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MADE IN THE REPLY
RECEIVED FROM RUSSIA

All the Powers Are Landing Troops in
Korea—Work on New
Cruisers.

London, Jan. 8.—The Daily Mail's
Tokio correspondent learns that Rus-
sia has made new demands which it
will be impossible for Japan to enter-
tain. The correspondent says that at
least the British bluejackets landed
at Chemulpo are expected to go to
Seoul immediately. Constant telegrams
are passing between M. Povoloff, the
Russian minister to Korea, Baron de
Rosen, the Russian minister to Japan,
and Vice-roy Alexieff.

The Daily Mail's Yokohama corres-
pondent says that the Japanese govern-
ment practically removes all hope of a
peaceful settlement.
The Daily Mail's Tokio correspondent
says that the Japanese government
will observe friendly neutrality
towards Japan in the event of war, and
that, if necessary, it would grant the
use of American ports in the Far East
to the Japanese fleet.

Slender Hope.
London, Jan. 8.—Special cablegrams
from Tokio printed to-day agree in be-
lieving the Russian reply unsatisfactory.
It appears that the note might have
been still undelivered, as Baron de
Rosen, the Russian minister, had not
from an official had not Baron
Komura, the Japanese foreign minister,
visited the Russian legation to get it.
Slender hope is still drawn from the
fact that no ministerial conference at
Tokio is fixed for to-day.

According to the Standard's Tokio cor-
respondent an increasing number
ships are being requisitioned daily
as transports.
The correspondent of the Daily Mail
at Tokio reports, on the authority of
the newspaper Chun, that one Japanese
had been murdered near Port Arthur,
and that four others have been seriously
injured, but no details are given.

Japan's New Ships.
Genoa, Jan. 7.—Fervent anxiety is
the prevailing sentiment at the ship-
yards here every available workman
is hurrying the preparations for sea of
the Japanese warships Nisshin and Ka-
suga, formerly the Argentine Republic's
cruisers Hivado and Norma.

A detachment of 120 men in charge of
ten British officers will reach here to-
morrow to take charge of the two fight-
ing machines, and it is hoped that they
will be nearly in readiness to proceed
to sea on their arrival.

It is the present plan of Col. Kurada
Tosaku, the Japanese attaché at Rome,
to have them sail for Japanese waters
not later than Friday. He has
heard a rumor that two Russian battle-
ships were en route to the Japanese
cruisers in case of war and either sink
or capture them.

The men picked to transfer the war-
ships to Japan are all fighters. It is ex-
pected the Japanese government, in the
event of war being declared before the
two new cruisers reach Japanese waters,
will dispatch a couple of its fastest
armor-clad ships to meet them in safety.

As both the new ships have a speed
capacity of twenty knots, and are ex-
pected to exceed that speed, it is ex-
pected they can show a clean pair of
heels to anything that may pursue
them.

Russia's Reply.
London, Jan. 8.—The text of the Rus-
sian reply to Japan's last note has been
received at the Japanese legation here.
It will be presented to the foreign office
later in the day by Minister Hayashi.

At the legation, the opinion is held
that the reply is opposed to the main
Japanese contentions, and it is thought
that negotiations will be broken off.
Minister Hayashi said to a representa-
tive of the Associated Press: "After
reading the reply, all that I can say is
that the hope for a peaceful settlement
is growing less and less. The conditions
are very grave."

Japan has decided not to buy the
Clallam warships, which negotiations
had been started. At the legation it is
said that the ships bought recently from
Argentina are expected to sail to-day for
the Far East by way of the Suez canal.
The British home fleet left Portsmouth
this morning for the Spanish coast after
having been to the full capacity. The fleet
will thus be in readiness to replace the
Channel squadron in the event of the
latter being required to fill up vacancies
in the Mediterranean squadron, should
vessels be ordered thence to the Far
East.

A special dispatch from Tokio, under
to-day's date, after recording the arrival
of the Russian reply, adds: "Diplomacy
has not said its last word and there are

still hopes that hostilities may be avert-
ed. At the Russian legation it is an-
nounced that the negotiations continue."

Working For Peace.

London, Jan. 8, 5.17 p.m.—The Rus-
sian ambassador, Count Benckendorff,
and the Japanese minister, Baron Hay-
ashi, visited the foreign office this after-
noon and had half an hour's conversa-
tion with Lord Lansdowne, to whom the
text of the Russian reply to Japan was
communicated. The British government
is continuing its efforts to maintain the
interests of peace.

French Still Hopeful.

Paris, Jan. 8.—6.35 p.m.—The Associ-
ated Press learns that in the opinion of
the French government there is still a
chance of avoiding a conflict between
Russia and Japan as a result of a con-
cession made by Russia in her last note.
The dispatches which have come to
Paris from all quarters to-day have been
most pessimistic.

Proposed Mediation.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The Far Eastern
situation was discussed at the cabinet
meeting to-day, special consideration being
given the movement of the Asiatic
squadron, which it is desired shall be
shaped as to emphasize the absolute
neutrality of the United States in the
event of hostilities between Russia and
Japan. After the meeting it was an-
nounced that Evans would be called
Rear-Admiral Ours upon his arrival at
Guam to-morrow to proceed thence to
Subic Bay, it being desired that the
American navy shall observe "good sea
manners" by not going to Japanese or
Russian waters just now.

Representative Stuyvesant (Democrat)
introduced a resolution in the House to-
day requesting the President to tender
the good offices of mediation of the United
States to Russia and Japan. The resolu-
tion also requests the President to
remined Russia and Japan, in ac-
cordance with the Hague peace conven-
tion, that the permanent court of arbitra-
tion is open to them.

British Troops Ready.
Hongkong, Jan. 8 (bulletin).—A de-
tachment of 250 men of the Sherwood
Foresters, Nottinghamshire and Derby-
shire, forming part of the garrison of
Hongkong, has suddenly been warned to
be ready for active service. The destina-
tion of the troops has not been divulged.
The authorities refuse all information on
the subject, but it is presumed the troops
are going to Peking or Seoul. The de-
tachment is ready and the transport has
been arranged.

Called Back to Japan.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 8.—By the end
of this month over 1,000 Japanese will
have gone back from California to Japan,
having been called to go by an edict of
the Japanese consul.

War Rate.

Seattle, Jan. 8.—A local marine insur-
ance house has received instructions
from Lloyd's to make immediately opera-
tive a war rate of 10 per cent. on all
Russian and Japanese vessels leaving
this port.

Would Intervene.

New York, Jan. 8.—Nearly all persons
here take a view that Japan's conduct
towards Russia is that of a naughty
child, caudles the St. Petersburg cor-
respondent of the Herald. She is constantly
being told in the press not to be so fool-
ish, not to waste money in the impossi-
ble task of fighting Russia and so on.

In a long article upon the alleged folly
of Japan's pretensions, the Gazette says:
"What can she do to hurt Russia? She
must take one of her strong fortresses,
say Port Arthur, but she would require
times more military force than she
could ever bring to bear to accomplish
such a feat."

MAN BURNED TO DEATH.

Three Lamp on Floor and Fell Into
Blazing Oil.

Montreal, Jan. 7.—Alex. Stomov
was burned to death to-night. He became in-
toxicated and went to his home on St.
Ellis street and demanded money from
his mother-in-law with which to continue
his debauch. She refused to give it to
him, whereupon he threatened to smash
everything in the house. He began by
breaking a large lamp, which he threw
to the floor, falling at the same time
into a mass of blazing oil. When re-
sponding he was so badly burned that he
died in a short time. The mother-in-
law was also slightly burned.

The Manufacturers.
Toronto, Jan. 7.—The Canadian Manu-
facturers' Association to-day issued a
report showing that 434 manufacturers
at different parts of Canada are pre-
pared to give employment to 4,431 peo-
ple, including 1,758 men, 1,089 women,
1,167 girls and 417 boys.

Candidates.

Winnipeg, Jan. 7.—The Liberals of Al-
berta to-day nominated Norman
Kenzie, of Macleod, as candidate for the
Commons. Calgary Liberals re-elected
Dr. C. J. Stewart. Winnipeg Conserva-
tives meet on January 14th to name a
candidate for the Commons. Mackenzie
Conservatives meet at Yorkton on Janu-
ary 22nd. J. S. Ayre, formerly member
of the Manitoba legislature, was nomi-
nated by Freeholders Liberals to fight
to oppose Lariviere, Conservative.

STEAMER CLALLAM FOUNDERS AND FIFTY PEOPLE PERISH

All Women and Children Were Drowned By the Capsizing of Boats After Leaving the Vessel.

Victoria was stunned to-day by the tid-
ings of a marine disaster which stands
with the Pacific Islander and Condor
horrors as the most heartrending in the
history of the Northwest seas.

