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JAPANESE OVERCOMING RUSSIAN RESISTANCE

Defenders Vainly Attempt to Check Advance of the Besiegers by Making Sorties.

It was attempted to put upon them on the pretence that it was part of an enterprising policy to open up British Columbia. The ramifications and connections of the Grand Trunk Company make it the most desirable railway organization that could undertake such an enterprise, as far as the interests of this section of the Dominion are concerned, and it is fortunate for British Columbia that this particular corporation should have put forth its proposition at the time it did. Otherwise there is no knowing to what a reckless government and an incapable legislature might not have committed the province.—News-Advertiser, March, 1904.

R. LAWRENCE.

Take notice that should you fall out your portion of expenditure for your year ending Sept. 30, 1904, on mineral claims Canada and Forest on head waters of Chemung River, interest in same will be forfeited in and as provided for by statute.

W. D. MINTOSH.

It is hereby given that 60 days after the undersigned intends to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Mines for permission to purchase the following tract of land situated on the right bank of the Skeena River, Coombs District, Columbia, Commencing at a post marked W. D. McIntosh, S. B. corner of lot 2, block 8, W. corner about one-half mile west of K. river bridge, running north 20 chains, thence west 20 chains to the place of commencement, thence south to the point of commencement, containing 100 acres more or less.

G. H. CHAMBERS.

It is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Mines for permission to purchase 200 acres of land, more or less, commencing at the Point, Fortland District, B. C. Coast, opposite Salmon River, commencing at a post marked G. C. S. W. L. thence south 20 chains, thence west 20 chains to the place of commencement, containing 80 acres more or less.

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ALL DANGER IS NOT YET OVER

ANGLO-RUSSIAN CRISIS CLOSE TO ACUTE STAGE

Squadron Has Sailed From Vigo, Leaving Only Four Subordinate Officers to Give Evidence.

London, Nov. 1.—1.56 p.m.—London has been bewildered all day long by alarming reports indicating a renewal of the Anglo-Russian crisis, and showing that the most active activity is prevailing at Gibraltar. The first news received, announcing the sailing of the Russian squadron from Vigo, leaving only four subordinate officers to give evidence at the international commission.

Russian Ships Sailed.

Vigo, Nov. 1.—All the Russian warships left here at 8 o'clock this morning. Heavy firing was heard in the offing this morning. It was attributed to artillery practice.

Channel Fleet Ready.

Gibraltar, Nov. 1.—The garrison has been mobilized and the artillerymen have been ordered to take up their positions at the different batteries of the Rock. The British warships strictly patrolled the straits all night long. They intercepted a collier, the London Bridge, bound for Barry for Port Said, and brought her here at noon.

No Explanation.

London, Nov. 1.—Up to 2 o'clock no explanation was obtainable from the sensational dispatches from Gibraltar that the Russian fleet was in the offing there, but they had the effect of starting rumors of a hitch in the arrangements for the international commission, which will be entrusted to the press the following statement.

The Activity at the Rock.

London, Nov. 1.—0.22 p.m.—There is no explanation yet of the apparently alarming telegrams from Gibraltar, but the first news received, announcing the sailing of the Russian squadron from Vigo, leaving only four subordinate officers to give evidence at the international commission.

Both at the foreign office and at the Russian embassy it is positively stated that there is no hitch in the negotiations, except Russia's failure to notify the British government of the names of the officers detached from the Russian squadron.

The preparations cause disquietude, as the regular mobilization despatched October 29th, and the fact that the British government has been notified of the names of the officers detached from the Russian squadron.

Details Not Settled.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 1.—According to latest advices received at the foreign office, the details of the international commission, which is to inquire into the North Sea incident, are not yet finished in London.

Watch Officers Detained.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 1.—0.55 p.m.—It was publicly announced here yesterday that an officer from each of the four Russian warships, which participated in the firing in the North Sea during the night of October 21st-22nd, would be detained to appear before the international commission, and that the squadron would proceed. They are the watch officers who were on duty at the time the affair occurred, which is to inquire into the North Sea incident. They are returning to St. Petersburg.

Carried Dispatches.

Villagracia, Spain, Nov. 1.—The British first-class armored cruiser Bacchante, flagship of Rear-Admiral Sir Baldwin Walker, commanding the cruiser division of the Mediterranean fleet, anchored in the harbor this morning. The British cruiser Doris arrived during the day with dispatches for the fleet here and left again this afternoon.

Villagracia is about 125 miles north of Vigo.

London, Nov. 1.—Negotiations between Great Britain and Russia looking to a settlement of the North Sea affair are progressing favorably, and there is not the slightest danger of any friction arising between the two governments. The constitution of the commission under The Hague convention is on the verge of settlement.

In spite of these pacific conditions, Great Britain to-day experienced a war panic that can only be compared to that which followed the sinking of the British trawler by the Russian squadron.

Not for years have so many alarmist reports and flaming extras flooded London. The most extraordinary feature of the situation, which was serious enough while it lasted, is that there was not one single circumstance to justify it.

The excitement started early in the day, when the newspapers announced the departure of the Russian second Pacific squadron from Vigo. The public were not in possession of the information cabled by the Associated Press that only the officers concerned in the firing on the British trawler would be detained, and it jumped at the conclusion that Russia had broken faith by not delaying the vessels involved in the affair.

On top of this came reports of activity at Gibraltar. Hour by hour the news from Gibraltar became more serious, until at last the climax was reached with the announcement that the British fleet had cleared for action. Some even said

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On September 17th the Japanese discovered that the Russians were endeavoring to mine Panlung mountain. The afternoon of September 18th the Japanese, using siege and naval guns, opened a heavy bombardment, and at 6 o'clock in the evening made assaults on Forts Suishai and Kouropatkin, and posts on 243 metre hill.

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During the night of October 4th the Japanese surprised the Russians, and destroyed two guns on Exchange hill. The Russian attacks on the Japanese forts and fleet continued throughout the early part of October, the Russians varying the routine on October 10th with a night attack, in which

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drafted. It seems to be assured that the Japanese will be able to meet Gen. Kouropatkin on an almost, if not quite, an equal numerical footing.

Dispatches indicate the resumption of fighting on both extremities of the Russian front. It appears that the Japanese are becoming aggressive along the whole front.

