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KRUGER SENDS AN ULTIMATUM

Calls Upon Great Britain to Withdraw Troops From the Transvaal Frontier Immediately.

FORTY EIGHT HOURS TO COMPLY WITH BOER DEMANDS

Soldiers Landed Since Bloemfontein Conference Must Be Recalled--Purchase of Delagoa Bay--Australian Lancers Leave for Cape Amid Wild Enthusiasm.

(Associated Press.) London, Oct. 10.—A London news agency publishes the following dispatch from Pretoria, filed at 7:40 p.m. yesterday: "An urgent dispatch has just been handed to Mr. Conyngham Greene, British diplomatic agent, requesting an explicit assurance of the withdrawal, within 48 hours, of the British troops from the Transvaal border, as well as a withdrawal of all British forces landed in South Africa since the Bloemfontein conference."

Capetown, Oct. 10.—The Transvaal government has sent an ultimatum to Great Britain. The news confirmed. London, Later.—The more peaceful tenor of the morning's news and comments, which aroused the hopes that President Kruger's birthday would mark dissipation, or the commencement of the dissipation of the clouds hanging over South Africa, had scarcely been digested, when the sensational announcement from Capetown that the Transvaal government had handed a definite ultimatum to the British diplomatic agent at Pretoria, caused a downward plunge of the hopes of those who believe diplomacy would yet save the situation.

It is understood from the movements of the ministers and the activity at the government offices that important developments are imminent, although whether they are pacific or warlike remains an enigma. The officials at the colonial office worked all night, and Mr. Chamberlain arrived early this morning. In some quarters it is intimated that the government had received a notification of the Boer ultimatum and was relieved in consequence, as the government consider the Boers are now placed in the position of having forced the war.

Extraordinary Scenes of Enthusiasm. The reports from all the military centres show that the mobilization orders are received with the greatest enthusiasm now that President Kruger has crossed the Rubicon and taken the irrevocable step of issuing an ultimatum. Whatever the official feeling may be, there is no mistaking the significance of the great manifestation, combined with the war spirit of Imperial solidarity, that occurred in the streets of London this morning, when the New South Wales Lancers traversed the city to embark for South Africa.

Tens of thousands assembled to do homage to the little handful of soldiers representing the Empire's loyalty. From the arrival of the squadron at Waterloo Station to the entrancing at Fenchurch street station, a tumultuous scene of wild enthusiasm marked the route traversed. The bands followed playing nothing but "Soldiers of the Queen," "Rule Britannia" and "God Save the Queen," in which the dense crowds joined. The Lord Mayor's Farewell. It is doubtful if such a frenzied welcome was ever before witnessed in London. There was an incessant roar of cheers and song until the Mansion House, the official residence of the Lord Mayor of London, was reached. Here traffic was completely blocked by the surging throngs, and it was only with the greatest difficulty that the Lord Mayor, Sir John Voce Moore, in the full robes of office, restrained the singing and cheering, while he addressed the colonial troops, wishing them "God speed" and expressing the interest of the country in their heroic determination to assist in asserting Imperial authority in South Africa. Sir John Moore said: "I hope there will not be war; but the necessities of

p.m. It desires further to add that in the unexpected event of an answer not satisfactory being received by it within the interval, it will, with great regret, be compelled to regard the action of Her Majesty's government as a formal declaration of war, and will not hold itself responsible for consequences thereof, and that in the event of any further movement of troops within the above mentioned time in a direction nearer to our borders, this government will be compelled to regard that also as a formal declaration of war.

I have the honor to be, respectfully yours, (Signed) F. W. REITZ, Secretary of State.

The following paragraph immediately precedes the four demands of the ultimatum: "Her Majesty's unlawful intervention in the international affairs of this Republic in conflict with the London convention of 1884 by the extraordinary strengthening of her troops in the neighborhood of the borders of this Republic has caused an intolerable condition of things to arise, to which this government feels itself obliged, in the interest, not only of this Republic but also of all South Africa, to make an end as soon as possible, and this government feels itself called upon and obliged to press earnestly and with emphasis for the immediate termination of this state of things, and to request Her Majesty's government to give assurances upon the following four demands."

Again Postponed. Fog Prevents the Two Big Yachts From Competing for the Cup.

The Next Race Will Take Place Off Sandy Hook on Thursday.

(Associated Press.) New York, Oct. 10.—A heavy mantle of fog hung over New York and vicinity at dawn, and the waters were almost as smooth as glass. The pilot boats of Stapleton, Staten Island, rode listlessly at the anchors, with masts and spars sullenly waiting for air enough to get under way for the Hook.

Off the Battery, ten newspaper and other tugs and a sidewheeler were taking their living freight on board, but there was absolutely no animation in the scene, the hustle and bustle of three disappointing days of last week having taken all the vim out of "Going to the Race." At 7 a. m. the weather vans began to move, and after a few indecisive flutters they gently turned westward, then pointed northwest as the light morning air from that point began to filter over the rivers and bays.

Off Sandy Hook the wires reported that a dense fog and mist prevailed there at 6 a. m. Indications are not encouraging for those hoping for a fine yachting breeze, but the weather sharps are not so dejected as the average citizen.

The wind off Sandy Hook at 8:30 a. m. was N. W., blowing at the rate of about 5 miles an hour. No Wind. Sandy Hook, 9:30.—(By Associated Press despatch boat).—There will apparently be no race to-day unless the heavy fog lifts and there is more wind. At this hour both the Shamrock and Columbia are still at their moorings. The fog is very thick and the breeze is not strong enough to make the yachts' engines tall out. There were only five men beside Captain Barr on board the Columbia when the Associated Press tug went alongside. The captain was walking the deck impatiently. On the Shamrock, Mr. C. Oliver Iselin and his friends were reading newspapers. When asked if he would race to-day, Mr. Iselin replied that he would not unless it cleared. He could not say whether or not there would be a race to-morrow, but he was waiting to have a consultation with representatives of the New York and Royal Ulster Yacht Clubs. Sir Thomas Lipton also said that he should not attempt to race to-day in the heavy fog and with little or no wind. The Shamrock's full crew was on board, and a man was at the topmast head working for an hour.

Obscured by Fog. Long Branch, 10:45.—The weather bureau reports no immediate prospects of the fog clearing. The wind is five miles per hour. Mackay-Bennett Cable Boat, 10:45.—The committee boat and torpedo boat are lying upon the beach. The yachts are not in sight. There is no wind, and everything is obscured by a fog of about half a mile. The Race Off. Mackay-Bennett Cable Boat, 11:25.—The race has been declared off.

NEW MAIL ROUTE. New York, Oct. 11.—To-day's Tribune says: "Plans are being perfected for the construction of a short railway in Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, the completion of which it is said will make possible a saving of 48 hours in the time required for bringing mail from Europe to this port. The line is to be built by the Cape Breton Railway Extension Co., Ltd., which was incorporated under a

special act of the Nova Scotia legislature passed March 30, 1899, and now organized for business.

It is understood that the interests behind the enterprise are the Vanderbilts, Louisburg, on the east coast of Cape Breton Island, 2,240 nautical miles from Liverpool, has an excellent harbor never icebound, and with a pier having a depth enough alongside for admitting the largest vessels at low water. It is proposed by the company just organized to build a railway from this port, which may be made the western terminus of a fast mail carrying British steamship to Hawkesbury, on the Straits of Canso, a distance of 80 miles. From Hawkesbury existing railways would carry the international mails to all parts of the Dominion of Canada and the United States, the lines on this side of the border by which the mails would reach New York city being controlled by or in close relation with the Vanderbilt roads."

MUTINY ON A TRANSPORT. Drive Officers From Their Quarters and Take Possession of the Cabins.

Yokohama, via San Francisco, Oct. 10.—The transport Newport, on the homeward voyage, had on board a large contingent of discharged United States soldiers. These men, finding they outnumbered the rest of the passengers and filled with an overwhelming sense of the importance of citizenship, carried things with a high hand. Dissatisfied with their accommodations, they practically took possession of the ship and driving officers from their quarters installed themselves therein. On arriving at Nagasaki, Consul Harris, being apprised of the affair, went on board with four Japanese policemen and arrested the ringleaders of the mutineers.

Rising in Manila. The Filipinos Are Giving United States Soldiers Considerable Trouble.

It is Rumored the Hospitals Will Be Attacked--Gen Schwan's Advance.

(Associated Press.) Manila, Oct. 10.—Major Bell, with 120 picked men of the 34th Regiment, made a reconnaissance yesterday in the direction of Florida Blanco, four miles out of Guagua, and encountered a body of 100 insurgents, whom they routed, capturing a lieutenant and three armed privates.

Near Florida Blanco they met another body of insurgents and routed them, capturing another lieutenant and one private. Returning with twenty scouts Major Bell encountered the enemy a third time. The round of reconnaissance resulted in scattering the insurgents in that locality.