During the early hours of the morn-
ing, within a comparatively few miles of
this city, the steamer Clallam, which
plied between here and the Sound, was
sashed to destruction by the wind and
sea, and upwards of fifty lives were
lost.

This was the terrible culmination of a
frightful battle with the elements which
began yesterday afternoon off Discovery
Island. Although it was known that
the Clallam was in a sore predicament,
it was expected that the strenuous efforts
exercised during the night would be suc-
cessful, and the steamer and her precious
freight taken to some friendly shelter.

But alas that hope was vain.
Like a bolt from the blue came the
brief message which carried grief to
every heart and plunged the city into
the deepest gloom.

The first intimation of the catastrophe
was received at Port Townsend about 9
o'clock this morning, when the tug Sea
Lion arrived there with twenty-five sur-
vivors.

The story gleaned from them was that
owing to the terrific southwest gale and
the tremendous sea the Clallam became
unmanageable off Discovery Island yes-

terday afternoon. The heavy seas broke
in the dead lights and the vessel began
to fill. All the women were placed in
three boats, and their unfortunate occu-
pants are believed to have perished.

The tug Richard Holyoke, which left
Port Townsend at 7 o'clock in response
to a message from this city, picked up
the ill-fated Clallam in the Straits, and
started to tow her to safety. Unfortun-
ately the condition of the steamer be-
came such that the hawser had to be cut,
and the captain and crew of the tug de-
voted themselves to the rescue of the
passengers. The tug Sea Lion also came
along and assisted in the rescue. The
steamer shortly afterwards foundered off
Smith Island.

As far as can be learned at the time of
writing, when the Clallam left Port
Townsend, her last point of call, there
were eighty-six souls on board, of whom
fifty-three were passengers and thirty-
three captain and crew. Of these it is
estimated that thirty-three were saved.

As already stated those on board the
Charmer last evening saw no signs of the
ill-fated Clallam on their way down.
Capt. Tromp, superintendent of the C.
P. R. fleet, when seen by a Times rep-
resentative this morning, said: "No ve-
sels were on the Clallam. I was on
board the Charmer, and with the captain
and look-out man was in the wheel
house. We kept a sharp watch through-
out the trip, but saw no indication of a
steamer in any direction. The weather

was rough, although the night was quite
clear, the stars being visible. The
Charmer has made trips in much worse
weather than that which prevailed in
the Straits last night, but in the Gulf it
was exceptionally bad. The tide was at
the flood and very strong, so a steamer
would drift at a considerable rate. I
was told by the agent that when he last
saw the Clallam she had a couple of
sails out, and efforts were being made to
steer her."

ALL WOMEN LOST.

The Boats Capsized, and the Lady Pas-
sengers Perished.

Port Townsend, Jan. 9.—The tug Sea
Lion arrived here at 9 o'clock this morn-
ing with the first news of the loss of
the steamer Clallam in the straits early
this morning. The Sea Lion brought twenty-four sur-
vivors. The tug Richard Holyoke ar-
rived at 10.30 with nine additional sur-
vivors.

Owing to the high southwesterly gale
and heavy sea the Clallam became un-
manageable yesterday afternoon when
off Discovery Island. Heavy seas broke
the dead lights, and the vessel began to
fill.

All the women passengers were placed
in three boats, which capsized along-
side, and all were lost.

As a result of telegraphic advices from
Victoria, from which place the Clallam's
predicament was seen, the tug Richard
Holyoke was dispatched from Port
Townsend and got a hawser aboard of
the Clallam and started to tow her into
shelter.

Owing to the high wind, Captain Rob-
erts, of the Clallam, was unable to in-
form Captain Hall, of the Holyoke, of
the condition of the Clallam.

About 1 o'clock the tug Sea Lion
which had been sent to aid the vessel,
spoke the Clallam and learned that she
was foundering and steamed ahead and
notified the Holyoke, which cut her haw-
ser and assisted the Sea Lion in res-
cuing the passengers.

SURVIVOR'S STORY

Of the Loss of the Clallam—There Was
No Panic Aboard.

Port Townsend, Jan. 9.—The Clallam
left this port at noon for Victoria and
proceeded in the teeth of a heavy gale.
The steamer reached to within eight
miles of its destination, when the heavy
seas stove into the deadlights and the
water poured into the vessel. The fires
were put out in a short time and the
well known steamer was completely help-
less, drifting about with something like
eighty souls.

The wind was blowing a gale and seas
were running mountain high. The eb-
b tide started the steamer toward Rock
Islands, and the flood tide took her back
towards the east, and she kept drifting
towards Smith's island, which is 12
miles north of this city.

The tug Sea Lion, which was sent out
from Seattle last night, was the first to
return to this city with the fearful news.
She arrived shortly after 9 o'clock this
morning, with twenty-five passengers
and the crew from the Clallam.

The tug Holyoke, which left here last
night at 7 o'clock, arrived an hour later
with nine more saved.

and he took them outside and they at
once realized what he meant. The water
began pouring into the steamer a few
minutes after that, and the boats were
lowered, with orders from the captain
that none but women and children go in
them, until all of these had been taken
care of.

The first boat foundered almost as
soon as it struck the water, and none
were saved.
The second boat fared better. There
are none absolutely sure that this boat
went down, although it is generally
supposed such is the case.

The third boat shared the fate of the
first.
The men of the Clallam's crew manned
these boats and were lost with the wo-
men and children.

The last boat contained a number of
men, as there were no more women left.
After that the attention of those re-
maining aboard was bent on keeping the
steamer afloat. Three gangs of bailers
were started, the passengers working as
hard as the crew. He says they man-
aged to keep the vessel even for a long
time and all had hopes for the best.

There was no panic, everyone realising
the seriousness of the situation, getting
down and doing his level best to keep the
vessel afloat.

At 10 o'clock, or a little later, the tug
Holyoke came in sight. She lost no time
getting to their assistance and got a line
aboard and took the Clallam in tow.
She made fair headway, but the seas
were running fearfully high and the wa-
ter began to gain on them fast, the seas
washing in through many openings.

Previous to this they had got rid of the
oil to lighten the vessel.
Shortly after midnight the Sea Lion
arrived.

A half hour or so later the Clallam
went on her beam ends and began sink-
ing rapidly. There was no chance to
save the vessel and the Holyoke cut
tense and started picking up men, as did
the Sea Lion.

The Holyoke took seven men from the
pilot's bridge.
One man was picked out of the sea
where he was clinging to a plank, by
Mate Hickman and a deckhand, who
launched a boat.

Capt. Roberts, of the Clallam, is among
the saved, and so are the officers who
stayed by the vessel till the last.
Capt. Roberts thinks he had 53 pas-
sengers, and the crew numbered 22.
Of this number but 31 are accounted for,
these having been brought by the
tugs.

The individual list of the tugs would
indicate that there were more saved,
but they have not yet been located here.
The tugs remained about the scene
till daylight. The Holyoke reports see-
ing part of the upper works adrift, but
the hull was gone.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

Tugs Picked Passengers' from Pilot
House of Sinking Ship—Searching for
Missing Boat.

Port Townsend, Jan. 9.—Fifty lives
and a fine new steamer were victims of
the storm king which swept over the
straits of Juan de Fuca with relentless
yesterday and last night.
The vessel which went down was the
regular passenger packet Clallam, and
the drowned were principally women and
children, victims of the very spirit which
actuates every brave man, that of lend-
ing aid first to the weak and helpless.

The Clallam made moderately good pro-
gress across the straits, bound for Vic-
toria until Trial Island was abeam. Then
a terrific cross sea was felt, the ves-
sel, retaining her progress and making
little headway for those aboard.
Little fears were manifested, however,
until word came up from below that in-
vestigation showed that the waves on the
windward side had stove in a dead-
light through which the water rushed
in volume, resisting all efforts to stop
it.

Several Well-Known Victorians Among the Lost—Survivors Tell of Last Night's Disaster In the Straits.

A fleet of powerful tugs was dispatched
from here to render assistance.
The Richard Holyoke, in command of
Captain Robert Hall, was the first to
reach the Clallam, which had by this
time careened partly over on the in-
rush of water, which had put the en-
gines out of commission. The Holyoke
reached the Clallam about 11 o'clock
and endeavored to tow her, but the ves-
sel, which had by this time careened
aboard, with which she started to
tow the Clallam to safety.

At 1 a.m. the Clallam took a heavy
list, and those remaining aboard were
compelled to climb up the side to safety,
finally reaching the roof of the pilot
house.

The Holyoke's crew proved themselves
of the right mettle, for without a mo-
ment's hesitation the tug's boats were
lowered and the work of rescue com-
menced.

About 1.30 a.m. the tug Sea Lion,
Capt. Manter, arrived, and her men re-
ndered valuable assistance.
Before all of the struggling people had
been taken off, the Clallam commenced to
break up, and soon after went down
leaving a swirling eddy in her place on
the waves.