The latest reports from Port Arthur are by no means encouraging. Gen. Kouropatkin is making a good defence, but the Japanese are now very close to important Russian positions.

While this form of attack is less spectacular than repeated assaults, it is no less conclusive in its results, demanding a sleepless defence and being almost impossible to frustrate.

From 2 p.m. other siege guns were directed against the trenches on Sunshu and Riblung mountain, and against the trenches on the south side of Pohai mountain. All were heavily damaged.

A portion of our right wing charged against the trenches on Sunshu mountain, and the Russian position against those on Riblung mountain and on Pohai mountain and took them without any heavy loss.

"The night, to prevent the Russians making repairs, we shelled the forts of Riblung mountain," said Keekwan mountain and destroyed the Russian position on the extreme east are belated. General Kaubars, who is to succeed General Kouropatkin in command of the first army, has arrived here. He is a man of great energy and resource, and was commander of a corps during the Boxer rebellion in China.

On October 27th the bombardment was continued and much execution was done.

Our engineer corps that night was sent against the northern part of East Keekwan mountain, and in this connection an operation of a protected point. The enemy tried every means to obstruct our work, assaulting and using bombs, from the same time working hard to effect repairs.

On October 28th the bombardment was continued with good results. A conflagration occurred in the old city. A second conflagration was observed near Golden hill.

During the night of October 29th a machinery building near the harbor was bombarded.

At 10 o'clock the enemy assaulted our line extending toward Riblung fort, but were repulsed with heavy loss. Simultaneously a similar force of the enemy assaulted our line projected against Sunshu mountain.

Our men bravely withstood the attack, but were forced to lose a portion of the mine, which, however, was regained later.

A mine directed against the Riblung mountain fort reached the outer limit of the fort last night. A portion of the outer limit of the fort was blown up.

A mine was directed against the outer casement of the eastern part of the fort lying north of the East Keekwan mountain. Dynamite was speckled twice last night, causing widespread fire and killing several of the enemy.

Our bombardment is proving increasingly effective.

Of five Russian ships which were bombarded, three were heavily damaged and the other two set on fire.

COSSACKS LOST FORTY KILLED OR WOUNDED.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 1.—General Sakharoff reports that reconnaissance were made October 30th on the Russian left flank in a southerly direction to a fortified position a mile and a half south and opened a crossfire on two Russian batteries. A squadron of Cossacks attacked a Japanese battery and the Russian scouts advanced. The Cossacks lost forty men killed or wounded.

Tokio, Nov. 2.—7 p.m.—The official reports of the Port Arthur operations since August 1st, form a record of almost continuous fighting of a desperate nature.

The Russians first struggled desperately to block every Japanese movement, and then met the concentrated artillery fire of the Japanese with its kind. Later, since the Japanese have made parallels and traverses and extending mines, the Russians have been constantly making sorties. They rushed into the Japanese trenches and engaged in furious struggles with the engineers and pioneers.

With desperate courage the Japanese continued to close in upon the fortress, progressing stage by stage.

The Japanese infantry never failed to respond when asked to make an assault on the most important positions, and when the troops gained a foothold they generally held it with unflinching determination.

The reports commencing August 1st, record the assault and capture of Taku mountain, a general advance following, and then a general bombardment, open-

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interest in the victims of the North Sea affair, has sent Sir Frederick Treves, the royal surgeon in ordinary, to superintend an operation that is to be performed on Boatswain Hogart, of the steam trawler Crane.

Cleared For Action.

Gibraltar, Nov. 1.—12.50 p.m.—Vice-Admiral Berezford's flagship, the battleship Coesha has just fired a gun recalling all the officers of the

THE SINKING OF HULL TRAWLER

VERDICT OF JURY AT CORONER'S INQUEST

Fishermen Denied There Were Any Torpedo Boats Among Fleet When Russians Opened Fire.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 2.—2 p. m.—The Associated Press can authoritatively state that the reference of the British-Russian affair to a commission inquires the settlement without a sequel. The understanding is complete. In the heat of the excitement following the incident many false statements obtained credence abroad.

Now that the smoke has cleared away, it is possible to state that the British fishermen disclaimed any intention of trying to detain the Russian squadron, which could only be interpreted as a hostile act. It was never intimated to Russia that Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's recall would be demanded, and Great Britain never asked Russia to pledge herself to the punishment of any one. The British government fully realized that officers of the Russian squadron may have acted with excess of zeal.

The whole affair was a deplorable mistake but as the result of the inquiry, which will establish the facts, each government is expected to take appropriate action without demands from either side, and no pledges have been required or given by each country.

So far as future complications are concerned, the incident is regarded as closed, though there has been a slight hitch in the Russo-Anglo relations regarding matters relating to the international commission, which has necessitated their transfer here, but they only cover minor points, and are expected to be adjusted during the day.

It is now regarded as almost certain that the commission will sit in Paris, and be composed of five naval officers, one Russian and one British, each power to choose another member, and the four to select a fifth. Russia has practically named Admiral Kuznetsov and Great Britain Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge, although the latter selection is not absolutely certain.

Great Britain expressed her intention of asking that a United States officer sit on the commission, whereupon Russia announced that she would select a French officer. There is a strong intimation that Great Britain will invite Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge to be one of the commissioners. Officers of such a character as those mentioned inspire the acceptance of the findings of the commission by both countries and the world.

Admiral Kuznetsov is one of the ablest officers in the Russian navy, and is a country man of conciliatory disposition and judicial temperament. He has previously retired from active service. He commanded the Russian squadron, which went to New York on the occasion of the World's Fair celebration in 1893.

It transpires that five, and not four, Russian officers left the squadron at Vigo, and are now on their way to St. Petersburg. The fifth is Gen. Gado, Admiral Rojestvensky's chief of staff.

London, Nov. 2.—Yesterday's attack of nerves, due to misinterpreted statements in the London newspapers, has given way to extreme calm. The newspapers may reassess the government for leaving London to wrestle with its fears all day long when a word would have disposed of all gloominess, and they suggest that if the admiralty would request Vice-Admiral Lord Charles Beresford to remain from "surprise mobilizations" and other interesting manoeuvres during the next few days, it would not only add to the tranquility of the country, but would smooth the way to a final settlement of the dispute.

