

No. 3350; Thomas Bennan Gillespie, \$425. "n."

OF MOTION.

For a return of the titles stated by the pro to have been deposited ment on the 10th of and regularly renewed performance of the dut administrator of intestate als of B. C. house of age 87.

For a return show- of E. M. Johnson, of Miss Davey, of Vic- to land near Grand the record of Ruckie ace, and also of all cor- pected therewith.

Friday—Whereas in the Sayward Mill and r. Ltd., of Victoria, ayment, various men ve been unable to ob- vances due them, and sufficient funds in the idator to pay such aid liquidator is unable ges on account of the he government for ins- payable under certain reas such leases, it is been hypothesized to banks as "security ances, and whereas contain provisions for the event of non-com- pitions on which they sefore this house is the chief commissioner s should insist upon im- of the present holders, all rent and dues pay- pain of cancellation refusal, and thus allow ds of the liquidator to payment of wages show- ed.—For a return show- edulars of the various he Sayward Mill & Tim-

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OF QUESTION.

edy—Is Dr. Watt, the e provincial board of e Dr. Watt who is in Dominion quarantine sta- head? If so, can the be expected to be laxity in enforcing the len—What right (if any) nment of British Colum- rials which were issued e Bay Company in lands to settlers on Vancouver ter—Whether the deposit y, who ran in opposition earts for the election in the provincial election forfeited. If not, why?

TO GOOD HEALTH

The Kidneys—Like a Well as Still as the Keen man Healthy—Interest- um Quebec.

have very appropriately as the sanitary system body. Let them become d disease will quickly fol- the obstructions are re- ill be the result. Mr. D. herbrooke, P.Q., suffered o complicated kidney e, but no relief came un- South American kidney ment is that four bottles ed him, and today he is nt of sound health. In ressing cases this remedy six hours.

ADIAN NEWS.

el. 24.—The council here by-law prohibiting the em- any contractor or public any workman unless he in Windsor for six months previous to his employ- adequate appliances, re- Mr. A. M. Buchanan, Mil- bleks here, with several connected with the prop- ed. The total loss involved 0.

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FROM THE CAPITAL

Strong Lobbying Being Done by Those Interested in the Crown's Nest Pass R.R.

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Mover of the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne Selected.

Death of Thomas Christian—Architect for the Militia Department Chosen.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—Hon. Mr. Blair was not able to be present at the meeting of the cabinet yesterday afternoon, consequently the Crown's Nest Pass railway was not discussed. There is still strong lobbying being done on both sides by those for the C. P. R. and those against.

Mr. Ethier, Two Mountains, will move the address in reply to the speech from the throne; the seconder has not yet been selected.

Thomas Christian, who was accidentally shot at the drill hall here a couple of days ago, while engaged in marking the target, died at noon to-day. The young man who held the rifle from which the fatal bullet sped was Arthur Mackintosh, son of the Congregational minister here. He is quite prostrated over the sad affair. Christian is an Englishman who was at one time in the Imperial army, and is over 30 years of age. He was caretaker at the drill hall.

Mr. Weatherby, Halifax, N. S., son of Judge Weatherby, has been appointed an architect in the militia department in place of Fred White. Weatherby is a graduate of the Royal Military College.

Premier Haultain, of the Northwest Territories, is here. He wants the railways act changed to permit the formation of an executive council instead of the executive committee appointed by the legislature; he says the Territories are not yet ready for provincial autonomy.

A convention of the Liberal-Conservatives of the Northwest Territories will be held at Regina on Saturday, March 6, to form a general Liberal-Conservative association.

The secretary of the Dominion Rifle Association has secured an agreement that in all competitions at Bisley, counting the grand aggregate, the Lee-Enfield or Lee-Enfield will alone be used this year. This shows the necessity of Canadian marksmen familiarizing themselves with the new rifle.

Mayor Bingham yesterday entertained over 300 city ladies at luncheon. Mme. Laurier and the wives of several members of the cabinet were present. No other were allowed in the room.

The writ for Bonaventure has been issued, nomination day being fixed for March 6, and polling one week later.

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 26.—Sixty-six men employed on the intercolonial rail- way shops have been notified that their services will not be required after the 9th of March. Some of the hands notified have been in the service ten and twenty years. About 50 new hands have been taken on since the change in government.

GENERAL LEE'S ATTITUDE.

Is Still Firm in His Determination to Resist.

New York, Feb. 26.—The Herald's correspondent at Havana, Stephen Bonsal, cables: "I have the highest authority for saying that General Lee's attitude towards the murder of Dr. Ruiz and the imprisonment of G. W. Scott remains the same as when he made his protest. He has not recalled his resignation nor the demand that he be relieved from office if his policy in regard to the release of American citizens is not sustained."

Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—Representative Suizer, of New York, has introduced a bill declaring war between Spain and her colonies and the United States.

PILOTAGE BILL DEAD.

Killed in the House at Olympia by a Decisive Vote.

Olympia, Feb. 26.—The pilotage bill is dead as Caesar. It was unceremoniously and effectually killed this afternoon in the house by a decisive vote of 50 to 21.

The measure came up on a report by the committee on commerce and manufactures that the bill be passed with the compulsory section stricken out. This section was the very life of the bill, and its elimination by the committee left the supporters of the measure nothing to fight for. Three members of the committee presented a minority report recommending that the bill pass without amendment.

Phil Smith, of Lewis, led the fight for the bill. He was assisted by Hodgdon of King, and together they made the Puget Sound Tugboat Company the butt of a vigorous attack on "combines and monopolies. Hodgdon was particularly rabid. He denounced the tugboat combination, evidently without first ascertaining the actual conditions that exist on the lower Sound, and when he saw that the bill was to be killed by the house, gave notice of the tugboat company that he intended as a retaliatory measure to introduce a bill reducing towage charges.

Frank Baker, H. K. Struve and Capt.

Victoria Times.

VICTORIA, B. C. TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1897.

ENGLAND ENRAGED

British Blood Boils at Lord Salisbury's Weak-Kneed Foreign Policy.

Very Strong Words of Censure from Many of the Leading Journals.

King George Has Finally Stated That He Cannot Withdraw.

London, Feb. 26.—The Chronicle strongly urges the masses to agitate at all lengths against the government, and Jerome K. Jerome's paper to-day says that the Marquis of Salisbury is no Englishman; that he is doing the bidding of that "pompous blackguard" Emperor William, and accuses the Conservative government of being owned "body and soul" by capitalists, and indulges in other language toward them which is almost unprintable, showing that some English papers can sin in this respect more deeply than the American newspapers they so frequently taunt with this offence. The concluding sentences of the article yesterday are:

"If the concert of Europe must be broken up to have done with this devil's work, in the name of God, let it go down, and be drowned in its own blood. Better war from the Rhine to the Urals than this infamy should continue. There shall be no compromise, no deal, no deal, no deal, and no deal."

The Chronicle also publishes a two-column dispatch from the minister of foreign affairs of Greece, dated February 16, and addressed to the courts of Europe, explaining that the dispute between Greece and Turkey was intended to protect subjects in Crete, begging the powers to impress the Sultan of the danger incurred if the Turkish troops were sent to Crete, and declaring that Greece would be responsible for the consequences of such action.

The Athens correspondent of the Chronicle had two interviews with King George. In these interviews the King said he had received advice from the cabinet to withdraw all his troops and her fleet from Crete within three days.

London, Feb. 26.—It is unofficially stated that King George has sent the Prince of Wales an open-worded telegram saying that the recall of the Greek fleet from Crete by an ultimatum of the powers is impossible.

A dispatch to the Chronicle from Athens says: "During the interview with King George obtained by your correspondent on Wednesday, the King said: 'I cannot express my profound astonishment and grief upon learning that the representatives of the great Christian powers have not only permitted the Turkish force to employ as a military base a sphere they had taken under their protection in order to impose upon its neutrality and peace; but also positively caused their cannons to be fired upon the Christians, driven by outrage and massacre to struggle for life, liberty and religion. Nothing in the world has ever occurred which would have induced me to believe in the possibility of such an act.'"

The Tory papers are now criticizing the concert of Europe. The Times this morning says:

"The powers exercise an effective control over the concert of Europe beyond the range of their guns, and they may at any moment find themselves confronted with a state of things which will render ingenious diplomatic glosses too absurd to be longer tolerated. The powers, unless they move speedily and to some purpose, war is likely to result from their inaction."

"If the concert is so ineffective in dealing with affairs in an island, what are we to expect when reforms in the continental dominions of the Sultan come up for serious consideration? The want of policy clearly defined and unanimously pursued may lead to a greater and anything Greece can do. At least three powers have to take account of popular feeling, which does not pay much heed to distinctions that seem important to diplomatists."

"Public opinion in England, France, Italy and in a less degree in Germany, does not understand the coercion of Greece. In the absence of definite agreement to settle the matter in some way they ask Greece to abstain from meddling without showing that they have any remedy to apply when she withdraws. Though not easy to see where the hitch occurs, it is plain enough that it exists. Public opinion is impatient and incredulous, and events are moving while diplomacy stands still."