All possible assistance to the rescued
people was given by the two shipsmas-
ters and their crews, and the tugs hur-
ried here, arriving at 10 o'clock.
The passengers surviving and the re-
mains of the crew took passage on the
Dirigo, bound for Seattle.

W. H. Grimes, of Redmond, Wash.,
a laboring man, was aboard the Clallam,
bound for Victoria, and gives a concise
statement.

"The weather was pretty rough," he
said, "but I rather enjoyed the motion,
and had no suspicions of danger until
some one forward said something about
life-preservers. I went forward to inves-
tigate, and then learned that a port had
been stove in, and that the Clallam was
making water rapidly."

"The boats were promptly manned and
launched with all success, the conditions
would permit, and then the women and
children and such passengers as desired
to leave were placed in them, competent
crews being in charge.

"They were made off from the steamer suc-
cessfully, but one after another capsized,
and we were helpless to render them any
assistance. They simply drowned be-
fore our eyes.

"In the meantime the crew and passen-
gers were busy bailing and trying to stop
the leak, but without any success. The
bailing was kept up, however, and soon
we were overjoyed to learn that a big
tug had passed by and was towing us
towards Seattle."

"The all hands went on deck, and as
the ill-fated packet listed we gradually
crawled upon her exposed side, from
where the brave fellows from the Holy-
oke rescued most of us."

"Prominent among those known to be
aboard and as yet unaccounted for, is
Homer Swaney, the well-known Iron
steel plant promoter and owner of val-
uable iron properties in British Columbia.
He boarded the vessel here and was not
among the rescued.

Mrs. Lenora Richards, of this city,
the storm king which swept over the
straits of Juan de Fuca with relentless
yesterday and last night.
The vessel which went down was the
regular passenger packet Clallam, and
the drowned were principally women and
children, victims of the very spirit which
actuates every brave man, that of lend-
ing aid first to the weak and helpless.

of the Times, the names of Captain
Thompson does not appear. It is there-
fore a matter of doubt whether or not he
was among the victims. Capt. Thomp-
son has lived in Victoria for many years.
He is very popular personally, and has
been prominently before the public in his
work as an engineer and surveyor with
mining companies on Vancouver Island
and other enterprises. His many friends
have hopes therefore that he may have
been saved if aboard.

Miss Diprose is a sister of Mrs. W. L.
Challoner, of this city. She has been
studying to become a nurse in the hos-
pital at Tacoma.

R. Turner and wife were residents of
Victoria, the former having been em-
ployed here as a street car conductor on
the Spring Ridge run. He had been in
the E. C. Electric Railway Company's
service for the last three years. He and
his wife had been on a visit to friends
in Seattle. Mr. Turner came here from
Los Angeles about three years ago, and
was married in Victoria about 18 months
ago.

Miss Annie Murray, one of the young
ladies aboard, was a member of the St.
Andrew's Presbyterian church choir, and
a daughter of William Murray, North
Park street. The young lady was a
milliner in the White House, and has a
number of brothers and sisters living
in this city. She had been over to Seattle
visiting a sister, Mrs. E. Burns, and at
the time of her return home.

Homer Swaney has frequently visited
the city in connection with mining prop-
erties. He was the prime promoter of
the Ironside steel works, and more re-
cently organized a company in Seattle to
extend the smelter and erect iron works
at Seattle. He had iron properties on
the West Coast, including the Sarita and
Copper Island properties.

N. P. Shaw was a well-known Vic-
torian. He was the head of N. P. Shaw
& Company, of this city, a firm which,
until recently, held the contract for sup-
plying meat to Dawson, which owns and
has just opened up a mine on the West
Coast of this island, and which owns and
operates the steamer Venture. He was a
son-in-law of C. H. Lugin, of this city,
and leaves a widow and child to mourn
his loss.

Mrs. A. J. C. Galletly and Miss Gal-
letly are the wife and daughter of A. J.
C. Galletly, manager of the local Bank
of Montreal. They had been spending a
short time at the Green River springs.
Mrs. Galletly having been somewhat
run down in health as the result of a
severe cold.

Captain Thomas Lawrence was the
master of the steamer Scotia, which
plied on Atlin lake during the past ses-
sion. He was a resident of Seattle. He
was a married man, Mrs. Lawrence is
now a resident of this city. Prior to
engaging in steamboating in the north,
Captain Lawrence was for a number of years
engaged by the C. P. N. Company,
and previous to this again held command
of the tugs Lorne and Pilot. He was
about thirty years of age.

The list best includes W. Gibbons,
the newly appointed organist of St.
John's church, who was to officiate to-
morrow. Mr. Gibbons was formerly or-
ganist in a Tacoma church, where he
was also director of a choral society.

T. Sullivan was a mining man of
Mount Sicker who had been to the
Sound on business.

W. C. Roodledge, another of the
drowned, was well-known here. He was
a painter in Tacoma.

George J. Jeffs, who is among the
reported lost, is well known in Victoria.
He was about 22 years of age, and came
here about three years ago from Tac-
oma. His father, William John Jeffs,
is foreman at the B. C. Market, Govern-
ment street, and residing at 132 Fort
street. He leaves, besides his father and
mother, four brothers and one sister.
One of the brothers is in Oregon and an-
other is in San Francisco.

Freight Clerk Lockwood, who has
acted in that capacity on the Clallam
since that steamer was put on the Seat-
tle-Victoria run, is well known on the
merchants of the city. He was
about 40 years of age, and leaves a wife
and two children in Seattle. Mr. Lockwood
was formerly connected with the steamers
Olympia and Majestic.

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CANDIDATES SPEAK TO THE ELECTORS

A MEETING IN SOUTH PARK FRIDAY EVENING

Aspirants to Aldermanic and School Boards Presented Their Views—Small Attendance.

At the meeting in Seaplane hall Thursday Wm. MacKay presided. The meeting was addressed by both the majority candidates and also by many of the aldermanic and school trustee candidates. C. E. Reifern gave considerable time to the James Bay reclamation, leaving about \$50,000 to complete the work. Of this about \$14,000 was intended to provide for schools, playgrounds, etc. The reclamation work was the greatest importance to the city. The C. P. R. had shown its faith in the future of Victoria in arranging for the erection of a hotel such as that planned. The city must complete its part of the arrangement so that the work might go on.

The question of streets and bridges was always a difficult one to regulate there was such a mileage of streets and sidewalks to keep up. There were 82 miles of streets and about 150 miles of sidewalks. Last year there was available only about 50 cents a foot. He would, if elected, see that the expenditure was as fairly distributed as possible over the city, leaving in the best possible condition the whole. He advocated the introduction of a system of septic tanks for Victoria West sewerage, and the question of despoiling the harbor. He pointed out the advantages to be derived from public wharves. He advocated giving every effort to induce the Dominion government to despoil the harbor. He was opposed to increasing the taxation. The license tax might be more evenly adjusted he thought. As it now was large stores paid an increasing percentage, while small shops should be taxed on a level with other shops—ones in Victoria West and one in the central part of the city.

Mr. G. H. Barnard, in opening, explained his position with respect to the better sewerage of the city. He outlined the efforts he had made in that direction. Living in an outlying district he was sewered yet, all the city was paying for the Indian reserve. The local government should do so. Victoria might then, as Vancouver had done in the case of Stanley Park, secure the land. Victoria had been subjected to the inconveniences arising from the reserve, and was entitled to the land. It would result in affording wharfage facilities and a site for a park. The money to be spent on that part of the city would be a direct benefit to Victoria West. With the settlement of the reserve question access to Victoria West would be obtained by a bridge at Johnston street, or by way of the present railway bridge.

The James Bay flats must be filled at once in order that no obstacle should be placed in the way of the reclamation. C. P. R. hotel. If the dredge were not available for the purpose, then the city must complete the work.

Mr. H. H. Oddy, candidate only when he learned that Mayor McCandless was not seeking re-election, or that his seniors in the council were not wanting it. He believed in the principle of promoting the alderman who showed capacity for the position to the majority.

In reply to questions from Mr. Styles to Mr. Reifern as to carrying the Craigflower road, the old subject was said thoroughly gone into.

Mr. Graham thought the rights in the Craigflower roadway should be purchased, and it should be erected in the way. He suggested the extension of Bay street to West street by trestle, to do away with Rock Bay bridge—a costly way. He would then bring his road that way. He dealt with many other matters, showing the care which the council should take with respect to the expenditures. He favored a new school in Victoria West, and thought the school board might have got it if it had asked for it alone. He also approved of the eight-hour day for workmen, telling what he had done in this direction as an alderman.