The last two days have witnessed considerable outpost fighting by small bands of insurgents on the northern lines. Simultaneously with the affair near La Loma church yesterday the outposts of the American forces at Coligan, Deposito and Marquina were fired on.

It appears insurgents in the neighborhood are operating in bands of from five to twenty, and it is rumored attacks are to be made upon the hospitals. The uprising in Manila will result in extra vigilance on the part of United States troops.

General Schwan's advance into Malabon is expected to take place in the morning.

Malabon Occupied. Manila, Oct. 10.—General Schwan's column entered San Francisco de Malabon without opposition this morning. The Filipinos had fled, but it is not known where.

WINNIPEG LIBERALS. Elect Ald. Mathers to Succeed E. D. Martin as President.

Winnipeg, Oct. 10.—At the meeting of the Winnipeg Liberal association last night, Ald. Mathers was elected president in place of E. D. Martin, who is a candidate in the interest of the Liberal "kickers" for the Commons to fill the position held by the late Mr. Jamieson. Mr. Martin made a speech attacking the Liberal government, to which Mr. Isaac Campbell replied. Interest in this little family quarrel is increased by the fact that Martin is a brother of Joseph Martin, of Vancouver, who has promised to take the stump to add his brother in his election. The Conservatives are all sympathizing with Martin.

AN INSANE AMEER. London, Oct. 10.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "Russian accounts represent Abdurhaman Khan, Ameer of Afghanistan, as insane and likely to provoke a conflict between Russia and England. "These accounts say the Ameer is sanctioning brutal executions and the torturing of officials daily and that his actions are resulting in a general exodus."

AUSTRIAN REICHSRATH. (Associated Press.) Vienna, Oct. 10.—The official Wiener Zeitung publishes a letter from the Emperor Francis Joseph to Premier Count Clary ordering the closing of the Austrian Reichsrath.

BOERS HAVE BEGUN HOSTILITIES

Orange Free State Troops Cross the Frontier and Are Now Advancing on Ladysmith.

A STRONG FORCE OF BRITISH READY TO MEET THEM

War Office Accepts Offer of Canadian Contingent, Which Will Leave Shortly--Threatened Rising of Dutch in Cape Colony

(Associated Press.) London, Oct. 11.—According to latest reports from South Africa, the Boers have not waited for the expiration of the time limit, but have already crossed the border. They would be entitled to do this in virtue of the notification contained in the last paragraph of the ultimatum. The British acknowledgement reached Pretoria so speedily as to justify a belief that the war party in Great Britain welcome the act which deprived the country of all peaceful alternatives and has given it great superficial advantage to be derived from the fact that its adversary has voluntarily assumed the stigma of virtually declaring war, and despite the newspaper attempts to veil the real feeling, the war party is in reality delighted that diplomacy has said its last word, and action can now proceed.

Must Act on the Defensive. There will inevitably be a long period of suspense, together with a great deal of chaffing at the delay, as all indications go to show that Great Britain is so unprepared as to be compelled to remain on the defensive for some weeks. All the aggressiveness must come from the Boers. It seems highly probable that the "tongue of Natal," as far as Newcastle, will be in the hands of the Boers before many hours. From that point, however, in event of a further advance, they would probably find the British forces at Ladysmith and Dundee capable of repelling their attacks.

Ready for Invaders. At Ladysmith the garrison, which has to guard against onslaught from the Orange Free State, was reinforced yesterday by the Gordon Highlanders and a strong contingent of Indian troops, and the authorities are now confident of their ability to deal out an unpleasant surprise to the Boers in the event of any attempt to rush the position. At Dundee there are about six thousand men. This force ought to be sufficient to stem a Boer advance by the way of Zululand and to maintain a line of communication with the base at Pietermaritzburg, the headquarters of Gen. Sir Geo. Stewart White.

On the Bechuanaland border the situation seems to give the Boers temporary advantage. There is considerable anxiety in the districts of Vryburg and Mafeking, although it is hoped the reinforcements recently dispatched there will be sufficient to protect the town of Kimberley. Reported Dismissal of Cape Cabinet. The attitude which the Cape Colony ministers will adopt on the actual outbreak of hostilities is much discussed here. Dispatches from Capetown say the cabinet will resign, while there are persistent reports in London that Sir Alfred Milner, governor of Cape Colony, has already dismissed Mr. William P. Schreiner and his colleagues. It is evident one or other of these contingencies must occur, as the governor and commander-in-chief must be in a position to carry out defensive measures without regard to possible obstruction from the part of an unympathetic cabinet.

Advancing on Ladysmith. London, Oct. 11.—A bulletin says the Orange Free State troops have crossed the border and are advancing upon Ladysmith. A dispatch from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, says: "Intense excitement prevails here owing to the persistent reports that the Orange Free State troops have already crossed the border and are advancing upon Ladysmith." Later.—A dispatch from Pietermaritzburg says the invaders entered Natal by the important pass of Cundy Clough, 37 miles southwest of Newcastle. Mr. White's Departure. Mr. Montague White, consul general of the South African Republic in London, closed the consulate this afternoon and immediately left for the continent. Revolt of Dutch Imminent. An important South African firm in London has just received a dispatch from Capetown saying that a revolution of the Dutch in Cape Colony is regarded as imminent.

Rosebery on the Situation. Lord Rosebery, former premier and Liberal leader, has finally declared his position relative to the South African question. In a letter, under to-day's date, he says: "I have maintained silence because I am loth to re-enter politics. To-day, however, I can speak without touching powder, for a situation has been created which is beyond party politics. I think there is much in the last three years of our relations with the government of the Transvaal to criticize, if not to condemn, but that is all over for the present."

It is needless to discuss how we could best have attained our simple and reasonable object of rescuing our fellow countrymen in the Transvaal from the intolerable conditions of subjection and injustice, and of securing equal rights for the white races in South Africa; for an ultimatum has been addressed to Great Britain by the South African Republic which is itself a declaration of war. "In the face of this attack upon the nation, the people will undoubtedly close their ranks and relegate party controversies to a more convenient season: There is one more word to be said: Without attempting to judge the policy which concluded a peace after the reverse at Majuba Hill, I am bound to state my profound conviction that there is no conceivable government in this country which could repeat it."

Will Occupy Newcastle. Newcastle, Natal, Oct. 11.—A telegram from the government says war with the Transvaal will probably begin to-night (Wednesday), and that the Premier felt it his duty to warn the people. A public meeting was held and it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the corporation. Ex-President Escombe, who is a pro-Boer, spoke reassuringly, stating that there was no immediate danger, that he anticipated no harm from the Boers and no panic, and that people were leaving at their own discretion. Capetown, Oct. 11.—The Boers are expected to occupy Newcastle, Natal, to-morrow (Thursday) morning. Excitement at Mafeking. Capetown, Oct. 11.—Noon.—The rd-

The Race Declared Off

Bad Luck Continues to Attend the Shamrock and Columbia. Fog and No Wind—Passenger Steamer Collides With a Ferry Boat.

(Associated Press.) New York, Oct. 12.—The weather today gave promise of another disastrous day for the yachting world. A fog enveloped the upper bay, and only the faintest glimmer of light was visible through the dense haze.

From the slow progress made by several fishing sloops and schooners that passed out of the Hook before 7 a. m., it would seem as though the wind would prove entirely insufficient for the races to-day.

The steamer Wm. Fletcher, with the guests of Sir Thomas Lipton on board, en route to board the Erin, collided in a fog with the ferry boat West Brook.

Cable Boat. 10:15.—(Associated Press.) (Despatch boat service.) The wind at Sandy Hook lightship is from the east, blowing about four miles an hour. It is a foggy day.

New York, 12:06.—The race has been cleared off. Mr. Iselin's Complaint. New York, Oct. 11.—Apropos of comments on the management of the Columbia.

AMERICANS IN PHILIPPINES. (Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 12.—The war department to-day received the following dispatch from Manila dated October 12th.

ADVANCE IN GRAIN RATES. (Associated Press.) Chicago, Oct. 12.—The Central Freight Association has adopted the recommendation of the freight rate committee to make a further advance in grain rates.

THE DOCTOR'S CONSOLATION. Told Mr. Hill He Was a Dying Man. But South American Nerve Cured When Hope Was Abandoned.

Butte, Mont., Oct. 12.—The startling fact has become evident that for several weeks a large portion of the city of Butte has been sliding down hill.

dispatch to America. President Kruger has cabled the Transvaal European agent as follows: "Pretoria, Oct. 12.—Please convey the heartfelt thanks of the government of the South African Republic to their friends in England for the courageous way in which they have defended the cause of right.

Chicago, Oct. 12.—A special to the Tribune from St. Joseph, Mo., says: "A single order of 350,000 pounds of dressed poultry, making 14 carloads, has just been received here by a packing house from London, Eng. More than 100,000 chickens will be slaughtered this week in filling the order.