The Pall Mall Gazette speaks of the intolerable dilatoriness of the powers, and says: "Added details about Sunday's bombardment make it exceedingly firing the Turks continued to shoot at the Christians, while the latter dared not reply. Thus the Turkish cannon were still busily engaged while the disheartened insurgents remained silent in fear of the shells of the powers."

"We want sharp measures, if necessary, the occupation of the whole island, and certainly notice to quit to both Greece and Turkey, but not until Europe shows for whom and for what she is acting by a plain pronouncement as to the future of the island. A mixed occupation of every accessible point in the island is demanded, and along with it a clear out of the neighborhood of Crete Europe has had enough of this anarchy, this deliberate impelling of the peace of the world."

New York, Feb. 26.—A special to the Herald from St. Petersburg says: "The Novoe Vremya claims that the Greek policy is good for England. If she goes in it will be impossible to forbid the Turks defending their territory. The Miroslavski Golos says the trouble is purely local one and does not threaten the peace of Europe. The Glasnost says the Greeks counted on discord and found it. Greece must capitulate on European terms."

A special to the Herald from Constantinople says: "Ismael Bey, governor ad interim of the palace, has officially informed the ambassadors that, taking the gravity of the events into consideration, the Turkish government has decided to consider itself bound by its promises with regard to the sending of reinforcements to Crete."

The ambassadors are now trying to

ALASKAN BOUNDARY

Full Text of the Treaty Between United States and Britain Signed on January 30th.

Each Government to Appoint One Commissioner—Work Will Soon Commence.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The following is the full text of the treaty for the determination of the Alaskan boundary, signed on January 30th, 1897, between Secretary Olney and Sir Julian Pauncefote, British ambassador:

Article 1.—Each government shall appoint one commissioner, with whom may be associated such surveyors, astronomers and other assistants as each government may select.

The commissioners shall, as early as practicable, proceed to trace and mark so much of the 141st meridian of west longitude as is necessary to be defined for the purpose of separating the territory of the United States by a treaty between the United States and Russia on March 30, 1867. Inasmuch as the summit of Mount St. Elias, although not ascertained to lie in fact upon the said 141st meridian, is so nearly coincident therewith that it may conveniently be taken as a visible land mark, whereby the initial part of the said meridian may be established, it is agreed that the commissioners, jointly and severally, if it is advisable so to do, shall mark the most southerly portion of the said line, so as to make it range with the summit of Mount St. Elias, such deflection not to be extended more than twenty geographical miles northward from the initial point.

Article 2.—The data relating to the determinations already made at this time by either of the two governments concerned, of points on or near the 141st meridian, as determined by the commissioners, shall be submitted by each government to the commissioners, who shall decide which of the results and determinations shall be adopted by them. In the case of disagreement between the commissioners as to correct geographical co-ordinates for one and the same point determined by either government, a separate position midway between the locations in question, 141st meridian, shall be adopted, provided the discrepancy between them does not exceed one thousand feet. In case of greater discrepancy a new joint determination shall be made by the commissioners.

Article 3.—The location of the 141st meridian, as determined hereunder, shall be marked by intervisible objects, natural or artificial, at such distances apart as the commissioners may agree upon, and by such additional marks as they shall deem necessary, and the line between them shall be deemed to be permanent for all international purposes, the 141st meridian, mentioned in the treaty of March 30th, 1867, between the United States and Russia. The location marks shall be described by such views and other marks as the commissioners may decide upon, and duplicate records of these descriptions shall be deposited by the commissioners jointly and severally, in a safe repository, together with their final reports hereafter mentioned.

Article 4.—Each government is to bear the expense incident to the employment of its own appointees, and of the operations conducted by them, but the cost of the material used in permanently marking the meridian, and its transportation, is to be borne jointly and equally by the two governments.

Article 5.—The commissioners shall diligently prosecute the work to completion, and they shall submit to their respective governments from time to time, and at least once every calendar year, a joint report of the progress, and a final comprehensive report upon the completion of the whole work. The present convention is to be ratified by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, and by Her Britannic Majesty, and the ratification to be exchanged at Washington or London as soon as possible within twelve months from the date thereof.

In faith thereof, we, the representatives plenipotentiaries, have signed this convention and hereunto affixed our seals.

Done in duplicate at Washington, this 30th day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

RICHARD OLNEY,
JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE.

Luxuriant hair of uniform color, is a beautiful head-covering for either sex, and may be secured by using Hall's Vegetable Sclerian Hair Renewer.

OLD CASE REVIVED

A Discussion in the British House of Commons Over the Alabama Award.

Reports of Consternation at Johannesburg—Prince of Wales Holds a Levee.

London, Feb. 27.—The parliamentary secretary for foreign affairs, Mr. George N. Curzon, replying in the house of commons yesterday to Mr. Thomas Gibson Bowles, who asked whether there is any prospect of the United States repaying Great Britain the \$5,000,000 still unclaimed of the Alabama award, read the reply which the late William H. Smith, as first lord of the treasury, made to a similar question in 1891. It was in effect that it is contrary to the terms of the treaty of Washington for the British government to request a return of the unclaimed balance. Mr. Curzon added, in reply to a question of the United States representative for the government of the United States, that the Col. Rhodes resumed his testimony yesterday. He gave as a reason for his actions his belief that President Kruger favored Germany.

A special dispatch from Johannesburg says that consternation has prevailed there since the Rand adopted yesterday the new high court law by which any judgment can be annulled by the Rand. Business, it is added, is demoralized, as no contract or concession is regarded as safe. The English newspapers maintain that the law is a breach of article 27 of the convention, and even the Dutch newspapers counsel moderation.

The house of commons voted an appropriation of £15,000 and will take part in the Paris exhibition in the year 1900.

The Prince of Wales yesterday held the first levee of the season. He was assisted by the Duke of York. The function was a brilliant one and there was a large attendance.

Berlin, Feb. 27.—Emperor William, at the banquet of the Badenweg provincial diet, made a long speech, dwelling upon the necessity of fighting the forces of subversion which are seeking to undermine the foundation of the nation.

Hamburg, Feb. 27.—The British steamer Duchess of York, Captain Lyon, from Galveston, January 22, for this port, which went ashore at Niueve, Diep, Feb. 23, and after despatching a part of her cargo was floated February 25, is reloading.

Brisbane, Queensland, Feb. 27.—Further details from New Guinea of the massacre by natives of Manbare, in which the governor's assistant was killed, in addition that six miners and 40 natives were murdered.

SCATHING CRITICISM

Upon Indecent Newspaper Publications by the President.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The president has delivered a most scathing criticism upon indecent newspaper publications in denying a pardon to James B. Wilson, sentenced in December, 1895, in Indiana, for two years imprisonment for mailing obscene papers. The president says:

"This convict was one of the editors and proprietors and a distributor through the mails and otherwise of a disgusting, vile and obscene newspaper. His conviction and sentence was an event, distinctly tending to the promotion of public morals and the protection of the sons and daughters of our land from filth and corruption at a time when indecent newspaper publications are so dangerous and common. Everybody in favor of cleanliness should encourage the punishment of such offences and desire that it should be more frequently imposed."

"While I am much surprised by the number of respectable people who have joined in urging clemency in this case, my duty seems so clear that I am not in the least tempted to interfere with the just and wholesome sentence of the court."

A Point to Remember.

If you wish to purify your blood you should take a medicine which cures blood diseases. The record of cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla proves that this is the best medicine for the blood ever produced. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures the most stubborn cases and it is the medicine for you to take if your blood is impure.

HOOD'S PILLS are the best after-dinner pill; assist digestion, cure headache. 25 cents.

PREPARING FOR WAR

"Abdul the Damned" is Girding His Loins for a Final Struggle.

Turkish Troops Massing on the Frontier—Grand Duke George of Russia Active.

Rumor That Concert of Powers is Broken—Greece Preparing to Fight.

Constantinople, Feb. 27.—War preparations are rapidly proceeding in Turkey. Quantities of Mauser rifles and munitions of war have been dispatched from here to Salonica and Adrianople, the consignment to the latter place being for the Mussulmans on the Bulgarian frontier. Similar measures are being taken on the Turkish frontier.

New York, Feb. 27.—A dispatch to the Herald from Athens says:

"Dispatches from Turunovo state that 700 Turkish troops have arrived at Elaseona. Two other detachments are expected shortly. Six batteries are on their way to the Greek frontier. Redji Pasha, until now in command at Bagdad, has been appointed commander-in-chief.

The cruisers Myall and Skatritza have arrived at the Piræus from Crete. The Grand Duke George of Russia arrived from Patras on board the Tzarevna and leaves at once for an unknown destination.