Mr. Dinnale protested against the withholding of money from the streets. The money given to the Tourist Association would be better expended in that direction. The North Ward, he argued, had not received its share of the money from the city. He thought it would require \$50,000 to strengthen the James Bay bridge wall, and advised waiting for the dredge to do the filling next June, rather than the city undertaking it alone.

J. L. Beckwith pointed out that it was impossible to equally distribute the expenditure in the three wards. He would seek, if elected, to have the rock crusher put to work in Victoria West. The city needed attention in the North Ward. He also mentioned the septic tank system in Victoria West and a new school.

Mr. Fullerton took the credit for having been the first to suggest the reclamation of the flats. Victoria West had been neglected. In addition to the questions referred to by previous speak-

ers, including the need of a new school and the settlement of the reserve question, he mentioned the importance of the bridge over the James Bay flats. He would, if elected, see that the interests of all wards of the city.

Beaumont Boggs thought Victoria West was neglected. The city officials had not looked after it carefully enough. He spoke of the need of increased accommodation in the schools and the formation of a cadet corps. He believed in strengthening the existing teaching staff.

Other candidates for school trustee spoke, including Geo. Jay, E. A. Lewis, Dr. Lewis Hall, Wm. McKay, Robert Mowat and G. J. Cook.

There was a poor attendance at the meeting held by the candidates for municipal honors and for school trustees at Assembly hall of the South Park school Friday night. It was decided to dispense with the usual addresses by majority candidates, allowing more time for those remaining on the school board. This was decided. Alderman Barnard was voted to the chair. Among those occupying the platform were: Messrs. Wilson, Oddy, Worthington, Douglas, and Fell (candidate for the city council), and Messrs. Lewis, Erskine, Boggs, Cook, Sprague and Mowat.

During the evening Rev. A. Ewing, superintendent of Freebridge, made some suggestions, asked the two candidates for mayor and those aspiring to aldermanic honors where they stood on the gambling question. He also wanted to know whether they would favor the granting of more liquor licenses.

Alderman Barnard, in reply, said that he was not in favor of gambling and would do everything possible to suppress it. He would also oppose the granting of any further liquor licenses. C. E. Reifern answered to the same effect. He had always been against gambling and his policy was not to increase the number of licenses.

Mr. J. A. Douglas thought it was a serious question whether the city should have the power to run a school. He thought that efforts made to suppress gambling resulted in its breaking out somewhere else in a worse form. It was a matter that required some consideration.

B. H. Oddy said that if he was elected and was the fortunate individual to be appointed to the board of police commissioners, he would do everything in his power to suppress gambling. He would also do everything in his power to suppress gambling. He would also do everything in his power to suppress gambling.

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ANNUAL BANQUET ENJOYABLE EVENT

MASONIC FUNCTION HELD THURSDAY EVENING

A Large Number Assembled Around the Festive Board—Excellent Programme.

One of the most delightful functions in the history of Victoria-Columbia Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., was held in Victoria hall, Blaincourt street, Thursday, the occasion being the annual installation banquet. The event was favored by every requisite to success, a large attendance—one hundred and fifty or thereabouts—an elaborately equipped festive board, excellent speeches and a good musical and literary programme being the contributory factors to the evening's pleasure. E. E. Leason, of the Victoria hall, was caterer and excelled himself. During the banquet a very enjoyable programme of music was provided by Messrs. Longfield and Panine.

After the attack, capitulation and destruction of the contents of the table, the toast "The President of the United States" was proposed by W. Bro. S. W. Edwards, whose proposal was an introduction of the United States consul, Bro. A. Smith, who made one of his usual interesting deliveries. He took occasion, in the course of his remarks, to pay a warm tribute to the worth of the installed worshipful master, Bro. Houston, and commented on the great value to made and commerce the Isthmian canal would prove. He expressed the hope that there would be a peaceful solution of the trouble in the Far East, but said he feared that if war ensued the other great nations would be drawn into it. He also spoke regretfully of the recent terrible disaster at Chicago.

Bro. G. L. Milne proposed the "Grand Lodge of B. C." in a few felicitous remarks, the response being made by the grand master, M. W. Bro. C. Ennor Sharp, in an excellent speech. The latter officer proposed newly installed officers, who were present with the following: "Sister Lodges," by Bro. G. D. Christie, elicited responses from representatives who were present in connection with the toast, "Visiting Brethren," by Bro. J. H. Greer, Masons from Toronto, San Francisco and other points, as well as Rev. Officers, who were present with the following: "Sister Lodges," by Bro. G. D. Christie, elicited responses from representatives who were present in connection with the toast, "Visiting Brethren," by Bro. J. H. Greer, Masons from Toronto, San Francisco and other points, as well as Rev. Officers, who were present with the following: "Sister Lodges," by Bro. G. D. Christie, elicited responses from representatives who were present in connection with the toast, "Visiting Brethren," by Bro. 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CLEANING OF CITY AND DISTRICTS IN A COMPROMISED POSITION.

Let one of your New Year's resolutions be to trade at Weiler Bros.

Rev. George Henry Tovey, S. P. G., formerly rector of St. Albans, Nanaimo, passed away on December 7th in the Old Country. He was 53 years of age.

The pupils of Mrs. Dickinson and Mrs. Simpson held a dance last evening at the Assembly hall. There was a good attendance, and all present spent a most enjoyable evening.

The Royal Engineers entertained last evening in the Fives Court, Work Point barracks. There was a large attendance, and a pleasant social time was spent by all.

On Monday next the adjourned session of the Women's Council will be held, commencing at 2:30 at the city hall. Important business will be transacted, and all delegates who were present at the session of December 14th last will be in attendance.

The concluding meeting of the week of prayer will be held in the Congregational church to-night at 8 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Campbell in the chair. Addresses will be given by Dr. Bolton and Rev. Archibald Ewing on the "Progress and Prospects of the Church."

Last evening a meeting of the Victoria Stationary Engineers' Association was held, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: C. W. Ross, president; M. Hutchinson, vice-president; A. M. Atter, secretary; N. Jones, treasurer; T. Heugther, conductor.

The city council is now waiting a reply from the department of public works at Ottawa in respect to the request made for the privilege of extending the roadway around the head of the upper harbor. A reply is looked for shortly, and it is expected that this matter will be one of the first occupying the attention of the new city council.

At the forthcoming Paardeberg Day celebration it is intended that No. 2 Co., Fifth Regiment, shall furnish a squad of men for the purpose of taking part in the programme. With this end in view every member shall attend the meeting after drill on Tuesday next in order to make all necessary arrangements.

Only two cases were dealt with in the police court this morning, that of an Indian who was in possession of liquor and a drunk. The former was convicted and fined \$25 and \$100 costs or one month in prison. In the latter case a fine of \$5 was imposed, with the alternative of ten days' imprisonment.

The Frost Paper Company's mill at Newwood, N. Y., has been destroyed by fire; loss, \$25,000.

The following notice, signed by President Maxey of the Western Federation, addressed to miners of Cripple Creek, was posted: "It has been decided by many courts that members of organized labor are not wanted. Keep your union cards; refuse to be driven away from your house. If compelled to leave by force of arms, union men are advised to return immediately to the Cripple Creek district. The Western Federation of Miners will provide for all striking miners and their families."

Considerable excitement was caused in the northern end of the town yesterday afternoon by the sudden disappearance from the Work Estate of two little boys, aged three and four years. The little fellows had wandered off together, and it was feared might have fallen into some holes. Anxious parties prosecuted a diligent search for the little ones until late in the afternoon, when some older boy, recognizing the children on the street, brought them home to their parents. The little fellows were away from home from one until five o'clock.

A meeting of the Home Nursing Society was held yesterday, when a number of important matters came up for consideration. Dr. Fagan wrote announcing a meeting to be held on January 20th for the purpose of considering the question of the prevention and cure of tuberculosis. Mrs. Jenkins was appointed a delegate to attend that meeting. The gift of a baby buggy from Mrs. Green was gratefully acknowledged. Attention was called to the inadvertent omission of the names of Mrs. McB. Smith and Mrs. H. Young from the list of subscribers in the annual report.

Although his data is not altogether complete, the city superintendent of schools, F. H. Eaton, estimates that one hundred and twenty-five new pupils have been enrolled in the schools. This is a large increase for the opening of the term in midwinter, and has only been surpassed at the commencement of midsummer terms, when a total of one hundred and thirty-five has been recorded. The board will have to face the accommodation question again in all its pristine urgency. There are now sufficient pupils attending the Central school for twenty-two classrooms, and there are only twenty.

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The J. B. A. A. ball committee will meet to-night to appoint sub-committees to arrange for the annual dance to be held on the 22nd inst.

The Sidney sawmill after a few months' inactivity is again in full operation. Nearly 100,000 feet of lumber was recently sent to Hongkong, via Victoria.