Today's cabinet meeting excited hardly the slightest interest on the part of the general public. For the first time in many years the ministers met at the Premier's residence, as Mr. Balfour is suffering from the blocking of a small superficial vein in his left leg, requiring complete rest. All the ministers were present. Foreign Secretary Lansdowne coming in after having interviews with Ambassadors Benckendorff and Cambon, who were early visitors at Lansdowne home and the foreign office respectively. The two ambassadors had previously met to discuss some points of detail in the formation of the international commission.

Carried Large Crews. London, Nov. 2.—Spanish plots, according to the Standard, report that most of the Russian vessels in Spanish ports appear to have more than a usual complement of men, a large proportion apparently being landmen, but the officers are a fine body of men, and many of them are good linguists. The vessels are reported to be tolerably clean.

Hull, Eng., Nov. 2.—That George Henry Smith and William Leggett were at about 1.30 a.m. on October 22nd, while fishing with trawls aboard the British steam trawler Crane, with board of trade marks exhibited and regulation lights burning, killed by shot fired without warning or provocation from certain Russian war vessels at a distance of about a quarter of a mile.

This is the text of the jury's verdict at the coroner's inquest on the fishermen, victims of the North sea tragedy. At the request of the British government represented by the Earl of Dysart, solicitor of the treasury, this conservative award was rendered by the first court of inquiry at the session of the international tribunal.

The government asked the jury not to find a verdict of willful murder or manslaughter because "delicate questions are going which should not be made more difficult, and they thought it better not to let any one think they had prejudged the case before having heard both sides." In consequence the jury simply

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set forth the facts, with the evidence of experts on explosives and the trawlers themselves. To the verdict the jury added the following: "On this occasion, probably the most momentous in the annals of the British Empire, the jury would record with appreciation the efforts made by the governments interested to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion of the matter, which we feel has no parallel in the history of the world."

The proceedings occupied only about three hours. The captains and mates of the trawlers related that while they were engaged in their regular work, the ships of the second Pacific fleet in two squadrons emerged suddenly, from the haze, and throwing the glare of their searchlights on the Crane, they opened fire without warning and disregarding the green lights, the fishermen's signal, and though within actual speaking distance of one vessel, commenced a cannonade which the fishermen, at first not realizing the danger, enjoyed, thinking it was a sham fight. The firing lasted half an hour.

To each of the witnesses was put the vital question regarding the presence of a foreign vessel or torpedo boat. Each with equal positiveness denied that any Japanese vessel was in the vicinity, and expressed sympathy for the Japanese, British or other foreign torpedo boat near to or accompanying the fishing fleet. It was also stated that there were no Japanese vessels in the vicinity of the trawlers carried arms of any description.

One of the skippers, replying to a question by the coroner, said he was during the five weeks that he was in the North sea he had not seen any warships until that night. This closed the evidence. The representative of the treasury then made the suggestion as to the nature of the verdict, to which the coroner agreed, and without delay it was framed with an adjourned expression of sympathy for the injured and friends of the dead and injured, and of appreciation of the "calm and courageous manner in which the fishermen met their deaths at their hands on this terrible experience."

The first witness described the nature of the wounds as gunshot wounds. Colonel J. C. Weaver, chief of the jury, inspector of explosives, said the shells which struck the vessel were of Russian origin. He expressed the opinion that the shells which damaged the trawler Mino were fired at a range not exceeding a quarter of a mile.

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A sensation was created by the appearance of James Nixon, chief engineer of the trawler Crane, who was brought to the hall from the hospital attached in handkerchief. He testified that while looking at what he imagined to be a sham fight he was struck on the head and became unconscious.

After further corroborative evidence, Lord Charles Beresford, in the name of the admiralty, addressed the jury in behalf of the treasury. The jury returned a verdict as mentioned above.

Was Not Represented. London, Nov. 3.—Some of the morning newspapers consider the fact that Russia was not represented at the coroner's inquest at Hull yesterday as a virtual admission of her inability to controvert the fishermen's claim unvarnished story of the North sea affair.

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It is reported that the Channel, Mediterranean and East Indian squadrons have received instructions to shadow Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron throughout its progress. Admiral Rojestvensky is expected to arrive at Tangier today.

A British man-of-war at Malta is busy coaling, preparing to watch the second Pacific squadron.

POPE PIUS. Rome, Nov. 2.—1.25 p. m.—Dr. Laponi visited the Pope today, and found him much better. The gouty pain in his right leg is almost gone. The Pontiff said his illness was not serious, adding: "The worst feature of it is the excitement which it produces; I am besieged with letters and telegrams, and inquiries." The Pope hopes if the mobilization in his condition continues to resume his audiences on Thursday.

FATE OF FORTRESS HANGS IN BALANCE

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that the Russian battalions were greatly reduced numerically. They added that Gen. Stoeness was offering rewards in money and medals for four hundred volunteers to make a sortie and destroy the Japanese guns.

From October 18th the Japanese continued to drive their trenches towards the Russians.

TRYING TO BUOY UP RUSSIAN HOPES. St. Petersburg, Nov. 2.—12.46 p.m.—The official reports from Tokio describing the movement of the fall of the fortress, beginning October 26th, have created visible depression at the war office. The sustained character of the bombardment with steep guns from Port Arthur, which place the east side of the town at their mercy.

The assault has gained for them positions which make their ability to enter the main east forts whenever they are ready.

It is calculated by the Japanese that the operation of the batteries, which the latter will be capable of prolonging, their final stand at Liacoti mountain and on the Tiger's Tail, with the mere hope of containing the Russians in an unquerable city.

Long before the second Pacific squadron arrives the Japanese flag will wave over the wrecked citadel. This will end Vice-Admiral's dream of an unquerable city.

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OTTAWA NOTES.

Big Vote Is Being Polled at the Capital—Stuart Henderson Returning.

Ottawa, Nov. 3.—A big vote is being polled here to-day. There was a downfall in the early part of the morning, but it has cleared up and is an ideal autumn day. Stuart Henderson, M.P., is here to-day. He has finished his legal work in Toronto and will leave for home to-morrow.