Salonica, Feb. 27.—Massing of Turkish troops and munitions of war on the frontier is proceeding with feverish haste. All soldiers on furlough have been recalled. Eleven batteries of artillery, a regiment of cavalry and two battalions of infantry have gone from here. Monastir and elsewhere in Elaseona. Two additional battalions of infantry have reached Katerina. Relief from Smyrna, Brusa, Tripolis, and elsewhere in Anatolia is on the way to the frontier, where a total of six divisions will be formed with headquarters at Elaseona.

London, Feb. 27.—A telegram received from Athens by a Greek firm suggests that the King of Greece has indicated the intention to accept the demands of the powers.

Athens, Feb. 27.—The government deputies at a secret meeting just held decided to support any government favoring "a forward policy."

The collective note was still undelivered. Only the Austrian, German and Russian ministers have received instructions. It is rumored that one power has withdrawn from the concert.

Canea, Crete, Feb. 27.—The Turks, having been furnished with arms by the government, have made a sortie for the purpose of occupying strategic points around Candia. They attacked and inflicted a severe loss upon the Christians. The commanders of vessels anchored in the harbor protested to the government against what they claimed was a violation of armistice.

London, Feb. 27.—A dispatch to the Times from Athens says: "Prime Minister Delvannis, in an interview on Thursday, assured me that the decision of the government to maintain the army in Greece was irrevocable. On the other hand Greece had no intention of declaring war against Turkey. Such a step would only be taken if the Turks invaded Thessaly or the great powers rendered the position of the Greek army in Crete intolerable. There was no intention of invading Macedonia. Greece was not desirous of embroiling Europe in a general war. No understanding exists between Greece and Bulgaria in regard to Macedonia."

The Athens correspondent of the Times says: "The calmness and moderation of Premier Delvannis impressed me most favorably. He is evidently averse to desperate measures. I do not believe that by the end he would reject any solution which Greece could honorably accept, but neither he nor the King could restrain the wild excitement of the populace. Nothing could be more unwise than for the powers to drive the Greeks to desperation."

A dispatch to the Standard from Athens says the long visit of the British minister to the King yesterday revives the rumor that England favors the Greek claims in Crete. Two more classes of reserves were called out to-night. The Crown Prince Constantine and Duke of Sparta will shortly start for the frontier. There is feverish activity in the department of the minister of war. Thousands of volunteers are offering their services to the government. The Red Cross hospital ship started for Crete last night.

A dispatch to the Standard from Constantinople says: "The expense of mobilizing are being largely met by cash payments received by appropriations of capital obtained from the agricultural banks. The Porte has demanded the immediate recall of the Greek consuls. Persons who are suspected of informing Greece of the movements of Turkish troops."

COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS.

William Golding, commercial traveler, 120 Esther street, Toronto, says: "For fifteen years I suffered untold misery from Itching Piles, sometimes called hemorrhoids. Many and many weeks have I had to lay off the road from this trouble. I tried eight other pills of cheapness. Chase's Ointment cured me completely."

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LONDON NEWS BY THE CABLE

Lord George Hamilton Talks About India and Her Awful Famine.

Mysterious Murders in Railway Carriages - Kleptomaniacs a Growing Fad.

Senator Wolcott's Mission - Curious Sight Witnessed in Piccadilly at Midnight.

London, Feb. 27.-Lord George Hamilton, secretary of state for India, has immensely pleased the whole of the Empire by his speech yesterday.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Notice of Motion handed in yesterday at the House. An influential delegation from the franchise bodies waited on the government yesterday and asked for some notice of motion to be handed in the House.

Disorders caused by a bilious state of system can be cured by using Carter's Liver Pills. No pain, griping or other attending their use. Try them.

Ask your grocer for Windsor Salt Table and Dairy, Purest and Best.

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SUCCESSFUL GROWERS THE STEELE BRIGGS SEEDS. LEADING DEALERS IN CANADA. CATALOGUES FREE.

send Farquhar, Bart., member of parliament for West Middlesex, and descendant of the British South Africa Company, on Wednesday.

The second daughter of Sir Francis Henry Evans, K.C., Liberal member of parliament for Southampton, whose wife is the daughter of Hon. Samuel Evans, formerly attorney-general for the State of New York.

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GREECE WILL NOT WITHDRAW

Report From Athens That It Is Certain That Greece Will Hold to Crete.

Macedonian Forces to Be Raised - Famine Threatened on the Unhappy Island.

Rumors That the Powers Have Decided to Withdraw the Collective Note.

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A NEW VOLCANO.

A Strange Phenomenon Makes Its Appearance in Utah.

Salt Lake City, Utah, March 1.-What appears to be a genuine volcano has burst forth in the Great Salt Lake, a short distance to the southwest.

FROM THE CAPITAL. Hon. Mr. Sifton takes Important Step in Organization of His Department.

J. A. Smart to Be Deputy Minister of Both the Interior and Indian Departments.

Ottawa, March 1.-Sifton has taken another important step in the reorganization of the departments of the interior and Indian affairs.

The Crown's Nest Pass railway was not discussed on Saturday. George H. Ham, of the C. P. R., had an interview with Hon. Mr. Sifton, Mr. Smart, and other officers of the interior department.

The Indian national famine fund has reached \$50,000. Hon. Mr. Benson was not expected to live today, but is slightly better now.

The "Constantinople correspondent of the Standard says the Sultan has sent a special envoy to invite the co-operation of the Albanians in the event of an invasion into Greece.

The payment of all civil service salaries has been stopped since the commencement of the war scare.

The Rome correspondent of the Daily News says: "The dispatch boat Messina, with five torpedo boats, left Capresia yesterday for Crete. The war minister has ordered a number of gendarmes to be in readiness to start to Crete tomorrow night."

The admission of Baron Marschall von Bieberstein that Germany's interests are in no wise involved in the Ottoman dispute against the recent course of the government, which will make us no friends and only enemies.

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NOW WEYLER HAS RESIGNED

Commander of the Spanish Forces in Cuba Has Also Got His Back Up.

Angry at His Government's Release of the Imprisoned American, Sanguilly.

Speculation as to Who Will Succeed Weyler in the Cuban Campaign.

New York, March 1.-Stephen Bonsal cables the Herald from Havana that he is informed on the very highest authority that Captain-General Weyler has forwarded his resignation to the Spanish government at Madrid.

The captain general will leave the island as soon as possible, probably in about two weeks. This decisive step General Weyler determined to take as soon as he heard of the release of Julio Sanguilly.

It is reported that General Ruman Blanco Arenas or Marquis Pena Plata may be appointed to succeed General Weyler.

Gen. Blanco, who until recently was Spain's representative in the Philippines, was in Manila when the revolt started in that country, and at once took an active measure to suppress the outbreak.

London, March 1.-The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says: "In order to make the Sanguilly concession less palatable to the Spanish government, General Blanco, however, was replaced by General Pola Vieja."

New York, March 1.-A dispatch to the Herald from Havana says: "The Marquis de Palma made a scandalous personal attack on General Lee Wednesday night in the palace in the presence of several newspaper correspondents."

Jacksonville, Fla., March 1.-The Dauntless, making a reputation as a runaway, Friday afternoon the tug steamed out of her dock carelessly and started down the river.

New Orleans, La., March 1.-Millionsaire Jno. Drexel, with his family and a party of friends, in his private yacht, who started from Philadelphia for New Orleans to attend the Mardi Gras festivities, is now seven days overdue, and nothing has been heard from him since he first left Philadelphia.

Lillooet, B. C., March 1.-Marshall Cleveland, a foreman at the Golden Cache mine, was killed last evening by falling over a precipice.

At the employees of the United States railway, which runs from St. John's to St. Hyacinthe, province of Quebec, are on strike because they have not been paid for thirteen months.

MINING UNDER DIFFICULTY.

Difficulties Which Beset the Path of the Oklahoma Prospector.

Perry, O. T., March 1.-News has been received here that United States troops and Indian police are battling with the gold hunters out in the Wichita mountains, in the Wichita Indian reservation.

TEMPERANCE BANQUET. Twentieth Anniversary of Cedar Hill Lodge, I. O. G. T.

The temperance banquet given by Cedar Hill lodge No. 3, I. O. G. T., on the 20th of February, in honor of the twentieth anniversary of the lodge, was a perfect success.

The ladies had prepared a most sumptuous spread, and colored waiters, who had never seen an African sun, were in attendance.

Mr. Pollock proposed a toast in honor of "Labor" which was responded to by Mr. D. McRae from Gordon Head.

