at the hospital ball.

Ald. Cameron suggested next week and Ald. Beckwith favored Saturday night.

Ald. Kinsman did not think Saturday night would suit the reverend members of the committee.

Many alternatives were suggested, but the ultimate conclusion was that Wednesday evening next week be selected if agreeable to the committee.

Even after this had been decided upon, Ald. Beckwith urged an earlier date. He thought a meeting might be arranged for the day time, but it was pointed out that the meeting would in all probability last two hours, and everyone would be in a hurry in the day time. Thursday evening was suggested, but Ald. Humphrey had to go to singing mass that evening, and there was also the ball.

Ald. Williams was anxious that the meeting be held before the aldermen disposed of the little surplus. The Victoria West people would doubtless ask for some of the money to be expended in their locality.

This did not appear important to other aldermen. Victoria West would get its fair share. They believed that what the Victoria West people require is the expenditure of much larger sums of money than could be taken out of the surplus, and Ald. Stewart mentioned the new fire hall, which would be altogether too large a job to be undertaken this year.

Ald. Beckwith took a rise out of Ald. Williams. The latter was willing to arrange an early meeting and yet, if Ald. Beckwith made no mistake, he had recommended the people not to meet the council at all.

Wednesday week was adhered to, the mayor expressing regret that an earlier meeting could not be arranged.

Traders' Licenses.

M. Baker called the attention of the council to what he considers a most unjust law. He compelled to pay \$100 a year for a wholesale license when he does not wholesale, whereas others who do wholesale, pay only \$10.

Ald. Cameron favored the consideration of the whole matter opened up by the letter. A special committee had been appointed. He moved in that direction.

Ald. Macgregor agreed and seconded the motion and it carried, Ald. Williams incidentally remarking that while believing the license might be done away with generally, the Dominion Steamship Co. should be made to pay \$100 a month.

The special committee consists of Ald. Cameron, Beckwith and Macgregor.

A Water Works Job.

J. L. Rayburn, water commissioner, informed the council that when the pipe connecting the lake and the filter beds was first put down it was intended only as a temporary means of conveying water for the city supply, it being thought the best way to be filed direct from the lake. Some of the pipe was second hand when put in and there is now a danger it may give out. It is also too small for the purpose and the writer recommends that a new 24-inch pipe be laid, utilizing that now stored at the Albion Iron works.

The estimated cost is \$1,500, and the work could be superintended by Mr. Leeman now at the water works.

The report was laid on the table to be considered with the supplementary estimates.

Engineer's Report.

From the city engineer came the following:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following report:

Re communication from Messrs. Pemberton & Sons, asking to have a permanent sidewalk constructed on north side of Fort street, between Langley and Government streets, and the committee be asked to report.

Re petition from J. T. L. Meyer and others, asking for improvements on South Pandora street, between George street and Fernwood street. I regret I could not recommend any improvement in this locality, but the fences have been moved and the street lines properly defined. I believe also the proposed extension of sidewalk on north side of street, and find it would be necessary to remove several yards of rock in order to properly construct the walk. Total cost, including rock work, \$80.

Re sidewalks on Clark and North Chatham streets, the city carpenter states that the above are not so urgent as many others in the city, and therefore would not recommend their construction at present.

Re Pandora avenue improvements, between Douglas and Government streets, I would recommend this section be surfaced with macadam, as same is in very bad condition. Total estimated cost, with catch-basins and pipe connections, \$400.

Re Pandora avenue, between Douglas and Blanchard streets, a distance of 600 lineal feet, I would respectfully recommend same be graded and macadamized about 24 lineal feet.

Re Store street, from Herald street to Rock Bay bridge, 1,050 lineal feet, I would recommend this section be surfaced with macadam, and if taken in connection with my previous report, would render said street complete from Johnson street to the bridge. Estimated cost, \$510.

The city carpenter reports and recommends the construction of the following walks: Craigflower road, west side, from Russell street to Belton avenue; total estimated cost, \$174. Johnson street, east side, from Work to John street; estimated cost, \$75. Bay street, north side, from Rock

Bay avenue in a westerly direction, a distance of 200 feet; estimated cost, \$37.

C. H. TOPP, City Engineer.

Laid on the table to be considered with the supplementary estimates.

The Messiah.

A special committee appointed to consider Mr. F. Victor Austin's suggestion of holding a festival performance of The Messiah with a large choir of voices in the Drill Hall in February or March, the proceeds to go towards the fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of the men who fall in the South African campaign, reported having conferred with Mr. Austin and arrived at the opinion that the enterprise is worthy of the support of the council. They had therefore pleasure in recommending that the patronage of the mayor and aldermen be given to it and that the council guarantee the sum of \$250 for preliminary expenses to be refunded from the proceeds. Also that a special committee be appointed with power to add to their number to arrange the details.