Washington, Oct. 12.—The state department to-day issued a statement regarding the mediation of President McKinley requesting mediation in the Transvaal difficulty. The statement says that while the President sincerely hoped hostilities might be avoided, there is nothing in the rule of international law to justify an offer of mediation without indication from one of the parties to the dispute.

Chicago, Oct. 12.—United States Senator Masont has promised to champion the cause of the Boers on the floor of the Senate. He said he would introduce a resolution at the earliest opportunity expressing sympathy for the Boers in their efforts to preserve their independence.

London, Oct. 11.—Speeches were delivered to-night by Mr. A. J. Balfour, first lord of the treasury, Mr. Henry Herbert Asquith, former home secretary, and others speaking in various parts of the country.

London, Oct. 11.—A rumor is current that Mr. Conyngham Greene, the British diplomatic agent at Pretoria, has been assassinated there. The rumor is considered extremely improbable, as it is believed that in obedience to orders from the Imperial government Mr. Greene had already left Pretoria, confiding the care of his interests to United States Consul Macrum.

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There are greater dangers than those of the angry sea. That dread disease—consumption, kills more men and women in a generation than the sea has swallowed up since the earliest history of navigation.

Paris, Oct. 12.—Secretary Vandervort, of the Transvaal European agent, officially notified the French government this morning that a state of war between the South African Republic and Great Britain exists, and has existed since last evening.

river into Cape Colony and have occupied Philippstown. Their object, it is supposed, is to cut the railway at Deuar Junction, which is considered an important strategic point.

Force Moves From Mafeking. A dispatch from Mafeking under today's date says Col. Baden-Powell has just sent a strong British force from Mafeking toward the border with field guns and ambulances, presumably with a view of occupying advantageous defensive high ground.

London, Oct. 12.—This morning dispatches furnished ample details of the situation on the frontier and enable a clearer exposition of the military status. It now seems the Boers intend to act in two columns, those from the Transvaal working from the north and those from the Orange Free States working from the west, with the object of keeping the British forces at Ladysmith and Dundee occupied, while parties of Boers slip past the bridges along the railway forming the line of communication between the British base at Durban, Natal, and the advance base at Pietermaritzburg and the front.

It is regarded as possible that the Boers will attempt to occupy Estcourt, where there are only a hundred men of the naval brigade, and the news that the Boers are raiding Zululand in the neighborhood of Eshowe is taken as confirmation of this possibility.

London, Oct. 12.—The Imperial reserves in Natal have been called out. Everybody left Charlestown on the last train bringing away the Hillway staff.

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lowing dispatch has just been received here from Mafeking: "No alarm was raised here during the night, although all preparations have been made for defence.

General Cronje's force, estimated at 4,000 men, is known to be in readiness. "Apparently there is no intention on the part of the Boers to attack Bulawayo.

Basutos Restless. Pietermaritzburg, Oct. 11.—The Basutos are becoming restless and are congregating on the borders.

Boers in Laager. Volksrust, Oct. 11.—The entire first draft of the Transvaal and Free State Boers is now mobilized. The laager has been shifted to a better position for water and grazing.

Boers Must Return. Pretoria, Oct. 11.—The Official Gazette to-day contains a proclamation calling upon all burghers domiciled outside the Republic without permission of the government to present themselves forthwith to their respective commandants for service, failing which they will be punished by imprisonment and confiscation of property.

Capetown, Oct. 11.—In the course of a debate in the House of Assembly last evening regarding the allegations of Boer maltreatment of refugees from the Transvaal, the speaker, Mr. W. P. Schreiner, implied the house not to believe the newspapers in this particular.

Ottawa, Oct. 11.—The Minister of Militia has received a cable from the War Office accepting a Canadian contingent to serve in the Transvaal.

Although the matter has been kept very quiet, Dr. Borden, the Minister of Militia, has been at work for a couple of months making the necessary arrangements, with the result that the contingent can be sent at once.

When Sir Wilfrid Laurier reaches here tomorrow the whole matter will receive full official sanction.

The Siberian, Castilian and Bavarian the Allan line have been chartered war vessels.

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D. C. P. An Eloquent Last Night Masterly Revoltion-Cand

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D. C. Fraser in Victoria

An Eloquent Address Delivered Last Night Before the Young Liberals.

Mastery Review of Liberal Legislation—Canada's Possibilities and Progress.

Pioneer Hall, the headquarters of the Young Men's Liberal Club, was packed to the doors last night by an enthusiastic audience to hear an address by Mr. D. C. Fraser.

Although the notice of the meeting was very short, the members and friends of the club turned out in full force to hear Mr. Fraser, who had just returned from a visit to Dawson City, and is now returning to his home in the east.

The large audience was decidedly enthusiastic, and the many excellent points made by the speaker were quickly taken up and warmly applauded.

Mr. L. P. Duff, president of the club, occupied the chair, and Senator Templeman, Hon. Dr. McKechnie, president of the Council, and Dr. G. L. Milne had seats on the platform.

In introducing Mr. Fraser, Mr. Duff explained that it had been wished to have a larger hall, but the short time allowed for notice of the meeting had made the executive it would be inadvisable to prepare for any larger meeting than could be held there.

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And if the entirely new condition of affairs existed in British Columbia compared with the rest of the Dominion, there is more difference between British Columbia and the Yukon than there is between the east and west of Canada.

The government had thought it would be wise to have a railway into that country on all British soil, so that we should possess it ourselves. It was an unfortunate thing that the Senate did not agree with that view, and he was sorry to say that Senator from Victoria was among the most bitter opponents of it.

It was a wise proposal, for nothing brings a nation more quickly to its senses than to realize that the nation is dealing with an enemy without aid and flourish.

The Yukon charges were then treated upon, and Mr. Fraser explained the difficulties encountered by the government because of the impossibility of realizing the needs and the conditions in a new territory.

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These, however, are matters of interest. The speaker addressed a very strong appeal to Liberals, the Dominion over which he had no government for all they have done, and to remember that it was not possible for any government to do all it wishes to do immediately.

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Railroad to Cape Scott

E. & N. Will Ask For Power to Extend Their Line.

A Long List of Appointments—Another Victoria Shipping Company.

The Official Gazette, which issues to-night, will contain the following announcements:

Miscellaneous. The capital stock of the Kelowna Shippers' Union Co. has been increased from \$15,000 to \$50,000.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Skeena River Mining Co. is called for November 6th, at 12 noon, by C. W. D. Clifton, trustee.

A. P. Palmer has been appointed manager at Bakerville, of the Cariboo Gold Fields, Ltd., in place of Leicester A. Bonner, resigned. J. H. Turner is the registered agent.

A meeting of the creditors of the estate of Morris Moss, fur dealer, of Victoria, deceased, is called for October 16th, the estate being declared insolvent.

Chas. Stagner Wallis, Rich. Roberts and Robt. Leckie, Esq., of Rossland, are appointed attorneys for the Empire Mines of British Columbia, instead of W. H. McHarg.

A special general meeting of the Noble Vics Consolidated Mining & Milling Co. will be held at 11 a.m. on November 14th at 11 a.m. The object is to dispose of the assets of the company to another party to be formed.

Notice is given by the liquidators of the Banque Victoriaire, in liquidation, that a first dividend of 25 per cent, on all notes of the bank will be payable October 12th, at the principal office in Montreal.

Tenders For Fuel. Separate sealed tenders are called for by W. S. Gore, deputy commissioner of lands and works, for supplying 100 tons of hard lump coal and 100 cords of split cordwood to the government.

Island Revision Courts. Courts of Revision for the Island are announced as follows: Alberni—Nov. 22nd, at 11 a.m. Union—Nov. 20th, at 3 p.m. Salt Spring Island—Dec. 1st, at 1 p.m. Mayne Island—Nov. 6th, at 1 p.m. Duncan—Dec. 16th, at 11 a.m. Nanaimo—Dec. 21st at 2 p.m.

Extending the E. & N. H. Maurice, Hills, solicitor for the E. & N. railway, gives notice that at the next meeting of the legislature, he will propose for an act to incorporate a company to construct, equip, and operate a railroad from Comox district, on or near the 50th parallel, to the coast of Vancouver Island, to Cape Scott; the company to be endowed with the usual powers.

Incorporated Companies. The following Companies are incorporated: Butcher Boy Gold and Copper Mining Company, of Greenwood, capital, \$50,000; Lost Mountain Mines, of Vancouver, capital, \$600,000; Brackman-Ker Milling Company, of Victoria, capital \$500,000; Hazel Mining & Development Company, of Whitewater, capital, \$500,000; St. Mary Gold Mining Company, of Rossland, capital, \$500,000; Bunker Hill Mining Company, of Rossland, capital, \$110,000; Quebec-Boundary Mining Company, of Rossland, capital, \$1,000,000; Grand Gold and Copper Company, of Greenwood, capital, \$1,500,000; Limited, of Greenwood, capital, \$1,500,000; Susequahanna Gold Mines, of Rossland, capital, \$100,000; Beaverton Sublime Mining Company, of Victoria, capital, \$100,000; Sunnet Copper Company, of Grand Forks, capital, \$2,100,000; The Card Steamship & Trading Company, of Victoria, capital, \$10,000. The last mentioned is to purchase and operate the steamer John Card.

