

Uniting The Empire

Roberts Says Outburst of Patriotism Caused by War is Not Ephemeral.

In Time of Need Her Sons Would Again Rally Round the Flag.

Heavy Price Has Been Paid for a Great Heritage in Africa.

(Associated Press.)

Capetown, Dec. 11.—At the reception in honor of Lord Roberts yesterday, when the British commander rose to respond after the presentation to him of the sword and casket, all present rose to their feet, cheering and waving handkerchiefs. The demonstration continued for some minutes.

At its conclusion Lord Roberts made an eloquent address. After expressing deep thanks for the honors accorded him, he said that the war in South Africa had a peculiar interest for him inasmuch as it enabled him to bring to what he hoped was a successful conclusion, the work entrusted to him twenty years ago, that of quelling by force of arms, if necessary, the aspirations of the Boers so as to render themselves independent of British control. Referring to his abortive visit to the Cape in 1881, he said: "The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. The guiding hand of what, Omnipotent will bring good out of what, to our finite understanding, was the most unfortunate war of 1881, for that war could not have consolidated the whole British Empire as firmly together as this has done, whereas the present war was fought by the militia, the yeomanry and the volunteers, the admirable and workmanlike colonial contingents, all fighting as brothers in arms under the dear old flag of the Queen."

In this respect Lord Roberts said he held the unique position of the first Field Marshal having the honor to command such an Imperial outburst. He was convinced, he declared, that this spontaneous outburst of patriotism was not ephemeral. England had only to give the signal and her sons would again flock to her banner from the ends of the world. Never had a mother more reason to be proud of her sons than had England today. God had brought them out of what in the dark days of December had appeared to them the valley of the shadow of death, and they could now remember the days of tribulation with deep gratitude for the mercy vouchsafed them.

Lord Roberts then paid a deeply-moving tribute of gratitude to those who had worked with him. He added that his interest in South Africa would not cease on leaving its shore, but he should watch its settlement with the utmost eagerness.

Dwelling upon the necessity for co-operation between the Dutch and English, he said it would be his proud boast if he could claim to have done nothing but what stress of war had compelled to hinder the friendly fusion of the two races in the Republics. They must try to forgive and forget all that tended to bitterness of feeling, leaving the idea that nothing remained to be atoned for on either side.

"God has given into our hands," said the Field Marshal, "a great heritage for which a heavy price has been paid in the blood of the best and bravest, and we must not be neglectful of the trust, as we have been in the past, but must be able to give a good account of our stewardship and must remember there are other duties than national glorification."

He declared he could not better conclude his speech than by quoting the first verse of Kipling's Recessional:

God of our fathers, known of old,
Lord of our far-dung battle line,
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine,
Lord God of Hosts be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget.

Battle Continues

London, Dec. 11.—The Evening Standard says the battle between General Knox and General Dewet continues, and that the forces change ground incessantly.

Lack of definite information on the subject is said to be due to the absence of telegraphic communication with the scene of action.

While the war office is most reticent on the subject, there are indications that British officials have received news suggesting considerable British successes against Dewet.

Ibsen's Opinion.

Christiana, Dec. 11.—Henrik Ibsen, the dramatist, in the *Orebladst*, reiterates the statement he previously made against the Boers, that they themselves formerly oppressed weaker people. He says he thinks the Boer sympathy mani-

festes in so many countries is unwarranted and rather ridiculous.

The Attacks on Milner.

Durban, Natal, Dec. 11.—Replying to a resolution recently adopted by a mass meeting here protesting against the attacks on Sir Alfred Milner, Governor of Cape Colony, by the speakers of the Afrikaner congress, Sir Alfred has telegraphed that while he retains the confidence of the loyalists he can afford to disregard such attacks. He added that there was no fear of the Afrikaners defecting the policies of annexation for the conquered territories.

Capetown, Dec. 11.—Field Marshal Roberts, Lady Roberts and his daughters sailed for England to-day on the *Canada*.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—A report from Col. Otter, prior to the sailing of the *Hawarden Castle* from Capetown, includes, among others of the members of the first contingent who are remaining in South Africa, the names of Private W. H. Moody, of Nelson Rifle Company, and Private Wallace, of the Fifth Regiment, C. A.

Will Take No Steps.

The Hague, Dec. 11.—The Dutch government to-day finally and definitely refused to take the initiative in behalf of arbitration between the Transvaal and Great Britain.

Roberts's Powers.

London, Dec. 12.—The information drawn from Mr. Broderick in the House of Commons yesterday, that the powers of Lord Roberts as commander-in-chief would be the same as those of Lord Wolseley, calls out from the *Daily Mail* a strong protest. The *Daily Mail* says that with Lord Roberts as a lay figure, liable to be overruled by the minister of war, real army reforms are quite improbable. The *Daily Chronicle* says: "We regret that Lord Roberts has not improved the shining moments of his popularity to put the position of commander-in-chief on a sounder basis, although we have no fear that Lord Roberts will be floated as Lord Wolseley is reported to have been."

It is said in the lobby of the House of Commons that General Ian Hamilton, who is returning with Lord Roberts, will receive a high appointment in the war office.

London, Dec. 12.—Lord Kitchener cables the war office from Pretoria, under the date of December 12th, that Gen. Knox reports from Helvetia that he is engaged in a running fight with Gen. Dewet, and that the enemy is moving towards Keldersburg, where there is a column ready to co-operate with the other British forces.

Lord Kitchener, in another dispatch, reports that the Boers attacked the post near Beersbort. The British casualties were three killed, five wounded and thirteen taken prisoners. The men have since been released.

The Boers raided the Riverton road station on December 11th. They are being followed up.

Will He Escape?

London, Dec. 12.—Gen. Kitchener's message indicates that Dewet has again evaded Knox. After the latter had followed the Boer general at Komassie drift, the Boers seemed to have doubled back, crossed the Caledon river elsewhere and turned their northeast in the direction of Keldersburg, the memorable scene of the British disaster in April, when the same commander captured the Irish Rifles.

Canadians Sail.

Liverpool, Dec. 12.—The British steamer *Lake Champlain*, which sailed hence this morning for Halifax, had on board companies A, B and I of the Royal Canadian Regiment, forming the contingent which has been in England for about a fortnight on its way home from South Africa.

Czar and Kruger.

The Hague, Dec. 12.—The Transvaal legation said it is authorized to contradict the report that Emperor Nicholas has telegraphed to Mr. Kruger an intimation that he will not receive him.

May Land at St. John.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—It is stated here that a war office to have the transport *Lake Champlain*, with the remainder of first Canadian contingent aboard, land at St. John, N. B., instead of Halifax.

The military authorities this morning received a cable from Col. Otter stating that he, with 14 officers and 200 men, including details, which is thought to mean invalids who have been in English hospitals and who are now convalescent, sail to-day by the *Lake Champlain*.

To Pay for the War.

London, Dec. 12.—Considerable irritation was aroused during to-day's debate on supplies in the House of Commons.

Sir Robert T. Reid, Q. C., Liberal, painted a gloomy picture of the conditions in South Africa. He said that after a fourteen months' war, costing 55,000,000 per month, mortality was prevalent and famine was threatened, and this might be followed by a native rising. An attempt to place the colonies under military rule, he added, would imperil the very existence of the Empire.

He gave to evidence on the subject the Boers terms not inconsistent with British dominion. All ideas of unconditional surrender should be discarded.

Mr. James Bryce, Liberal, suggested granting general amnesty to the Boers, now in arms as legitimate combatants. The government had no right to treat the Boers as rebels. The negotiations should not be entrusted to Sir Alfred Milner, the British high commissioner, who was an object of almost universal distrust, including at least half the Queen's subjects in South Africa.

Mr. Wm. St. John Broderick, the secretary of war, hotly challenged the state-

ments about Sir Alfred Milner. He declared that whatever else it might do the government could never weaken the power or the responsibility possessed by Sir Alfred Milner. Sir Robert Reid's speech, Mr. Broderick asserted, was impracticable, unwise and mischievous. He had gone out of his way to gratify the Queen's enemies. The government was perfectly willing to offer terms for surrender so long as it could be interpreted as proof of weakness, and thereby causing a prolongation of cruel warfare.

After further recriminations the report of the supply committee was agreed to. During subsequent discussion in committee of ways and means, the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, promised that a considerable proportion of the cost of the war should be obtained from the Transvaal. He added that a treasury commission was about to proceed to the Transvaal to ascertain its assets and their taxable capacity. Sir David Barbour had been selected for this task.

The loan resolution was then agreed to and the House adjourned.

To Welcome the Soldiers.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 12.—Mayor Hamilton and members of the city council are preparing to give the returning Canadians on the *Lake Champlain* a warm welcome.

Want to See Oom Paul.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—A Grand Rapids, Mich. dispatch says efforts will be made by the Transvaal League of that city to bring ex-President Kruger to that part of the United States.

Chinese Settlement

Ministers Will Probably Open Negotiations With Earl Li and Prince Ching.

Meeting of Provisional Government—France Declines to Take Any Part.

(Associated Press.)

Pekin, Dec. 10 via Taku, Dec. 11.—At to-day's meeting of the ministers, called to consider whether or not Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching had power from the court to consider negotiations for a settlement on behalf of China, some of the ministers stated that they were authorized to treat with them as representatives of China, while others, including the German minister, had not received instructions in the matter. All decided, however, that as soon as Sir Ernest Satow, the British minister, shall receive word to agree to the joint note they will commence negotiations with Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, unless otherwise instructed by their home governments.

There is every prospect that definite steps will be taken for the arrangement of a preliminary settlement within a measurable distance, and this greatly relieved those who realized the danger of prolonged delay in opening negotiations. The railway between this city and Tsin is now open and a train, consisting of four carriages, arrived here without accident yesterday. Regular traffic will be resumed December 15th.

Count von Walderssee has turned over \$83,000 as the British share of the result of the Pan Ting Fu expedition to Gen. Gaselee, who, in turn, gave the money to Minister Satow to be used for the benefit of the Chinese who may need help during the winter.

Li Hung Chang visited Gen. Chaffee to-day. He says that his powers to negotiate with the foreign envoys, though conferred by telegraph, are absolute and complete.

At a meeting of the provisional government held to-day, the United States was represented by Capt. Dods, of the Ninth Infantry. All of the governments whose representatives are present have entered into the plan except France. The French territory shall be excluded from the rule of the commission appointed. Another sub-committee was appointed.

Several high Chinese officials, on being asked, expressed a desire to assist. Though army officers have been appointed members of the commission it is the desire of the generals to make the rule civil as far as possible. Japan was placed on the charity committee on account of the amount of rice she commended in August, most of which she has now.

Walderssee and Chaffee.

Berlin, Dec. 11.—The German foreign office authorizes the Associated Press to make the following statement regarding the Walderssee-Chaffee incident, based on a cable dispatch just received from Field Marshal von Walderssee: "Gen. Chaffee wrote Field Marshal von Walderssee a letter in a rough tone. Field Marshal von Walderssee refused to receive it, retaining the same to Gen. Chaffee. The latter then wrote a second letter apologizing for his objectionable expressions, whereupon Field Marshal von Walderssee invited Gen. Chaffee to breakfast and the incident was amicably closed."

RETURNED UNOCCUPIED.

London, Dec. 10.—Sir A. Ackland-Hood, Conservative, has been elected to the House of Commons from the West, or Wellington division of Somerset. He had no opposition.