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MANY PASSENGERS ARRIVE ON AMUR

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CONSIDERING SEASON SHIP HAD GOOD LIST

Early yesterday afternoon the steamer Amur arrived from the north. She brought south a good list of passengers, many having come through from Dawson on steamers still operating on the Yukon waterways. The steamer Propector was due to arrive at White Horse after the Amur's departure from Skagway. It was said she would be the last steamer to arrive at White Horse, but until a change sets in vessels will doubtless continue running. The Amur brought down 70 passengers, a number of whom joined the steamer at Port Simpson, having come out from Hazelton on the last steamer. The steamer brought down 10,000 cases of salmon from the Skeena river, 6,500 cases coming from the British-American canneries and 3,500 cases from the Northern Pacific cannery. The passenger list follows: J. Coulter, W. Noonan, E. Randolph, J. R. Raymond, H. Widdow, W. G. Behrman, H. Richards, F. Jenkins, Mrs. Shaw, D. Becker, B. Howell, E. W. Gray, M. Engelhardt and wife, D. Patterson, W. Cockish, G. J. Shevlin, L. C. Clark, C. Chalk, W. Comstock, A. L. Short, A. McCallan, T. C. Turcott, W. H. Moore, G. McKirdy, E. H. Macaulay, The Roberts, J. Dickenson, Chas. Jack, H. James, R. Seiden, W. W. Moore and wife, C. F. Woodward, E. H. Davis, A. Kirby, J. A. Gardner, M. Benson, J. Nicholson, J. W. Cruden, Wm. Kung, T. W. Price, G. Brown, H. Butler, J. Garvie, A. D. McCallan, H. D. Hulster, J. Dorringer and wife, W. Atwood, H. Cameron, W. E. Brant, C. T. Martin, G. M. Boyer, H. Fitzgerald, R. H. White, Mr. Stephenson, G. P. Ewart, Miss Cole, J. Cole, Jno. Axelson, W. J. Lamb, G. D. McKee, J. Brantley, Wm. Davis, D. A. Murray, and 20 second-class passengers.

RAILWAY RATES ON CEDAR LUMBER

Commission Gives Important Decision Corporations Must Not Make Any Discrimination in Favor of Certain Lines.

Ottawa, Nov. 3.—The railway commission today gave judgment in the complaint of the B. C. Lumber and Shingle Manufacturer's Association against the C. P. R. Company for discriminating in its freight rates on its line. A rate of ten cents per hundred pounds was imposed upon cedar lumber in excess of the rates charged upon other lumber, namely, pine, fir, spruce and other kinds of lumber. The commission holds this an unreasonable and excessive charge upon cedar lumber compared with the rates upon other lumber, and therefore issues an order that the company and all other companies shall desist from charging a higher rate upon cedar than is charged upon pine, fir, spruce and other lumber.

ANOTHER STEAMER FOR NORTHERN ROUTE

How Coasting Regulations May Affect Building of a New C. P. R. Vessel.

There is talk on the waterfront of the construction of a couple more C.P.R. steamers. The company, it is said, requires another steamer for the Alaskan trade, but before building is desirous of securing a better hold on the northern business. At present American steamers are enabled by the coasting regulations to cut in on the northern traffic and compete with the Canadian line for both passenger and freight business on the ports of Victoria and Vancouver. This rivalry, the only competition which is encountered in the Yukon trade, is known to create considerable jealousy, and strong efforts, it is believed, will be put forth to have the coasting regulations in their character, that is, to prohibit American ships carrying goods or passengers from one Canadian point to another. A like privilege is not extended to the Canadian Pacific Company, and the company contemplates as a result the building of a steamer for the coasting trade in Seattle, and what he intends doing in the matter could not be learned to-day, but it is believed that the company has been seriously considering the wisdom of building a ship on the American side, and operating her from Puget Sound instead of from Victoria. In this way they could get a share of the Seattle and other Sound trade, and at the same time call for business at Victoria and Vancouver.

BOUGHT RAILWAY

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A BELATED CONFESSION.

The annual report of the English Lunacy Commissioners is a portentous document, filling 1500 pages of a blue book recently issued. It makes rather laborious reading, but contains some interesting and disquieting facts. Among them are the following: On January 1st, 1904, there were 117,199 persons certified as insane in England and Wales, or 3,235 in excess of the number reported on January 1st, 1903. In the ten years ending December 31st, 1903, the average annual increase in the number of insane was 2,513, and the increase in 1903 exceeded that average by 821. On January 1st, 1904, the total number of officially reported insane to the estimated population of England and Wales was in the proportion of 1 to 288; or, in other words, the ratio of the insane per 10,000 of population was 34.71; while last year on the same day the ratio was 24.14. The commissioners point out that in dealing with the gross figures alone there has been a rise in the total numbers from 113,964 to 117,199, i. e., an increase of 2.8 per cent, but the increase of the one ratio over the other was 1.7 per cent, a rate which represents more accurately the actual growth of insanity, since it takes into account the growth in population. The total increase in this ratio for the past ten years was 12.1 per cent, whereas the increase in the numbers of the insane during the same period was 27.3 per cent. In 1894 the proportion of insane to total population was as 1 to 327; in 1904 it is as 7 to 288, and while the insane have increased from 92,000 to 117,000, the general population has grown from about 30,000,000 to 33,700,000. Alcoholic intemperance figures prominently among the physical causes of insanity.

WORLD EVENTS.

Having assured the salvation of our own country, we can now devote some attention to the affairs of other people. Our neighbors are in the throes of a Presidential election, on the result of which depends the control of federal affairs for the next four years. The contest candidates are merely an academic interest. The relations between the two countries are fixed for the present. We are satisfied with present conditions. They regard the marvelous progress of the Dominion with considerable interest. Their business men perceive that in the immediate future there will be good reason for an attempt to cultivate closer trade relations with this country. Both Republicans and Democrats have been forced to bow to the popular will as made manifest in all of the great contiguous states, and their leading men have promised to devote some attention to the task of reducing the tariff barriers. We believe the seed which has been planted will not bear fruit for some time. The attitude of Canada is that overtures must come from the party with which the policy of exclusion originated and that, as an evidence of good faith the Dingley tariff might be modified in a considerable degree. As Sir Wilfrid Laurier has so pitifully said, the twentieth century is ours; let the world stand by and watch us grow.