The report was signed by Ald. Hayward, Brydon and Macgregor.

The only amendment suggested was that by his worship to the effect that instead of a special committee, the whole council act in the arrangement of the details, and the alteration was made, the report being then adopted.

Current Accounts.

The finance committee recommended the payment out of current revenue of accounts amounting to \$1,886.11, and on motion of Ald. Stewart the report took the usual course.

Yates Street Paving.

Ald. Humphrey's motion looking to the paving of Yates street between Broad and Douglas under the local improvement plan was seconded by Ald. Brydon and duly carried, Ald. Williams being informed in answer to his request for information that the property owners who formerly expressed their opposition to the plan had now changed their minds.

The annual by-law for dealing with any surplus over estimates was then introduced on the recommendation of the mayor, read a first and second time and left to be dealt with in committee on Tuesday evening.

The by-law introduced and read a first and second time last week, the object of which is to provide for the occupancy of the position of city solicitor by the firm of Mason & Bradburn instead of by Mr. C. Dubois Mason alone, was then taken up in committee.

One clause providing that the barrister and solicitors shall not be compelled to give advice or to prepare a by-law for any individual member of the council, and only for a committee or on the order of the mayor, or by resolution of the council as a whole, met with strenuous opposition. It was regarded as an attempt to prevent the aldermen from exercising their prerogative and being subject to the whim of the occupant of the mayoralty. The same provision has existed in the Procedure by-law, as the mayor pointed out, and it was stated that no inconvenience has resulted therefrom. His worship said the danger was that a "by-law" might be elected to the council who would want a by-law preparing every week, and the solicitor might be put to a whole lot of trouble for no practical good, the by-law, as soon as prepared, being vetoed by the council. This possibility, however, did not appear to be a serious one, and was stricken out. Another clause killing the same provision in the Procedure by-law was adopted, so that the aldermen are now entitled to apply to the barrister for advice and to the solicitors for the preparation of a by-law in their individual capacities.

With this amendment the by-law was reported complete, the report accepted, the by-law read a third time and passed.

Ald. Macgregor raised the question whether the assessor's or the clerk's office could not be kept open in the evenings to enable householders to register. He believed there are a number of workmen who cannot make it convenient to get there in the day time. He also asked if it was actually compulsory for a man to hand in his declaration previous to the closing of the books.

On the latter point the city solicitor referred to the act which states that the declaration may be made before any justice of the peace, but must be handed in personally. Some of the aldermen characterized that as an absurd provision, but the mayor and the solicitor said that was the fault of the framers of the act.

In regard to keeping the office open, the mayor said it has already been arranged that this shall be done the last week of the month and that seemed to him all that is necessary.

Ald. Macgregor wanted to move a resolution insisting upon the office being kept open in the evening for the last two weeks of the month, but the mayor could not accept such a motion. If it were the wish of a majority of the

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council that it should be done it could be arranged, but it was a matter of choice and not of compulsion with the assessor.

Under the head of unfinished business the council took up the report of the city solicitor recommending that the government be asked to take a mortgage to secure the indebtedness of the Victoria & Sidney Railway Company to the government and the city. This report was published in the Times when brought in. It recites the opinion that the city would be better secured by such a mortgage being taken and also that the accounts of the railway company are not sufficiently detailed to be satisfactory.

Ald. Macgregor moved that the recommendations carried out, and on Ald. Humphrey's seconding, the motion carried unanimously.

This exhausted the business of the evening and Ald. Hayward having moved that the council recess it stood adjourned until Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, the council adjourning accordingly.

The Financial Position. During the evening the aldermen were handed statements showing the condition of the city finances and the supplementary estimates to be dealt with at this evening's meeting, as follows:

Table with columns: Item, Amount. Includes: Payments into Court (\$1,500.00), City Institutions (\$200.00), Supply pipe filter beds (\$1,500.00), Park (\$200.00), Found (\$100.00), Police (\$100.00), General maintenance (\$42.50), Sundries (\$100.00), Fire Department (\$280.00), Sewerage (\$75.00), Old Men's Home (\$300.00), Total (\$2,927.50), Miscellaneous (\$230.00), Election expenses (\$200.00), Telegrams and messengers (\$50.00), Fuel and light (\$200.00), Refunds (\$100.00), Miscellaneous collections (\$50.00), Total (\$1,850.00), Education (\$50.00), Grand total (\$3,067.50).

THE CIVIC FINANCES. A statement of the civic finances, dated October 31, shows the following condition of affairs:

Table with columns: Receipts, Amount. Includes: Cash on hand and in bank (\$7,337.00), Estimated revenue November and December (\$29,000.00), Estimated tax sale (\$5,000.00), Interest from investments (\$8,500.00), and sinking fund (\$3,500.00), Total (\$50,337.00).

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