The Right Hon. St. John Broderick has been re-elected to the House of Commons from the Guildford division of Surrey, in the Conservative interest, without opposition.

Capt. E. M. Prettymann, Conservative, has been re-elected without opposition for the Woodbridge division of Suffolk.

Dominion Parliament

Order-in-Council Passed Fixing February, the Sixth, as Date of Meeting.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Will Meet House With Straight Majority of Over Fifty.

Session is Not Likely to Be a Lengthy One—The Election of Speaker.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Parliament will meet on February 6th. At a meeting of the cabinet yesterday an order-in-council was passed ordering a proclamation summoning parliament for that date.

It is usual for the House to meet on Thursday, but the first session of every parliament is called for Wednesday. It is earlier to elect a Speaker.

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The session is expected to be a short one. The government bill of fare will not be of a character that ought to prolong it.

STRIKE OF TELEGRAPHERS.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Officials of the Santa Fe system claim that the telegraphers' strike on their lines is practically over, and point to the fact that almost without exception their passenger trains were on time to-day, and that freight was being handled in volume as great as before the strike was inaugurated.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 10.—A message received to-day by Mr. Newman, general chief of the Santa Fe telegraphers, from H. B. Perham, St. Louis, where the headquarters of the O. R. T. is located, says: "The progress of strike entirely satisfactory. President Dolphin is in Galveston personally directing affairs. One success arrived beyond doubt if we stand firm. Ninety nine per cent. of the men on the Santa Fe Pacific, Southern California Valley line, and the Galt, Colorado & Santa Fe are out, and 95 per cent. of the Santa Fe proper. It is absolutely necessary that all men stay out to the end, for defeat at this time would mean the abdication of the schedule on the whole Santa Fe system."

LI'S SECRETARY ARRESTED.

London, Dec. 10.—A special dispatch from Shanghai announces that Li Hung Chang's Manchurian secretary, Yike, has been arrested by order of Field Marshal Count von Walderssee on the charge of communicating with the Boers.

The Boers are disturbing north and western Korea, says the St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Daily Mail*, and the Russian troops are preparing to scatter them.

ELECTRIC CANAL TRACTION.

London, Dec. 10.—The *Daily Express* publishes an interview this morning with Mr. Frank Hawley, of New York, vice-president of the Erie Traction Co., who has just made a tour of principal canal systems in Europe. Mr. Hawley told the representative of the *Daily Express* that he expected to obtain very shortly a concession for electric canal traction in Holland, and that he could see a great opening in France and England.

A NEW TITLE.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—With a view of placing the British steamship country of the Grand Trunk railroad on a parity with Canadian Pacific and American railways, the directors of that company have added a new title to the position of general manager. When Mr. Reeve assumes the management of the railway on January 1st, 1901, he will be designated as second vice-president, and general manager.

COURT OF ARBITRATION.

Berlin, Dec. 10.—The German members of the international court of arbitration at the Hague will be Dr. Binzner, president of the Senate of high court; Herr Von Franziskus, councillor of the foreign office and councillor of the high court, and Prof. Von Bar, of the University of Goettingen.

MUTINY ON TRAFSPORT.

Hobart Town, Tasmania, Dec. 10.—The crew of the British steamer *Hartwich Castle*, which recently brought 600 Australians from South Africa to Adelaide, mutinied to-day. A number of policemen are now on board.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE.

Melbourne, Dec. 12.—The legislative assembly of Victoria has passed the Woman's Suffrage and Old Age Pension Bills.

A FALLING OFF.

New York, Dec. 10.—It is announced says a Herald dispatch from Buenos Ayres, that the next wheat crop will be equal to that of 1899.

TO THE DEAF—A rich lady, cured of her Deafness and Noise in the Head by Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, gave \$5,000 to his Institute, so that deaf people unable to procure the Ear Drums may have them free. Address No. 207 D. The Nicholson Institute, Longcott, Gunnersbury, London, W.

THE CANAL QUESTION.

Report that Secretary Hay Will Deny if Amendment Carried is Denied.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The Hay-Panama treaty was considered by the Senate in executive session to-day. Senator Morgan returned to his former speech, elaborating somewhat his position as to the effect of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. He took issue with Senator Teller as to the purpose of the first clause of that treaty, claiming that it applied only to Great Britain's right to fortify the Nicaragua canal itself.

Senator Teller replied at some length, asserting that the provision was of more than general importance, as, he said, anyone could ascertain for himself by reading President Buchanan's views on the subject when he was minister to Great Britain. The declaration then made showed plainly, he said, that Great Britain had attempted to extend her rights beyond the immediate vicinity of the canal. Mr. Teller then proceeded to again elaborate his views upon the general subject, repeating his declaration that the United States should contract for the canal at all regardless of Britain's position and without going through the formality of ratifying the pending treaty.

Senator Stewart announced that he was for the treaty without amendment, and Senator Money that he was against the treaty in any form. There also should be new conventions between the United States and both Nicaragua and Costa Rica, giving absolute control of the waterway to this country. He wanted no partnerships with any country in ownership or management of the canal when built.

The possibility of Secretary Hay resigning in case the foreign relations committee amendment to the treaty should prevail, having been alluded to, Senator Frye said he was in a position to make official denial of that report. The secretary had no such intention.

Mr. Frye announced himself as favorable to the Hay-Panama treaty. He said that, deny the effect of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty as much as we may, it still is on the international records of this country, and is given more or less recognition by every administration that has to deal with the question of the construction of the Isthmian canal.

Senator Chandler asked Senator Frye to make Secretary Hay's position with reference to resigning public, but he was only authorized to make the announcement to the Senate.

Senator Chandler retorted that that was equivalent to giving it to the public, and the Senate then lapsed into a discussion of the ways in which the executive secrets get into the newspapers.

REAR-ADMIRAL BICKFORD

Arrived in Vancouver to-day and Has Started for Victoria.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Dec. 12.—Rear-Admiral Bickford arrived this afternoon and left for Victoria. There was no civic reception, and the hour that he alighted saw the heaviest rainstorm of the season.

A political row took place at a meeting of the Board of Trade last night. John Lowles, ex-M.P., Eng., who spoke in favor of Mayor Garden in the recent campaign, delivered an address before the board last week on reciprocal trade with Great Britain, and introduced so much politics that he was called to order by the chairman. He referred to the "haiderdash" of the Liberal government and used other offensive phrases. Last night the Liberal members of the board wished to know why the fact that he had given the address had not been entered on the minutes, and it was explained that two members of the board had invited Mr. Lowles to speak, the invitation having never been official. It was agreed, after a hot discussion, that Lowles's next meeting should be in the city hall and not in the board rooms.

SULTAN AND AMERICANS.

(Associated Press.)

Constantinople, Dec. 11.—The American and the only foreigners at the dinner given at the palace on Monday, His Majesty's display of friendliness for Captain Colby M. Chester, of United States battleship *Kentucky*, is attributed to his desire to demonstrate the friendly visit of the *Kentucky* to Smyrna has produced no irritation.

SULLIVAN'S WILL.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 12.—The late Sir Arthur Sullivan left an estate of about 500,000, nearly all of which goes to his nephew, H. Sullivan. He made small bequests to his two other nephews and to Mrs. Stephens, a niece, who resides at Los Angeles, Cal., and bequeathed £1,000 each to his housekeeper and valet.

ENGLISH TENDERS ACCEPTED.

London, Dec. 10.—The *Daily Mail* has received the following by mail from its Calcutta correspondent: "The port commissioners recently invited tenders for locomotives. The lowest English tender quoted £1,360, and asked for six months. The latter was accepted, subject to the approval of the government."

TROWN FROM HIS PONY.

(Associated Press.)

Fernandino, Fla., Dec. 12.—News has been received here of the death at the winter home of C. Carnegie, on Cumberland Island of Thos. Hutingson, the golf professional. He was thrown from his pony on Sunday and died after 38 hours' intense suffering.

COUNTESS OF CASTELLANE.

New York, Dec. 10.—The Countess of Castellane, says a dispatch from Paris, is reported to be seriously ill, as the result of the worry caused by Count Boni's creditors.

Not Yet Invited

Australia Has Not Asked Canadian Government to Send a Representative.

The Commonwealth Ceremonies Are to Take Place on Wednesday, May 1st.

Boy Shot While Out Hunting Hares—Typhoid Fever in Ontario.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, Dec. 12.—To a deputation of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association yesterday Sir Wilfrid Laurier said no invitation has yet been received from Australia by the government to send a Canadian representative to the commonwealth ceremonies, but he had reason to believe one would be forthcoming, when the government would take immediate action towards complying. He said there was misapprehension abroad regarding the date of the ceremonies, which he stated would not take place until May 1st. The Duke of York, the Premier said, would not leave England for the purpose of taking part in the ceremonies until March. He intimated that he might possibly go himself if an invitation was received.

Replying to a deputation from the Board of Trade Canada yesterday, who urged that the government take some action to have Canadian products enter Germany, Sir Wilfrid Laurier assured his interviewees that the government was doing all possible in this respect, and was hopeful that the Anglo-German treaty, now being negotiated, would obtain this object for Canada. He said the government was anxious to trade with Germany, France and Italy.

The provincial health authorities report more typhoid fever in the province than at any other period in the history of that body. So far the returns for November show 125 deaths, and a hundred municipalities are yet to hear from. As of that date 150 reported the deaths from that disease will total 150 for the month. The majority of deaths are reported from places where there is no up-to-date water supply.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—Returns received by the provincial health authorities here for November show there is no serious menace to the health of the province. There were scattered about in different municipalities about forty cases of both diphtheria and typhoid, and about fifty cases of scarlet fever, but it is regarded as a normal condition of affairs and in no locality is there an epidemic.

Mr. Dolphin, a farmer, of Grenville, N. W. T., aged 60 years, is in the city on his way to London to a meeting of the Board of Trade last night. John Lowles, ex-M.P., Eng., who spoke in favor of Mayor Garden in the recent campaign, delivered an address before the board last week on reciprocal trade with Great Britain, and introduced so much politics that he was called to order by the chairman. He referred to the "haiderdash" of the Liberal government and used other offensive phrases. Last night the Liberal members of the board wished to know why the fact that he had given the address had not been entered on the minutes, and it was explained that two members of the board had invited Mr. Lowles to speak, the invitation having never been official. It was agreed, after a hot discussion, that Lowles's next meeting should be in the city hall and not in the board rooms.

WINDSOR, DEC. 12.—C. Wright, collector of customs at Amherstburg, is short in his accounts to the amount of \$1,800. An inspection of the books by chartered accountants show Wright's method of keeping them to have been bad.

QUEBEC, DEC. 12.—While hunting hares around Benders Lake yesterday James Vincent was accidently shot and instantly killed by the discharge of a gun in the hands of a companion named Hamilton, who was holding the gun for another companion named Malloy. Malloy was engaged attending the dog with a frost-bitten paw. Vincent was 15 years old.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I., DEC. 12.—The harbor here is full of ice and the ferry steamers are unable to make regular trips.

ARGENTINE FLOUR.

American Minister Reported to Have Asked Brazilian Government to Increase Duty.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 12.—A sensation has been caused at Buenos Ayres, says a Herald dispatch, by a report that the American minister at Rio de Janeiro has requested the Brazilian government to increase the duty on Argentine flour. The Argentine exporters have sent a telegram to the Argentine minister at Rio requesting his interference to prevent the realization of the supposed scheme. Garcia Meru, the minister of agriculture, and formerly minister at Washington, says that Argentine flour is better than American, and he has no fear of its consumption.