Appointment. Quenton Dick Hume, Warden, stenographer of Victoria, has been appointed official stenographer under the provisions of the Supreme Court Act.

John J. Johnson, of New Westminster, has been appointed collector of revenue tax for and within the county of Westminister, except the Hope and Yale police division of the Yale district.

J. D. Gorlop, of Tobacco Plains, E. Kootenay, will be a coroner for the province.

Wm. Dodd, of Yale, to be mining recorder and collector of revenue tax for Yale district, and provincial police constable.

Alex. Lochore, of Foster's Bar, to be a license commissioner for Ashcroft district, vice F. W. Foster, resigned.

H. R. Townsend, Rossland, to be a registrar of marriage licenses and a deputy registrar of the Rossland registry of the Supreme court.

Geo. Buhse, of Rossland, to hold small debts court for the city and for a radius of ten miles, vice John Kirkup.

W. P. Marchant to be a clerk in the office of the registrar of the Supreme court, Victoria, vice D. McBrady, resigned.

To be Justices of the Peace for Victoria, Nanaimo, Vancouver, Westminster, Yale, Cariboo and Kootenay: P. C. Sewell, Sandon; J. B. Leighton, Clinton; E. E. Hunt, Strathcona; J. C. Dreyer, Moyse; R. Kitson, Ladner; N. M. Curran, Kimberley; J. L. Brown, Surrey; R. Hansen, Cape Scott; D. B. Stevens and L. J. D. Berz, Trail; Goodwin Purcell, Douglas; Alex. D. McInnes, Alexandria; Wm. J. Manson, Mission City; David W. Brown, Hal's Prairie; Albert Deans, Langley Prairie; Theo. Welsh, Mud Bay; Rich. H. Parkinson, Fairview; Jas. Pearson, Lytton; Arthur R. Marshall, Thurlow Island.

BARON FAIRBER DEAD. London, Oct. 12.—Baron Thomas Henry Fairber, the distinguished British authority on trade and finance, and one time permanent secretary of the Board of Trade, died suddenly this morning in his 81st year.

LAYS OF A NEW PROVINCE.

(With apologies to the late Lord Magulay.)

Semite, provincial Premier. By the hills he sits and swears. By the house of legislature Should summoned be once more.

By the nine gods he swore it. And named a trusting day. And east and west and south and north He bade his messengers go forth To summon the array.

For Martinus, of Vancouver, Had thrown the gauntlet down. And had gathered to his standard A following of his own:

Higlinus on his right hand stood, A knight of rare renown. And on his left that trusty spear From Rossland's famous town.

Neill buckled on his armor tight, Kidd rushed across the veil, With Smithus, of Nanaimo, came McP., the dauntless Celt.)

So, they went on feetest horses, By mule trains and by steam, And named a trusting day. And named a trusting day.

Brave Kellius, of Reveltoke, A champion for the right, Forgathered with the hillmen From Cariboo by night.

Through Kootenay the tocsin rang, As they sped in mass array. And the call to arms and duty reached Wells at Windermere.

Through Cassiar the message ran, And Lillius and Yale, And the scud of coming conflict, Torred Deane, of Kamloops, pale.

Down the valley of the Fraser, For the coming of the day, The summons flew with lightning speed, Which Richmond echoed back.

Till Delta and till Dewdney heard The bugle call to fight. And to Henderson the tidings came In Westminster by night.

Nor did the Turner cohorts stand Idly by and see. The gathering of the Semite hordes By landwards and by sea;

Eburtus, from Victoria North, Called Booth, of Salt Spring Isle; Came Smith from wilds of Lillooet, Bodeckus with many a smile;

The banners of the city, borne By Helms and Hall, he bore, Brought Pooley and the Commodore, Obdient to the call;

Comox's doggy champion, "Slings soda the deep caves; Brydionus from Wellington, Of stoutest heart and brave;

McPhillips with valor drawn, On Cruiser took command, With Ellison and Robertson, As guardsmen on each hand;

But Turnerell came not; he With Baker shared the fray, And in their silent tent, In the home land far away.

And the Premier's face was sad, Darkly he looked on Cottinus, But looked not on the foe.

One moment on Martinus He gazed with troubled eye, The clamoring factions saw it, And sent up a roaring cry:

"To be misled is easy, By their ends he is fooled, When those who dupe and fool ye, Are in arts like these well schooled."

My ears were all too willing To take in the deep laid plan, To dismiss him from our council, Who is every inch a man.

His steamship, his genius, Stand highest on the roll; I wronged him, and my country wronged, The noblest of us all.

I am tired of all this plotting, I am sick and sore at heart, Oh lose ye from my sight, Oh lose ye from my heart.

Then a silence, strained and painful, Possessed the excited throng, Which burst forth in rage and fury, The tumult lasting long.

Long shouts rang, "Ho, Martinus," A few "Eburus," cried, And Cottinus the tribune gained, With haughty mien and stride.

But no sentence could be uttered, "Mind the order of the day, And faction vied with faction, The Speaker's eye to win;

But Fosterus his gavel dropped, And in loud and thunderous tones, Dismissed them from the Assembly, And sent them to their homes."

(May be Continued.)

GOOD NEWS FOR OUR READERS. Who have scrofula taint in their blood, and who has not? Scrofula in all its forms is cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which thoroughly purifies the blood. This disease, which frequently appears in children, is greatly to be dreaded. It is most likely to affect the glands of the neck, which, because enlarged, eruptions appear on the head and face, and the eyes are frequently affected. Hood's Sarsaparilla, however, in slight eruptions or pimples, scrofula should be entirely eradicated from the system by a thorough course of Hood's Sarsaparilla to prevent all the painful and sickening consequences of running scrofula sores which drain the system, and strength and make existence utterly wretched.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS. CURE SICK HEADACHE.

Headache and relieve all the troubles attendant on a bilious state of the system, such as Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Distress after eating, Pain in the Side, &c. While doing good, remarkable success has been shown in our country.

Headache, yet Carter's Little Liver Pills are equally valuable in Constipation, curing and relieving any annoying complaint, while they correct all ailments of the stomach, adjust the liver and regulate the bowels. Even if you only need.

Another would be almost prosaic to those who suffer from the distressing complaint; but to state that their good action is not confined to the bowels who occupy them will and that these little pills will do so many ways that they will not be written in a single day. But after all, it is the fact that they will do so many ways that they will not be written in a single day.

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A Wreck on West Coast

Barkentine Uncle John Totally Lost on the Rocks Above Carmanah.

Went Ashore in the Storm of Sunday Eight Miles From the Lighthouse.

Crew All Reached the Shore in Safety—Survivors Bound Here.

That marine graveyard of the Pacific, where so many vessels have ended their lives—the West Coast of Vancouver Island—has added another to the already large list of vessels which have met with disaster there.

According to news received from W. Daykin, the lighthouse keeper at Carmanah point, the Uncle John, a total loss on the rock-bound island coast near Westport, about eight miles to the west of Carmanah lighthouse, some eighty miles from this city.

She was driven ashore during the heavy gales of Sunday. She was seen off the coast early on Sunday evening, but was lost sight of in the thick weather. It was very dirty, with a strong wind prevailing and a heavy confused sea running in a northerly direction. Rain was coming down in torrents.

At 7 o'clock on Sunday evening she went ashore, being driven by the heavy seas on the rocky reefs at the foot of the cliffs, which range all along the shore between Carmanah and Cape Beale.

Seeing that she would be lost, Capt. Murchison and his crew took to the boats, and managed to reach the shore in safety. The ship lived but a short time after she struck the rocks. She was soon badly broken up, and will prove a total loss.

Three men were left to watch the wreck, and Capt. Murchison and the remainder left at noon to-day for Carmanah, whence they will come to Victoria, probably by the steamer Willapa, which is due on Thursday. Those left with the wreck will remain by her until some one arrives to take charge for the insurance people.

The Uncle John was on her way up the coast, which port she left on Sunday, and made a good passage to the entrance to the straits between Port Townsend and Port Townsend.

On Sunday night and on Monday morning she was wrecked on the beach near the foot of the cliffs.

The scene of the wreck is close to almost a stone's throw to where the lumber schooner Yesta was lost about two years ago. The Yesta, as will be remembered, was not seriously damaged when she struck, but was afterwards driven well up, higher than would be imagined she could have been lifted by the seas. The coast thereabouts is a very rocky one and exposed to the full fury of the storm.