Rev. James Turner, president of the B. C. Methodist conference, will preach in the Strawberry Vale church at 11 a.m. on Sunday, and at 3 p.m. at South Stanwick. The offering will be in aid of the sustentation and prophanation funds.

The run of the Hunt Club will take place from "Halwini," the residence of Mr. Justice Irving, Cook street, to-morrow afternoon. The hares will start off at 3 o'clock sharp. Those wishing to view the run may do so by being at the end of Richardson or on Fairfield and Moss streets.

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Snow lies on the Sooke mountains to-day to a depth of about two feet, and the atmosphere in consequence is several degrees cooler than last week. Out at Colwood snow also fell "the Saturday night, and the ground was completely covered, although nearer home hardly a flake fell.

In Sunday's Colonist it was reported that the Jack Swainey saved from the Clallam was a Victorian, resident on Johnson street, which is incorrect. This Jack Swainey is still at college in California, and the one saved was a minor from Friday Harbor, on his way to Mount Skeg with Mrs. Sullins and family.

Officers were elected at the last meeting of Court Victoria, A. O. F., as follows: Past chief ranger, Bro. Giles; chief ranger, P. T. James; sub-chief ranger, J. Tagg; secretary, W. Noble; treasurer, W. C. Kerr; senior woodward, A. Manson; junior woodward, B. Cooper; senior beadle, W. A. Kettle; trustees, J. Tagg, C. Carter, and J. Tagg; surgeon, H. H. Carter. Bro. McKay, assisted by officers from Courts Vancouver and Northern Light, installed the officers.

On Saturday night the members of Chemalunus camp met for the purpose of installing officers and initiating new members. There was a good attendance in spite of the fact that the night was dark, a storm of intermittent rain and snow raging the whole time. Consul Commander May initiated the one candidate who had the elements as well as the goat. Supper was then served, after which Provincial Manager Pullen installed the officers. A number of interesting addresses were given, and very pleasant "ing's" entertainment, the sovereigns getting home just in time to greet the incoming Sabbath.

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YANCOUVER. Another part of the work of Lake Powell, carried on by the Vancouver Power Company, was completed on Saturday night. That was the big dam, which will hold back the waters of the lake and raise its level to the level of the part of the construction is, because of the tunnel itself, the largest of the feet in depth and 40 feet in width at the bottom, tapering to ten feet at the top. It is built on solid concrete, with a foundation on the native mountain rock. The building of the dam was begun a year or more ago. Very soon the whole initial part of the work will be completed, and it will only remain to finish the tunnel connecting Lakes Beauport and Coquitlam before all of the 30,000 horse-power will be available. Lee Jak was convicted in the police court on Saturday on the charge of stealing light from the B. C. Electric Railway Company's power house. He was sentenced to three months in the workhouse, and a fine of \$100. The case was heard by Mr. J. P. Duff, K. C.

Chief of Police North, in his annual report to the city clerk, points out the growing need of more patrolmen, and particularly suggests the advisability of installing a patrol box system similar to that in use in large cities. The clearing of the right-of-way for the Britannia mines aerial tram line for the transportation of ore from the mines to the beach on Howe sound has been completed and preliminary work toward the construction of a wharf is to be undertaken forthwith. The wharf to be constructed will be located not far from the mouth of Britannia creek.

NEW WESTMINSTER. The first regular business meeting of the city council for 1904 was held Monday night. Mr. C. E. Eldridge, mayor, presided over the meeting, extending a welcome to the incoming aldermen, and suggesting an outline for the steps to be taken during the present year. This was received by the aldermen with applause. The following is the arrangement of the business for the evening: Finance; fire department; light, water, sewerage, and drainage; markets and parks; streets; and the expected address of the mayor on civic business. Ald. Vanstone was elected to the position of clerk.

Word comes from Agassiz of the finding of the body of a half-breed boy named Williams, about twelve years of age. The youngster went hunting the other day and had a quarrel with a dog. The dog, which accompanied him, returned home alone and a search was at once started, which resulted in the finding of the body. It is thought that the rifle went off while the boy was going through the woods and the bullet passed through the brain. Capt. Pittendrigh did not deem it necessary to call attention to the danger of allowing young boys to carry firearms.

Wire has been made so fine that a mile of it weighed only 3/4 grain. It is 1,300,000 part of an inch in diameter.

Nearly 500 Boers landed from Bombay for Durban, Natal, on Saturday. They are the last of the irreconcilables who were imprisoned at Ahmednagar. Later they were induced by General De la Rey to take the oath of allegiance.

The steamer Provan has landed at Boston the captain and crew of the schooner G. A. Smith, of Richibucto, N. S., who were found on their dismantled and sinking vessel about 400 miles off the coast. The men were taken off the vessel in an hour after their rescue. The vessel had sunk. The crew of the G. A. Smith had been without food or water for two days.

SMITH-At Alderbank, Alberni, B. C., on the 4th January, the wife of A. L. Smith, government agent, of a son.

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MORRIS-At Revelstoke, on Jan. 1st, the wife of Harry Morris, of a daughter.

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MARTIN-SHAVER-At Kamloops, on Jan. 7th, by Rev. J. C. Stewart, George Martin and Miss Martha Shafer.

FELIPPO-REISCHL-At Vancouver, on Jan. 7th, by Rev. Father Le Chesnoy, G. J. Philippo and Mrs. M. J. Reischel.

DIED. THOMPSON-At Vancouver, on Jan. 8th, Alfred B. Thompson, aged 33 years.

DIPROSE-Drowned in wreck of the S. S. Callan, on Jan. 8th, Ethel Diprose, of Strathroy, Ont., aged 22 years.

MR. POOLEY ON WITNESS STAND

HE IS EXAMINED BY SIR HIBBERT TUPPER

James Dunsmuir's Interruption Attracts Attention of the Counsel and Court.

In the Hopper vs. Dunsmuir trial Saturday afternoon the cross-examination of James Dunsmuir was proceeded with by Sir H. Tupper, K. C. Referring to the question of the wills made by Mr. Dunsmuir, witness said since he had heard of it he never knew of Montford Wilson preparing a will in July, 1900. There was some talk of Wilson preparing a new will in 1901. He did not know that it was ever prepared, however. Mr. Dunsmuir said something about Mr. Dunsmuir's will from New York to Mr. Lovell about changing the will. Witness did not know that a will was executed and witnessed by Mr. Lovell and Mamie Howe and afterwards destroyed. The first he heard of it was after he came to Victoria. He never told Mamie Howe that he knew of this will.

The agreement between James Dunsmuir and Mrs. Alexander Dunsmuir was not drafted by witness. He simply did not know. Both Russel Wilson and Montford Wilson were present and advised James Dunsmuir to get an attorney. Mrs. Wallace was present at the time. Witness was in good health at the time.

Witness came to Victoria in the summer. He arrived on July 12th, and soon after got a copy of Alexander Dunsmuir's will. He was examined upon examination for discovery. He got the copy for Wilson & Wilson. Mr. Dunsmuir wanted to know if the firm of Wilson & Wilson had been consulted by James Dunsmuir within the past two years. Witness objected that the question was not proper, and could not be answered. Mrs. Agnew had been a visitor to the office since about the time of the negotiations for the San Leandro in 1890, eight or ten times, perhaps. He knew her as Mrs. Agnew, but did not know what her business was. His business was with Mr. Lovell. He had a discharge of a housekeeper who had a grievance. He had since found out he was mistaken.

Witness remembered meeting Mr. Bambrick in Victoria last July. He had no specific recollection of talking with him about this case. Considerable difficulty was experienced in getting an answer from witness as to whether or not he had a conversation with Mr. Bambrick at the Driard hotel during the time witness was there. He said he did not recall anything against the question, among them being that it was not specific enough and that he did not know whether it covered all subjects.

To this objection Mr. Duff pointed out that it referred only to the time during which he was at the Driard, which was passed through in July. He did not recall anything in the matter, claiming that he was entitled to an answer. His Lordship suggested that the question might be made as to whether or not he was at the Driard at the time witness was there. He said he did not recall anything in the matter, claiming that he was entitled to an answer.

Re-examined by E. P. Davis, K. C., witness said he understood that "Jim" or Bambrick, was a Pinkerton detective. Capt. W. A. Bissett, of the steamer Weston, was examined by A. P. Luxton. Refreshing his memory by a rough diary, witness outlined the trip to Campbell river, Salmon river and elsewhere. The hunting and fishing expedition, witness counted the fish on each evening after the party had been out. On three occasions Mr. Dunsmuir's catch appeared the largest. Mr. Dunsmuir was seen to be very excited and to be talking about the fish. He said he did not recall anything in the matter, claiming that he was entitled to an answer.