GERMANY NEEDS MONEY.

(Associated Press.)

Berlin, Dec. 12.—The Berliner Tageblatt, having its calculations upon the figure of Baron von Tschilling, secretary of the Imperial treasury, estimates that the empire needs in the way of loans four hundred million marks.

VISITORS TO EXPOSITION.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, Dec. 12.—The statistics of the exhibition, which have just been finished, show that the total number of persons who entered the grounds was 48,130,201.

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Kaiser and Kruger

German Chancellor Tells Why the Ex-President Was Not Received.

Notwithstanding Emperor William's Refusal to See Him, He Started for Berlin.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—The Imperial Chancellor, Count von Buelow, referring to the complaints which have arisen on account of Emperor William's failure to receive Mr. Kruger, in the reichstag today went lengthily again into the reasons for the non-reception of Mr. Kruger, covering new grounds in a statement which he made as to the relations between Germany and Great Britain. He said the announcement that Mr. Kruger was coming was made 24, or at most 48, hours before leaving for Berlin. Up to that moment it had been thought that Mr. Kruger would go from Paris to Holland. The Chancellor added: "We apprised him courteously and considerately through the Kaiser's emissary, and Dr. Leydts, that the Emperor regretted he was not in a position to receive him. Notwithstanding this Mr. Kruger started. He was told again at Cologne, in the most considerate terms, that the Emperor was unwilling to receive him." Count von Buelow emphasized the suggestion was due to any wish or proposal from the British court or government to the Emperor or to himself. "For the Emperor," he said, "only national considerations were authoritative. If family relations or dynastic considerations influenced the foreign policy, I would not remain minister another day."

Continuing, the Chancellor said the Austro-German agreement of 1896 did her husband's brother. The contents of the one to her father were alone made public. She begged his forgiveness for what she was about to do. She left some money and valuables for him, and bade him farewell.

LIBERALS RETURNED.

The Conservative Party Almost Wiped Out in Another Province.

Charlottetown, P.E.I., Dec. 12.—The Liberals have been returned to power with an increased majority. Prince County returns a solid phalanx of Liberals. In the first district, Rogers, Gallant, Liberals, defeated Birch and Buote, Conservatives, by big majorities. In the second district, McWilliams and Richards, Liberals, beat Burt and Macdonald, the last named receiving only eight votes in the whole.

In the third district, McNutt and Arsenault, Liberals, defeated the Conservatives by substantial majorities.

In Summerside, McLeod, Liberal, leads McNeil, Conservative, and Godkin, Liberal, defeated Desroches, Conservative. In the fourth district, Capt. Joseph Reid and S. E. Reid, Liberals, were elected by substantial majorities.

Simpson and Smith, Liberals, in the first district of Queens, defeated McLeod and Campbell. In the second district of Queen, Premier Farguharson and his colleague, Dr. Douglas, beat their opponents, Mellish and Galiant.

In Charlottetown, Hughes and Whear, Liberals, both new men, were defeated, the former by 147 majority and the latter with 41.

In Murray Harbor districts and Georgetown and Souris districts, return two Conservatives each.

In Fort Augustus, Cummings and Palmer, both Liberals, are elected over McOwen and McLeen.

Cardigan district is not heard from, but it is probable that one on each side will be returned, making 21 Liberals and 9 Conservatives.

THE "TELEGRAPHERS" STRIKE.

Lieut. Governor Carney Asks Officers of Santa Fe Road to Arbitrate Differences.

Denver, Dec. 13.—Lieut. Governor Carney, acting governor in the absence of Governor Thomas, was waited upon at the Capitol by a committee of telegraphers who desired to discuss at length the existing strike on the Santa Fe railway and to ask the governor to lend his assistance in bringing about an early settlement.

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PUT BULLET IN TEMPLE.

Woman Commits Suicide While Seated in Chair in Her Bedroom.

Port Jervis, N. Y., Dec. 12.—This morning Florence S. Mollineux Wickham, wife of J. Emmett Wickham, committed suicide by shooting herself. The husband sleeps in a room on the opposite side of the hall, and he says he was awakened by hearing two shots in his wife's room. He hurried in and found his wife disrobed for bed, sitting in a chair unconscious or dead, and a pistol clamped in the right hand. The coroner came at once. The doctor found the woman dead, with a bullet in the right temple.

Mr. Wickham and his wife had been married about two years. She was his second wife, was 39 years old, and was the daughter of James Mollineux, of Milford, Pa.

Mr. Milford told the reporters that when he went home last night at 9:30 he found his wife's room darkened and silent—an unusual circumstance. He wanted an extra quilt for his bed, so he tried to get into his wife's room. As he key was inside the lock, he demanded admittance. She opened the door and protested against his entrance, but he forced his way in. He says he found a corkscrew on the bed attached to the cork of an empty champagne bottle. Under a chair in Mrs. Wickham's room, her husband declares, was J. R. W. Davis, of New York, engineer of maintenance of ways of the Erie railroad. Both he and Mrs. Wickham were fully dressed. A scene followed, and the husband says he called witnesses for the purpose of having evidence in divorce proceedings. He also summoned Currogate O. P. Howell, of Orange county, to arrange at once proceedings for divorce. The wife protested that nothing wrong had taken place.

After this scene all left, and the husband says he retired to his own room, opposite his wife's, where he was sleeping when awakened by hearing the two shots.

Mrs. Wickham left three letters—one to her father, one to her husband, and one to the wife of Dr. D. D. Wickham, her husband's brother. The contents of the one to her father were alone made public. She begged his forgiveness for what she was about to do. She left some money and valuables for him, and bade him farewell.

LIBERALS RETURNED.

The Conservative Party Almost Wiped Out in Another Province.

Charlottetown, P.E.I., Dec. 12.—The Liberals have been returned to power with an increased majority. Prince County returns a solid phalanx of Liberals. In the first district, Rogers, Gallant, Liberals, defeated Birch and Buote, Conservatives, by big majorities. In the second district, McWilliams and Richards, Liberals, beat Burt and Macdonald, the last named receiving only eight votes in the whole.

In the third district, McNutt and Arsenault, Liberals, defeated the Conservatives by substantial majorities.

In Summerside, McLeod, Liberal, leads McNeil, Conservative, and Godkin, Liberal, defeated Desroches, Conservative. In the fourth district, Capt. Joseph Reid and S. E. Reid, Liberals, were elected by substantial majorities.

Simpson and Smith, Liberals, in the first district of Queens, defeated McLeod and Campbell. In the second district of Queen, Premier Farguharson and his colleague, Dr. Douglas, beat their opponents, Mellish and Galiant.

In Charlottetown, Hughes and Whear, Liberals, both new men, were defeated, the former by 147 majority and the latter with 41.

In Murray Harbor districts and Georgetown and Souris districts, return two Conservatives each.

In Fort Augustus, Cummings and Palmer, both Liberals, are elected over McOwen and McLeen.

Cardigan district is not heard from, but it is probable that one on each side will be returned, making 21 Liberals and 9 Conservatives.

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Victorians Returning

List of British Columbians Who Have Sailed From Liverpool.

Kitchener Wants the South Australian Bushmen to Rejoin the Army.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—The London cable to the Star says: "The Canadians got a magnificent send-off to-day as they were embarking on the steamer Lake Champlain at Liverpool. Thousands of people were on the landing stage, and the cheering was continuous. The band played 'Soldiers of the Queen' and 'The Maple Leaf. The Lord Mayor, the Bishop of Liverpool and many distinguished citizens were present. The Lord Mayor delivered a stirring speech and was followed by the Bishop. Col. O'Leary responded, amidst rousing cheers speaking from the deck. It was a fitting close at Liverpool of the series of magnificent demonstrations."

The following British Columbians of the first contingent sailed for Canada to-day: Anderson, Cornwall, Court, Brethour, Smeeth, King, Bennett, Mostrop, Allan, Bonner, Corbould, Leamy, Livingston, Lohman, McCalment, Niebergall, O'Brien, Sinclair, Smith, Wallace, G. Wallace, of the Sixth Rifles; McHarg, Rossland Rifles; Dickson and Hicks, Kaslo Rifles. Private Walters and address of the First Contingent of Kaslo, have taken their discharges in England.

Another Death.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—A cablegram from Sir Alfred Milner to the militia department to-day announces that (67) Dunsinuir, 1st Batt. C. M. R., died of enteric fever at Pretoria on December 9th. Dandy, of the Strathcona Horse, is dangerously ill at Pocheffort.

Capetown, Dec. 13.—Gen. Kitchener has cabled to the authorities of South Australia asking that the wounded Imperial Bushmen, who are now convalescent, prepare to return to South Africa.

Another contingent of Canadian troops boarded on their way home to-day on the Roslyn Castle. They received an enthusiastic send off.

Sir Alfred Milner has been gazetted administrator of the Orange River Colony and the Transvaal.

For Canadian Soldiers.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—It is pretty generally understood by those in the confidence of the ministry that some provisions will be made for Canada's soldier boys who have returned, and those who have yet to return, maimed for the rest of their lives, as a result of wounds received in battle, and others who have never fully recovered from the effects of enteric fever. The question is likely to be brought up and settled in the next parliament.

Major Hurdman, of "D" battery, writing to relatives here, says the second Canadian contingent starts from Capetown to-day for Halifax.

This explains the item sent out by the Associated Press this morning, dated Capetown, stating that another Canadian contingent sailed by the Roslyn Castle for England to-day.

Cable From Col. Otter. (Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—The following cable was received to-day at the militia department:

"Queenstown, Dec. 13.—All well. Fifteen officers, 237 duty men, 23 invalided of the regiment, 3 artillery, 9 mounted Strathcona's, 1 artificer. (Signed) Otter."

REFORMER TORTURED.

Strung Up by Thumbs and Toes in Attempts to Make Him Confess.

Hongkong, Dec. 13.—The city was placarded to-day with statements inciting the people and the members of the secret societies to unite and rise during the month of January and drive out all of the foreigners. Crowds gathered around the placards, but no actual outbreak was reported.

Reports have been received from Canton to the effect that Young Sung Po, the reformer, has been horribly tortured. Though he was strung up by the thumbs and toes, he would confess nothing.

Searching for Treasure.

Rekin, Dec. 13.—A few days ago the British troops were notified that the existence of a large amount of treasure twenty miles northwest. Col. Tullock and a hundred men left to-day to investigate. He requested, however, that fifty extra men be detailed. It is believed that a large amount of gold and valuables were buried at that point by persons connected with the Chinese court during the recent flight. The information regarding the treasure was brought by a former court official.

Preliminary Agreement.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The latest advices from Peking from our officials there that England has signified a willingness to sign the agreement reached by the foreign ministers with a slight amendment which is said to be rather in the nature of a mere change in form rather than an amendment of the scope of the agreement.

It was the understanding that Great Britain was the only power that was holding back and as, according to the advices received here, the slight changes made or proposed to be made by Great Britain do not conflict with any of the principles held out for by the United States government, from the point of view of the state department, there seems to be no substantial obstacle to an almost immediate closure of the negotiations concerning the preliminary agreement.

German Ships Safe.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—An official of the navy department has informed the representative of the Associated Press that the German second-class cruisers Hertha, Hansa, and Irene have escaped being frozen in at the Taku roads, and that all the other German warships are in ice-free harbors and waters. The official added that only the hospital ship Savona and the transport Palatia were ice-bound at Taku.