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The remaining ten items are dealt with by the jury in their verdict finding, which, in the case of all the findings, is "subject" (as appears in the heading of the verdict), "to the law governing the contract and its construction." It had to insert this condition, as it was a condition during the trial to decide what were and were not extras, as the plaintiff ignored the plans and specifications which the jury eventually found that he had agreed to follow, and that he was bound. Building contracts, like all other contracts, have, according to a well known rule, to be construed by the courts, and as plans and specifications were referred to in the contract, form a part of it, they are, of course, included in this rule. Hence the question of what are and are not extras in the present case, depends on the contract, and the plans and specifications, and it is a question for the jury to determine, and even had I left it to the jury, their opinion upon it, however sound, would have been inoperative. My object was to set their minds on the question of the contract, so that if the plaintiff should be entitled, according to the construction of the contract, to the benefit of any item so valued, he would be enabled to give it to him. When referring to the contract, in finding No. 12, to the items of account, they are not referred to extras, or asked to define them, but are referred to the plaintiff's "claim" for them. The finding coupled with the verdict at the head of the verdict, is as follows:

Q.—Subject to the law governing the contract and its construction, are there any items in the claims for extras for which the plaintiff is entitled to be paid, if so, what are they—specifying the number of the item and the amount?
A.—Yes, the following: No. 3, \$30; No. 4, \$100; No. 6, \$30; No. 7, \$30; No. 8, \$15; No. 9, \$5; No. 13, \$400; No. 15, \$169; No. 17, \$145; No. 18, \$56.

Before dealing with each of those items, as I propose to do in my order, it may be useful to quote the first paragraph of the contract, which speaks for itself, viz.:
"The specifications and drawings are intended to co-operate, so that any works exhibited in the drawings, and not mentioned in the specifications, or vice versa, are to be executed the same as if mentioned in the specifications and set forth in the drawings."
Proceeding now to the items:
No. 3 is for "re-abetting coping on square tower, valued by the jury at \$30. The work was necessary owing to a change in the plans being made, and is therefore not specifically mentioned in the specifications. Three architects consider that it is within the contract, but the defendant would not be completely without it, if it was not for an extra, even though not mentioned, (see *Williams v. Fitzmaurice*, 3 H. & N. 84).

Two other professional witnesses, who appeared for the plaintiff, gave evidence that it ought to be paid, for, as it would not have been required if the plans had not needed alteration, I take this view of the matter, and as the work is outside of the contract, a certificate for its payment is unnecessary. The plaintiff is entitled to \$30 on a quantum meruit, and must be allowed the amount. Prima facie the claim is for the defendant's favor, and the evidence for the defendant does not appear to be strong enough to displace that circumstance.
No. 4, "building flue from basement," charged at \$125, valued by jury at \$100. This work was not contemplated in the contract and is outside of it, and, therefore, not an extra in its strict sense, but a piece of work independent of the contract, and, consequently, not subject to its terms as to certification. The plaintiff would therefore be entitled to recover its value on a quantum meruit. At the outset the defendant admitted that this was new work, but contended that it was not contemplated in the contract, and, therefore, settled for the work. As a new work it would have required approval before execution, and the condition contained in paragraphs 3 and 6 of the contract, but that condition, as found by the jury, was waived. I must allow the item at the jury's valuation of \$100, the defendant's technical rule of the common law mentioned by the defendant's counsel that a contract under seal, like the present one, cannot be rescinded or varied by parol, or its terms waived; for under the *Judicature Act* a parol agreement, or a waiver of such a condition as that mentioned, may now be pleaded, as a matter of equity, in any proceeding to enforce the original agreement under seal. *Leake on Contracts*, 3rd edition, 593.

No. 6, "extra work on east tower," charged at \$60, valued by the jury at \$30; No. 7, same on main tower," charged at \$60, valued by the jury at \$30. The alleged extra work in both cases is work provided for in the specifications, but is much inferior to that called for. The evidence of all the architects, including those called by the plaintiff, is to that effect. The plaintiff stated in his evidence that if he was bound by the specifications (which were referred to at the time), the items were not extras. It would therefore be improper to allow them.
No. 8, "extra work on 12 turrets," charged at \$277, valued by the jury at \$150. This alleged extra work is for cobbling and the work done by the plaintiff's evidence is that if he was "bound by the plans" the work was not an extra. The professional evidence is to that effect that the work done is less expensive than the work called for. The item being included in the contract price must be disallowed. The same is to be said of No. 9, in reference to the charge of

\$75, re "coping," and re "weathering round square tower," valued by the jury at \$50. The professional evidence is to the effect that the work done was inferior to the work contracted for. The plaintiff in his evidence identified it as being the plans, and said "it would be an extra if I am bound by the plans." The item cannot, therefore, be allowed.
No. 13, "2 large air-shafts, and four flues," charged at \$350, valued by the jury at \$400. The plaintiff identified this work on the plans, and, in answer to a question as to whether he would have charged for it as an extra, if he had not been bound by the plans, said, "Not if I am bound by them; certainly not." The work appears also in the specifications. The item cannot, therefore, be allowed.
No. 15, "170 feet weathering on window sills," charged at \$169.50, and valued by the jury at \$169. This item is in the specifications, a sketch of the sills, as weathered, being given in the margin. It cannot be an extra.
No. 17, "454 feet coping on gables at 40c," charged at \$183, and labor at 80c per foot, \$145.20, valued by the jury at \$145. This item is in the specifications, and, consequently, like all others which are in them, or the plans, is included in the contract price of \$21,000.—It is, therefore, an improper charge.
No. 18, "14 stones to finish on top of coping," charged at \$56, and valued at that by the jury. This item is in the specifications and cannot be allowed.
The result of the above is that the plaintiff is entitled to judgment on items 3 and 4, viz., \$130.
As to the counter-claim, there being a general verdict of \$300 for the defendant, they are entitled to judgment for that amount.
I find it impossible to apportion the costs of the action, on the respective grounds of failure and success, as I should like to have done. The plaintiff's action has in the end failed, and the costs of the expenses connected with that failure should certainly not be cast upon his opponents; (see judgment of Lord Justice Bowen in *Foster vs. Esgarhar*, The Reports, 1895, vol. 4, 243). Under the circumstances, the order that will, in my opinion, best meet the case is that judgment be entered for the defendant for \$170, being the difference between the respective amounts found for them and the plaintiff, together with the costs which I have hereinbefore allowed to them. As to the remaining costs of the action, each party is to bear his own.

WHAT LEE DID SAY

Copy of Famous Dispatch Cabled by the Consul-General to Mr. Olney.

Spain Characterizes United States' Action as "Intolerable and High-Handed."

Dynamite Cruiser Vesuvius Prepares for Sea—Julio Sangulilly Pardoned.

New York, Feb. 27.—The Herald publishes what it terms a copy of the famous dispatch cabled by Consul-General Lee to Secretary of State Olney. "Olney, Washington," have demanded release of Scott, an American citizen, who has been kept in prison and incarcerated without due process of law eleven days. Trust you appreciate the gravity of the situation and will order his warship immediately. How many warships have you at Tampa, Key West and Southern waters, and are you prepared to send them here, should it become necessary? If cannot afford to stand another Ruiz murder. Madrid, Feb. 27.—Extreme reserve is maintained in official circles. Much importance is attached to the secret conference between the premier and ministers on the state of the war in Cuba. The procedure in the United States of Consul-General Lee is regarded as "intolerable and high-handed." The government is disposed to investigate and meet reasonable demands of the United States and the claims of American citizens. It is further determined to punish those found guilty of having inflicted violence upon the American citizen, citizen allied to have been put to death in his prison.
The Imperial says: "Americans are availing themselves of the European troubles over here and mean to precipitate McKinley into a quarrel with Spain." It advises the government to prepare Spain's defenses by sea and land, maintaining that Spain has less to lose than the United States in the event of war.
Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 27.—The dynamite cruiser Vesuvius, now in this port has been ordered to leave here at once and join the Marblehead, which left the month of the St. Johns river on Tuesday and is now at Key West.
A dispatch received from Washington City by Captain Pillsbury of the Vesuvius said that a superior naval officer would arrive in the city to-day, when the vessel will proceed south with him.
Immediately upon receipt of the telegram the Vesuvius began filling her bunkers with coal, groceries and other supplies also being taken aboard in large quantities. No one seems to know what it is up to.
Several cipher messages have been sent to and from Washington City.
Havana, Feb. 27.—A cable dispatch from Her Majesty the Queen Regent of Spain was received here yesterday, according to a parol to Julio Sangulilly, an American citizen recently sentenced to imprisonment for life for conspiring against the government. The news was communicated to Sangulilly, and he was ordered to leave Cuba.
Madrid, Feb. 27.—The preamble of the Queen's decree of pardon of Sangulilly says that the United States demanded the pardon of Sangulilly in a friendly manner and that Sangulilly has undertaken in the future neither directly nor indirectly to assist in the rebellion. This incident is considered closed.

MR. LAURIER'S VIEWS

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BIG BLAZE IN TORONTO

Disastrous Fire in the Large Dry Goods House of W. A. Murray & Co.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—A fire in the large dry goods store of W. A. Murray & Co. this morning did damage to the extent of nearly \$75,000. It looked at one time as if the whole business portion of King street was doomed, but the efforts of the fire department confined the flames to the building.

Those unhappy persons who suffer from nervousness and indigestion, and who are unable to sleep, should take Hood's Kidney Pills.