The Uncle John left her home port, Eureka, California, to commence the voyage to Victoria, on August 27th, and took a cargo of lumber from there to the Hawaiian Islands, reaching Honolulu on September 15th. Five days later she sailed for Port Townsend, and ended her career on Sunday, while nearing the completion of the voyage.

The doctor of Customs A. R. Milne will step in to take possession of the wrecked barkentine as long as the captain's heirs are in charge of the wreck, although within the jurisdiction of the receiver of wrecks, is not in connection with the wreck. Should they desire to sell the vessel, they will be allowed to do so, but their sale, if they desire to do so, must be made to the receiver of Customs A. R. Milne.

The wrecked barkentine which has been seen so often on the West Coast. That wandering phantom vessel seen off Clayoquot on August 19 and again a week later further up the coast at Hesquiat, and still again by the bark Theobald of Barclay Sound about the end of August, has been seen by one of the Sound lumber fleet about 300 miles to the southwest of Cape Flattery. She was seen by Capt. Tomstrom of the schooner San Pedro at Port Ludlow, on his way up the coast. Her fore and topmasts were carried away. The captain did not see close enough to make out her name. He is of the opinion that this is the same barkentine sighted so often off the Vancouver Island coast. The opinion is now advanced by some shipping men that she may be the bark Forest Queen, which was wrecked in 1898.

W. W. Brayton, of Kaslo, had command of the Great Northern railroad, and was the townsite of Ferguson, is a resident at the Dryad.

THE PINGREE'S SLOW PASSAGE.

The Captain and Purser Each Had an Axe to Grind.

A story, not devoid of amusing features, is told by some of the Cottage City passengers, whose fortune (or misfortune) it was to be passengers up the river on the Governor Pingree.

When the vessel was anxious that the captain and the purser had two distinct objects in view, and as these purposes conflicted, the result was disastrous to the speed of the vessel.

A number of scows were met on the way up, and some of these had become hopelessly grounded on the bars of the river, that they could not be got off without the assistance of a steam vessel.

"Take time by the forelock." If your blood is out of order, begin taking Hood's Sarsaparilla at once and prevent serious illness.

MR. BENJAMIN EVANS DEAD.

Summoned to Attend the Sitting of a Higher Court—A Noted Figure.

At the Jubilee hospital this morning Mr. Benjamin Evans, for thirty years an officer of the Supreme court of British Columbia, was served with a summons from a still higher court, whose processes are never disobeyed.

Mr. Evans, though ailing for some time, passed away peacefully after a long and busy life. His good natured face and portly figure have been missed from the precincts of the court house for a year or more, since his superannuation by the government, but his friends, who are many, have made it a point to visit him frequently at his snug little home at Gabriola Bay, where he spent the declining years of his life.

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Charged With Seduction

James Armour on Trial—Painful Disclosures in the Assize Court.

The Mother of a Child Ignorant of Its Birth and Identity.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) When the Assize Court resumed this morning there was a larger attendance of the public than has been seen on any previous day of the sitting, a fact of course accounted for by the nature of the charge, that of seduction. James Armour, who is accused of seduction, had the honor of being the first during this assize to occupy a place in the dock. He was a close listener to the address of Crown Counsel Belyea, and the evidence of the witnesses.

The following jury was selected: (Geo. T. (foreman), Andrew Sherret, Robert Law, Peter Steele, jr., H. M. Saunders, James Bell, William Scott, Samuel R. Chester, Robert G. Sinclair, Howard Cameron, William Bullman and Richard Baird.

Mr. Belyea in opening the case for the prosecution briefly outlined the salient features of the case, leaving, he said, the details to be filled in by the evidence. It appeared that the girl in the case, Ethel M. Shields, who is sixteen years of age, had resided in Sooke, and in October last, when her mother and family were leaving there for Victoria, Ethel went to bid farewell to Mrs. Armour, mother of the accused. She was accompanied by her little sister, and on their return they were overtaken by James Armour, the accused. They took place the seduction which resulted in Ethel becoming a mother in August last.

One of the most lamentable features of the case is that the girl is somewhat deformed, and until she was eleven years old was a deaf mute. She has now regained her hearing to an extent, but occupying a seat in court presented every appearance of being deficient. Mr. Belyea in his address said she does not even now know that she has given birth to a child.

The first witness was Mrs. Shoup, mother of the girl, who said Ethel was born in October, 1883. Last October when witness came into town she left Ethel and her little sister Annie at Sooke. Two weeks afterwards Ethel and Annie came into town, and Ethel was sick for some time. Witness advised her to go to the doctor, but it was some time before the doctor told her that Ethel was pregnant. When witness learned this, she questioned Ethel, and after much trouble learned from her that James Armour, the accused, had seduced her. She was given by witness, which could not be published.

Cross-examined by Mr. Powell witness said she was married to Captain Shields in Tacoma on September 21st, 1882, and Ethel was born on June 5, 1883, in Tacoma. She had her marriage certificate and could produce it. Mr. Powell called witness's attention to some discrepancy between her present clear recollection of these dates and the doubt she expressed in the police court. This she explained by the fact of her being in trouble on the occasion of the preliminary hearing and could not be sure of dates then.

Counsel endeavored to throw a doubt on the reliability of witness's evidence, because of the apparent contradictions between the story now told by her and that told to Mrs. Joseph, mother of the accused.

Witness was taken step by step through the details of the girl's illness, and it transpired that although Ethel now knows that what is alleged to be her father's name is correct, she is not sure of the date of her birth, and subsequently she was taken back to her own home, where two rooms upstairs were set apart for her use.

Mr. Powell endeavored to establish by his cross-examination that witness had expected the child to be born on May 8, which would have made it unlikely that the dates said to have been those upon which Armour assaulted the girl unlikely to be correct. The line of argument appeared to be that there was a possibility of some other being the father of the child.

In re-examination by Mr. Belyea, witness said she could not afford to keep on the house taken for the purpose of Ethel's concealment, and it was given up. Ethel's baby is now at Sooke. She does not know it is her's. She calls it "Auntie Nance's baby that has no papa and no mamma." It was born on July 14th. It is a girl. Little Annie was only five years old on July 19, 1898.

Dr. Frank Hall attended Ethel previous to and on the occasion of her confinement. The child was a large and apparently a full term one. Ethel is certainly a very weak-minded girl, and the line between her state and that of idiocy is a very fine one.

Mr. W. J. Cave, a clerk in the office of Drake, Jackson & Helmcken, identified the plan and photographs produced, and the photographs were also light-bringing messengers to the darkened brain, although the answers given were sometimes contradictory and absurd. On some points the girl was ever seen that man before?" (pointing to the accused.) "Who is that man?" "Jimmy Armour; bad man," came the answer, and this was perhaps the most quickly given and most easily to be understood answer obtained from her.

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Witness proceeded to detail the state of Ethel's health a few days prior to that day, and to describe the locality of Sooke, with particular reference to the place of the first alleged assault.

Cross-examination by Mr. Powell was directed towards obtaining from the witness some idea of the date of the children's visit to the Armour house, and was being continued as the times went to press.

The Nickel-in-the-Slot. When Jurymen Dearberg had recovered and the court resumed yesterday afternoon, Mr. Belyea, counsel for the crown, addressed the jury in the case of Regina vs. Morris. Taking up the arguments of Mr. Peters seriatim, Mr. Belyea maintained that no matter how well-conducted might have been the business conducted by the jury, and that there was also the machine, and that of chance being conducted there, and it was the duty of the jury to decide that matter of fact.

As to the fairness of the game, Mr. Belyea had carefully related the information elicited during the morning, and dwelt at length upon the chances being very much against the player on account of the absence of the tea of spades and hearts. Also, being engaged on the cards on the machine, so arranged that on four of the cylinders there was only one card of a certain denomination, and on one of them there was no card of one suit, the chances of obtaining a flush and other combinations were much less than they should be to make this a fair game for both the owner and the player. As illustrating the possibilities of so arranging the cards as to increase the chances against the player, counsel pointed out that if four cards of any denomination were placed on any one cylinder it would be quite impossible for pairs, threes, or fours, of that particular denomination to be exposed.

His lordship summed up, taking the view that the machine might fairly be considered the banker and could be manipulated by him. The jury retired at about 4:30 to consider their verdict, and after five minutes asked permission to have the machine in evidence. This was granted and for some time the sound of the plunger being pressed down was heard in the court. There was a supply of nickels in the drawer of the machine. After an hour's consultation the jury brought in a verdict of guilty. His lordship reserved sentence, counsel for the defence intimating that he wished to read the transcript of his lordship's summing up to enable him to cite upon some points he wished reserved. The Stoddart Case. His lordship's decision not to discharge the grand jury when their services were apparently ended last week proved a wise one, for it would have been inconceivable in view of the commitment of Fred Stoddart on the charge of burglary.