IN DEEP WATER.

The officials of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company announce that if the location of the sunken steamer, Mainlander, as reported by Captain Manter, is found to be correct, it is not likely that an attempt will be made to salvage the vessel, according to the estimation of Captain Manter, lies in 137 fathoms of water, or 322 feet. Negotiations are pending with the Neptune Salvage Company, which will, if it be thought practicable by the officials of the steamship company, be engaged to search for the steamer with the aid of the diving cage, with which Captain Finch and the inventor, Smith, located the Islander.

AN UNWILLING PASSENGER.

That he was practically slung aboard the steamer City of Seattle, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's fleet, is the allegation made by Rev. Thomas Jenkins, of Ketchikan, in a libel filed in the federal court, Seattle, against that vessel. According to the story of Mr. Jenkins he went aboard the City of Seattle while she was docked at Ketchikan, on October 19th, for the purpose of seeing friends who were passengers on the vessel. Mr. Jenkins' first intimation that the boat was to depart was the blowing of a whistle. He appealed in vain to the captain to be put ashore.

SCHOONERS RETURN.

Indian sealers came in from the Straits last evening and reported that the schooners Alice I. Alger, Capt. Geo. Heater, Carrie C. W., Capt. Gillen, and Libbie, Capt. W. Heater, were outside, waiting for a tug. The schooners are homeward bound from Behring Sea. They have catches as follows: Alice I. Alger, 350 skins; Carrie C. W., 900 odd, and Libbie, 454 skins. The Indians reported the Dora Sieward with 600 skins and the Victoria with 750 skins. A tug was sent out for the schooners this morning.

MINNESOTA'S SCHEDULE.

The new steamer Minnesota, of the Great Northern Steamship Company, was due to reach Corral, Chile, yesterday. This is the first port at which the Great Northern has announced its winter voyage. The schedule provides for the arrival of the vessel at Seattle on November 30th. Allowing the necessary time for coaling and repairs, the ship will not be ready to leave on her trans-Pacific voyage until December 28th. The cargo, the Minnesota is taken to be limited to 14,000 tons dead weight.

NO INTERRUPTION.

The steamer Victorian will only be on the ways for about ten days, not for a week, as we call on this, her first evening's paper. During the period she is off duty there will be no interruption in the Great Northern's freight service. Cars will be freighted over the Gulf as usual.

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MARKET PRICES REMAIN STABLE

FLOUR IS SHOWING A TENDENCY UPWARD

What is Also Higher—General Produce Shows No Change From Last Week.

There is practically no change in the market quotations this week. Flour is showing an upward tendency, and although the retail market has not yet been affected there is a possibility of increased prices asked without any further notice.

Wheat has also in common with flour gone up in price, and is now quoted at \$40 a ton instead of \$39.

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WORK OF ANARCHIST

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MEETING OF THE TOURIST ASSOCIATION

Letters Received From the Minister of Agriculture and Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Tourist Association held Tuesday afternoon, two important communications were submitted.

LIVELY CAMPAIGN

Number of People Injured During Riot in Italy.

Rome, Nov. 2.—The electoral campaign in the Venetian provinces is a severe fight in a public hall in Palermo, where Palizzotto, the Mafia leader and former deputy, once convicted of murder, but subsequently acquitted, and who is again a candidate for election, attempted to speak at a meeting of his opponents.

VESUVIUS ACTIVE

New York, Nov. 1.—Naples dispatch to the Herald dated October 31st says:

"Since this morning Mount Vesuvius has again been giving signs of activity, and in the district of the city of Naples, where the wind carries volcanic ash in such quantities that at Torre and Porfido umbrellas are necessary."

CANADIAN DISPATCHES

Unknown Man Committed Suicide at Montreal—Another Hunting Fatality.

Montreal, Nov. 1.—After purchasing a revolver, and after getting the proprietor to place cartridges of large calibre in it, an unknown man deliberately shot himself in the gun store of Joseph Manabe, Cravee street, in the district of the city of Montreal.

Accidentally Shot.

Havlock, Nov. 1.—Wilbur Davis, son of Samuel Davis, Belmont township, accidentally shot and killed himself this morning while hunting in the woods with his father and brother. The boy was only twelve years of age.

HALLOWEEN AIRSHIP

Made Second Journey From World's Fair Grounds.

St. Louis, Nov. 1.—Theos. B. Baldwin's airship, the California Arrow, made another ascension to-day from the World's Fair on a cross-country course, with A. Roy Buchanan, of Toledo, who made two previous flights, at the helm. The day was clear and a seven-mile breeze was blowing from the southwest.

Wholesale Markets.

Potatoes (new), per ton 20.00

Onions (local), per ton 1.00

Carrots, per 100 lbs. 1.00

Cabbage, per 100 lbs. 1.00

Cucumbers, per dozen 25

Butter (creamery), per lb. 22 1/2

Eggs (fresh), per doz. 12 1/2

Chickens, per lb. 12 1/2

Ducks, per lb. 12 1/2

Apples (local), per box 750

Crab Apples, per box 750

Hay, per ton 18.00

Oats, per ton 27.00

Peas (shell), per ton 45.00

Barley, per ton 25.00

Beef, per lb. 8

Mutton, per lb. 11

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REMINISCENCES OF WORLD'S CONVENTION

INTERESTING—AFER BY MRS. J. TEMPLAR

Local Delegate Gives Full Account of Sunday School Association Meeting at Jerusalem.

The fifth annual convention of the British Columbia branch of the International Sunday School Association, which was held last week, was largely attended by Victoria and Vancouver delegates.

Dear Fellow-Workers—It is with feelings of deep regret that my message to you from the Jerusalem convention must be a written one. I had hoped to be with you on this occasion of your association.

Some have said that the desire to hold the convention at Jerusalem was more a matter of sentiment than of reality.

It was by mere chance that Mr. W. N. Harvill, secretary of the world's Sunday school convention committee, was invited to give the opening address.

Before the appointed hour the tent was filled for the evening session. Daily burning oil lamps cast their flickering shadows over the faces of the gathered pilgrims.