Persons who are troubled with indigestion will be interested in the experience of William H. Peaty, chief clerk in the railway mail service at Des Moines, Iowa, who writes: "It gives me pleasure to testify to the merits of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For two years I have suffered from indigestion, and am subject to frequent severe attacks of pain in the stomach and bowels. One or two doses of this remedy never fails to give perfect relief. Sold by all druggists, Langley & Henderson Bros. wholesale agents Victoria and Vancouver."

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THE CORLISS CLAUSE

Professor Goldwin Smith Propheesies Retaliation by Canada.

New York, Feb. 27.—Prof. Goldwin Smith, of Toronto, who is at the Fifth Avenue hotel, had something to say about Congressman Corliss' clause in the immigration bill. This clause prohibits aliens from residing in Canada and doing business daily in this country.

"It prevents those Canadians," added the professor, "who reside in Fort Erie, opposite Detroit, and those small towns opposite Buffalo and Niagara Falls from coming over daily and working. It is not only an absurd law, if it becomes law, it is the veriest claptrap imaginable."

"What will Canada do if the bill becomes law?" "Canada will pass retaliatory measures, of course, but the aid which it will give in feeling will be engendered. Already there is much ill-feeling on the subject, and Canadians who are anti-United States are not slow in expressing their opinions and making the best of the situation. What must the friends of this country and Canada think if such a bill becomes a law?"

"I am not attacking the bill generally, but I want to make it clear and more inserted. It is unjust discrimination against a friendly and neighboring nation and is inspired by politics alone. I hope the newspapers of this country will point out the absurdity of such a clause and prevent, if possible, its enactment."

J. A. Alkman, barrister, leaves for Grand Forks, where he has been practicing, having entered the firm of Fulton & Ward.

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NEW-BORN CITIES

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Booth presented a report from the select committee recommending that the petition of Mr. Beggs be received.

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Dr. Walkem asked the Attorney-General if he had been notified of an appeal from the recent decision re the Coal Mines Regulation Act. Mr. Eberts replied that he would make inquiries and inform the member at the next sitting of the house.

Mr. Kelle asked leave to introduce an act to incorporate the Revelstoke, Front Lake and Big Bend Telephone Co., Ltd.

Hon. Mr. Turner moved that the house stand adjourned until Monday next. It was absolutely necessary that the government be given time to transact business which had accumulated since the session began.

Mr. Semlin objected. He protested against the late date at which the house had been called, and also against such lengthy adjournments.

The house then adjourned till Monday.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

By Mr. Semlin—For all correspondence between the government or any member thereof and any person or persons in reference to the rental of the government reserve in Pleasant Valley, Cariboo district.

Mr. Kitchin—To move on consideration of the report of the Special Commission of Enquiry into the proposed incorporation of 'Towns Bill' to strike out the provision giving Grand Forks the power to borrow \$20,000.

Mr. Helmecke—To move for a copy of the contract relating to the building of the Point Ellice bridge which expired last year, and of the evidence given before the coroner and the findings of the jury on the holding of the investigation of the cause of the accident which occurred on the 20th of May last, together with the reports, if any, made during the time the bridge was under the control of the government by any officer of the government or any person for the government relating to the strength and carrying capacity of such bridge.

Mr. Helmecke—To move for a special committee consisting of Messrs. Booth, Mutter, Cotton, Sword and the mover, to investigate the cause of the Point Ellice bridge accident on May 20th last.

By Mr. Helmecke—To ask the premier, "Has the government, or any member thereof, taken any step (and if so, what) with the corporation of the city of Victoria, or any member thereof, and the Consolidated Railway Co., or any member thereof, leading to or suggesting a settlement of the claims of all persons who sustained injury or damage by reason of the Point Ellice bridge accident on May 20th last.

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ON THE RIGHT SIDE

P. O. Home Directors End the Year With a Balance to Their Credit.

Officers for the Ensuing Year Elected at the Annual Meeting Yesterday.

The 24th annual meeting of the subscribers to the Protestant Orphans' Home was held last evening at the city hall, there being present: Bishop Crige, Charles Hayward, president; A. C. Flumerfelt, treasurer; John Jessop, secretary; E. Crow Baker, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Noah Shakespeare, Mr. Kito, Mrs. G. A. Sargison, Mrs. J. W. Williams, Mrs. Charles Kent and Mrs. C. Hayward. The president's address, read after the disposal of routine business, follows:

"Ladies and Gentlemen—It is a subject for congratulation that the reports to be laid before you tonight at our annual meeting will show that the home has received very liberal support during a year of marked depression, and that the beneficent work of the institution has thus been able to keep pace with the demands made upon it."

"While, it was shown at our last annual meeting that the estimated cost for the maintenance of the 33 inmates then in the home was at least \$3700, there were some who were dismayed at the magnitude of the task. It will be seen, however, from the financial statement that the sum of \$3810.70 has been provided for us, and that we have thus been enabled to increase the number of inmates to 37. The managers are devoutly thankful for this generous response to their appeals."

"Among the donations is a special contribution of \$250 from the city council, which has caused some comment. It should have been explained at the time that the \$250 was more in the nature of payment for services rendered than a free gift. During Mayor Teague's term in 1894 two children who had been deserted by both parents were left at a destitute condition at his office. At the mayor's request they were at once admitted and remained in the sheltering care of the home, with the understanding that when occasion arose the obligation would not be forgotten by the civic authorities."

"Included in the other welcome donations of the year is the handsome sum of \$245 realized from a lacrosse match between the employees of the city and the receipts on accounts, \$241,882.90, a total, including cash on hand, of \$1,666,074.16. The total expenditure for the year was \$973,012.59, less \$200,854.76, items on public accounts. The budget speech is expected on Monday."

The Indian famine relief fund contributions acknowledged to date by Lieutenant Patterson amount to \$10,000.45; in addition to this the school children's contribution aggregates \$911.54.

R. M. Chester, a Winnipeg seed merchant, has been missing since Wednesday last. When last seen he complained of being ill. He came here from Toronto.

A special train, bearing 104 Galacian immigrants from the steamship Labrador, arrived in this city this morning.

In the house to-day the new Manitoba mining law was explained by Attorney-General Cameron and passed through several clauses.

Mr. E. G. Conklin, clerk of the house, fell on the slippery walk and broke his shoulder bone. He will be laid up for the present session of the legislature.

Owen Sound, Feb. 27.—North Grey Conservatives nominated G. M. Boyd for the Ontario legislature.

Kincardine, Feb. 27.—A. W. Williamson, collector of customs, is dead.

BUTLER'S LIFE.

Story of the Career of the Great Australian Murderer.

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—Frank Butler, the Australian, who has been held for extradition, has at last consented to tell the story of his life. With minute detail the alleged murderer recited his past history, as well as the latter events of a most remarkable life.

The true name of the accused man, according to his statement, is John Newman. He was born in Great Britain, West Bromwich, Staffordshire, England, on June 20, 1839, where his parents kept a tavern known as "The Boat Inn." At an early age Newman ran away from home and joined the British army. He served with honor and distinction in Her Majesty's service in the Zulu war in 1875 and 1879, and at its close was awarded a medal for gallant conduct. He also served in the Egyptian campaign, and was decorated with the Egyptian medal for meritorious service at the battle of Tel el Kebir. He deserted at the close of the war, coming to America, where he joined the United States army, and by an extraordinary display of ability was, in less than two months, made a petty officer. After a few months' service he grew tired of such close confinement and again deserted, going directly to Canada. After travelling about the world for several years he finally wound up in Australia, where he inserted a series of advertisements in the Sydney papers, calling for partners in a mining venture.

The story of how Arthur Preston and Lee Weller met their deaths as a result of these advertisements has already been told in detail. Newman denies all knowledge of the crimes, and insists that at the proper time he will be able to prove his innocence.

If you are tired taking the large, old-fashioned, griping pills, try Carter's Little Liver Pills. They are a sure remedy for all cases of biliousness. One pill a dose. Try them.

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Baker, A. C. Flumerfelt and Charles Hayward; for Presbyterian churches—Rev. W. Leslie Clay, James Hutchinson, Thornton Fell and Rev. Dr. Campbell; for the Methodist church—Rev. J. F. Betts, Noah Shakespeare, John Jessop and A. J. McLeish.

The Baker committee follows: Episcopal churches—Mrs. Charles Kent, Mrs. Charles Hayward, Mrs. J. D. Pemberton and Miss Carr; Methodist churches—Mrs. G. A. Sargison, Mrs. J. W. Williams, Mrs. Thomas Earle and Mrs. W. F. McCulloch; Presbyterian churches—Mrs. J. Hutchison, Mrs. G. L. Milne, Mrs. S. Clarke and Mrs. Wm. Denn.

The question of placing a memorial stone in front of the home to the memory of the late Joseph G. Taylor, whose handsome bequest made possible the erection of the new home, was introduced by Mr. Shakespeare. Mr. E. Crow Baker suggested a memorial tablet, and this latter suggestion will be carried out as soon as funds are available.

LOCAL NEWS.

From Friday's Daily. Herbert Stanton, Nanaimo, has been appointed deputy coroner for Nanaimo district.