SWISS PRESIDENT.

Ernest Brenner Elected Successor to Walther Hauser.

(Associated Press.)

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 13.—The vice-president of the federal council, Ernest Brenner, of Bale, has been elected president of Switzerland for 1901 in succession to Walther Hauser, of Zurich.

Dr. J. Semp, of Lucerne, who was chief of the department of posts and railroads, was elected vice-president.

MAY BE SENATOR BRYAN.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 13.—The Journal and Advertiser prints the following telegram received last night from an inside source from Nebraska: "Bryan is to be made a United States senator. D. E. Thompson, of Lincoln, Republican, has ten votes to do with absolutely as he pleases. The Democrats and Populists back but five votes. The Fusionists can agree upon no man but Bryan. Bryan, it is understood, has agreed to accept the place as the only way of preventing two Republicans from being elected. Thompson and Bryan will combine."

Denied By Bryan.

St. Louis, Dec. 13.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Lincoln, Neb., says: "Wm. J. Bryan, in reply to a query as to the truthfulness of a statement that he had agreed to accept election to the United States Senate, said to-day: 'There is no truth to the rumor. I have other plans.'"

Between Two Fires

Reeves, of Illinois, Objected to British Flag in House of Representatives.

While Several Other Members Were Anxious It Should Be Placed in Position.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 13.—According to a dispatch from Washington to the Times, shortly before the capital Centennial exercises in the House of Representatives were to begin, Representative Walker, of Illinois, saw the British flag drooping over a corner of the executive gallery, the House having been decorated with flags of all nations for the occasion. Mr. Reeves hurried to Speaker Henderson and reported the matter being fearful of comment on the circumstances.

Mr. Henderson at once gave orders that a naval signal flag be hung completely hiding it from view. This was done.

Shortly after other members of Congress noticed that the House was full of flags representing all the nations of Europe, and that the only nation which was omitted was Great Britain.

Mr. Barrett, of Connecticut, and he was asked to get a British flag in position. He did the best he could, but the hour had arrived when the ceremonies were to begin and it was too late.

TRAIN WRECKED.

Three Persons Killed and Many Slightly Injured.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 13.—A special to the Miner from Great Falls says: "The Great Northern passenger train, No. 3, westbound, was wrecked near Brockton, 51 miles east of Glasgow by the breaking of a truck. Four passengers were killed and many slightly injured. The dead are an aged woman, name unknown, and her daughter; Mrs. Watson, residence unknown; a Russian child, unknown name."

TRAINMEN KILLED.

Deslo, Mo., Dec. 12.—In a head-on collision here to-day between freight trains two trainmen were killed and four injured. Both engines were demolished.

The dead are Engineer James Britt, Olney, Ill., and brakeman Edward Bradley, of Deslo, Mo. The injured, Fredman Barrett, Conductor Briston, Brakeman R. D. Scott, and Brakeman G. L. Scott.

Barrett was pinned beneath the wreck, and it was found necessary to chop off his left arm to prevent death from scalding.

WILL NOT RESIGN.

London, Dec. 12.—Mr. Timothy M. Healy says he is not a whit disturbed by his exclusion from the Irish party. He has neither the intention of resigning nor of forming an opposition section. He is avowedly hostile to Mr. John Dillon, and still more so towards Mr. T. P. O'Connor, who Mr. Healy alleges, is behind the whole movement, and he is sincerely hopeless of the cause of Ireland.

EMPEROR NICHOLAS.

Livadia, Dec. 12.—Emperor Nicholas now takes his meals with the Empress. His Majesty is deeply touched by the solicitude for his recovery displayed only throughout Russia, whence he has received a number of offers of consecrated bread, but also throughout the countries of Europe and America, particularly the United States, whence many letters have been received, mostly from private persons containing advice and suggestions as to treatment.

FOR THE SOUTH.

Christiania, Dec. 13.—The Antarctic expedition, headed by Dr. Otto Nordenskjold, will leave here in August.

The Bank of Commerce

Agreement to Purchase Bank of British Columbia Has Been Ratified.

The Output of Minerals in Ontario During Past Half Year.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, Dec. 13.—At a special general meeting of the Canadian Bank of Commerce yesterday afternoon, the agreement for the purchase of the Bank of British Columbia was formally ratified by a vote representing \$3,071,000 of the capital stock of the bank. George A. Cox, president of the Bank of Commerce, in a brief speech, approved of the transfer. B. E. Walker, general manager, and J. H. Plummer, assistant general manager of the same institution, spoke in the highest terms of the managers and staff of the Bank of British Columbia, and said in their opinion they will form a valuable addition to the staff of the Bank of Commerce. The quality of the business and assets of the Bank of British Columbia were reported to be of a most satisfactory nature.

The report of the provincial bureau of mines, just issued, shows that gold mining has been making slow progress during the half year ending June. The product from 22,177 tons of ore crushed was 9,963 ounces, valued at \$156,238 gold, and \$141 silver. The silver mines show a yield of 35,000 ounces from 12,400 tons of ore; the money value being \$15,000. Nickel copper ore, to the amount of 37,808 tons, was raised, and 106,073 tons on dumps, smelted, yielding 12,323 tons of matte, estimated to cost in nickel \$113,771, and 1,734 tons of copper valued at \$105,963. The pig iron output was 32,279 tons, valued at \$511,209. The products of all sorts for the six months were valued at \$1,563,287, or two-thirds of the total of 1899.

A report has reached Fish Commissioner Bastado that a species of sea herring have made their appearance in Lake Ontario. Sea herring have not hitherto been reported in Lake Ontario. Mr. Bastado thinks it quite possible that a colony of them have come up the St. Lawrence and settled in the lakes. The deepening of the canals is primarily the cause of the development of Ontario's new resource.

The Central Fair of Hamilton is to be wound up. Application was made at Osgoode Hall yesterday afternoon on behalf of certain creditors for a winding up order. Liabilities are said to be about \$30,000.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—Justice Hall this morning sentenced D. J. McGillis, secretary-treasurer of the Montreal Cold Storage and Freezing Company, found guilty by a jury of the Court of Queen's Bench, last week, of conspiracy to defraud, to three years in the penitentiary.

REFUSED TO PAY.

Proceedings to Be Instituted Against Dominion Trading Stamp Company.

In all probability this afternoon a summons will be issued on behalf of the city against the Dominion Trading Stamp company for refusing to pay their license tax for the month of December.

As will be remembered this was imposed by the city council under the authority of certain amendments to the Municipal Clauses act obtained through the legislature at the last session. The amount is \$166 monthly, payable in advance. The November sum was paid but the company have refused to pay for December.

This afternoon, Miss Murphy, the local manageress of the concern, stated they intended to question the validity of the city's action in imposing the tax upon them. The business was a legitimate one, and no council could place such a prohibitive restriction upon it unless its illegitimacy was established.

The hearing will probably take place in a week, and the company will be represented by their solicitors, Messrs. Bodwell & Duff.

Rain or Shine.

The station agent is on duty, on his exact communication of train orders depends thousands of lives, and millions of dollars in property, each day. In his haste he runs out in the rain or the snow bareheaded and unprotected. Then comes the sequel—bronchitis, or some other disease of the respiratory organs. The most effective remedy for bronchitis or pulmonary disease is Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Almost all remedies prescribed for such diseases contain opium or some narcotic which soothes by stupefaction. "Golden Medical Discovery" contains neither narcotics nor alcohol. It stops coughs by curing their cause. It breaks up a cold, loosens the lungs, builds up wasted tissues, and promotes the health of every organ of the body.

"I am a railroad agent," writes I. B. Staples, Esq., of Barclay, Osage County, Kansas, "and four years ago my wife kept me a warm room and stepping out frequently into a cold and deep-seated. Doctors failed to reach my case and advised me to try a higher air. Fortunately for me, a friend advised me to try Dr. Pierce's medicine. I commenced taking your Golden Medical Discovery, and in a few days my cough was entirely gone. I was better, and after taking four bottles my cough was entirely gone. I have found no necessity for seeking another climate."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate the stomach, liver and bowels.

AN ALLEGED HOLD-UP.

A Tall Story of Robbery—Discredited By the Police Department.

A man named Michael O'Connor called at the police station yesterday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock with the rather alarming intelligence that he had been beaten and robbed by the police in the reservation. He stated that he had been indulging too freely in the burning fluid and being somewhat uncertain as to his ability to locate his centre of gravity while en route to his home on the reserve, a friend, a man, offered to escort him. They had reached the reservation when the man, it is alleged, struck O'Connor on the face with a blunt instrument. At this juncture another man appeared on the scene, and O'Connor was robbed of \$24. That is the story.

O'Connor's physiognomy certainly bore evidences of the fact that he had run against something hard, although it is doubtful if it was the blunt instrument referred to. The police, however, fully into the matter.

The whole subject was and it was urged that the burden of this inquiry would fall directly upon the logging business, they could not possibly free of their logs in addition of the lumber in the development of the province.

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Lumbermen's Grievances

Deputation From Their Association Lay Representations Before Cabinet Ministers.

A Complete Statement of Their Case Made and Rebate Requested.

The representatives of the B. C. Lumber and Shingle Manufacturers' Association met the government yesterday in reference to the rebate on lumber shipments. The conference lasted for over two hours, and the deputation went very fully into the matter.

ALLIANCE.

Night to Secure of the Sabbath.

People attended the Temperance hall for the Day Alliance advocating the passage of a better observance of the Sabbath.

Mr. Shakespeare's Anthem was sung by a choir. The pipe was stolen from the corner of Yates and sent to being carried by Fanny Bradbury.

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THE PASSING THROUGH.

Arrivals of the Day at City Hotels—Gaily of the Counters.

B. Lequine, of Kelowna, B. C. who arrived in the city some days ago, accompanied by his wife and family, left on a tour of California the other evening.

The whole subject was fully discussed, and it was urged that a heavy share of the burden of this increased taxation would fall directly upon those engaged in the logging business.

John Adams, of the last evening for New York, where he will take up a course of assaying for the next few months.

Capt. Wm. Hunt, recorder of the new Courthouse district, who is now in the city, says regarding that district.

Hector McKenzie, the erstwhile general clerk at the Hotel Victoria, has returned from a fortnight's visit to San Francisco.

C. J. Good is among those registered at the Victoria hotel. Good is in the city awaiting the arrival of the steamer Olympia from the Orient.

E. Diez left last evening for Philadelphia, where he will take up a course of dentistry in the dental institution there.

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Provincial News.

GOLDEN.

The annual meeting of the Golden fire brigade was held last week, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

LADNER.

A quiet but very pretty wedding took place on Friday evening, the 7th inst., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ellis, Ladner, when the Rev. E. Manwell joined in the holy bonds of matrimony John Ellis, of Ladner, and Miss Emily Louise Brodie, of Markdale, Ont.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The municipal elections poised off very quietly yesterday. This was accounted for to a large extent by there being no candidates for mayor.

NANAIMO.

Mayor Bate has announced his intention to be a candidate in the approaching mayoralty contest.

Since C.P.R. cars began to arrive at Ladysmith real estate operations at Ladysmith have shown a most remarkable activity.

Col. Hayes and party went through to the Hayes mining properties on Saturday, and development on a large scale than ever is to be begun at once.

Angus Hazeffratz, of the Lansdowne brewery, sustained terrible injuries to his face and eyes yesterday afternoon by the accidental upsetting of a barrel of beer.