Dr. Roberts presided and Dr. Munro Gibson, of London, spoke sweet words of counsel to the assembled disciples.

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No. It was no mere chance, but a specific part of God's great plan. Such was the feeling, yet firm conviction, of many of us who wended our way to that beautiful Sabbath morning.

At the hour of closing was late no one seemed weary. "All hail the power of Jesus' name," rang out a glad refrain on the midnight air as the pilgrim company rose to depart.

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DAUGHTERS OF PITY TRANSACT BUSINESS

Reports From Secretary and Treasurer Were Received—Balance on Hand.

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As in former years, we have arranged for the sacred concert given on the first Sunday afternoon of every month, and also for the Christmas and Easter services, and also with the flower service, which is held in June at the hospital.

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The Far East As I Saw It.

Russian Nurses for the Front—Czar and the Wounded—A Word for the War Correspondent.

(A. G. Hales in London News.)

I think it was at Kalgan, a Chinese city, the borders of Mongolia, that I met the Rev. James Hudson Roberts, a missionary who has spent many of the best years of his life in the Far East.

Each picture of Jesus in their salutes the portrait of the Saviour, bending the knee and making the sign of the cross. Best of all, they worship the true God, they have the same hope of a future life in Heaven which comforts us.

The "Cinderella" given by this society on February 12th was a great success. The proceeds, amounting to \$208.45, were funded and a part voted to the furnishing of a room in the Strathcona ward.

In September we had a kind offer from the Agricultural Society for a stall in the hall where we could have a "corner grocery." The offer was gratefully accepted by us, and we cleared a sum of \$145.

The retiring officers are: Miss Lester, president; Miss Sehl, vice-president; Miss A. Angus, secretary; Miss Hiscocks, treasurer; Miss Patten, Miss M. Fell, Miss R. Fell, Miss A. Angus, executive committee.

By and by, when all fear of a great European conflagration has settled down, and the world has returned to its normal state, the Czar will go to the front, and see for himself how his orders have been carried out.

That he will go to the front when the war has been waged for a long time, and the soldiers know it and they love him for it. I have seen their faces light up at the mention of his name. It is plain, however, that his going to the front is not a man to be thwarted lightly or to be hoodwinked easily.

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K. Takahira Passed a Quiet Night and is Believed to be on Road to Recovery.

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Washington, Nov. 1.—Secretary of State Hay and Ambassador Jisserand today signed a treaty providing for the settlement by arbitration of any possible disputes between the United States and France.

Mr. Reid is fond of office. It is well known that he was willing to make concessions to the Labor party in return for its support; however, the party would have none of him, so he has acquired the half-hearted support of a section of Mr. Deakin's party, though Mr. Deakin himself rightly declined to enter into more than a temporary partnership.

On all sides of the House Mr. Reid enjoys great personal popularity. Indeed, nobody could dislike him seriously. He is a pleasant conversationalist, and has an inexhaustible store of good nature. His only annoying habit is that of going to sleep, like the Fat Boy in Pickwick, on all possible occasions. He will sleep through a long and important debate, waking only at odd moments to make a comic interjection, and then slipping into slumber. But he has all the privileges of the proverbial "funny man"; he is a kind of pet throughout the Commonwealth, and perhaps the country could better spare a better man.

Though born in Scotland, the Premier has nothing Scotch about him. He is not a shabby fellow for anything in the shape of a title, and he admits he knows nothing about art or literature; he has taken no part in any of the literary or intellectual movements that Australia has yet attempted, and the younger men he seems already hopelessly outmoded. His chief claim to political prominence is that he once tried, ineffectually, to stop the march of scientific taxation, and his chief claim to wisdom is that he speedily abandoned the attempt.

His mental outlook, good-natured and complacent, also runs entirely in circles. Nobody knows what is his exact opinion on any subject. At one moment he is in consultation with the Labor party, another he is strongly denouncing it. He was in favor of federation, then he opposed it, then he favored it again. He once declared that his sole object was to fight for "broad reform"; a little later he agreed to drop the question altogether. He has favored a "white" Australia and also a "colored" Australia, and lastly he has favored a "colored" Australia. While Premier of New South Wales he advocated Free Trade and practical Protection. In fact, on almost every important question he has expressed his opinions—sometimes three. As a quick-change virtuoso he is the superior of Lord Rosebery.

At the same time he possesses certain qualities which, within his limitations, he is an able debater, especially formidable in attack. But he succeeds better outside than inside the House. He is a very good public politician, and he always plays to the gallery. He is his very best when he addresses an open air meeting of working men who are opposed to any form of federation, and he is at his best in a public hall, where he is surrounded by a vast assembly of his admirers. He is a man who is not a man to be thwarted lightly or to be hoodwinked easily.

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Local News. The County court will sit on Monday presided over by Judge Harrison. It will open at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

The Fernwood has arranged to hold a series of club tournaments on Tuesday evenings of each week. The first match will take place next Tuesday, and all are invited to attend and participate.

Yesterday the deputy minister of agriculture received samples of grain and potatoes grown by Rev. C. Harrison at Masset, Queen Charlotte Island. The splendid quality of these specimens is looked upon as an indication that the district is well suited for the production of general crops and for raising good fruit.

Doctors say the country is full of it. First it's a chill, then a cough, then the inflammation drops until pleurisy is the result. Give twenty drops of Polson's Nervine in hot water at once. Congestion is prevented, warmth and circulation restored—you are cured. Any sickness can be prevented by Nervine. It saves big doctor bills, and costs 25c. for a large bottle. Try Nervine yourself.

The death occurred this morning of Mrs. Gunkroger at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. H. Allnut, Second street. She was 80 years of age, and a native of Yorkshire, England. Deceased leaves three sons and two daughters to mourn her loss. The funeral arrangements have not yet been announced.

H. H. Abbott, local agent C. P. R., has been advised of the arrival of the following Atlantic steamers: Allan liner Bavarian at Montreal, 8 p.m., October 29th; Allan liner Tunisian at Liverpool, 10 a.m., October 30th; Cunard liner Campania at New York, 8 p.m., October 29th.

Rock Bay bridge has been closed to vehicular traffic. It is now considered unsafe for teams, and the city officials have issued by the city officials formerly took this route now goes by way of the new roadway, at the head of the harbor, which has been newly installed and put in first class condition.

