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The Capture Of Iloilo.

Particulars of the Occupation of This Much Talked of Filipino Stronghold.

Much Property Destroyed—Aguinaldo Collecting His Forces North of Manila.

Manila, Feb. 14, 11:55 a.m.—Particulars of the capture of Iloilo by United States forces under Brigadier-General Miller on Saturday last have been received here.

On the morning of Friday, February 10th, General Miller sent an ultimatum to the commander of the rebels on shore, notifying him that it was his intention to take Iloilo by force if necessary. Non-combatants and foreigners were warned to leave the town within 24 hours. The rebels were also warned that they must make no further belligerent preparations.

The gunboat Petrel was then moved to a position to close in shore and near the rebel fort, while the cruiser Boston took up her station at the other end of the town.

Friday passed quietly. During the day many refugees left the town of Iloilo, the majority of whom were taken on board foreign ships lying in the harbor. Searchlights from the United States ships were kept at night long illuminating the town and its defenses, and the rebels, so far as the lookouts on the ships could discover, remained quiescent throughout the night.

At 6 o'clock on the morning of Saturday, Feb. 11, the gunboat Petrel signalled to the cruiser Boston that the rebels were forming in their trenches. In return the Petrel was ordered to fire warning shots upon the town from her three-pounders. This was done, and the rebels replied with a harmless fusillade. The Boston and Petrel then bombarded the rebel trenches, completely clearing them of their occupants in a very short time.

After the bombardment began flames broke out simultaneously in various parts of the town. Thereupon 48 marines, acting as infantry and artillery, were landed from the cruiser Boston and a company was sent ashore from the gunboat Petrel. These detachments moved straight into the town of Iloilo, and hoisting the Stars and Stripes over the fort took possession of the place in the name of the United States.

The capture of the town and its defenses having been accomplished, the marines and soldiers who had been sent ashore proceeded to the task of saving the American, British and German consulates from destruction by the fire which was raging among the frail and inflammable buildings of the town. The Swiss consul's residence, which was in the hands of the rebels, was also saved.

There was some desultory firing by the enemy in the outskirts of Iloilo, but not a single American was injured. General Miller's force had complete control of the situation when the gunboat Petrel sailed from Iloilo for Manila. The six United States artillery regiments occupied a position commanding both the bridges leading into the town and the Tennessee volunteers and the 18th United States infantry were occupying the trenches that had been constructed by the rebels.

Much Property Destroyed. London, Feb. 14.—A dispatch received at Lloyd's to-day from Manila reports that there was serious fighting at Iloilo on Saturday, February 11, and that much property was destroyed. The insurgents were driven out of the town. The correspondent expresses the opinion that there is not likely to be any further trouble. Foreign property, the dispatch says, is safe.

Aguinaldo's Forces at Polo. New York, Feb. 14.—A dispatch to the Herald from Manila says: General Otis said to a Herald correspondent: "The situation is excellent now. Aguinaldo is collecting his forces somewhere near Polo and his present strength is estimated at thirty thousand. The more he brings together the more satisfied we will be, for we would rather have him attack us than to have to hunt for him."

General Anderson, commanding the first division, said: "General Otis is congratulating me on behalf of the first division, and said there were six thousand and that we cleared out 3,000 of them. I think we shall have to give them another good kicking."

The most prominent English business men here say that the Filipinos received a severe lesson during last week. Were it not that their military leaders are men who know they must lose all power once fighting is over, and consequently are deceiving the natives into the belief that they have got the best of the recent fighting, these Englishmen do not think there will be much trouble in bringing the Filipino government to terms. In the opinion of English observers the campaign should be carried on energetically.

casualties on our side. The insurgents' loss is not known, but it is believed to be slight. They attempted to burn the town but foreign property, generally, was saved by our forces.

Spaniards Returning Home. Manila, Feb. 14.—One hundred and eighty officers and 1,800 men, Spanish prisoners of war, left port on the 12th and 13th by the steamers Reina Christina and Uruguay, en route to Spain.