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Before adjournment His Lordship referred to the question of whether or not it would be advisable to consult to take an adjournment on Saturday so that he might take part in the Full Court sitting. Mr. Davis said that after consulting with Mr. Bodwell they were agreed to adjourn for the trial proceeding. Mr. Bodwell said it was a matter of great expense to his side, and therefore he preferred no interruption. His Lordship said he had no preference in the matter, and would therefore go on on Saturday with the trial.

The court then adjourned until this morning. This Morning's Proceedings. Upon the trial resuming this morning, Mr. Bodwell called upon his cross-examination of Dr. Gardner, the medical expert for the defence. Witness said that the percentage of persons of a sound mind is supposed that of persons of unsound mind.

The doctor being asked to give the symptoms of meningitis, gave many of these. Mr. Bodwell then outlined a number of symptoms, which witness admitted were diagnostic of meningitis. He was not prepared to give any of these as pathognomonic symptoms. Finally, witness admitted that though he had not looked it up before coming into the witness box, that two of the symptoms were pathognomonic, or essentially indicative of the disease.

Mr. Bodwell wanted to know if dementia was not a progressive disease, and that therefore all the functions of the brain were not affected. Witness replied that in the disease of paralytic dementia all the functions of the brain were not affected in the first stages. The speech centre, or the memory centre were not necessarily involved. Paralytic dementia may be progressive disease.

Mr. Bodwell was willing to leave out as primary. In secondary dementia, as in some other disease, witness was able to say that dementia was a progressive disease. The greatest ailment on earth could not tell in what direction the disease was progressing in the incipient stages. It was possible that a patient might show signs of the attack of the disease only as to certain functions. He did not know that he had been able to say definitely as to the different centers of the brain. Some attempts had been made towards this, but it was impossible to say definitely where the centers of the brain were located. There was doubt even as to the motor center.

Mr. Bodwell called the attention of witness to the fact that in asylums of the insane were employed in various occupations, and wanted to know if these were not able to carry out various works. Witness said that they required to be under supervision. They had to be started in their work. He said that it was a difficult matter to draw a line between what secondary dementia became chronic dementia. The large percentage of the inmates of asylums had chronic dementia. These were able to accept of their work and do it. They were not able to imitate. This was characteristic of dementia. Witness did not know that he could say that in the incipient stages it was characteristic of patients to accept suggestions. This was very common to them. He saw no reason why a person suffering from dementia should not sign his name to a cheque made out for him. The ability to sign his name usually remained very late with such patients. In paralytic dementia persons sometimes wrote letters. In dementia some cases progressed very slowly. In others it progressed quickly.

A secondary delirium might sign a letter but was incapable of knowing or realizing the force of the contents. Among the limitations of the application of the powers of the mind would be the inability to understand the contents of a letter which the patient was the stage of the disease. Mr. Bodwell wanted to know whether or not the action was such as could reasonably be supposed to be the act of a sane person. A demented person might not reveal to a careless observer that he was demented. The fullest history of the case was required. Referring to the hypothetical case put by Mr. Davis the day previous, as to a person conducting a business conversation and transacting business so as not to awaken suspicion of any unsoundness of mind existing, witness admitted that he could only say this was an act which could not be characterized as insane or irrational. He could not say on that alone that the mind was unaffected.

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doctor should have detected fatty degeneration of the heart, cirrhosis of the liver and chronic gastritis of the stomach in a patient. If a doctor passed them over without detection when they existed he would have a very poor opinion of that doctor's ability, and would not be surprised at a doctor passing over indications of decrepitude in the mental condition.

The witness believed that a person who was a result of excessive dementia had developed an alcoholic liver, cirrhosis of the liver, and chronic gastritis, would almost surely suffer from deterioration of the brain. How much it would be impossible to say without a full history of the case.

For some time medical works were consulted, and the opinion of witness obtained as to the general principles laid down as to alcoholism and alcoholic dementia. Mr. Bodwell gave an hypothetical case, outlining the customs of Alexander Dunsmuir according to the contents of the plaintiff's side, and asked witness to pass upon whether the use of alcohol in the manner described would be a complete producing cause of alcoholic dementia.

Witness said it might or might not. The condition disclosed at the close of the assumed history was descriptive of alcoholic dementia, but not of any other disease. He had no hesitation, however, in saying that if the conditions were a true and complete history that the man was of unsound mind at the conditions described at the time of death as set forth in the hypothetical case, in which there was an almost total extinction of the mental faculties, was indicative of chronic alcoholic insanity, or of alcoholic dementia. The man could get into that condition in a very short time. As to the length of time witness would not offer an opinion, as it would only be a guess. He could not know whether a man could get, in that condition in a month or ten days. That was a question which was not obtainable from reading.

The distinction between chronic alcoholic insanity and alcoholic dementia was asked for. The latter witness said followed directly on the progress of the disease, which might be described as alcoholic dementia. Asked by His Lordship whether chronic alcoholic insanity was curable, witness said it was understood to be such if taken in the earlier stage, and with the irritating cause removed and careful attention to the patient's general health. Mr. Bodwell wanted the distinction which led the witness to describe this case as one of chronic alcoholic insanity, and not alcoholic dementia.

Witness said that there required to be a greater degree of mental weakness than there described and extending over a longer period to indicate alcoholic dementia. He said that if the present symptoms as outlined in the hypothetical case were taken alone, perfectly described a case of alcoholic dementia. Taking the case as a whole, including the present history of the case, he based his opinion that this was one of alcoholic insanity.

Re-examined by E. P. Davis, K. C., witness said that in his answer to the hypothetical case he assumed that all the facts set forth in it were true and nothing material was omitted. The principal business connection was the provision necessary to be made for the increased school attendance, particularly of Chinese boys. The city superintendent reported that upwards of 40 of the latter had presented themselves, and that he had provided for them in the old gymnasium, with Miss Sweet in charge as teacher. He said that he was not sure there were not enough primary grade Chinese, about 75, to form two classes; an effort being made to form a necessary class for the Chinese boys. The superintendent's report was adopted, and he was instructed to carry it into effect as soon as possible.

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ANOTHER STRIKE IN LENORA MINE

NEW ORE LENS FOUND BY MANAGER TREGGAR

Richard III., at Mount Sicker, Begins Shipping to Crofton Smelter This Week. Coupled with this is the announcement that the Richard III. has now entered into a contract with the Crofton smelter for 50,000 tons of ore. These three events in connection with this mining camp in one week are fraught with immense possibilities, and gives evidence that it is destined to become one of the great copper producers of the Northwest.

Under Manager Treggar work has been going for some time in the old workings of the Lenora. Both in the Lenora and the Tree the ore has been found up to the present along the "dirtie wall" and cuts through the properties. Manager Treggar cut away from this in a northerly direction, running 100 feet, when the new body was encountered. He has kept the find quiet for some little time but after nine feet of rich copper ore had been cut into and the drills were still running in the same body he made known his find.

H. C. Bellinger, of the Crofton smelter, brought the news down on Saturday night. Manager Treggar is very enthusiastic over the latest strike, which in itself is the best indication that an immense body has been located. Mr. Bellinger is very much elated over the discovery also, and is of the opinion that he will have now struck another of the ore lenses which occur in the Mount Sicker properties.

If this proves correct, and there is little reason for doubt, the question with the Lenora property becomes one simply of transportation. The Richard III., the latest of the Mount Sicker mines, to become a shipper, will begin this week to send ore to the Crofton smelter. The mine is at the top of Mount Sicker just above the Tree. The company interested have persevered with creditable enterprise until the ore body was reached. This has been accomplished and they have a splendid body in sight.

It is to be delivered to the Crofton smelter at the dump in quantities of 50 tons and upwards a day. A good wagon road exists from the property to the smelter through the Tree property. For the present, Messrs. Brown and Bellinger will transport it by wagon from the pit head to their tramway line, which is only a short distance.

THE DOMINION HOUSE. According to Gossip General Election May Not Take Place Until Summer. Ottawa, Jan. 9. - The political outlook today is that the general election will not take place before June next. This would therefore mean that a session of parliament will be called forthwith. However, nothing definite has been decided upon, and until such time as a ministerial statement has been made it is not safe to predict with certainty as to what course the Premier intends taking. The talk to-day, however, has been all session, while heretofore it has been all election. The next week will dispose of this uncertainty.

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DIPLOMAS PRESENTED. The diplomas were presented to the fifteen successful candidates from the Girls' Central school at the recent High School examinations. The event was made interesting by making it a public affair. The diplomas were presented by the principal, Mr. J. H. Flickinger, and the diplomas were presented by the principal, Mr. J. H. Flickinger, and the diplomas were presented by the principal, Mr. J. H. Flickinger.