It has been decided by J. W. Redelsheimer, president of the Western Keelmen League, that I. W. Creighton, the well-known local cocker spaniel fancier, is the winner of the plate offered for the best kennel in the recent beach show at Vancouver. There was some dispute as to the conditions, and the president was called in to decide the matter with the above result.

The bazaar to be given by the Ladies' Aid of the Reformed Episcopal church will be held on Monday and Tuesday, December 12th and 13th, at the 1st and 2nd a.m., previously announced. This change in dates was made by the committee of management for important reasons. Arrangements have already advanced to some extent, and indications are that the affair will prove an unequalled success.

The Southeast Kootenay Coal & Petroleum Company, Ltd., filed articles of incorporation yesterday with the county auditor. The company is organized to prospect for coal and petroleum in East Kootenay, B.C. The capital stock is \$250,000, divided into 1,000,000 shares of 25 cents each. The incorporators are: W. A. Nelson, Spokane; W. A. Nelson, Spokane; W. A. Nelson, Spokane; W. A. Nelson, Spokane.

Which is the squawk? That is the query which confronts everyone who gazes in the Yates street window of R. Mowat's grocery store, and accompanying it are representations of the family faces of the two candidates in the local elections, on large pumpkins. Just who will be the squawk depends upon the results of today's polling, but there is little doubt that every right-thinking voter in Victoria will see to it that the Colonel is effectually "squawked."

ARE YOU CONSTIPATED? You can immediately relieve and permanently cure yourself with Dr. Hamilton's Pills. One thousand dollars will be paid for any case that isn't corrected within three days. Dr. Hamilton's Pills contain no injurious drugs; they are composed entirely of soothing, vegetable extracts that strengthen the stomach and bowels at once. It is absolutely impossible for Dr. Hamilton's Pills to fail curing biliousness, sour stomach, indigestion, headache or constipation. Even one box has brought rigor and renewed health to chronic sufferers, so you owe it to yourself to try Dr. Hamilton's Pills at once; 25c. per box at all dealers.

Lovers of good music who are looking for a treat should not fail to attend the organ recital and sacred cantata which is going to be given in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church next Monday evening. A splendid chorus of 40 voices have been rehearsing carefully together for the past few weeks, which will be heard to great advantage in this new cantata, which is so bright and taking. The soloists for the evening will be Miss McCoy, Mrs. W. E. Stansfield, Mrs. G. Hicks, Mrs. Currie, and Messrs. J. L. Gibson, H. Kent and G. Hicks; solo violin and organ, Jess Longfield. No charge for admission is made, but a collection will be taken up in aid of the church funds.

The birthday of the Japanese Emperor is being celebrated in this city by the subjects of the Mikado residing in Victoria. The Japanese flag is floating from their stores and residences. Special interest attaches to the celebration this year on account of the war which is being waged. Japanese papers printed in the native language during the past few weeks have been announcing that strenuous effort would be made on the birthday of the Mikado to take Port Arthur.

The coroner's jury which inquired into the circumstances surrounding the death of John Durrance, near the Royal Oak, brought in a verdict yesterday that they believed he had come to his death from suicide.

Last evening members of St. John's church choir were entertained at the rectory by Rev. Percival Jones. A social will be held next Tuesday evening in the school room, and an excellent musical programme has been arranged for the occasion.

Rev. Dr. White, superintendent of Methodist missions, preached in Saanich on Sunday. He was greatly pleased with the prospect of a new service being erected. He left for a visit to Salt Spring Island on Monday, where a new church is about to be constructed.

The partnership in the firm of Messrs. Tolmie & Stewart, Yates street, has been dissolved. The business in future is to be conducted by Duncan Stewart, the senior member of the firm, having retired. The firm acquired the business of the late John Boyd fifteen years ago.

The Natural History Society of British Columbia will hold a meeting next Monday in the caucus room of the parliament buildings at 8 o'clock, when a paper will be read by the president, Capt. Walbran, fisheries protection service, Canada, on the origin of the names places on the coast of British Columbia. Capt. Walbran has added to the list of the names many anecdotes and legends connected with the same, so that the paper will be of great interest.

A meeting of the Victoria Trades and Labor was called for last evening, but owing to the small attendance it was postponed until next week, when an address will be delivered by Mr. Guan, district representative of the American Federation of Labor. He is expected to refer to the present difficulty in connection with the Garment Workers, and may make some suggestions to bring about a satisfactory settlement of that matter. Other questions of importance will be considered at the next meeting, and a large attendance is therefore requested.

Various reports are in circulation today regarding sickness aboard H. M. S. Flora, now en route on the southern coast. It has been stated that one of the crew had lost their lives, two having been washed overboard and two having died from fever. Another report is to the effect that the crew is suffering and still a third rumor has it that only one petty officer suffering from sea sickness had died. So far as could be ascertained by the Times this morning there is no ground for any of these stories. Inquiry made of Commodore Goodrich this afternoon elicited no information of the nature of the reports.

A recent meeting of the executive of the Victoria District Association Football League arrangements were made in three games on Saturday afternoon. One will take place, commencing at 1:30 o'clock, at Oak Bay, between the junior North Ward and High school teams, and the second is to be played by H. M. S. Bonaventure and Victoria-United teams, commencing at 3 o'clock at the Caledonia grounds. Another junior league match will take place between the Victoria West and St. Louis College teams at Beacon Hill grounds. The Victoria West team consists of the following: Goal, R. Smith; backs, P. Brown and Sprague; half backs, L. Ross, Maynard and R. Brown; forwards, S. Ross, P. P. Taylor, D. B. Selinger and E. Hasenrath. Substitutes, W. Colvin and G. Nett.

The S. P. C. A. has been continually fighting the shot-air-gun and catapult nuisance, but whilst the parents of the boys provide them with these dangerous weapons it will be a difficult matter to deal with. The society would impress upon parents that boys carrying or using any shotgun, air-gun, or catapult are breaking the law, which prohibits any one from "discharging any gun, or using any bow and arrow, catapult, sling shot, or other missile within the city under a penalty not exceeding \$20. And boys under the age of fourteen are not allowed to carry a gun or other firearm. When a boy is caught, convicted, and the parent as pay the fine, the danger will in part be overcome. The committee has decided to employ a special constable in plain clothes to be on duty at Beacon Hill and other places. This matter has already been brought by the Natural History Society and the S. P. C. A. before the city council, who have promised their co-operation. It is sincerely to be hoped that parents will assist in these efforts to stop a practice which is not only cruel to birds and animals, but exceedingly dangerous to the whole community.