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Major James Moll, R. A. M. C., is calling for tenders for beer, soda water, lemonade, ginger beer, cold oil, potatoes, tobacco, cigars, cigarettes and groceries for the garrison canteen, Work Point barracks. Tenders must be in by October 20.

The quarterly general meeting of the British Columbia board will be held at 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon. In addition to the regular business of the board the advertising of Victoria, the progress of mining throughout the province and the proposed Port Angeles ferry scheme will be discussed.

Herb Williams, a Swish, who formerly acted as special constable at Kitimat, was brought down today on the Princess Louise, having been committed for trial. He was arrested on a charge of setting fire to the dwelling of Matthew Hanaway at Quatska Cove, August 27th. He was tried before Indian Agent Chas. Todd at Millakatta and committed for trial.

Considerable interest is being taken in the forthcoming exhibition of the Saanich show, to be held at the end of this month. The number of exhibits is the largest ever recorded, and the entertainment features will include Indian and farmers' races and a baby show, at which Mr. H. Dalles Helmsken will officiate as judge. A dance is projected for the winding up event.

Henry Towse, who almost succeeded in taking his own life a few days ago at the Royal Oak, and who has since been detained by the police, was released today, having been examined by Dr. Hart and pronounced sane. He denies that he attempted to commit suicide. He also claims that, as a result of malarial fever in South Africa, he sank so low that he was believed to be dead, was placed in a coffin and all preparations made for his interment before the mistake was discovered.

On Monday a very quiet wedding took place at Christ church cathedral, Rev. Canon Beanlands officiating. The principals were Kate Eunice, third daughter of Dr. John Chapman Davis, of Fairholm, and Frederick William, second son of Rev. E. T. W. Polehampton, of Hatfield rectory, Buxthorpe, Sussex, England. Mr. Digby was best man and Miss Edith Davis bridesmaid. Later in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Polehampton left for Vancouver en route to England, intending to sail by the Oceanic from New York.

In connection with the two Victoria murders it seems rather remarkable that the police here are said to have not been called upon to investigate the case of the Powells' murder, where it is understood that the Victoria authorities had a fair description of the person or persons who were supposed to have committed the crime. In the Bings case the body was found at 9 o'clock in the morning, and it is alleged that the police officers here were not notified of the murder until a late hour in the evening, thus preventing the watching of the train from Victoria arriving that day.

The prompt action of the fire brigade this morning alone prevented a big conflagration in the mill district of Rock Bay. At 10:30 an alarm was turned in from the corner of the mill street and Princess avenue, and as is the custom of the chief in calls from that district, most of the apparatus was dispatched to the scene. The cause of the alarm was a roof fire in the office of Taylor Mill Co., which was quickly extinguished. The Taylor Mills office is situated in the very centre of the mills, and in close proximity to the gas works, which would have greatly enhanced the difficulty of fighting the fire had it obtained a foothold. The loss will be covered by \$10.

The remains of the late Martin Willis were interred yesterday in Ross Bay cemetery, Rev. Canon Paddon officiating. The pallbearers were Messrs. George Winter, J. Rowe, S. W. Eastman, H. Margrets, H. G. Brown and Dan McCallum, the funeral taking place from Hayward's undertaking parlors.

Very successful harvest home services were held in connection with the Victoria Methodist church on Sunday. The little edifice was most tastefully decorated with fruits, grains and vegetables and all the services were of a very enjoyable character.

A Vancouver correspondent says a missionary supplies the following story to the effect that Kang's sympathizers sent emissaries to Peking this month ago to remove his enemies and thus end their plot to assassinate him, of which he is in constant fear.

nasty and the elevating of Kang to great power and influence, while Kang is here already as the coming star of this country.

The marriage of Mr. Henry Cummins and Miss Mary Birney, daughter of Mr. James Birney, took place last evening, Rev. W. Leslie Clark officiating. Miss Maggie Cummins acted as best man and Mr. James Birney, jr. acted as the groom.

Right Rev. Bishop Cridge officiated last evening at the wedding of Arthur Edward Haynes and Matilda Ann Heald, which took place at 115 View Islander this morning at the Mainland on the honeymoon trip.

The death occurred yesterday of Mrs. Annie Weeks, of Vining street, Spring Ridge. Deceased was a native of Cumberland, England, and aged 52 years. The funeral has been arranged for Saturday afternoon at 2:45 from the residence and at 3 o'clock from the Barnabas church.

The much-needed and long talked of weekly steambath service between Victoria and Texada Island has been established by an unexpected means. One of the Mount Sicker mines is being shipped weekly to the Van Anden smelter and the City of Nanaimo now calls at the island on her regular trips to Comox.

The funeral of the late Mr. Benjamin Evans is taking place this afternoon as the Times goes to press, Rev. Canon Beanlands and Ven. Archdeacon Scribner conducting the services at Christ Church Cathedral. There is a large attendance of friends of the deceased, and the pallbearers are: Sir Henry P. P. Crease, Hon. Mr. Justice Drake, C. E. Pooley, M.P.P., D. M. Edwards, M.P.P., James W. Bland and Oscar C. Bass.

Mrs. Baker, relict of the late Thos. Baker, died yesterday at the residence of Mr. J. McCallum, No. 10 King's road. Deceased was a native of Yorkshire, England, and was 79 years of age. A resident of North Saanich for many years, she has latterly resided with and been cared for by Mrs. McGinn, as she has no relatives in this country. The funeral is arranged for to-morrow afternoon at 2:30.

The following are the ruling prices: Oatmeal, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Flour, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Sugar, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Coffee, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Tea, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Rice, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Beans, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Lentils, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Peas, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Potatoes, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Apples, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Oranges, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Lemons, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Grapes, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Pears, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Plums, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Cherries, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Strawberries, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Raspberries, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Blackberries, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Currants, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Gooseberries, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Elderberries, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Mulberries, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Huckleberries, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Boysenberries, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Raspberries, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Blackberries, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Currants, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Gooseberries, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Elderberries, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Mulberries, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Huckleberries, per 100 lbs. 1.00; 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Prizes for Competitive Work Objected to by North Ward Teachers.

Miss Gaudin Resigns—A Successor Appointed—Deaf Mutes' Education.

Miss Gaudin resigned her position as principal of the North Ward school last night upon the occasion of the regular sitting of the board.

There were also present Chairman McKie, Mrs. Gordon Grant, Messrs. Hall, Belyea and Marchant.

The first business was in the form of a letter from Rev. Mr. Hughes, pastor of James Bay Methodist church.

The communication was referred to the building committee with power to act on the matter.

The secretary of the Y. W. C. A. informed the board that the physical culture class will open on October 4th in the Pemberton gymnasium.

Miss Mabel Gaudin, one of the teachers at Spring Ridge, sent in her resignation as teacher.

The city clerk enclosed a copy of a letter addressed to the city council from the finance committee.

Mr. Marchant thought the matter should go before the committee of management and that some be formed to provide education for those deaf mutes.

Mr. Marchant thought the matter should be thoroughly investigated and that a great deal of sympathy should be shown for the unfortunate.

Trustee McNeill, of the North Ward school, wrote objecting to the introduction of the competitive system.

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THE SURVIVORS' STORY.

Crew of the Wrecked Uncle John Arrive on the Willapa and Tell of Their Experiences.

The officers and men of the wrecked barkentine Uncle John, which went ashore on the West Coast on Saturday, arrived in the city on the Willapa this morning.

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# The Subsidy Cut in Two

### City Council Reduces the Proposed Payment for Port Angeles Ferry.

### Some Stormy Scenes-Williams Defies the Chair-Camer-on Retorts.

### Hayward Changes Front-States That Promoters Would Accept Less.

All the aldermen were present when the mayor called the meeting to order at 8:15 o'clock. City Clerk Dowler and City Solicitor Bradburn being also in attendance.

The usual routine business being disposed of, a letter was read from Hon. J. Fred. Hume, asking permission to plant some shade trees on Dallas road in front of his residence on both sides of the road. This, the writer suggested, might induce other property owners to follow suit and to assist in the construction of

A Nice Avenue along that road. Mr. Hume said he would have some richer earth placed there, and would protect the trees from the depredations of the small boys and other destructive animals by the erection of palings, all free of cost to the city.

The mayor expressed the opinion that it would be well for a by-law to be passed governing this matter. Perhaps this request might be granted provided the work be done under the supervision and to the satisfaction of the engineer.

Ald. Beckwith agreed as to the necessity of the by-law, and on motion of Ald. Beckwith and Stewart the request of Mr. Hume was granted, the work to be done to the engineer's satisfaction.

A Sidewalk to Suit. The British-America Paint Co. informed the council that their new building is approaching completion, and they are removing their plant into it. They are handicapped in the work by the condition of the sidewalk, and asked that it be made as good as the erection of such a building warrants.