NOTICE

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Victoria, Jan. 4th, 1904. Alice Lamont, Margaret Bennan, Jessie M. Coates, Edith C. Devine, Cecile Coates, Isabel Bettson, Marion J. Moss, Amy Acton, Sissy K. B. Allen, Mary F. Loece, Edith C. Devine, Emily H. Barton, Daisy Field, Nancy Harrison and Lily V. Simons. A programme of music, including Christmas carols and a solo by Miss Phyllis Jay, "Gloria in Excelsis," was given by the choir of the school. He referred to the work of the pupils and the teachers in the ten years during which Miss Williams had been in charge of the school that 225 pupils had passed into the University of British Columbia. Lillian Mowat and Winifred Johnson, former pupils of the school, also spoke well for the careful training in the public schools. Addresses were given also by Bishop Perin, Archdeacon Scriver, Rev. Hugh Allen, Col. Holmes and Mrs. Jenkins. H. L. Urquy, the chairman of the board, presented the diplomas to the successful pupils. The following was the class:

The promotion list to the entrance class was as follows: Miss Helen Bell, Laura Le Clerk, Jessie McNaughton, Emily Heather, Eva Nell, Eva Hutton, Isabel Bettson, Mary Williams, Barbara Mowat, Maybelle Condon, Ruby Tannan, Erna Pupple, Charlotte H. Barton, Daisy King, Edith Johns and Eleanor McDowell.

NEW HOME OF THE IMPERIAL BANK

PREPARATIONS WERE STARTED YESTERDAY

The Entire Pritchard Corner Will Be Altered and Substantial Accommodation Provided.

The work of altering and renovating the Pritchard block on the corner of Yates and Government streets for the accommodation of the Imperial Bank of Canada was started Friday, and will be carried on with all possible dispatch.

The chamber will be fitted up with fine antique oak counters and copper grills. It will have a tile floor and heavy plaster beam ceiling, with enriched cornices. The walls will be covered with burlesk.

The site of the Imperial Bank's new quarters is one of the finest in the city, commanding the intersection of two of its main arteries. The fact that such premises are required reflects the marked progress in the bank's business under the able management of Mr. Gibson.

Reference was made in the Times the other day to contemplated improvements to the Dawson hotel building, for which D. F. McCrimmon has the contract.

Work on this undertaking commenced yesterday, and, judging by the plans, the contract is more extensive than first announced.

The entire interior is to be taken out and accommodation for a first class private hotel business installed. Up-to-date suites of rooms, with necessary accessories, will be provided, and every convenience furnished.

Mr. Rattenbury is the architect for this work also. In this connection it might be mentioned that the business of the Orpheum theatre has been purchased by Mr. Boyd, of Vancouver, from the Seattle people who have been operating it.

It is gratifying to note that Messrs. Carruthers, Dickson & Howe, a firm who have secured the contract for the bank fittings, are working up a fine trade with the Northwest in competition with Eastern houses.

Mr. Stoddart, Reuben Fax and company closed a two-night engagement at the Victoria Theatre with a second very fine production of "The Bonnie Briar Bush."

Perhaps no other company in years has succeeded in awakening so general an interest in a theatrical production as Messrs. Stoddart, Fax and their company, and in the audience last night, as in the previous night, there were scenes not usually seen at plays. This fact is undoubtedly due to the reputation which Mr. Stoddart has gained for himself during more than half a century's experience on the stage, and the popularity of the very quaint Scotch stories of Ian MacLaren, dramatized by James McArthur.

Extended notice was given in Thursday's Times of the character of the play, and that the company pleased equally well Thursday was manifested by the very strong hold which it had on the audience from the rise of the curtain.

There is something pathetically touching in Lachlan Campbell's story of life related to the bairns. Miss Mabel Brownell, as Flora Campbell, also played strongly on the feelings of her audience and gave a most faithful and realistic portrayal of an exacting role.

Mr. Fax made an excellent Archibald McKittick as that character is known, and, in fact, throughout the whole performance none but the best in art is presented.

FRENCH CO-OPERATION.

Reports That France Desires Settlement of Manchurian Question According to Russian Demands.

Arrivals from the Far East by the R. M. S. Empress of Japan Thursday evening had little if any news to tell of prospective hostilities. Preparations were being made throughout Japan for war and there was certain excitement in consequence, but beyond this there was nothing more on which the consul observer passing through the country might form a conclusion as to the general situation.

A correspondent writing to a Shanghai paper from Peking last month says: "France now shows a determination to support the Russian demands on China, and is encouraging Russia to take permanent possession of Manchuria. The French minister called on Prince Ching and other ministers, and urged them to grant some of the Russian proposals in regard to Manchuria, if not all; to withdraw their undertaking to open Moukden and Tatum-kaio; to guarantee that no concessions shall be made to any other powers in Manchuria; to consent to the Russian administration of districts traversed by the Eastern Chinese railway; to postpone the date of the Russian withdrawal to March next, and to guarantee all the privileges granted to Russia up to the present time. The French minister further proposed to advance twenty million francs in order that the government might have funds for military operations in Kiangs. If this plan was not acceptable he offered to send French troops to suppress the rioters. It is thus evident that France is taking up a menacing attitude toward China, and is co-operating with Russia. Prince Ching, Na Tung and other high officials meet daily to consider measures for the future. Na Tung called at the Japanese legation and laid a resolution before Mr. Uchida. Na Tung sought the final assent of the Chinese minister to the Chinese. A certain minister here states that Germany will soon join the Russo-French combination."

Manchurian Brigands. The Sin Wan Pao is informed by its Peking correspondent that the brigands of Manchuria who have been enlisted into the services of the Russians are faring exceedingly well with them. The Russians have granted them medals and are paying them handsome compensations for each brigand receiving about twenty roubles per month. Russia's first intention was by no means so generous, in fact they intend to exterminate them, but they found that was an easy task. They often met the brigands in lonely spots where they deprived them of their arms and other provisions, but as soon as a large body of Russian soldiers appeared on the scene, the brigands disappeared among the woods and mountains which they knew so well. Therefore the Russians thought it would be wiser to ask them to surrender and enlist them into their services. At the same time they would not allow the Chinese to exterminate those brigands who had not joined them, in fact they preferred to have some left to cause disorders in the three eastern provinces, so that they might have a pretext for continuing their occupation of Manchuria. Officials of the Russian government are treating the Manchurian brigands with scant courtesy. Many of the Manchou officials returning to Peking had their women folks molested by the Russian soldiers.

INSTALLATION BANQUET. Enjoyable Function Held by Victoria Lodge, No. 17, K. of P., Last Night.

The installation banquet of Victoria Lodge, No. 17, K. of P., last night, was a most enjoyable affair. About one hundred members and visiting brethren sat down to a tempting repast provided by Bro. E. Leason at the Victoria hotel, and after ample justice had been done the good things on the festive board the toast list was proceeded with. Bro. W. E. Goodenough, J. G. Hilton, W. P. Allen and W. D. Kinnaird, Bro. E. Dickinson provided a graphophone solo, which provoked much merriment.

The banquet was terminated with cheers and the National Anthem. Preceding it officers were installed, as follows: C. C., E. W. Bradley; V. C., A. B. Oldershaw; prelate, J. P. Groppe; K. of R. S., E. P. Nathan; M. of B., M. at A., J. H. Mansell; I. G., W. P. Allen as grand master at arms.

At the close of the ceremony the retiring chancellor commander, Bro. W. E. Goodenough, was presented with a gold jewel by the lodge, the presentation speech being made by P. C., E. J. Wall.

IN SECOND ROUND. "Kid" Sullivan Defeated Sammy Meyers at Baltimore.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 5.—"Kid" Sullivan, of Washington, D. C., knocked out Sammy Meyers, of New York, last night in the second round of the 15 round bout before the Empire athletic club.

A hard left to the stomach followed by right hook to jaw did the trick. The men weighed in at 131 pounds.

RESERVISTS NOW IN THIS COUNTRY

EXPECT WORD FROM CONSUL AT ANY TIME

About Five Hundred in Western Canada - A Number Are in Victoria - All Waiting.

In conversation with a prominent local Japanese merchant Thursday afternoon a Times representative learned that there were quite a number—perhaps five hundred—of the Mikado's army and navy reservists in Western Canada anxiously awaiting from their country's consul the word which they were to go back to Japan. This, of course, may come at any time, and not a few veterans of Ping Ping and other battles of Japan's last war are making arrangements for departure at a moment's notice. Some of these are in Victoria and they seem impatient to have a check at what they regard as their hereditary foe.