Days Come and Go. Leaves fall and flowers fade, Days come and go; Now is the sweet summer laid Low in her leafy glade, Low like a fragrant maid, Low, low, ah, low.

Tears fall and eyelids ache, Hearts overflow; Here for our dear love's sake Will be again awake? Ah, no, no, no.

Winds sigh and skies are gray, Days come and go; Wild birds are flown away, As if a flower had May? Dead, dead, this many a day, Under the snow.

Lips sigh and cheeks are pale, Hearts overflow; Will not some song or tale Kiss, as a flower had May? With our dear love awake! Ah, no, no, no.

Within the past 15 hours four men have been killed and two fatally wounded in personal altercations in the Birmingham A.S. district.

AGREEMENT SUBMITTED TO TRAMWAY COMPANY. The Committee's Proposals Regarding Oak Bay Grounds Favorably Received.

There is every indication that a formal agreement will be reached by members of the general committee, formed of representatives appointed by the various local athletic organizations, and the B. C. Electric Railway Company in regard to making Oak Bay the local recreation centre. Members of the committee have been hard at work for some weeks drafting conditions, and a short time ago A. Virtue and others waited on A. T. Goward, local manager of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, to submit the agreement for his consideration. As far as can be gathered the proposal as outlined by the deputation found favor with Mr. Goward, and will be accepted by him on behalf of the company.

As was expected the committee before binding itself to bring off all important matches at Oak Bay wishes to secure the best possible conditions for the tramway company. In the first place they require a better service to Oak Bay; an uninterrupted five-minute service to and from the grounds on the afternoon grounds. Secondly, they wish the grounds themselves improved in several respects. They must be levelled and put into the best possible condition for the purpose; accommodation must be provided for the caretaker; and the grand stand must be thoroughly repaired. There are some of the conditions which are in and it is understood that the B. C. Electric Railway Company is willing to agree to the terms. The matter will be brought before the board of directors of the company at a meeting called for tomorrow evening.

Once the ground is secured there will be a serious problem to solve—that is, its management. In fact this question has already been generally discussed. As many of those interested predicted, the question of a fair division of the gate receipts has been raised among the different amalgamated associations. It is now suggested—and the proposal is being brought in to be very fully considered by the finance committee recommending the appropriation of the necessary funds was adopted.

A quantity of other business was disposed of. A communication was read regarding the construction of a curb on Elliott street, in connection with the boulevard to be made there. It was ordered that the work be done by the city.

Lieut. Col. English notified the council that the field guns donated by Major General Pargson to the city were ready for use. He suggested that they be placed on the James Bay embankment. The resignation of E. Bragg, clerk in the water commissioner's office, was accepted. Fredrickson, a resignation was admitted to the Old Man's Home.

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White Captain Baldwin, inventor of the "California Arrow," and several assistants were returning the airship from the place where it landed in St. Louis county today to the World's Fair grounds, the airship broke loose and soared into the air. When last seen, it was drifting rapidly in a northwesterly direction.

There was a trolley line to be crossed, and it was necessary to pass the trolley over the trolley wire and catch the down-hanging rope and then release the rope that hung from the rear. In the darkness, those manipulating the ropes miscalculated, and both the front and rear ropes were released at the same time. In a twinkling the airship, from which had been taken 25 pounds of ballast, and unencumbered by an aeronaut, escaped.

The Associated Press Baldwin said: "There was not much gas in the bag and the cold atmosphere condition during the night should cause the gas to escape. It was suggested that the gas be pumped out of the bag by a vacuum pump, but this was not done. It is useless for us to attempt to pursue the airship, but we have heard it has landed. Beyond delaying our flight scheduled for tomorrow, I do not look for any more serious results from the accident."

John Watt, who is interested in the petroleum lands of Southeast Kootenay, has returned to Victoria after a visit to California. While in the South Mr. Watt inspected some of the oil wells of California. He has an oil prospecting interest that found in Southeast Kootenay. The California product is simply fuel oil and will not pay for refining. Mr. Watt says a source of great anxiety to the ranchers and miners, whose operations have been seriously interfered with in consequence.

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Mrs. G. C. Shaw returned last evening from an extended trip in the East. She was a delegate to the general meeting of King's Daughters, held in Toronto, as general secretary of the British Columbia.

W. E. Wilson, of Nanaimo, who is interested in an American company which is planning to carry on business on Vancouver Island, is at the Yernon.

Capt. J. S. Gibson, of the Chemsanut Lumber Company, was at the Grand last night. He was accompanied by Mrs. Gibson.

MARRIAGE A LA MERITHE. Chicago Tribune. Chapter I. "Will you be mine, Felicia?" "For how long, Albert?" "For fifteen years, dearest." "No, but I will be ten years." "So, you make it twenty?" "No; ten is the limit."

"All right, here's the ring. Take good care of it, for I may need it again." Chapter II. "Do you promise to take this woman for better or for worse for ten years?" "Yes—subject, of course, to renewal of contract."

"You promise to love, honor and obey?" "Yes, up to September 30th, 1914." "I pronounce you man and wife. Let no man put asunder in the meantime." Chapter III. (Ten years later). "Well, Albert, you ten years are up today. Do you want an extension of the contract?" "No, thanks, dearest. I'm booked for the next ten years with Fanny Bishop. Her contract with Charley Bishop expires soon, you know."

"Why, of course. How stupid of me to forget. In that case I'll accept. Arthur Bideport for five years. His contract with Adelaide is up next Friday at noon." Chapter IV. (Five years later). "Whom little boy are you?" "I'm Uncle Sam's little boy." "Papa's doing six years with the late Mrs. Bishop, and mamma, I understand, is married at present to Mr. Bideport. Her contract expires some time next month, though she's having failed to get a renewal. Mamma's getting jid, you know."

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