Capt. C. N. Black, of Omicquia, has been appointed a justice of the peace for Cassiar and Cariboo districts.

Those Fletcher Neelands, Vancouver, and William White, Moosomin, have been appointed notaries public.

Alfred H. Drew, London, Eng., has been appointed a commissioner for taking affidavits for the courts of British Columbia.

Mr. Frederick Bevan, of the provincial police, has received word of the death of his daughter, Marion, his only child, in Dover, England.

Mr. John Muir, of Sooke, has reported to the police that while walking around the city yesterday he lost \$85 in \$5 and \$10 bills. A hole in his pocket explains the cause.

The final session of the Behring Sea claims commission will not be held in Ottawa, as announced that it has been decided to hold the final meeting for the hearing of the argument and for making the award in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, in August.

Sam Gray's saloon on Johnson street was entered by burglars last night and a couple of dozen bottles of whiskey stolen. The thieves got in through a side window, having evidently used a sharp instrument to slip the catch. They were not hurried in any way, taking time to drink a bottle of beer before leaving the premises. The stolen goods were valued at about \$25.

Charles Blanford Crease, youngest brother of Sir Henry P. Crease, of Pointreux, this city, died on Wednesday at Barrie, Ont., of dropsy. He was 58 years of age. The deceased was formerly an officer of the P.O.I. office, and served during the Indian War. His eldest son, Mr. Edward A. Crease, is now residing with Sir Henry at Pointreux.

Mr. J. F. McDonald, of Vancouver was badly shaken up in a runaway accident this afternoon. He drove down Johnson street at full speed, apparently making no effort to stop the horse, and in attempting to turn on to Store street upset the buggy. Mr. McDonald was thrown out and received a couple of horse kicks on the forehead. The horse continued down Johnson street until it came in contact with a heavy lumber wagon.

A telegram just received from Kaslo at the offices of the British Columbia Gold Fields Company contains the pleasing information that the workmen employed on the company's Enterprise creek property at the Sunset, have just uncovered a new ledge of six feet of soft quartz, and that the tunnel being driven on the Carleton, one of the Salmon river properties, has struck the ledge at a depth of eighty feet from the surface. The grade of the ore is not stated, but it is judged to be satisfactory to the interested parties. Development on the Gibson and Athabasca is being pushed ahead as rapidly as possible, and both properties are looking excellent.

In connection with the contract which K. Dunsmuir & Sons have made to supply Kootenay smelters with one thousand tons of Union coke per month, the Nanaimo Free Press states that it has been informed that the coal from the recently opened Alexandra colliery of Dunsmuir & Sons makes a grade of coke which gives the best possible results in some grades of smelting at Kootenay, and that for the present a limited quantity of the Alexandra coal will be taken to the Union coke sheds and there converted into coke. Should the demand justify, coke oven will shortly be erected in the immediate vicinity of the Alexandra mines, about five miles south of this city.

John Woodburn, one of the eleven sailors of the British ship Lyderhorn who were convicted and imprisoned for refusing duty on that ship, was not put on board the ship yesterday with the others. He was taken to the Jubilee Hospital this morning by Sergeant Langley of the provincial police, as he has several fingers frozen. Dr. Davis has certified that he is unfit for sea, and he will remain at the Jubilee Hospital for treatment instead of going on the Lyderhorn to Australia. Woodburn had his fingers frozen, when he was prospecting in Rogers Pass, B. C. Until recently, however, he has not been troubled by them. From present appearances it looks as if it will be necessary for him to have the fingers which were frozen amputated.

From Saturday's Daily. The infant son of W. J. Deasy was buried this afternoon. The Rev. Father Athoff conducted the funeral services.

William Milligan, who for the past three years has been at the Jubilee hospital, died on Thursday afternoon at that institution. He was 37 years of age and a native of England. The funeral took place this afternoon from the Jubilee hospital. Rev. Canon Paddon officiated.

From a letter received by a Victorian from C. C. McKenzie, of Nanaimo, it is learned that people are thronging into Texada island at such a great rate that soon a daily mail will be found necessary. The letter also recommends that steps be taken to secure the erection of a steamer wharf at Gillies Bay.

Yesterday afternoon the funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Philippa Watson took place at Saanichton from her residence to St. Stephen's cemetery. Rev. G. Christmas conducted the funeral services, and the following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Mr. Joseph Walker, Mr. C. Kimball, Mr. W. Le Poer French, Mr. E. H. Breda, Capt. Richardson, and Mr. Wm. Cassel.

Jacob Simpson on Thursday was the victim of a wild wind and rain. He was saving a big cedar tree for the purpose of felling it, and had it neatly cut through when it was blown off the stump by a gust of wind, and dropping endways it pinned Simpson's leg to the ground, badly smashing it. The scene of

the accident was some distance away from the railroad, and it was found necessary to cut a trail in order that he might be carried to the track. The Victoria & Sidney railway company, on hearing of the unfortunate occurrence, delayed their evening train in order that Simpson might be brought to town. He is now lying at the Jubilee Hospital. The leg bone has been crushed below the knee. Dr. Richardson does not think that amputation will be necessary.

From Monday's Daily. Jacob Simpson, the victim of the accident at Saanichton on Thursday last, is still at the Jubilee Hospital. He is improving slightly, and fortunately it will not be necessary to amputate the crushed leg.

Victoria has had just two eastern mails for a week and both arrived on the same day. What or where the trouble is, is known only to the C.P.R. officials, and to very few of them. Yesterday's train was several hours late and the Charmer did not wait on it.

The customs returns for February follow: Duties collected, \$39,543.40; other revenues, \$9,233.35; total, \$48,776.75. Imports, dutiable, \$12,178; imports, free, \$23,587; total, \$35,765. Exports, Canadian produce, \$20,310; exports, other, \$9,291; total, \$29,601.

The inland revenue returns for February follow: Spirits, \$ 6,140 83; Tobacco, \$ 4,398 03; Methylated Spirits, \$ 211 57. Total, \$10,749 43.

W. Gidley has just arrived in Victoria from the east, and in a few days will go to Duncan, where he will make his residence. Mr. Gidley represents the lumber firm of Moosomin, Boyd & Co., who purchased the Cowichan Mill and timber limits, and who is about to take contracts for the getting out of a large quantity of logs on Cowichan lake.

The fire department's report for the month just past is a very light one. There were three fires with a total loss of \$50. The three fires were one on Chatham street chimney fire, no loss; one at 124 North Park street, with loss amounting to \$50; and one at the corner of Moss and Fort street, with no stated loss.

The funeral of the late Philip Swan took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, on the corner of Fernside street, at 8 o'clock. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. B. Haslam, pastor of St. Barnabas church. The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Messrs. Harry Catterall, Thomas Catterall, Thomas Ashie, Arthur Hiscock and Edward Gregg.

Two ladies of questionable character who have lately arrived from the other side of the continent, and who are now at the city exchequer this morning for being found drunk in Trousseau avenue on Saturday afternoon. The exchequer also received a contribution of \$10 from P. Burke, who was found drunk on Saturday evening. He gave bail for that amount, which as he did not appear this morning, was forfeited.

The case of Mrs. Jones, charged with appropriating a lot of goods which she had bought in the name of Mr. Foot, of Lake District, was called in the provincial police court this afternoon. Mr. Archer Martin, for the defence, objected to Superintendent Hussey appearing in the case and submitted a number of references in support of his contention. The objection was overruled, and the case proceeded with slightly amended.

A letter received today by Messrs. Chalmers, Mitchell & Co., from Mr. Mitchell, who is at Rosedale, contains the information that the extent of the loss the firm will suffer by the late robbery will total up \$4000, not \$2000, as has been stated. A reward of \$1000 has been offered for the arrest of the thief or thieves, who, by the way, are evidently professionals. Mr. Mitchell being absent from the store only thirty minutes. The empty cases and trays which were found in the store were found in the school house.

The record of the arrests made by the police on the night of the Jubilee Hospital this morning by Sergeant Langley of the provincial police, as he has several fingers frozen. Dr. Davis has certified that he is unfit for sea, and he will remain at the Jubilee Hospital for treatment instead of going on the Lyderhorn to Australia. Woodburn had his fingers frozen, when he was prospecting in Rogers Pass, B. C. Until recently, however, he has not been troubled by them. From present appearances it looks as if it will be necessary for him to have the fingers which were frozen amputated.

The fourteen-year-old son of Mr. J. T. Collins, of Salt Spring Island, is at St. Joseph's Hospital with his face badly mutilated, the result of a peculiar car accident. The boy and his brother went out hunting, and as they were approaching a fence he decided to extract the cartridge from the gun as a matter of safety. Just as he was opening the breach, the cartridge, in some unaccountable way, exploded. A piece of the cartridge flew into the boy's face and completely forced out one of his eyes. He was brought down to Victoria on the City of Nanaimo on Saturday afternoon.