Enlightened Japanese of this city, quite naturally, have been sizing up the situation as closely as the rather long range will permit, and express no hope of a peaceful solution of the difficulties between their country and Russia. The merchant already alluded to yesterday explained that ever since Japan's triumph over China when both she and Russia have realized that sooner or later the tug-of-war between them would come, the prize being the mastery over the East. Each, therefore, has been incessantly preparing, and in that preparation the Island Kingdom has not been backward. Realizing that Korea would become the key to the situation, Japan has endeavored to limit in his English, having only worked a short time ago, but he knew what the word "war" stood for, as he smelt most unmistakably when he heard it and suggested most pleasantly that the prospect served with a cavalry division in the war with China, and took part in some of the principal battles. He said that it was estimated that there were about five hundred reservists in Canada, and five thousand or more in the United States. It was in the Hawaiian Islands, however, where there was the greatest number. Although the word was given there should be a hundred thousand reservists responding to their country's call. A number of the Japanese fishermen at Stoveston are naval reserve men.

Besides the men belonging to the army and navy reserves, there will be an exodus of thousands of loyal soldiers from the Mikado from the States who will enroll themselves in volunteer regiments. The Japanese reserve man whom the Times man ran across yesterday said that he could put about seven hundred thousand men in the field, which might possibly be increased to a million. But all intelligent local Japanese agree that their country is prepared, that they are in the right, and they seem to have no fear of the outcome.

PLEASANT DANCE. Children Had the Floor Until 10 O'clock, Followed by Adults.

The Cinderella dance given in Assembly hall last evening by Mrs. Lester proved a great attraction and well on to 400 spent a most enjoyable evening. The children were given the floor until 10 o'clock, and most of them appeared in fancy costume and presented a beautiful spectacle. Miss Gertrude Moore, of Skagway, dressed to represent a pink rose, was a great attraction and the adults took the floor and spent an enjoyable night. Fin's orchestra provided the music. Refreshments were served during the evening.

The ladies of the New Westminster basketball team were present by invitation and enjoyed a few hours at the ball. With their match coming on this evening they left early however.

Assembly hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The floor was in excellent shape and there was nothing to mar the thorough enjoyment throughout the night.

FIVE CANDIDATES. For the Rhodes Scholarships Have Announced Themselves.

The Rhodes scholarship committee, consisting of His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, Chief Justice Hunter and Superintendent Robinson, of the education department, met last evening at Government House to initiate arrangements for the examinations to be held here. The qualifying examination will be conducted about the end of next March, as it is expected that the examination papers will be received from London in a few days. At the meeting last evening five candidates announced themselves. They are: J. P. Groppe, of the R. M. S. Empress, a student at McGill University in his fourth year; H. Bray, Nanaimo, in his second year at Toronto University; Edwin K. Debeck and William A. Donaldson, of Vancouver, now completing their second year at Vancouver College.

ROXBURGH BECOMES INDEPENDENT. London, Jan. 5.—The Duke of Roxburgh has resigned his commission as a Lieutenant in the Royal Horse Guards, known as "The Blues."

THE SCHOOL FIRE.

Children Marched Out of Building in Two Minutes.

Toronto, Jan. 5.—The fire which destroyed Hamilton street public school broke out just when the work of the day had been started. Thanks to the efficiency of the fire drill the children, 500 or 600 in number, were all got safely out of the building without injury in two minutes. Fire started in the furnace room, probably due to overheating on account of cold weather. The loss is placed at \$25,000. Most of the children lost their winter clothing. The school officials say that but for the splendid manner in which the fire drill was carried out there would have been a loss of life.

WAR IS FEARED AND VESSELS ARE HELD

SEALERS MAY NOT CROSS THE OCEAN

Triumph and Casco Detained Until News is Received Respecting Far Eastern Situation.

Pending some definite information about the prospect of war between Russia and Japan, the sealing schooners Casco and Triumph, which have been fitted out by the Victoria Sealing Company for cruises in Asiatic coastal waters, are lying in James bay, awaiting orders. They have been there for the last few days, and will remain at anchor for a few days longer unless in the meanwhile the formal announcement of a declaration of war has been received, in which event the vessels will not cross the Pacific, but will sail far down the coast in company with others.

Capt. Burns, of the Triumph, when spoken to this morning about his plan, said the schooners were both awaiting instructions from the sealing company. "If war is declared," he stated, "I will not cross to the Japan coast. A conflict between Russia and Japan might not interfere with our operations, but there would be some danger, and we don't want to run any risk. Where we sail is almost immediately off the Korean coast, and here I expect will see the Russian fleet, and in the event of war, the hunting grounds extend from a point off Vladivostok to the southern end of the Korean peninsula, and it would be very tempting to a Russian fleet to overhaul a schooner with guns and ammunition. In this way things could be made very disagreeable for us."

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But these two schooners will not be the only sealers which will be affected by a break of war in the Far East. There is a big fleet of schooners now operating out of Japan, which, unless some settlement is arrived at between Japan and Russia, will in all probability have to tie up for the year. In this way the Victoria sealers will again have control of the entire industry as conducted at sea.

With regard to war risks taken on vessels going to Japan, a San Francisco paper says that the rates have about doubled within the last three or four months. The paper adds: "The risks to Russian ports are, however, at prohibitory rates. The risks to Japan are confined to neutral goods. The policies warranting no declaration of war during January are quoted at 55 per cent."

SCOW OF LUMBER ASHORE. The Vancouver tug Edna Grace is reported to be in trouble again. It will be remembered that the tug struck the rocks some time ago and was hauled out on Turpe's ways for repairs. And now comes the news that the steamer's tow, a scow load of lumber which she was bringing in from Sidney, ran ashore off that point and refused to be moved. The tug came to yesterday for another scow, and with a crowd of men returned to the scene of the accident in the afternoon.

NO DECISION REACHED. When the R. M. S. Empress of Japan, which arrived in port the other day from the Orient, sailed from Shanghai on December 18th, no decision in the admiralty case of the Quantai and the Empress of India had been rendered. It will be remembered that the Imperial Chinese government is suing the Empress of Japan for the sinking of the cruiser Quantai off Hongkong several months ago. It was expected that the court would have rendered a decision long before this.

MOANA'S REPAIRS. To repair or replace the stern post and keel-piece of the steamer Moana it was necessary to send to San Francisco to have the part forged. The big piece of metal was received at Esquimalt some days ago. It was forged in separate pieces at first and then the whole welded together. It weighs in all ten tons.

BEATEN TO DEATH. Budapest, Hungary, Jan. 5.—Paul Benedit, a Liberal member of the Hungarian Diet, was murdered at Nagy Kikings, this morning by two peasants. He was first shot at and wounded, and was then beaten to death with iron bars. The motive of the crime was revenge for the loss of a law suit brought by the father of the murderers.

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THE YUKON RAILWAY. Recent Arrival From North Does Not Think It a Business Proposition.

"I don't think the proposed railway from Port Simpson or some other British Columbia port would be a good business proposition." Such was the opinion expressed at the Dominion hotel by a mining man recently returned from the Yukon, in explaining his reasons for this view, he pointed out in the first place the expense that would necessarily be entailed in the construction of such a road. "It is my opinion," he added, "that in some places the railroads would cost as much as \$50,000 a mile. Its maintenance, if constructed, would amount to a large sum of money annually. In his opinion there would not be enough traffic to pay running expenses. The project sprung from a feeling of annoyance over the decision of the tribunal in the Alaska boundary dispute. It was sentiment, and he said, 'business and sentiment never go together.'"

He expressed the opinion that two countries such as Canada and the United States, whose commercial interests were identical in many ways, should be able to come to some satisfactory agreement which would allow Canadian goods to pass through American territory to the Yukon without hindrance. "The country could afford to be independent. It one took advantage of the situation the other was in a position to retaliate."

Speaking of the Grand Trunk railway, he said when constructed it would open up valuable mining country. "Prospectors," he said, "are already hurrying in to Cassiar in order to locate claims of which they already have a knowledge, but have not bothered with on account of the lack of transportation facilities." There were indications of some excitement among mining men when the route of the railway through northern parts of the province became known.

Referring to the Yukon, he said that the new diggings east of White Horse were looking well, and it was generally thought that they would be the centre of attraction next summer.

Park Godwin, editor of the New York Evening Post, and well known as editor and author of several books, died on Wednesday, aged 88 years.

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(From Tuesday's Daily) The Clallam disaster still over Victoria. Business has been and the calamity is the one to be remembered. There seems to be demand on the part of the public for thorough investigation into the unfortunate affair, and actual sentiment the board of trade has taken steps to make representation to the Dominion government. A special committee was appointed, and a meeting was held last night, and the committee was organized. A special committee was appointed, and a meeting was held last night, and the committee was organized.

Up to 2 o'clock five more men added to the list of those who have been recovered. The bodies of C. H. Joy, Mrs. J. Gill, Peter Lapland and V. were picked up and conveyed to the Dominion government. A special committee was appointed, and a meeting was held last night, and the committee was organized.

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In reply the following was sent to Ottawa: His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada: Your kind message just received will be gratefully received by HENRY J. DE LATHA. R. GRIFFITHS

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