His Lordship Bishop Duntzevill, assisted by dignitaries and priests, celebrated the first mass in the new church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary of Sunday.

Nothing definite resulted from the meeting of the city council on Monday afternoon, to consider propositions asking assistance in the establishment of a line of steamers on the Alaskan route.

At Monday's council meeting the mayor called attention to the fact that prisoners in the city jail were confined in beds, which in some cases were not removed during their term of office.

Two Japanese, Hanay Sato and Manjuro Hamaguchi, were arrested on Monday, charged with uttering raised bills.

Mr. Moore's tobacco store on Cordova street, with a ten dollar American bill, which was afterwards found to be a one, very cleverly raised.

His story was that a countryman of his had drawn the bill with some other man from a bank at Nanaimo.

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G. E. McKean, of the Strathcona Horse, returned from South Africa on Sunday, having been invalided home with a bullet wound in the arm and a broken leg as the result of his share in the engagement at Carden Hill.

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Refining News.

LADNER.

Foreman Sharpe, who had charge of the work on the Canadian Lardeau up the North Fork during the summer, now has men working on the Eclipse.

The Triune Fraction is located on this same mine, and the owners shipped a piece of the Lardeau and is situated on the famous Triune lead, in fact it is the adjoining claim to the famous Triune mine.

East Kootenay.

Paul Handley, who has the contract for hauling ore for the Sullivan company, is busy building sleighs for that purpose.

The Pollard boys, who have claims on Palmer mountain, adjoining the Hamilton boys, are running a 200-foot tunnel this winter on the property.

The Mand Wagon, which adjoins the Bodie on the south, is still driving its greatest tunnel. It is in over 250 feet.

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P. Porter, one of the heavy owners of the Betts and Hesperus group, on Hardy mountain, is a good big one in better looking after some business connected with the letting of a contract for a large amount of work to be done on that property.

The properties of the Dominion Copper Company—the Brooklyn, Stenwinder, Idaho, and the other, are to be put in operation on or before January 1st, says the Miner.

The machinery has been installed at the Carmel mine, and is working successfully. It is not yet known how many men will be employed at this property during the winter.

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HOW ANIMALS FIGHT.

The Elephant or the Grizzly Would Wear the Belt in a Go-as-You-Please.

Supposing all the animals in the Zoo, at Regent's Park, were to begin a fight to the death, who would be the ultimate victor?

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REPTILES IN CAPTIVITY.

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THE SENATE.

The Toronto World says it is the intention of the government to increase the membership of the Senate by six. The World is certainly not in the confidence of the present administration and the probability is that its assertion in this case is, as usual, incorrect.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WAR.

Some of our American contemporaries have no doubt whatever that the anxiety of Mr. Gladstone to avoid even the appearance of harshness with the Boers was the cause of the present war.

LORD ROBERTS ON THE EMPIRE.

The speech made by the late commander-in-chief on the eve of his departure from South Africa places the chief military figure of the present day in the British Empire in a new light before the world.

doubt without thought of the calamities they were bringing on themselves and probably rejoicing in anticipation of those which they would inflict upon the British.

Lord Roberts returns to his country a conqueror and the most popular man who has ever commanded a British army to receive the thanks of his sovereign and the gratitude of his fellow-citizens.

PARLIAMENT CALLED.

It is announced that the Dominion parliament will meet on the 6th of February for the dispatch of business and that the session will probably be a short one.

There has been no intimation that a decision has been reached as to what representative of the government shall represent Canada at the approaching ceremonies in connection with the formal joining of the Australia colonies into one great commonwealth.

ON BEHALF OF MR. M'BRIDE.

A Conservative friend, writing from Nelson, says he thinks the Times is mistaken in charging the Minister of Mines with political partisanship during his late visit to Kootenay.

It may be true that the Minister of Mines received light when he reached the Interior which led him to change his tactics and to devote his time to his official duties.

THE INDIAN RESERVE.

Certainly the Indians should be removed. The reserve at present is not only a moral and physical plague-spot, but it is a bar to the march of civilization.

A dispatch states that sixty-two divorces were granted recently in St. Louis in one day. If Chicago does not get a move on it will be losing the record.

The world admires a fighter, and whether or not it agrees with Mr. Chamberlain in all things, it must admit that he is a courageous, aggressive man.

HAD A BOPE LADDER.

Of late there appears to have been an epidemic of refractoriness among some of the small boys in the city, only recently a number having been apprehended for the theft of some articles from a plumbing establishment.

THAT HACKING COUGH is a warning not to be lightly disregarded. Bryan-Balsam cures with absolute certainty all recent coughs and colds.

Neither it nor the city has any claim on the reserve. Mr. Eberts, it is reported, is of a different opinion. He was the obstacle to the ratification of an arrangement three years ago.

The powers are reported to have reached an agreement as to what shall be done in China. But that does not end their tribulations.

It is seldom the Toronto Telegram has not a good word to say for Conservatives, and it is surprising to read the following in its columns: "Canadian politics is not entirely farce comedy, nor is the Conservative party competing in a cake walk."

A scientist has made the discovery that the little toe on the human foot has survived its usefulness, and like all superfluous members, is perishing for want of exercise.

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SOLDIERS IN CAMP.

Ex-Sergeant William Johnston, of the 10th Royal Grenadiers, Toronto, writes: "It is impossible for me to speak too highly of Dr. Chase's Ointment for piles or any itching skin disease."

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Chamberlain's Answer

To the Accusations Made Against Him in the Imperial Commons.

His Connection With the Colombo Company--Address to the Throne Carried.

London, Dec. 10.--In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Bartley moved an amendment to the address, asking the House to express regret at the fact that Lord Salisbury had recommended so many of his own family to offices under the government.

Lord George, Radical member for Camarvon district, brought together a series of accusations against Mr. Chamberlain, that had been figuring in the newspapers, and moved that no member of the government ought to have a direct or indirect interest in the concerns competing for government contracts.

After various speeches for and against the resolution, Mr. Chamberlain said: "It is my personal honor that is involved in this question, and I think it hard, after twenty-five years in the full light of parliament, to have to stand up and explain that I am not a scandalous thief."

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"Is it not hard to have to deal with such rubbish as this? When all is reckoned up, perhaps my indirect interests in government contracts is a few pounds or even shillings; and yet the House of Commons is called upon to pass a solemn resolution which will not be regarded by many members who do not anticipate that result."

In an eloquent peroration the Colonial Secretary declared that the attacks had not injured him, but had given pain to a number of private individuals.

His son, Mr. J. Austin Chamberlain, financial secretary to the treasury department, followed with a similar denial.

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ment to the address, was rejected by a vote of 263 to 127.

Mr. Arthur J. Balfour, government leader, then moved the closure, which was carried by 263 votes against 106, and the address to the throne was adopted by 265 votes against 25.

London, Dec. 11.--The House of Commons went into committee of supply to-day and William Broderick, secretary of state for war, introduced the supplementary estimates of £16,000,000 for the army.

He admitted that the government's expectation had not been over-optimistic, and it anticipated that the expenditure to March last would be little short of the outlay the government has been incurring during the whole fiscal year.

Mr. Broderick added that he believed that the government was now asking for the final sum required for this abnormal war.

Sir William Vernon Harcourt, Liberal, expressed the opinion that the House had not heard a more distressing confession. Although Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, explained that the existing borrowing powers of the chancellor amounted only to £5,000,000.

Mr. Broderick replied that it would be impossible for the government to give any pledge on that point, as Lord Kitchener must be kept supplied with many mounted men.

Henry Labouchere expressed the opinion that the guerilla warfare in South Africa which the government had undertaken, was a very interesting one.

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Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman expressed his approval of the resolution, which was agreed to. The committee then rose and the House adjourned.

The minority of six against the vote included Messrs. Kier Hardie, Lloyd George and Timothy Healy.

It is now certain that the session will terminate on Saturday.

FIELD MARSHAL'S BATON.

Berlin, Dec. 11.--This evening Major-General Count Hirsch-Herzinger started for Vienna to present to Emperor Francis Joseph, in the name of Emperor William, the baton of a field marshal ad interim.

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NATIONALISTS IN SESSION.

Dublin, Dec. 12.--The Nationalist Council resumed its session to-day. Mr. John Redmond presiding. One branch of the Irish League, said Mr. O'Brien, will devote its time to bringing to the doors of landlords, land grabbers and their castle allies the inconvenience of landlordism.

Dr. Wilson objected to the mention of the word "slavery" in the address, and the Bishop of Perth asked regarding the inventor of the aeroplane, at present there was no mention of the name of the inventor.

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The Question of War and Peace

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The Question of War vs. Arbitration Dealt With in Able Speeches.

Closing Meeting of Local Council of Women—"Individuality in Dress."

The sixth annual session of the local Council of Women was concluded last evening by a public meeting of a very successful character. There was a large attendance and much interest was manifested in the proceedings. The president of the local council, Miss Perrin, presided, and after a few introductory remarks called upon Mrs. Angus for a report regarding the Victoria branch of the Canadian Historical Society, which was organized here through the instrumentality of Miss Fitzgibbon several months ago.

The report showed the organization to be in a very flourishing condition, the membership having increased in a very short time from 14 to 54. There were, however, only three men in the society, but these, the speaker naively pointed out, "made up for quality what was lacking in quantity." The object of the society, it was explained, was the perpetuation of interest in the history of Canada through the preservation of historical literature. Several papers had been read, one by E. W. Pearce, and a general course in Canadian history will be taken up during the winter.

A very interesting paper, written by Dr. A. V. Ward, was read by Mrs. E. H. Day, on "Individuality in Dress." This paper has attracted considerable attention in the East, and is of a character calculated, certainly, to cause a furor among legions of the fair sex who love to the decrease of the Parisian arbiter of fashion. The exaggerated decorative display on ladies' hats and bonnets came in for particularly scathing attention, and the writer asked for the abolition of miniature flower gardens, the limited ornithological museums and other accessories introduced on hats by Dame Fashion. The custom of wearing the high starched collar of recent years, adopted by the female sex, was also caustically deprecated, the writer pointing out that when fashion selected from man's repertoire of dress some object of personal adornment for the ladies, she decided upon the most uncomfortable and inartistic article possible. The writer also severely censured the wearing of mourning. Dotted veils, constituting for each dot \$5 for the oculist, also received some critical attention.

The incognitiveness in female wearing apparel was then dealt with and the writer voiced an appeal for moderation and taste. A word was also spoken in behalf of the unfortunate individual who, at a place of amusement, finds his view obscured by balloons and other extensive hats, which the author of the paper requests should be removed. Men's apparel was touched upon lightly, and while there were some points in this respect which required condemnation, the male sex, as represented by the gentlemen present, may be pardoned for feeling elated at the compliment that their attire was more artistic and moderate than that of the opposite sex.

Dr. Wilson objected to the unqualified censure of the mourning dress. While crepe may be unnecessary, still some indication was needed for protection from flippant remarks. Mrs. Perrin asked for information as to the inventor of the dress suit. At present there was absolutely no distinction, at various functions, between the guest and the waiter, and he hoped the day would soon arrive when some other wearing apparel in public occasions would be adopted by the men. Regarding the ladies' wearing apparel, he pointed out that so long as they are slaves to Parisian fashions so long the slavery in dress will last.