Ald. Humphrey thought there should be a concrete sidewalk, but as, in answer to Ald. Hayward, the mayor said the writers did not ask for that, and the general opinion was that a permanent sidewalk is not needed at that place, Ald. Beckwith moved that the letter be referred to the engineer with power to act. Carried.

A Modest Request. John Robertson asked permission to erect a five-brick pier underneath his blacksmith shop to prevent further settling of the building, and the letter went to the fire wardens and the building inspector on motion of Ald. Stewart.

To Establish a School of Art. David Blair applied for the use of a room in the city hall for the purpose of opening out a free exhibition of paintings and other works of art which will be free to the public, the exhibition being a preliminary to the establishment by the writer of a school of art, science and technology, to be affiliated with a London university movement.

The mayor explained that Mr. Blair had approached him on the subject, and had suggested that the room adjoining the one occupied by the city school superintendent would be suitable for the purpose, and on motion of Ald. Stewart and Kinsman the matter was left in the mayor's hands to be dealt with.

Police Uniforms Delayed. Messrs. Thomas & Grant informed the council that on account of a delay in receiving the cloth for the policemen's uniforms, occasioned by the freight handlers' strike at Owen Sound, they would be unable to have the clothing finished within the time specified, and asked for an extension of time for one week.

Granted on motion of Ald. Beckwith and Williams.

Rearranging Lights. Mr. William Marchant applied to the council for the removal of certain electric lights to other and more advantageous positions at the corner of Haughton and North Pembroke and North Chatham and Belmont avenues, and the letter went to the electric light committee for report on motion of Ald. Humphrey.

The Rifle Range. From Major Williams of the Fifth Regiment came the following communication:

Victoria, Oct. 5, 1899. To His Worship, the Mayor, and Board of Aldermen of the City of Victoria: Gentlemen: I have the honor to state that during the recent visit to the city of Mr. Paul Weatherbe, inspector of public works of the militia department of Canada, the matter of a rifle range was gone into.

Various sites in different parts of the suburbs of Victoria were submitted to and examined by Mr. Weatherbe. I may say, of all the sites so examined, the old range at Clover Point was the only one which, in Mr. Weatherbe's opinion, fulfilled in any measure the conditions laid down by the militia department of Canada, in the selection of rifle ranges.

I have the pleasure of accompanying Mr. Weatherbe, when he visited Clover Point range, and his advice to me, as being one who was interested in obtaining a rifle range as conveniently situated as possible, for the use of our local militia, was to use every possible endeavor to get all data and information concerning the Clover Point rifle range in shape as soon as possible, so that the matter can be submitted in a report to the militia department, with a view of having the Dominion government acquire the land

necessary, and proceed with the construction of a well-equipped, modern range on this site.

Mr. Weatherbe gave me to understand that the militia department recognized the fact that a rifle range for Victoria was an absolute necessity, and he stated that the Dominion authorities were prepared to expend in the neighborhood of \$15,000 upon acquiring the land and building and equipping a first-class range, if a site which would in a fair measure fulfill the conditions required by them, in the selection of rifle range sites, was submitted to them. He stated that Clover Point range, while not fulfilling these conditions at present in as great a measure as he would like to see, could be made to do by acquiring a strip of land, having an average width of 100 feet, immediately to the north of the present range site; and further by closing the road which exists between the south end of Cook street, and following the bank of the shore line easterly to the cable station to the east of Moss street; and substituting for the road thus closed a road which would run approximately 120 feet to the north, and parallel to it. I may say the southern extremities of Cook street and Moss street, for a distance of 150 and 120 feet respectively, would require to be closed, and the roads from Beacon Hill park running east would require to be connected with this new road.

In fulfillment, therefore, of Mr. Weatherbe's suggestions, I have had in correspondence with the trustees of the Douglas estate, and have obtained from them the price and terms upon which the Dominion government can acquire sub-division 82, and the southerly portion of sub-divisions 15, 19, 23, 24 and 51 of the Fairfield Farm estate.

I now have the honor to approach your honorable body, with a view of ascertaining what aid you are prepared to extend to the local militia, in placing the depot of the Douglas estate, and in making possible for the acceptance of the militia authorities. In order to carry out the suggestions made by Mr. Weatherbe to me as above, it will devolve upon your honorable body to do the following things, which are more or less touched upon above:

1st. To permit the erection of a firing point upon the southeasterly corner of Beacon Hill park, and as near as possible to the edge of the bank at that point.

2nd. To close the Dallas road, as it at present exists, from the easterly boundary of Beacon Hill park to the southeasterly corner of sub-division 51 of Fairfield Farm estate; also to close to traffic the southerly 120 feet more or less of Moss street, reserving, however, to the city a right of way from this point to the beach and along the sewer-pipe line, which extends through lot 82, Fairfield Farm estate.

3rd. The taking over by the city of a strip of land 60 feet wide, running more or less parallel to the easterly boundary of Dallas road, either upon condition that the Dominion government construct a new road therein, which would be equal in all respects to that portion of Dallas road closed; or it may be that your honorable body, in view of the fact that the large expenditure it will entail upon the Dominion government to construct, equip and maintain this range, and in view of the undoubted advantages accruing to the city of Victoria from having this rifle range within its bounds, will see fit to aid this project by taking over the aforesaid strip of land 60 feet wide, and constructing at your own proper expense the proposed new road.

4th. It will be necessary, also, to allocate these roads the construction of those roads which approach the southeasterly corner of Beacon Hill park so that they would join and connect with the proposed new road where it meets the southerly extremity of Cook street.

In reviewing the whole of the plan, not help pointing out a fact in connection with the adoption of the Clover Point range, which I think should be given due weight by your honorable body, as it is one which is bound of necessity to be taken into consideration in the near future, a considerable sum of money. I refer to the fact that the coast line from Clover Point westerly to Cook street, and indeed along the whole shore line of Beacon Hill, the sea has been put up, to safeguard the public from a landslide, which at that point has cut into the road.

It is needless, I think, to explain further that in order to prevent the ultimate washing away of the whole of that portion of Dallas road, which I have asked you to have closed, it will be necessary for the city council to do one of two things, viz., either log up the entire shore line, from the end of Moss street to the end of Cook street, or else to close the existing road, and open a new one further inland, removing the jar which constant traffic occasions, and which in a greater or less degree is no doubt responsible for land slides above referred to.

I wish to point out that in event either of these courses being taken the cost to the city will be very great, and I cannot help thinking that your hearty support of this rifle range project, at this time, will certainly mean the obviating of a large expenditure by the ratepayers of Victoria at a not very distant date.

In conclusion, I would ask your honorable body that you would extend to this matter your immediate attention, and that you would take as early date as possible, so that I may be enabled to conclude the report, which will be forwarded through the proper channels of the militia authorities.

I enclose herewith a blue-print of a plan prepared by Mr. George Hargrave, C.E., in the above matter. Your obedient servant, Major Fifth Regiment, C.A.

The mayor said this matter had been before the council, and he presumed they would be in a position to take some action upon it. He thought it was in the interest of the city that the council should say the range in shape as soon as possible, so that the matter can be submitted in a report to the militia department, with a view of having the Dominion government acquire the land

Humphrey and Hayward suggesting that it would be well to have the road run further north toward the end of Moss street, but finally Ald. Humphrey moved for a special committee to be appointed, and the motion carried. Ald. Humphrey, Beckwith and Stewart were appointed such committee.

Electric Working Inspector. An application was received from A. R. Snelling for the position of electric working inspector under the new by-law, saying his application was endorsed by the Victoria board of fire underwriters.

Laid on the table for future consideration.

An Old Nuisance Revived. Thomas Flewin again asked protection for his property which is endangered by sparks from the laundry building of St. Ann's convent. Referred to the fire wardens and fire chief with power to act, on motion of Ald. Cameron.

Mr. Keller's Claim. City Solicitor Bradburn reported on the subject of Mr. Keller's pipe, about which the council has heard a good deal in the last few weeks. Mr. Bradburn said that as three of the pieces of pipe returned have proven not to be Mr. Keller's property it would be well for the council to empower the writer to make an offer to Mr. Keller's solicitors of \$27, without prejudice to the whole matter.

Ald. Macgregor, who has championed Mr. Keller throughout the controversy, thought this was pretty small. He moved to refer the report back and the solicitor had the honor to be recommended paying \$5 for 3 pieces of pipe, which the offer amounted to.

Ald. Humphrey could not see that the council should be called upon to make any special arrangements in such a matter.

The motion was defeated, Ald. Williams finding support only in Ald. Macgregor, Ald. Beckwith, although seconding the motion, voting against it.

Electric Wiring Inspection. The by-law providing for the inspection of electric wiring in the city, appointment of an inspector and fixing the fees was reconsidered and finally passed on the motion of its sponsor, Ald. Stewart.