The medical men who attended the suffering succeeded in extracting a portion of the exploded cartridge from the wounded eye. His sight is destroyed, but further than this no serious results are feared. The boy's face was lacerated by the flying pieces of cartridge and burnt by the powder.

John Williams and Joseph Blair were charged before Police Magistrate Macrae this morning with being in possession of stolen property. They were remanded until Thursday morning, in order to give the police time to get more evidence. Some of the liquor stolen from Sam Clay's saloon on Johnson street on Thursday last was found in their cabins, one of the row off Store street known as the Harbor View out-riders. Hidden under some straw. Arthur Grier, who found some of the liquor, was brought to the lock-up on Saturday evening, where he is being detained as a necessary witness. Williams and Blair were not the principals in the affair. The leading character is Harry

Jensen. He is the man who is accused of breaking into the saloon, Jensen is well known to the police, he having been arrested several times for stealing. He has not been arrested yet, but the police are searching for him. Only two bottles of the stolen liquor were found by the police, the accused having made away with the others. It was at first thought that it had been taken up to the West Coast by an Indian woman who was living in Williams' cabin, and as she was on Friday evening. It was afterwards discovered that she had not taken any of it with her. Williams, one of the accused, was arrested some time ago on the charge of supplying liquor to Indians. The police fear that Jensen has left the city.

J. J. Baird, who leaves for home on the steamer Tees this evening, leaves behind him a petition signed by forty of his fellow-residents in the San Juan and Gordon River valley. The petition states that the residents of that district are in great need of roads to make living and productive industry possible. Good roads would enable them to develop their farming, lumber, mineral and other resources. The petition also states that the valleys for many more than the present population, but unless new roads are made they cannot see how they can induce new settlers to come.

One thing more worth mentioning is that the government will be drawn in the importance of a road to Victoria. The distance is only 55 miles, and the petitioners say it is frequently twenty days, and the road is in a very bad state of repair. The petitioners say that the road is in a very bad state of repair. The petitioners say that the road is in a very bad state of repair.

The verminiform appendix is known to science as a vestigial organ. It was once larger and played an important part in the digestive operations of the human system, but like the tonsils and wisdom teeth, has fallen into disuse, and is now a perfectly superfluous and especially liable to disease. The false notion that appendicitis is caused by a grape seed or some foreign substance finding an entrance into the appendix is a common one. It is a large enough organ to admit a small garnet needle, but has no foundation in fact. It is atrophied by disuse, and is unable to throw off disease as do the stomach, lungs, heart and other organs.

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SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE WHEEL. ANNUAL ROAD RACE. San Francisco, March 1.—In the annual twenty-five mile road race over the San Leandro road course there were eighty-four starters, but owing to the poor condition of the road, only thirty-two finished. Tony Delmar, of San Jose, won the time prize, and incidentally lowered the coast record for that distance, making it in one hour nine minutes thirty-four seconds.

THE WING. San Francisco, Feb. 27.—The Mechanics' Pavilion in this city has been recently fitted up for an exhibition to take place there on March 18 or 19. In accordance with the instructions from W. A. Brady, Alf Ellinghouse secured the pavilion on Tuesday last, thereby circumventing Julian, who had arrived here Sunday morning with the same object in view.

Blowing at Pugilism. The preliminary newspaper reports of the coming Corbett-Fitzsimmons prize fight were brought to the attention of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce by Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, with the request for speedy and radical action by that committee. Mr. Crafts is secretary of the National Reform League, and has been instrumental in securing congressional action against prize fighting and against lotteries. He presented to the committee the draft of a bill to stop sensational reports of prize fighting, representing that most newspapers would be glad to omit the details of pugilistic events from their columns if they were not driven to publish them by the enterprise of their less scrupulous rivals.

Mennonites from Persia. In April twenty-five Mennonites, bound for South Dakota, will be landed in Minneapolis by a Soo train, after one of the longest continuous journeys on record. They are now living in the St. Paul Pioneer Press, in Tashkent, an ancient Persian town captured in 1862 by the Russians. They are a quiet German sect, and after 150 years' residence in Russia have not lost their individuality. Frugal in habits, they have amassed small fortunes, most of them, and are anxious to sell their farms in Russia and to a free country. The colonies were settled in Minnesota, Iowa, the Dakotas and Manitoba but the advance guard of the 50,000 who will probably be found in this country within the next ten years.

The twenty-five from Tashkent will ride overland across the steppes by a wagon route to Odessa, Russia's great port on the Baltic, thence by rail across Russia to Libau, on the Baltic, where an agent will put them aboard a Wilkes line steamer to Liverpool. There they will leave by the Royal Mail Allan line

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Carson, Nev., March 1.—Not content with legislation, the contest for the world's pugilistic championship, Assemblyman Tim Dempsey proposes to introduce a bill in the legislature in the next few days asking for the appropriation of \$5,000 for the purpose of having made a gorgeous belt of silver, with diamond studding, to be presented to the winner of the great battle.

ODDS AND ENDS. A female highwayman, described as "of herculean proportions, and of extraordinary bravado," is holding the roads between Brussels and Antwerp, and attacking solitary houses.

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Movement on Foot to Organize Sealing Men into an Incorporated Company, The Tug Vancouver Comes Off the Rocks—Salvador Sold at Auction

Since the disastrous results of the Hudson's Bay Company's sale of furs had been known in Victoria, owners of sealing schooners have been making determined but ineffectual efforts to place the industry on a better footing. A sealing association, which had for its objects the introduction of a more systematic way of fitting out schooners and disposing of their catches, was about formed, but fell to the ground because some of the owners refused to join. Another movement is now on foot which, from all indications, will meet with greater success. Sealing men are earnestly discussing the practicality of forming themselves into an incorporated company, with a manager who will take charge of the whole industry. The idea is to take schooners for paid-up shares in the company. They believe that if such a company is formed that it will be able to compete successfully against the machinations of the North American Commercial Company and its very active agent, Mr. Liebes. They believe that Mr. Liebes was instrumental in reducing the prices in the London market last season, and they feel that the only way they can meet such opposition is by uniting themselves into a strong company. They also believe that if the industry was under the control of one head the difficulties encountered in shipping crews would be lessened. Indians have been tardy in coming to terms because they have been offered almost as many different prices as there are owners of sealing schooners. If possible the company will be incorporated before the Behring sea season opens.

The tug Vancouver was taken off Todd rock this afternoon by Mr. West and his crew of wreckers, who have been hard at work on her for the last two days. The two screws taken around by the Saddle with the wrecking apparatus, and the one which the stranded tug was taking up with her to Comox, were lashed on either side of her and the pile driver brought out yesterday morning was placed at her stern. By this means they succeeded in raising her this afternoon. She has been beached, and the water is being pumped out of her. In all probability she will be brought around to the harbor this evening. No great injury has been sustained, although she has lain on the rocks since Wednesday afternoon. Fortunately for her owners, during that time the weather has been very fine. Had the weather been rough and the sea running heavy, she would in all likelihood have been broken up.

The brig Salvador, bound from the Columbia river for Callao, Peru, was driven by storms to Papelet, Tahiti, in the South Seas. The hull was so badly strained that the surveyors condemned her and she was sold at auction, together with her cargo. The Salvador was in the Royal Roads some two months ago, when she received orders to proceed to the Columbia river to load lumber.

A NEW POINT OF VIEW

Bearing of an English Act on a Westminster Case.

Argument in the case of Major vs. McCraney was concluded yesterday afternoon, and His Lordship Chief Justice Davies gave judgment in favor of the plaintiff. The case excited considerable local interest, both from the parties to the suit being so well known, and on account of its somewhat sensational character. In 1894 Mr. H. P. McCraney, as manager of Messrs. Major & Pearson's office in Vancouver, was arrested on a charge of fraudulently appropriating trust property to his own use, the amount involved being about \$10,000. He was given a preliminary hearing in the district court, and Capt. Pittendrigh sent him up for trial at the fall assizes. Pending the trial, McCraney's friends came to the rescue, and entered into a bond or agreement to make restitution, etc., and the prosecution was to use its best endeavors to have proceedings stayed. Accordingly, when the case was called at the assizes, the crown attorney, with the consent of the presiding judge, withdrew the case, as, in his opinion at that time, there was insufficient evidence to convict. Subsequently, the defendant's attorneys or trustees, of whom there were fourteen, made two payments, according to the agreement, and then refused to pay any more; hence this action. The defence claimed that the said agreement was void in law.