The next feature of the evening, and probably the piece de resistance, was the debate on War versus Arbitration. For the peace, Rev. Dr. Wilson and D. S. Tait were the orators. For the cause of Mars, E. O. S. Scholefield and C. H. Lugin were the speakers. The question was, had the time arrived when war could be dispensed with? He believed such was the case, because civilization, as represented by seventeen of the most powerful nations of the world, had said so. The burden of military establishments was too great for the people to bear. The women in Germany were hurried to the plough, and performed labor on the field because of the military system there. Whether people were prepared for arbitration depended upon their condition. War was the normal condition of the savage, peace was an accident. When war becomes incidental, as represented by the line of civilization, the speaker did not desire to dilate on the horrors of war, as the subject would be repugnant to a large number present, but he mentioned a street alteration as an illustration, and then asked that it be magnified a thousand times. He then showed, however, that nervousness could be restored through the agency of a third party.

C. H. Lugin having been under the impression that he was to read a paper did not reply directly to Dr. Wilson. He explained that every man was guardian of his own honor, and when this was assailed he may submit to demonstration of interference, but never arbitration. In the recent pro-Boer demonstration in France the British embassy had been insulted and France disavowed it, no apology would have sufficed. The speaker then mentioned the Boer incident and the Transvaal war as illustrations of the inefficiency of arbitration in certain cases. It would not have been adequate in the United States and Spanish wars, because the American people demanded war. People who submitted to dishonor rather than take forcible action gradually sank into decadence. A lower standard of social and business

life ensued. The speaker then gave as a reason why arbitration was unfeasible, because that nations were not sufficiently homogeneous. The standards of civilization were too divergent. The speaker then pointed out how, through the Crusades, commerce was born; through the Wars of the Roses modern England was made possible; the heroic seamen of the Elizabethan age made modern civilization possible. The Indian mutiny resulted in a newer and better India, and Bismarck's policy of blood and iron had solidified the great German Empire.

The next speaker was D. S. Tait, who on behalf of arbitration, deprecated the statement of the preceding speaker that resort to arms was necessary to avenge national dishonor. There was a time when duels were ordinary occurrences in cases where personal honor was assailed, but this was past, and the speaker contended that national differences likewise could be settled without war. The former speaker had referred to the different conditions of civilization as making arbitration impossible. There was no greater difference between standards of civilization of nations than between the employer and the employee in England, and in some instances it had been ordered that disagreements between them were to be settled by arbitration.

The moral weight of the powers in favor could enforce the decrees of the tribunal should a nation prove refractory. In the United States-Spanish war if arbitration had become recognized Spain would gladly have welcomed it. Personal honor had suffered no diminution since the abolition of the custom of duelling. The Crusades did not elevate the conception of liberty, because there was no greater sentiment in this respect during the Crusades than when Harold defeated William the Conqueror at the battle of Hastings. The most important cause of wars in the past was the personal ambition of rulers. As instances the speaker mentioned Alexander, Julius Caesar, Louis XIV., Napoleon. Another was territorial disputes, and another animosities between people. The last was recent. The first had been virtually done away with, while regarding the second the questions of boundary had been comparatively settled.

The chances of war were becoming diminished. The cost was greater and the advantages less. If arbitration were resorted to before the feelings of the people became so intense that hate reigned supreme, its efficacy would be at once manifest. Among the nations the smaller potentialities would willingly welcome arbitration. It was their only chance for existence. As a basis of arbitration arms were necessary. The great objections, however, had been the difficulty in securing a perfectly fair-minded and responsible tribunal. But it should be remembered that arbitration was only a few years old, having been introduced by Great Britain and the United States. Within two years its principle had been recognized by the great nations of the world, and in consideration of this fact to what extent may it not advance in twenty years?

The last speaker was E. O. S. Scholefield, whose voice was for war. He deprecated the comparison by the first speaker between war and an ordinary street quarrel. There was a difference between a court of law and a tribunal of arbitration. The former may enforce its decrees and the latter could not. If, as the preceding speaker had said, war is a necessary evil, it is necessary as a basis for arbitration, then what was the use of arbitration at all? There were three ways of settling disputes—negotiation, arbitration, and war. The first the speaker commended as the most meritorious; the second was very unlikely, as the public opinion of countries must always be reckoned with. War had an enabling influence, and the speaker mentioned it as the basis of patriotism. The result of war was peace, and out of carnage and strife, good resulted. Some of the noblest men in the world were the generals who had led the British armies in South Africa, and they did not think derogatory to their honor to fight for their country.

Remarks were also made by several others. Sheriff McMillan explaining that war will always be expected until the nations are imbued with a Christian principle. Dr. Wilson closed the debate by reading a list of the nations represented at the Hague conference, and after a vote of thanks to the speakers the proceedings were terminated.

No trace has been found of the thieves who stole several relics of Lord Nelson, including his watch and many of his medals, from Greenwich hospital. The belief in Greenwich is that the deprecator were French, owing to the alleged discovery of a letter in broken English left behind, in which the writer promised to return and carry off a French flag which is among the relics.

NERVE DISORDERS OF WOMEN.

Feeble Nerves the Cause of Functional Derangements—New Vigor and Life Is Instilled into the Wasted Cells by Dr. Chase's Nerve Food (Pills).

When the nerve cells become depleted by the wasting process set in motion by over work, worry and disease, men most frequently complain of headache, brain fog and dyspepsia, while women feel the effects most quickly in the way of irregularities and weaknesses of the peculiarly feminine organs. Nervousness, irritability and depression of spirits accompany these troubles, and gradually drag women down, until they feel paralysis or nervous prostration coming upon them. The only hope is in revitalizing the nerves, and this is most thoroughly accomplished by the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food (pills).

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COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

Yesterday's Proceedings of a Most Interesting Character—Public Meeting This Evening.

When the session of the local Council of Women was resumed yesterday afternoon the results of the election of officers was announced by the balloting committee as follows: President, Miss Perrin; first vice-president, Mrs. Robson; second vice-president, Miss Greig; third vice-president, Mrs. McQuade; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Hayward; fifth vice-president, Miss M. Lawson; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Galletty; recording secretary, Mrs. G. Grant; treasurer, Mrs. W. Gray.

The president then read a short paper on the National Council, after which the Bishop of Columbia delivered an address. The resolutions on the agenda as mentioned in these columns a few days ago were introduced and carried. An excellent paper was read by Mrs. R. L. Day on "Reminiscences of the National Council of Women Annual Meeting." Votes of thanks were then passed to the mayor and council for the use of the council chamber; to the press and to the committee for decorating the apartment.

HAPPILY WEDDED.

Mr. Chas. Gregg and Miss Meyer United in Matrimony.

An event which has caused quite a flutter of interest and expectancy among the wide circles of friends of the parties immediately concerned took place yesterday afternoon in St. James church, when Miss Stella Meyer, eldest daughter of Capt. Meyer, one of the best known of Victoria navigators, became the bride of Mr. Chas. A. Gregg, one of the most prominent members of the local newspaper fraternity. The church in the event took place was crowded long before the hour set for the ceremony (5.30) with friends of the happy couple. Miss Russell presided at the organ, and promptly at the hour mentioned the bride entered leaning upon the arm of her father, to the strains of the Wedding March from Lohengrin.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Gertrude Meyer, and by Miss Laura Morrison, while Mr. Harry Davy supported the groom. The bride, who carried a beautiful bouquet, was gowned in a travelling dress of royal blue with toque to match. The bridesmaids were in grey trimmed with pink and blue respectively, with hats to match. The vows having been made, the bridal party retired to the vestry and signed the register, after which they left the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's March.

From six to seven o'clock a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents on Dallas road, which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Gregg stood under an arch of evergreen, in which they predominated and received the congratulations of their friends.

Later in the evening the bride and groom took the Walls Walla for San Francisco, where the honeymoon was spent, after which they will take up their residence here.

WELL KNOWN CITIZEN DEAD.

Louis Vigelius Died at Los Angeles, Cal., Yesterday—Was Born in Bavaria.

The death occurred at Los Angeles, Cal., yesterday morning, of Louis Vigelius, well known to the Victoria, who had gone to the California city for the benefit of his health. Mr. Vigelius was born in Bavaria, was 62 years of age, and came to this continent when a boy, settling first in the United States. In 1862 he removed to Victoria, opening the St. Nicholas bar establishment, which he conducted. Being a shrewd and careful man he accumulated considerable wealth, investing largely in property in the city and vicinity. He was always deeply interested in municipal affairs, and was elected member of the board of aldermen ten years, representing Central and South wards.

During the past few years, however, asthma fastened itself upon him and prevented him from actively participating in civic matters. He spent some time on a farm at Metchoon in a vain endeavor to regain his health. In August he left for California and gradually died, death coming as before mentioned, yesterday.

He leaves a widow, who accompanied him south, three brothers in Victoria and two brothers and a sister in Portland. In all probability the remains will be interred here.

COLDS THAT HANG ON.

Pneumonia is the result of neglected colds, colds that hang on and inflame and irritate the bronchial tubes and lungs. To promptly and thoroughly cure colds, tightness in the chest and colds in the throat and bronchial tubes Dr. Chase's Syrup of Licorice and Turpentine has proved itself the most effective remedy extant. It is so simple and efficacious. 25 cents a bottle. Family size 50 cents.

Along the Waterfront.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) It is expected under favorable weather, the tug Pilot will be ready for service in busy days from now. W. J. Stephens, of R. Dunsmuir & Son's staff, has been making numerous improvements on the vessel, and is now recalculating the top sides preparatory to the new boiler, which is being built by the Algonquin Iron Works. The boiler, which is one of the largest ever built in this city, being 14 feet 5 inches in diameter, and in the neighborhood of 40 tons in weight, is of the Scotch marine type. All the cabin and interior arrangements of the steamer has been reappointed. New iron beams have been placed in the ship and a large quantity of screw bolts used with the object of adding strength wherever possible. Not only has attention been paid to the hull alone, however, but the machinery has been all gone over, so that when the vessel is again ready for sea she will be stronger and more powerful than ever. The old bark Japan, belonging now to the same company, is also alongside Spratt's wharf, where the Pilot lies undergoing alterations. She has been dismantled and when her top sides are caulked will be ready for service. The bark Japan is pronounced as a very solidly built vessel, the hull of fine British oak and teak, and though it is now 27 years ago since her keel was laid in a Newcastle shipyard, the hull is comparatively little the worse for her long service.

When the steamer Queen City returns from her West Coast trip, on which she leaves this evening, she will, it is expected, bring further news of the wrecked schooner at Carmanah by Lighthouse Keeper Daykin. The letters appearing on the name board given in last evening's column should have read P. L. instead of P. L. These, presumably indicating the country to which the vessel had been followed, the letters A. L., which seemed to be the terminal letters of the vessel's name. The rest of the name, it would seem, appeared on another board. Additional wreckage to that which the officers of the Queen City had heard of, according to a dispatch from Carmanah, floated ashore at Carmanah, consisting of a quantity of tongued and grooved lumber, a number of pieces of iron, pieces of a boat's gunwale, also painted white and a great many empty cases, and four life belts with SS. San Pedro on it.

H. M. S. Phaeton has gone up to Vancouver to meet Rear-Admiral Sir Andrew Kennedy Bickford, C. M. G., the new commander-in-chief of the Pacific squadron, who is expected to reach the Terminal City to-morrow. The Phaeton will convey the new officer down to Esquimalt, where he will formally assume charge. The event will not, it is expected, be marked by any particular demonstration.