The Subsidy Cut in Two. Then the fight on the Port Angeles ferry aid by-law recommenced. Last week Ald. Macgregor had the floor when the statutory hour of adjournment, 11 o'clock arrived, although he had then apparently exhausted the subject. Technically he had the right to continue the debate, and although the mayor explained the debate was really closed, Ald. Macgregor, as the mover of the second reading, would have an opportunity to finish the speech which he had not time to get through last week.

Ald. Macgregor then took the floor, President Cushing and Attorney Trumbull of Port Angeles Eastern, and Frank Higgins, the Victoria attorney for that corporation, having entered and taken seats in a portion of the hall reserved for the public.

Ald. Macgregor said that at the last meeting the council was pretty well divided, but he hoped that after considering it for a week he thought probably they would change their views. It was a question of continuing the debate lightly with. There was some division of opinion as to the right of the council to deny the ratepayers the opportunity of expressing an opinion on the measures, his own view being that the people should have the supreme judges. What he meant by the technical wording of the act he believed it was the intention that the council should be compelled to submit a by-law when it was petitioned for.

The mayor said Ald. Macgregor was quite mistaken. Ald. Macgregor knew there was a difference of opinion, but he would just like not to be interrupted. There might be a technical meaning, but the intention was to allow the people to be the supreme judges. There were some features of the scheme they had not entered into fully. There was the matter of tourist travel.

Ald. Stewart—We had all that last week. Ald. Macgregor insisted upon not being interrupted. The mayor said that when an alderman exercised his right of replying to the debate it was presumed he would have a right to be heard. Ald. Macgregor had then a strange request. He said if he were to be permitted to address the chair he ought to be permitted to address it in silence.

An alderman (sotto voce)—I wish you would. The mayor said he could not prevent an alderman interjecting a remark. Ald. Macgregor had nothing to complain of. Ald. Macgregor had everything to complain of.

The mayor—I have given you an opportunity of continuing your remarks; an opportunity no other alderman has had. Ald. Macgregor—What I complain of is that I have been interrupted every three seconds since I began.

Ald. Stewart—Say something and go ahead. Ald. Macgregor—If you are willing to turn this into a bear garden, Mr. Mayor, all right, go ahead.

The mayor—I am keeping order. You may say that, but you are not. You are allowing interruptions. This don't suit you or you wouldn't allow it. More wrangling ensued and Ald. Macgregor continued to dwell upon the tourist trade which Victoria is missing. With this connection he said we would spend \$10 a head, would leave \$200,000 a year in the city among the tradesmen. Then there was the advantage of being connected with 60 or 70 millions of people to the south, who will do a great deal towards developing our undeveloped resources. He had had a conversation with a mining man who has just returned from the West Coast, and who had told him that there are a good many men prospecting there, most of whom are Americans. Two-thirds of them at least. Then there was another matter; freight coming in carload lots. He intended to have the by-law provide that this would be free of wharfage. This would save 50 cents a ton. Then this would practically mean the entrance to the city of the Grand Trunk, the N.P., R.R. and the G.T.R. being the great competitors of the C.P.R. This would mean that shippers could have their freight delivered here in Montreal or Toronto. This was loaded in Montreal or Toronto. This would bring about a reduction of transcontinental rates. Another feature was that this would mean the extension of the E. & N. to the north of the island, and he saw by the Times that we were possibly to have the telegraph wire from the north brought by way of

the north end of the island to Victoria. It had been said the promoters were asking too much money. From all he could learn the cost of building fast steamers and ocean docks was very expensive, and the maintenance is also costly. If the aldermen thought the subsidy asked too much and had authority to show that the cost would be less, he was prepared to support a reduction.

But from what he could find out it would take all this and more. It didn't do to throw cold water on this. Victoria wanted all the connection she could get. The city don't have to pay for submitting the by-law; Victoria had everything to gain, and nothing to lose. He hoped the aldermen would support the second reading.

Ald. Hayward asked permission to make an explanation of the vote he was about to give.

The debate is closed, Ald. Hayward.

Ald. Hayward said he did not wish to discuss the matter, all he asked was permission to make a statement.

Permission being granted, Ald. Hayward said that last week he opposed the second reading because the subsidy proposed was too large, but he understood now that the promoters are willing to accept a very much less subsidy than now asked for. He was now prepared to vote for the second reading on the understanding that the subsidy be cut down.

The vote was then taken as follows: for the amendment that the second reading be taken when the railway is completed to Port Angeles: The mayor, and Ald. Cameron, Humphrey and Stewart; against: Ald. Hayward, Beckwith, Hayward, Kinsman, Macgregor and Williams.

Ald. Cameron threatened another amendment, saying Ald. Macgregor had been allowed an undue advantage. On second thought he allowed the second reading to be carried and said he would endeavor to amend the by-law in committee. The same vote was registered on the motion to read the by-law a second time.

Ald. Macgregor then moved that the council go into committee of the whole with the mayor in the chair, and the motion was agreed to.

Section 1 was read, and Ald. Stewart moved that \$8,750 be substituted for \$17,500, the amount of the yearly subsidy.

The mayor said he thought \$5,000 quite enough. Ald. Williams said Ald. Stewart did not take in the situation at all. What was needed was to bring the C.P.R. into Victoria.

The mayor called Ald. Williams's attention to the fact that the principle of the by-law could not be discussed in committee. The time for that had gone by. Ald. Williams refused to be called to order. The mayor had interrupted the proceedings every night. The mayor couldn't call him to order any more.

A disgraceful exchange of words took place, Ald. Williams apparently losing his temper altogether.

Still discussing the C.P.R. and the effect the Port Angeles move would have in forcing the hand of that company, Ald. Williams was interrupted by Ald. Brydon, who rose to a point of order. Ald. Williams would not make way for Ald. Brydon until ordered to do so by the mayor. The point of order was that Ald. Williams was discussing the principle of the by-law.

The mayor sustained Ald. Brydon and told Ald. Williams the C.P.R. part of the thing had nothing to do with them in committee.

Ald. Williams reiterated it had a good deal to do with it. Ald. Humphrey wanted to amend the period of years for which the subsidy should be paid from 20 to 10, but the mayor said it would be better to wait until the amount had been dealt with.

Ald. Brydon wanted to know where Ald. Hayward got his information about the promoters being willing to accept less than the amount asked.

Ald. Hayward's own feeling was that \$10,000 would be fair value for the service promised. He was not sure the promoters would accept \$12,500, but had an assurance they would accept \$12,500. He thought \$12,500 a fair subsidy and was willing to submit that to the people.

Applause from beyond the rail, which was sternly repressed by his worship. Ald. Cameron said this was not the proper time to bring this by-law in. The promoters haven't any railway. They haven't any ferry and they won't have unless they get a fat thing from us.

The mayor called Ald. Cameron to order too, and that gentleman concluded by saying the proposal should come up at an election time, when the people could decide whether they wanted it.

Ald. Macgregor then said the promoters would be willing to accept a reduction provided the city agreed to reduce the required speed of the ferry steamer to 18 miles instead of 18 knots an hour, and the car ferry from 9 knots to 9 miles.

Ald. Beckwith was anxious and determined to see that whatever sum he paid, the city gets the service it requires. He did not think the promoters meant to spend \$17,500 on the service. His strong point was that whatever sum he paid by the city the service shall be just as they stipulate it shall be.

Ald. Williams said the outer wharf cost \$8,000 a year for maintenance. The wharves of this ferry connection would cost something to maintain, but the alderman concluded with the sage remark that "we need the connection and of course we require it."

Ald. Brydon did not want an inferior article when we pay the top price.

Ald. Macgregor had not been able to get the promoters to promise to accept any stated sum less than \$17,500, but they had said they would accept less if the required speed of the vessels be reduced.

Ald. Brydon again asked where did Ald. Hayward get his information.

Ald. Hayward said his understanding was that \$12,500 was value for the service proposed by the by-law. He moved an amendment to the amendment that \$12,500 be substituted for \$17,500.

Ald. Cameron said this was a ridiculous idea. Were these people coming here for a catch bargain; to get what they could?

Ald. Stewart was not going to swallow anything and everything because Ald. Williams accused him of opposing the opening out of Victoria's connection. Victoria is the larger city; there are 20,000 people here at least; in Port Angeles there are 2,000. Why should we pay it all? Wouldn't it benefit them some at least?

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Ald. Hayward moved \$12,000, and "scraps" of the evening. Ald. Williams accused the mayor of unfairness, called him the "King Pin" of the opposition, declined to withdraw his expression, claimed he was referring to his worship respectfully when he called him the "King Pin," told the mayor to quit talking, he had talked enough, and as for respectful language, said his respect for the chair depended upon who the chair was.

Ald. Cameron thought it was a very poor plan for the promoters of the scheme to behave in that way. It was clear there was something wrong with Ald. Williams couldn't keep his temper.

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