FUTURE OF PHILIPPINES. The United States Government Does Not Intend to Annex the Islands.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Senator McHenry's resolution, declaring the policy of the United States government in the Philippines, was adopted this afternoon by a vote of 28 to 22. Several Democrats present in the chamber declined to vote. The resolution is as follows: "That by the ratification of the treaty of peace with Spain, it is intended to incorporate the inhabitants of the Philippine Islands into citizenship of the United States, nor is it intended permanently to annex the islands as integral parts of the United States, but it is the intention of the United States to establish on said islands a government suitable to the wants and conditions of the said islands, to prepare them for local self-government, and in due time make such disposition of said islands as will promote the interests of the citizens of the United States and the inhabitants of said islands."

BURNED TO DEATH. Six Lives Lost in a Chicago Fire—A Heroic Boy Saves Several Persons.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—Frozen water plugs prevented the fire department from getting a stream on to flames which broke out in the seven-story brick warehouse at 10 to 14 West Water street, and resulted in great damage. Owing to the efforts of Eddie Lowe, an office boy, several people were saved from being burned to death. The lad spread the alarm from door to door, and not until he saw that everyone had made good his escape did he leave the structure. The building was owned by the Manufacturer's Warehouse Company; much space was rented to a bicycle firm, who will lose heavily. The loss is \$250,000.

Later.—It is reported that five or six persons have perished.

ANARCHY IN SAMOA. The German Consul Has to Retract Very Hamely—Annexation the Only Solution of Difficulties.

Auckland, N. Z., Feb. 15.—Advice received from Samoa under date of Feb. 8th, reports that anarchy and rebellion still prevail there.

The provisional government persists in interfering with British subjects, and also with the servants of British residents.

Auckland, N. Z., Feb. 14.—The decision of the triple alliance in the matter of the succession to the throne is anxiously awaited. Annexation is looked upon as the only possible solution of the crisis in the island.

The German Consul-General, Mr. Rose, has notified Chief Justice Chambers that the government has not upheld its promise regarding that office. The news was received with great satisfaction.

Chief Justice Chambers reopened his court to hear the charges of contempt against Dr. Raffael and Herr Fries, Managers of the German Warehouse Company. They failed to appear.

Dr. Rose, the German consul, has declared that the matter came within the jurisdiction of his consul. Chief Justice Chambers considered Dr. Raffael guilty of contempt and ordered him to appear at the next term of the court, when judgment would be pronounced.

He said that force would not be used to compel Dr. Raffael to appear, but that the German consul could keep him in the consulate if he chose to do so. Chief of Police Fries was fined \$100. Ever Grieves Mull has paid the fine of \$4,000 imposed upon him by the court.

H. M. S. Porpoise having been boycotted by order of Dr. Raffael, and Mataafa's sentries having prevented natives from going off to the cruiser in canoes, an apology was demanded by the British consul, Mr. E. C. B. Maxse, for the attitude assumed toward the British, and also for an insult offered to Chief Justice Chambers. Mataafa and his chiefs, however, and Dr. Raffael also apologized in his behalf.

It is understood that everything was in readiness on board the Porpoise for a retaliatory attack on Mataafa in an apology for the insult. Dr. Raffael, however, being engaged in organizing regiments for Mataafa, a formal notice was served upon him against expending taxes for this purpose. Mataafa, Tanus and Tanasse were still on board the Porpoise at the date of these advices.

The Boundary Question

Mr. John Charlton, M. P., Denies Report That Canadians Demanded Skagway.

The Matter Will Probably Be Satisfactorily Settled at Washington.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—Mr. John Charlton, M. P., one of the Canadian commissioners of the joint high commission, who spoke before the Marquette Club last night, stated in an interview that the Canadian commissioners had not made the reported demand for the cession of Skagway in determining the Alaskan boundary line. "That is merely a newspaper article," he said, "and without any foundation. The Canadian commissioners had not made a demand for the cession of Skagway. We hope to have the boundary question settled satisfactorily, but what way I am not at liberty to state. I wish I were able to give some of the interesting matter which I have, but the commission has made a point to receive all the details of its conferences until some definite result shall have been reached."

Mr. Charlton will return to-day to Washington, where he left the commission on Friday.

MONEY TIGHT AT DAWSON. Toronto, Feb. 14.—A special from Faith Fenton to the Globe from Dawson City, under date of Jan. 14th, says: Money is remarkably tight, and ten per

Another Engagement

United States Soldiers Occupy Jaro After Armish With Filipino Rebels.

The Natives Are Suffering Heavily—Four Americans Were Wounded.