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Rossland, which since it became a place of importance has been noted for the absence of crime, was the scene of a daring burglary on Wednesday evening last. The victims are Messrs. Challoner, Mitchell & Spring, who have a large branch jewelry store in the Kootenay metropolis. The robbery was committed between the hours of six and seven, when Mr. Mitchell, who is in charge of the store, was away to dinner. Evidently the burglar or burglars had made themselves acquainted with Mr. Mitchell's movements and took advantage of his absence to enter the store and take some \$5000 worth of diamonds, watches and jewelry. This was the only hour of the day or night when there was no one in the store, as a man sleeps there during the night. Superintendent Hussey received a dispatch from Rossland last evening informing him of the robbery, and he at once took steps to capture the robber. The local police at Rossland last evening rounded up all the gamblers and suspicious characters in Rossland, but could find no one who had been in the store. This morning Mr. Hussey telegraphed to Mr. Kirkup, the head of the police at Rossland, instructing him to offer a reward of \$1000 for the capture, or information that would lead to the capture, of the burglars. Of this amount \$750 is offered by the provincial government and \$250 by Messrs. Challoner, Mitchell & Spring. Mr. Hussey will have notices of the reward and a description of the properly printed and distributed throughout all the towns and cities in the Pacific Northwest. Mr. Kirkup has been instructed to distribute similar circulars throughout Kootenay. Mr. Hussey has also notified the police in the different cities to be on the watch for the robbers.

STILL A MYSTERY.

Jury Unable to Find Out How Mr. Arthur Received His Death Blow.

Just how James McArthur received the blow to his ear, which, in the opinion of the doctor who held the post-mortem examination, caused his death, remains a mystery, although there is no doubt it was the result of an accident. Fletcher and McDonald, who were probably struck with his fist, could not have caused death. So it is likely either received it when he fell over the chairs in the card room or when he fell on the street where he was found. Fletcher and McDonald, who were recalled by the coroner yesterday, admitted that they had endeavored to hush the matter up and had not told all they knew on the first day of the inquest, as they then believed McArthur had died from heart disease and did not think the trouble in the card room had anything to do with it. Rose, on the other hand, stuck to his old story, stating that he knew nothing of the trouble in the card room, despite the fact that other witnesses swore that he separated McArthur and Baines.

In summing up, Coroner Crompton referred to the very unsatisfactory evidence, the witnesses, with the exception of Baines and Corcoran, who gave very straightforward evidence, having tried to hush up the trouble in the card room. There was no doubt that the wound behind the ear caused death, but he did not think the jury could bring in a satisfactory verdict as to how that wound was caused. In regard to the supplying of liquor to drunken men, he suggested that a rider be added to the verdict suggesting that an act be passed to make it an offence. After considering the evidence for half an hour the jury brought in the following verdict: "We, the jury sworn to inquire into the death of the late James McArthur, find that the deceased, a marine engineer, aged 52 years, who resided on John street, city of Victoria, came to his death on Saturday, the 20th day of February, at about 10:45 p.m., on the south side of Johnson street, in front of the London Hotel, between Broad and Douglas streets, the cause of death being hemorrhage on the brain, brought about from the effect of a blow on the head, the wound being behind the left ear. From the evidence given we are unable to ascertain in how or where the deceased received the fatal injury."

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NOTICES OF MOTION.

Two New Notices Handed in Yesterday at the House.

An influential delegation from the temperance lodges waited on the government yesterday and asked for some changes in the municipal act. The following notices of motion were handed in at the house yesterday afternoon: By Dr. Walkem—For a return of all correspondence between the government and Messrs. M. W. Vail & Co., and any other person or persons in regard to furnishing stationery supplies. By Mr. Kennedy—To move that in the opinion of this house that more efficient means should be adopted for the preservation of our forests from fire, some system of patrol by the Woodmen of the World who were in charge, and who are to be commended for the success which has attended the undertaking, were: Messrs. W. Jackson, W. H. Pennington, Thos. Bradbury, A. H. Maynard, Charles Hayward and J. Hutchison. The committee were greatly assisted by the committee of the Protestant Orphans' Home and Mrs. A. J. Smith, who rendered very valuable services. The committee also request that all outstanding bills incurred by them in connection with the ball be presented for payment on Monday evening next, when they hope to settle accounts and turn over the substantial amount which has been secured for the Protestant Orphans' Home. Many of those present expressed the wish that the Woodmen of the World should endeavor to make the ball an annual affair.

NANAIMO NOTES.

Ore Shipment from Texada Island—Several Accidents.

Nanaimo, Feb. 27.—One thousand sacks of Van Ande ore were shipped by the City of Nanaimo to Victoria yesterday on the way to the Exeter smelter. Also two hundred sacks from the Raven. Several very promising ledges of quartz have been discovered in close proximity to Wellington, but no assays have been made. Experts, however, think it all right. A boy about sixteen years old, named Summers, was brought down from Englishman's river, having been badly cut by a saw. He was taken to the hospital, and is doing well. The man Charles Miller, who was brought up to the hospital from Chemainus, passed a restless night and is running poorly. He has no bones broken, but has received internal injuries. Yesterday afternoon at three o'clock two children, the three-year-old son of Mr. Albert Dillworth and the two-year-old son of Mr. Joseph Jones, were playing on the bank of the Nanaimo river, and fell into the water. The Jones child called out to his father, who was working near by, and Mr. Joseph Jones instantly went to the rescue, but too late, as he could see no signs of the child. He in turn gave the alarm and a search was instituted. At four o'clock Mr. Charles L. McDonald succeeded in finding the little body caught in some drift in an eddy in the river, but life was extinct.

THE ISLAND MINES.

Capt. McCoskie, who was in the city Wednesday, added more words of encouragement for the believers in the island mines. A short time ago he took in the tug boat, of which he is master, Mr. Barclay Bronson and party all round to the islands of the gulf. The gentlemen were looking into mining properties, and had no desire for anything but actual facts. They found a country abounding in precious metals. At one point on Jervis Inlet the boat was tied alongside a precipitous bluff, and some pieces of rock were clipped off. The stone, in every instance, was gold-bearing, some of it being highly mineralized. At that point the water was probably thirty feet deep, giving plenty of room for boats of large draught to anchor close in shore. The outlook on the rock, together with accessibility to transportation, was so convincing that Mr. Bronson offered \$20,000 for a half interest in one of the claims, which will probably be accepted. Coming on down they stopped at Texada, making a thorough investigation. They desired to see the Van Ande in operation, but the men were cleaning up the debris from the bottom of the slope. However, they were hard at work get-

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LONDON NEWS

BY THE CABLE

Lord George Hamilton Talks About India and Her Awful Famine.

Mysterious Murders in Railway Carriages—Kleptomaniac a Growing Fad.

Senator Wolcott's Mission—Curious Night Witnessed in Piccadilly at Midnight.

London, Feb. 27.—Lord George Hamilton, secretary of state for India, has just finished the following exclusive statement to the Associated Press: "The people of India, of all classes, and in the mother country, from Her Majesty downward, are much touched with the sympathy and liberality shown by Canada and the United States towards the Queen's subjects in India, who are suffering from famine. Large sums have been sent from Canada, and contributions of wheat and rice have been promised from the United States, and other assistance is understood to be contemplated. The natural relief committees, reports that they can make better and more prompt use of gifts of money than contributions of grain, valuable as the latter are, to enable those now receiving relief to start fresh at the end of the famine, which one of the avowed objects of the relief committees. Money is essential to the central committees, on which serve philanthropic men of all races and faiths, including American and European missionaries. The committee are the funds, storing great personal care and diligence, making the money received go as far as possible, furnishing relief and aid outside of the bare sustenance of food or fuel. The committee are anxious to those who would otherwise starve. In every famine district there is a large number of respectable persons who, for fear of losing caste, would rather than seek public help, go to the relief committees, and in this good has already been done in this district since the committee was organized. Since January there have been no deaths in the famine outlook, and in the famine is apprehended, will, thanks to the favorable winter rainfall, escape perhaps the partial destruction of the southern districts, and in the north-west provinces, and possibly also in two districts in Bengal and Bombay, the prospects are worse than anticipated. In some districts it is already reported that the whole population is suffering from relief, and the prospect of the famine ultimately reach thirty per cent. In previous famines ten and fifteen per cent. has been the largest amount of the whole population who have been slow to reply to an appeal for help from the country, which, when the facts are known to them, respond to their accustomed generosity."

The member of Miss Elizabeth Camp, remained at Waltham in a railroad train on the London & Southwestern on February 11th last, is still a prisoner, and has caused a widespread indignation for the adoption of American laws. The board of trade has taken up the matter, and its president, Mr. C. T. Ritchie, writes that while no plan is being with general approval, yet the position is receiving the best attention of the department. A somewhat similar case occurred on the Great Western strong yesterday. On the arrival of the express at Slough, towards midnight, Mrs. Charlton was discovered leaning and clinging to the foot board of the train. She charged the other end of the carriage with robbery and a violent murder. The window was broken and the carriage strewn with debris. There were other signs of a struggle.

Mr. Justice says the release of Mrs. Walter Cleese has been followed by a genuine increase of kleptomaniacs in the east end of London. One of the lead-kleptomaniacs states that he has been in the habit of taking the last train, and recognizing the failure of local police, he has taken the view of the fact that the kleptomaniacs are falling more and more numerous, and that the police are unable to cope with the growing number of the crime. He has taken the view of the fact that the kleptomaniacs are falling more and more numerous, and that the police are unable to cope with the growing number of the crime.

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