Steamer Walla Walla, which sailed for San Francisco last evening, carried for the N. V. Company's steamer line, from this city: C. A. Gregg and bride, G. Dorden, F. J. Dumortier, H. W. Holling, Misses McClintock, Joseph Black, Rev. John Renton, B. Lequigne, wife and child, Mrs. J. H. White, Mrs. J. H. White, J. Tholche and wife and J. N. Jensen.

Spratt's wharf these days is one of the busiest places in the city. Fifteen or sixteen sailing schooners are lined up about the docks together with a number of steamers and a certain amount of work is going on on all. The sealers are busy with their repairing, rigging or taking on supplies, and the scene thus presented is indeed an interesting one.

On arrival at Seattle to-morrow morning the steamer Utopia will lie over until 8.30 in the evening, and inaugurate a new schedule, whereby Victoria will receive a double daily service to and from Seattle. Leaving Seattle at 8.30 p. m. daily, except Sunday, the Utopia will arrive here at 6 a. m., and leave for Seattle again at 8.30 a. m., daily except Monday.

R. M. S. Empress of China, due from the Orient, had not been reported up till the hour of going to press. The Olympia had also not been reported, although out 19 days from the Orient.

Steamer Idzumi Maru, of the N. Y. K. fleet, leaves here for the Orient this afternoon. She will receive here as passengers about 30 Chinese and five Japanese.

Steamer Mineola, when about to leave for Victoria, broke one of her crank pins, which will necessitate her laying up several days for repairs.

A New Westminster dispatch says the little steamer Hattie Young, of that port, was burned to the water's edge on Saturday night. The vessel was insured for \$4,000.

Strenuous efforts are to be made to float the British bark Potalloch, which went ashore in a dense fog near North Cove several days ago.

W. B. Wilkinson, recently third officer of the R. M. S. Empress of China, has accepted the position of mate on the steamer Alpha.

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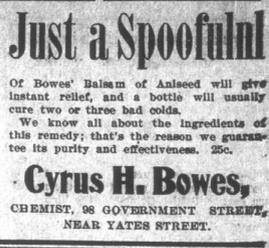
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Another Deadlock

Aldermen Fail to Reach Common Ground on the Craigflower Road Question.

Mayor Hayward Explains His Scheme For Reclaiming James Bay Flats.

After an hour and a half's consideration the city council again gave up in despair the problem of the Craigflower road. Section one, which has caused so much discussion, was passed, though after it was done none of the aldermen seemed to be particularly enamored of it, as it had undergone considerable amendment.

Upon the minutes being approved, the council was apprized by F. Elworthy, secretary of the Local Good Roads Association, of the appointment of the members to the executive, and were invited to attend the meetings. Received and filed.

Rev. Canon Beaulieu wrote informing the council of an injury sustained by Mr. Godding through a defective sidewalk on Rupert street, resulting in his health being impaired. He asked the council to consider his case.

It was referred to the city solicitor and finance committee for report.

Herbert Cuthbert wrote telling the council the result of the deliberations of the committee appointed to inquire into the plans for the reclamation of the James Bay flats. The committee had failed to report, owing to the number of other matters engaging public attention. Now, however, that the question had been reopened he forwarded a resolution carried at a meeting of the committee endorsing his plan, and stating that they believed the land would produce a revenue of \$200,000.

The Mayor said that as far as the report was concerned the committee mentioned had been appointed by a public meeting to look into Mr. Cuthbert's scheme and report to a public meeting. He did not know by what right they reported to the council directly without the intervention of a public meeting.

Ald. Yates thought that they might possibly report to a meeting also.

Ald. Beckwith asked why a meeting had not been called. He had heard that there was a hitch of some kind.

The Mayor said perhaps it would be well to receive the report and lay it on the table. This course was adopted.

A communication re Beacon street was referred to the city engineer to report to the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

A. R. Jennings reported Tolmie avenue as impassable. The government would macadam the street if the council would do so.

Ald. Brydon wanted more than a promise from one of the members of the government, as grading without graveling would make it worse than before.

The communication was referred to the streets, sewers and bridges committee.

Additional light on North Chatham street was asked for by residents on that thoroughfare. Referred to the electric light committee for report.

A petition for the improvement of Simcoe street, from Ed. Mallandaine, went to the city engineer for report to the streets committee.

The same course was taken with a petition for a box drain on Fernwood road.

On the finance committee report being submitted, Ald. Yates asked what the item of \$10 to T. C. Sorby meant.

The Mayor—Oh, that was for preparing figures in connection with the bridge scheme.

Ald. Yates—I think that shows that Mr. Sorby, notwithstanding his treatment by the city, was willing to give his services freely. He moved that the \$10 be raised to \$200.

The Mayor explained that he had asked Messrs. P. R. Brown, P. C. MacGregor and W. W. Northcott to prepare an estimate of the revenue to be derived from the reclaimed flats. Mr. Brown did not find time to complete his figures, and asked that it be turned over to Mr. Sorby. The latter's bill had been sent to the committee and paid.

Ald. Cooley seconded Ald. Yates' motion.

The Mayor retorted that the compensation made could be done by any school boy, and had been given to Mr. Sorby at Mr. Brown's request, because he needed it.

Ald. Yates—Perhaps he would not need it so badly if the city had dealt with him justly.

Ald. Beckwith also protested along the same lines as Ald. Yates.

The Mayor ruled the amendment of Ald. Yates out of order, holding that an appropriation of the finance committee could not be raised. Strong objection was taken to this by Ald. Yates and Brydon, who held that such a rule had been violated at various times throughout the year.

Ald. Cameron also held that the amendment was out of order. Apart from the merits or otherwise of Mr. Sorby's services, this was not the occasion to valuate them.

The report was adopted.

Ald. Beckwith motioned that a park be laid out on upper Pandora street on the local improvement plan next brought forward. The mover said that he had consulted a number of property owners there, and found a general disposition among them to favor the carrying out of the scheme on the local improvement plan. He briefly explained the project.

Ald. Stewart feared the ratepayers would not consent to the system. Mr. Williams wanted the money expended on Beacon Hill park. Ald. Hall intimated that he would give them a few trees if necessary, but all the money available was required for Beacon Hill; he opposed the motion.

The motion carried.

The Mayor then submitted his resolution regarding the James Bay flats. He said that this was not a new idea or an original one. It came up in 1874, when he was in the council. This, however, was the first practical plan which had

been submitted. The government was now building a centrifugal dredge at a cost of \$100,000, which doubtless could be borrowed and the cost of the work much reduced. The valuation made of the land by several gentlemen was as follows: H. Cuthbert, \$200,000; P. R. Brown, \$150,000; W. W. Northcott, \$80,000, and P. C. MacGregor, \$80,000. The mean of these figures was \$134,131. He felt the value must be at least \$100,000.

He added that it had been charged that he had appropriated other people's ideas. The same might be said of the consolidation of the city debt, which was not a new thing, but had been carried by him to a successful issue.

Ald. Yates expressed pleasure that the matter had been taken up. It was estimated that the flats contained 93,000 cubic yards, and a Vancouver contractor had said he would be glad to do it at 10 cents a yard. He also advocated a subway under Government street, for wires and to use the rock for filling.

Ald. Kinsman also supported the proposal, and Ald. Hall, too, subscribed his support to the project.

Ald. Brydon said he had been almost alone in supporting a perpendicular roadway instead of a street bridge a few years ago. He paid a compliment to the engineer's staff, and supported the project.

Ald. Beckwith, while favoring the scheme, thought the basis of the rentals should be explained. If it was undertaken the council should go into the matter thoroughly and clean up the shacks on the south side of Humboldt street.

Ald. Cameron also supported the motion, which carried unanimously.

The following committee was then appointed to go into the matter: Ald. Cameron, Beckwith and Yates.

The council then went into committee of the whole on the Reopening Craigflower Road By-law.

The usual fight ensued. Ald. Kinsman early in the debate intimated that he would not accept the by-law in the form then before the council. He indicated a reversal to the original by-law as submitted to the council.

Ald. Stewart moved for the substitution of clause 1, of a section enumerating the lots supposed to be covered by the road.

Ald. Yates suggested as a compromise an amendment in addition to the section stating that compensation would be paid for so much of such land as had not previously been used as a public highway.

This aroused equal opposition, and Ald. Brydon then proposed striking out the words "not being heretofore public or crown lands," in the clause "any land necessary for the purpose" not being heretofore public or crown land shall be taken, entered upon, expropriated and used for such purpose.

The section then passed as follows: "All that piece of land which runs diagonally through blocks N and E, Victoria West, being the portion of section 21, Esquimalt district, of the full width of 93 feet, and which said piece of land or some part thereof originally formed a portion of the Craigflower road so closed and which is hereby declared to be a public highway, and is from the date hereof reopened to public traffic, and any land necessary for the purpose shall be taken, entered upon, expropriated and used for that purpose."

Before its passage, however, Ald. Kinsman had a tilt with the deputation of Victoria West ratepayers beyond the rail. "There they are, Mr. Mayor," he exclaimed, "that's all they can scare up, until they go from door to door to drum up that few. They come here to try and intimidate this council—to hiss me and cheer you."

There was a suppressed hiss from outside the rail at this sally.

The Mayor—Oh, there was perhaps just a little pleasantry on their part.

Ald. Cooley, in speaking to Ald. Stewart's motion, said he couldn't see how the road came into the possession of Jerry Nagie. It was the oldest road in Victoria. "I don't think we should be a party to confirm anyone's title to that roadway," concluded Ald. Cooley.

Ald. Cameron insisted that the only sensible course for the council to take here was to declare the road open.

The machinery of the law provided for the rest, and the subject would never be laid until it had been settled in court.

It being 11 o'clock the council rose.

THE RAILROAD SURVEY.

Levels Being Taken on First Street for the Track.

The first tangible steps toward the carrying out of the scheme for railway connection with the Mainland authorized by the passage of the Terminal Railway by-law were taken to-day, when a staff of men under Mr. Hargrave, C.E., commenced the work of taking levels for the road.

The scene of their labors was on First street, along which thoroughfare the V. and S. line will be extended in the route to the central depot at the market building. It is expected that the road will follow the street mentioned to a point below Judge Walkem's residence, when a grade sufficiently moderate will be found for its prolongation to the market square.

The steps, indicating as they do that the promoters intend to proceed in earnest with their scheme, are exceedingly gratifying to citizens, and the hope is everywhere expressed that ground may soon be broken for the rails of the new road.

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NANAIMO NOTES.

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, Dec. 12.—W. J. Potter, of Vancouver, is here investigating the feasibility of a telephone route to Victoria, which was lately proposed.

Superintendent Robins left this morning on a flying trip to England. He will be back early next year.

GERTRUDE IS SAFE.

(Associated Press.)

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—The German ship Gertrude, which put to sea last week from Astoria on her way to the United Kingdom and later was reported to have been found on board, has been sighted off this port.

Heavy Fall Of Snow

Alaskan Steamers Delayed by a Dense Storm—Cottage City Delayed.

An Interesting Budget of Dawson News Received by Just Returned Liner.

The Pacific Coast Company's mail steamer Cottage City, which arrived from Alaskan points on Sunday morning, brought advice of the worst storm of the season having swept over the Northern country. On Lynn canal snow fell so thick that the boats were delayed, the Amur having been obliged to lay up four or five times during her trip to Skagway. The darkness was so thick that residents in the suburbs of Skagway only ventured out cautiously.