Manila, Feb. 15, 11:15 a.m.—Colonel C. Potter arrived from Iloilo yesterday evening with dispatches from Brigadier-General M. D. Miller to Major-General Otis.

On Sunday General Miller ordered a reconnaissance. Major Cheatham's battalion of the Tennessee volunteers marched beyond Malo without finding the enemy, and returned to Iloilo. "O'Leary's" battalion of the Fifteenth United States infantry with two Hotchkiss guns and one Gatling gun, marched towards Jaro. This battalion encountered a large body of the enemy, occupying both sides of the road, who met the advanced American troops with a severe and well directed fire. The Americans deployed and returned the fire with a number of volleys. The troops advanced steadily, supported by the Hotchkiss and Gatling guns, and drove the enemy through Jaro to the open country beyond.

The town of Jaro was found to be deserted, and all portable property had been removed. When the Americans entered the place there were only a few Chinese there. At 4:10 o'clock Captain

Joint High Commission

The United States Seal Expert Leaves for the Joint High Commission.

Probability of an Abrupt Termination of the Present Negotiations.

A significant telegram was received in Victoria yesterday from the confidential advisers of the sealing men in Washington. It states that John W. Foster has resigned from the International Commission. No reason whatever is assigned for his action.

The intelligence has created a flutter among the sealing captains and various explanations are advanced in regard to the matter. Mr. Foster was the sealing expert of the American portion of the commission, and by some his resignation is believed to indicate that that part of the question has practically been settled, and that his special mission on the board, having been severed he no longer considers it necessary to remain upon it as a member.

But this view is not the one entertained by the majority of those who are looking so anxiously at the present moment to Quebec and to Washington for the final adjustment of the long vexed sealing question. The view of the majority is that Mr. Foster has left the commission as a result of a disagreement with his colleagues.

If such be the case there can be but one significance of his action, and that is that it will terminate negotiations and result in the dissolution of the commission. Such an outcome has not been looked for.

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The question at issue is the demand by Canadians and Lord Herschell, representing the British government, for a portion of the Lynn canal, thus giving Canada direct access to the Pacific ocean over Alaskan territory. The American commissioners are firm in the resistance of the demand, having decided primarily not to cede any American territory.

An impression prevails that the Canadians and Lord Herschell will not let this demand stand in the way of a successful issue of their long and laborious efforts, but that they will withdraw and proceed to a conclusion.

It Looks Very Critical. Washington, Feb. 15.—Whether or not the negotiations looking to the settlement of a dozen or more issues between the United States and Canada by means of a joint commission now in session, will ultimately fail entirely can be scarcely foretold at this moment. Agreements have been reached on some questions of first importance, including matters that have been the cause of constant friction between the United States and Canada for many years. Some other questions, the commissioners have not been able to get together and it is even probable that they never will, and it remains to be seen whether both the United States and Canada will regard the agreement so far reaching as to constitute a fair adjustment.

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This was in general in line with the story telegraphed this morning from London that the negotiations had entirely failed through.

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patch from Manila says: "A Spanish prisoner who escaped from Malolos reports that Baldomeo Aguinaldo, a cousin of General Aguinaldo, and the Filipino minister of war, was killed in the fighting at Calocaon on February 10th, where the Kansas, Montana and Pennsylvania troops and the Third Artillery were heavily engaged. Corroboration of this report was given by the finding of a general's sword beside the railway sheds.

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said, were in a critical stage, but there was no reason to believe they had failed. That was all that could be said at present.

THE HOUSE OF LORDS. Proposals to Restrict His Powers Decried in the Commons.

London, Feb. 16.—Mr. Henry Labouchere, Liberal member for Northampton, in the House of Commons to-day made his usual attack upon the House of Lords with a view of limiting its voting power, from which he said Liberal measures invariably suffered. He moved an amendment to the address to the throne providing that bills adopted by the Commons in one session and not adopted by the peers should if passed by the Commons at a subsequent session become the law of the land.

Mr. John Lawson, Liberal member for South Leeds, proposed an amendment to the address, declaring that the power now possessed by the House of Lords of overruling the decision of the House of Commons demanded the current attention of parliament.

Mr. Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the newly elected leader of the Liberals, supported Walton's amendment. He denied that the Liberals were actuated by a partisan spirit in raising the question, but the House of Lords, he declared, had always formed a continually stereotyped anti-Liberal majority. The Liberals desire to guard the rights of the representative chamber, while giving to the House of Peers a reasonable power.

Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, government leader, said there was no middle course between the policy expressed in Mr. Labouchere's amendment and the policy of leaving the House of Peers in its present position.

The House then rejected the amendments Mr. Walton's by 257 against 107, and Mr. Labouchere's by 222 against 105.

MR. HUME RE-ELECTED. Election in West Kootenay Results in Return of Government Candidate by a Largely Increased Majority.

Nelson, Feb. 15.—Hon. J. Fred Hume was yesterday re-elected for West Kootenay (Nelson) over Mr. Farwell, opposition candidate.

Returns have been received from all the polling places with the exception of Salmo and Erie, and they are not expected to arrive here until 5 o'clock this afternoon. There is no telegraph office at either place. The returns to hand are as follows:

Hume, Farwell	371	235
Nelson	40	24
Waneta	4	8
Hill, Selkirk	16	17
Silver King Mine	3	0
Proctor's Landing	23	0
Wakonah	31	11
Oriston, Crow's Nest	490	309

Mr. Hume's majority at the general election in July was 15.

SUPPOSED SHIPPING DISASTER. A Large Steamer Mysteriously Disappears Off the Coast of Dorsetshire.

London, Feb. 14.—Reports of damage done by the gale yesterday and Sunday are arriving. The fishing boats that have returned to the east coast havens report severe damage to boats and injuries to men. A steamer was wrecked in the Portland roadstead yesterday evening. Her crew were rescued by a tug.

A steamer with a large saloon lighted by electricity passed St. Albans Head, going down the channel, early this morning. A hurricane squall obscured her lights for a time, which later reappeared. Then at 2:45 a.m. the lights disappeared, totally near the Race, southwest of St. Albans Head. The steamer showed no distress signals, but it is feared that she foundered in the terrific storm.

The British steamer Ormiston, Capt. Duffin, from Glasgow, Jan. 23, for New York, is much overdue, but her owners say they are not alarmed for her safety, and that she is probably lying outside New York harbor.

A significant indication of the fact of the recent sales is shown by the fact that the announcements of wrecks overlook the ordinary casualty bulletin boards at Lloyd's, and fill the reserve and war bulletin boards, and are posted around the walls. This is something the like of which is not remembered by the oldest members of the exchange.

DREIFUS REFUSES TO ANSWER. London, Feb. 14.—The following despatch from Cayenne is published in the Daily Telegraph: "The judicial officer, who has just returned here from a visit to Dreyfus at the 16th de mars, informs me that the prisoner is in good health, but declines to reply to the written interrogations of the Court of Cassation, on the ground that his answers are inaccurately transmitted to Paris."



FIGHTING JOE ON THE WARPATH.

"Who said disallowance?"

cent. per month is quite a common rate of interest, as high as 15 per cent. being freely offered. The reason is chiefly due to the delay of mails, which has prevented any remittances reaching Dawson. Only one public mail had reached Dawson at the date named since Sept. 22nd last. The local revenue statement for the first three months of Ogilvie's administration, Sept. 12th to Dec. 31st last, shows a tremendous gain in funds by the sick. In this class Americans are very numerous, but no distinction in nationality is made. The total receipts were \$38,508, of which practically all was from fines and liquor permits, and of this sum nearly \$30,000 has been spent in support of the sick and indigent hospitals, in sums advanced to such persons as wish to leave the country \$420, and in the burial of indigent persons \$900.

INDIANS DIE OF SMALLPOX. (Muscoogee, I. T., Feb. 14.—A courier has arrived here from Muscoogee, in the Western part of the Cree nation, bringing news that smallpox was raging in that section and not less than 85 persons had died of it in the last few weeks. The victims are negroes and Indians. All of Western Oklahoma has been quarantined against the infected district, and the Muscoogee board of health and city council will take steps to establish quarantine in this section.)

IS THIS ANOTHER 'SURMISE'? Washington, Feb. 14.—The joint high commission held a session to-day and adjourned until to-morrow. It was learned that there are questions upon which no agreement can now be reached, and the impression prevails that the commissioners found themselves unable to see a way out of difficulties presented at a session to-day, although it was determined to make further efforts.

Griffiths raised the American flag over the presidency building, outside of the town. Lieut. Frank Bowles, of the 18th Infantry, while working the light battery, was shot in the leg. In addition one private was seriously wounded and two slightly wounded.