Reports from the Summit indicated eight feet of snow on the level at that point on the railroad. The rotary snow plough was busy keeping the track clear, and the barge Ajax was daily expected when the Cottage City sailed with the second party, all set up as a snare to work as soon as it comes. Compared with last year the railroad is equipped to buck snow with at least ten times the power it did then. Last year it had eight engines all told, but only two of those were really serviceable ones. The company has fifteen engines, and the additional seven are large and powerful ones.

A dispatch from White Horse reports a novel hunting expedition just completed by O. Woodchuck, near Caribou, where he was engaged for several days in shooting wild cattle. There are a number of them in the hills near that place. The animals last summer strayed from a herd owned by the Shaw Meat Company, of Victoria, which was the work of Woodchuck to Caribou to bag the novel game. The cattle are as wild as deer, and it is a hard matter to get within gunshot of them. It is feared that if they are not killed now the big timber wolves will infest the district which will kill everyone of them.

The Rollins group, consisting of four claimants near White Pass City, is reported sold to a company of English capitalists, who will begin the development work at once.

News has been received from Dawson that Major Z. C. Wood has modified his recent order prohibiting women from drinking in the saloons, dance halls and theatre boxes. The new order will permit them to drink in the saloons, but prohibits their soliciting or selling the drinks. Maj. Wood is also preparing a set of rules governing the theatres.

The Mounted Police will this winter maintain the same diligence in wintering the dogs of the travellers on the winter trail between Dawson and White Horse which they did the latter part of last winter. All people travelling the trail will be required to register their names with the police at certain intervals along the trail. This precaution was required last winter after Reife, Clayson and Olsen were murdered on the trail.

To testify against George O'Brien, the alleged murderer of Linn Reife, Fred. Clayton and Lineman Olson on the Yukon trail last winter, George A. West, alias "The Clear Kid," convicted and under sentence of life imprisonment, is now on his way to Seattle to Dawson.

At the solicitation of Judge Dugas, of the territorial court, the Yukon council has appointed a committee to investigate a certain daily publication at Dawson.

Dugas takes exception to certain political articles in the News, which refers more or less caustically to the French-Canadian citizens.

The Alaska Commercial Company is building a large shipbuilding plant at Dawson, which, it is stated, will furnish employment for 100 men.

Dave Allen, of Dawson, after a battle with the "tiger" quit the game \$18,000 winner. He had but \$2.50 to begin with. He left Dawson for the Coast on November 29th.

The stock and fixtures of Mrs. O'Neill's millinery store, of Dawson, were completely destroyed by fire on November 30th.

Mrs. O'Neill, who rooms in the rear of the store, was awakened by her dog tugging at the bed clothing. The room was already enveloped in flames, and before she could escape she suffered several severe burns. Had it not been for the dog she would have been burned to death.

Susie Vernon, the chief witness in the sensational Slorah murder trial, broke down under the heavy mental strain under which she has been working, and has been committed to the hospital for treatment, says a Dawson dispatch.

On Monday, December 3rd, the new government building at Dawson, just completed at a cost of \$48,000, was opened for business. The post office, the customs and land offices and recorder's office all have new quarters in it.

Capt. G. E. Baldwin, who for the past five years has been continuously in Alaska and who is familiar with every section of that vast domain with the exception of the extreme northern Arctic coast, is on his way to Washington, D. C., where, with Samuel J. Knight and Col. Ringner, he will represent the interests of Nome and Alaska in general during the coming session of congress.

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FROM QUATSINO SOUND.

Manager Rowe Talks About Northern Vancouver Island En Route to Frisco.

Phillip Rowe, manager of the West Vancouver Commercial Company, of San Francisco, now operating their coal property near Quatsino Sound, has arrived from his field of exploitation, and is registered at the Dawson hotel. He is en route to San Francisco, where he will spend his Christmas holidays.

Speaking of the operations on the company's coal holdings at Quatsino, Mr. Rowe expresses himself as quite satisfied with the result of the work up to the present. Of course it is virtually only development labor which is being carried on, and to indulge in flowing promises would be hardly allowable at this stage. But while not constructing a black diamond castle in the air, the company considers that the showing thus far obtained certainly justifies further prosecution on no small scale. It is just five months since the first drilling was instituted, and since that time a force of ten or eleven men have been employed in the operations. An ordinary prospecting plant, diamond drill, etc., has been used, and with the exception of a month or two, when inclement weather absolutely prevents work, it is expected that the operations will be carried on during the entire winter.

Asked regarding the advantages to be derived from the property through the construction of a road to the north end of the Island, Mr. Rowe smiled significantly, and pointed out that the route would pass within five miles of their last destination, and would almost divide the property of his company from those of the Hardy Bay Company. Each corporation possessed a splendid harbor, and with such facilities the advantages of a road of this nature were easily manifest.

Regarding the report in circulation as to the desire of the Great Northern to place its developing hand on the northern portion of the Island, Mr. Rowe stated he was completely ignorant of it. He will return to the scene of work in the early part of the new year.

DELAVERED BALLOT BOXES.

Quadra Did Not Reach All Northern Ports in Time for the Election.

Officers of the steamer Danube, which arrived here from the North yesterday afternoon, are of opinion that the ballot boxes for Atlin and Bennett have not reached their destination in time for the Burrard election on the 6th. They had not yet reached Skagway on Wednesday, when the Danube left, and on Thursday the Drigo, to which vessel the D. G. S. Quadra, which carried the boxes, only passed Ketchikan. The Danube met the Quadra at Albert Bay on the way North, and her officers were then informed about the ballot boxes. On the return to the Quadra was seen off the Skeena.

The Danube had a very small number of passengers on her return. There were seven in all, the list being as follows: P. H. Murphy, C. W. W. Johnson, Mrs. Johnson, W. B. Connell, J. H. Melor, G. W. Baker and W. Walker.

A recent arrival at Skagway from Dawson says: "As soon as the river closed prices went up, but dropped again before the steamer arrived. Beef is selling wholesale at about 40 cents and retailing at from 75 cents to \$1 a pound. Oysters are selling for \$6 a can. There are none in there and there is no demand for them. People cannot afford to eat such high priced delicacies. There are many people on the trail and for 150 miles out from Dawson it is excellent traveling, but as a whole I do not think the trail is well adapted to the use of automobiles. On January 1st two automobiles will be put on from Dawson to Grand Forks. Each auto will have seating capacity for twelve persons. It is believed they will revolutionize interior travel, as it is expected they will make one hundred miles an hour."

A Dawson dispatch, under date of November 30th, says "Henry Ganbe and another man, both of Dawson, were frozen on the trail between Circle City and the Tanana. The word was received here to-day. The dead bodies were found by travellers on the trail and taken to Circle City, where they were to be buried. Ganbe and his partner were among the vanguard in the winter rush to the rich new American mining district, and were overtaken in the northern blizzard in which they perished."

A dispatch received at Dawson from Hootlingua says that George St. Cyr, who shot and killed James Dayles recently, claims that he acted in self defence. That he voluntarily surrendered after the murder, and the deed is regarded as an indication that he speaks the truth.

The trail between Log Cabin and Atlin is reported in a wretched condition. The men, it is said, have to use boats getting along the trail, and the attempt sometimes is most hazardous.

LUMBERMEN'S NEED.

Will Submit Their Claims to the Government This Afternoon.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon a deputation of provincial lumbermen will wait upon the government in reference to the subjects of the abolition of the rebate on all lumber shipped out of the province and a bonus for shipbuilding in British Columbia.

The deputation, which embraces the most prominent timber men in the province, will consist of the following: Jno. Hendry and C. M. Beecher, of the Hastings mills; William Sully, of E. H. Heaps & Co.'s shingle mill; L. A. Lewis, Brumste mill; J. W. Hackett, of Robertson & Hackett; J. M. Potras, North Pacific Lumber Co.; A. Haslam, Nanaimo; Joseph Sawyard, Victoria; E. J. Palmer, Chemainus; J. G. Woods, Moodyville; J. K. Patrick, Vancouver; J. A. McNair, Hastings Shingle Co.; T. P. Patterson, Canada Pacific Lumber Co.; H. H. Spicer, of Spicer's shingle mill; and W. T. Spicer, secretary of the British Columbia Lumber & Shingle Manufacturers' Association. Capt. Tallow, M.P.P., and Ald. Gilmour, M.P.P., will accompany the deputation.

The delegation will ask for a rebate of stamptage on all lumber shipped out of British Columbia as was allowed by the law prior to August last.

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The Alpha's Difficulties

Repairs to Vessel Effected, But Cause of Leak Never Ascertained.

Steamer Now Awaiting New Crew of Engineers to Resume Her Voyage.

The case of the steamer Alpha, which returned to port on Friday last in a leaking condition, is one of the most remarkable which local shipping men have experienced. The repairs to the vessel have been effected and the steamer is again ready to proceed to sea as soon as a complement of engineers have been found. Yet, the exact cause of the leak in the ship has never been ascertained. It is true that the steamer took in water somewhat alarmingly at sea and also that the pumps did not work. But it is also true, according to Capt. H. F. York, the vessel's commander, that the steamer has now a certificate of seaworthiness.

The captain, in an interview, said this afternoon: "Chief Engineer Gordon has not been aboard since Saturday, and we have no knowledge as to his whereabouts. He has left the vessel without giving any explanation for doing so. As for Second Engineer Shires, he deserted while the vessel was lying in the Royal Roads on her way to sea. Since we arrived on Friday repairs have been effected in every part of the ship where necessary, and the pumps overhauled and put in proper order.

"When we headed for Victoria last Friday morning there were eighteen inches of water in the stoke hole and engine room, but the cargo spaces of the ship were perfectly dry.

"The water came in very suddenly. It was on Friday morning about 5 a. m.

THE CZAR.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, Dec. 12.—The Czar's physicians announce that His Majesty's malady has run its course, and that his recovery is proceeding in the regular course.

ELEVATED TO PEERAGE.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 12.—Sir Michael Hicks-Beach and Sir Matthew White Ridley, who was home secretary in the last cabinet, have been elevated to the peerage.

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(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 14.—Ports that after several gales, General Ch. compelled to retire by larey, with a force of British officers were casualties were not Lord Kitchener's of the war office is as follows: "Frortia, Dec. 13 at Nootchedgach, on was attacked at dawn larey, reinforced by 3 from Warmbath, making at twenty-five hundred. "Though the first of the Boers managed to Magaliesburg, which companies of the No. liers, and were thus Clements's camp. "He retired on He a position on a hill valley. "The casualties had pletely reported, but very severe, and I de onel Legge, of the and Captains Mach Atkins were killed. "Reinforcements h Lord Kitchener of the Boers made were repulsed at that General Let Attacks upon Bethle also repulsed, the B and fourteen wounded Vryheid was attac 11th. Scenes at London, Dec. 14—war office to-day report in the early stages of stant stream of ex lobbies, all seeking aster. The absence of the officers of the North in Gen. Kitchener's forbidding that the Fusiliers mentioned the Boers. The officials of the expect a heavy cas are hopeful, from the patch does not me the Northumberland catastrophe has been Orders were issued and other military to dispatch all the infantry to South A Botha Near Standerton, Trans Louis Botha is re miles from here, w men and one gun meeting of the bur Tribute New York, Dec. able adroitness in an admiring tribu cer who was captu burg last spring, sa don correspondent. Boer leader as a trol, deeply roll heart, easily touch The British prison him with much op were greatly impre and ability. As fo fairly worshipped to follow him any This British offi the greatest guerril and explains his s that there are no and that his men in him. May Meo New York, Dec. the Herald from V informed circles in