The rebel loss was severe. All was quiet on Monday when Colonel Potter left Iloilo.

Two natives attempted to slip past the United States cruiser Olympia during the night in a boat. They failed to respond when hailed, but kept paddling along. After a warning shot, a sentry fired at the boat and killed one of the occupants, wounding the other.

Manila, Feb. 15, 5:30 a.m.—Several rebels yesterday afternoon, having fired from houses bearing white flags on the American outposts, Colonel Smith, with companies "4," "19" and "21," of the California volunteers, proceeded to clear out the enemy along his front. The rebels opposed him from the houses, and several skirmishes occurred, during which some of the Californians were slightly wounded.

Work proceeded to-day in systematic manner, a gunboat shelling the villages and working her rapid fire guns very effectively on the jungle. The entire California regiment, with the exception of two companies, four companies of the Washington regiment, two companies of the Idaho regiment and a battery of Sixth Artillery were engaged. The rebels were driven towards Lake Laguna de Bayo.

The rebels held their fire, apparently being short of ammunition, but they fought desperately.

The American outposts in this division are now fully twelve miles out. All is quiet along the route of the line, with the exception of an occasional exchange of shot between the sharpshooters.

traffic, was as yet most serious. The city was still cut off for the most part from communication from the outside world.

One of the first results of the appearance of the sun to-day was the movement into port of the ocean steamers that have been waiting for the weather to clear. The Tweedie Trading Co.'s schooner, which left St. Michaels, where she put in for repairs 19 days ago, and about which much anxiety was felt, passed Sandy Hook at 3:15 a.m.

Coldest Yet Known. Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—The official weather bureau records show that from Washington south the weather conditions were unprecedented in the history of the service. They show that since Sunday, February 5, 15 inches of snow have fallen in Washington, and of this 14 inches fell between Sunday night and last night. This is almost twice the amount of that of any period ever before known in this city. All through the south the records of cold weather were broken. At Jacksonville, Fla., the mercury was 10 degrees above, which is four degrees lower than ever before. New Orleans registered six degrees above, breaking all records by nine degrees. At Vicksburg the temperature of one degree below exceeded all previous records by four degrees. The wind was blowing at a high rate in most places in the south.

Lewis, Del., Feb. 14.—The storm on the coast has abated entirely. The United States collier Sterling, reported last night as being in danger of stranding on the rocks is anchored safely this morning.

Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Feb. 14.—Traffic on the New York Central railroad, between New York and Albany, has been entirely suspended since midnight, and at noon to-day no trains were in operation.

Albany, N.Y., Feb. 14.—Through railroad traffic is at a standstill in this section.

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Letter From Lillooet.

A Terrible Cold Snap--A Road Needed--Dredgers To Be Built.

A Stamp Mill for the Bend d'Or Mine--Mining News.

(Special Correspondence of the Times).

Lillooet, Feb. 11.--The beautiful spring like weather we have been enjoying suddenly gave way last week to winter again. Heavy snow fell, accompanied by cold biting winds. So shrewd and bitter was the wind one could not help thinking that had good Saint Dunstan in his cell, a last-ditcher had been made to apply a touch of it to the devil's nose, he would have made him dance to a pretty tune. The weather now has moderated, with warm winds, the snow fast disappearing and rain threatening.

Everyone here is hoping that the government will order work to commence at once on the road between here and Lytton. The completion of this road will mean a good deal for this important mining district. It will be a shorter and therefore a cheaper means of getting in supplies and a much more convenient and quicker route for passenger traffic. This district has been utterly ignored and neglected by the late government, but the people are now confident that the new government will see that a fair share of public money is devoted to opening up what everyone believes will prove to be one of the richest mining sections in the province. The work, if started at once, and there can be no object in delaying it, will be of great assistance to a number of men who are wintering here, enabling them to pay their bills and give them a grub stake for the summer.

There is a prospect of several dredgers being at work on the bars of the river, notably one which Mr. W. H. Gallagher, of Vancouver, intends constructing here. The machinery is on its way from New Zealand now, accompanied by a requisite number of men for its operation. One who will superintend and assist in the construction of the dredger and arrangement of the machinery. The firm who manufacture these dredgers in New Zealand have made a success of them where they were tried, and it is sincerely to be hoped that the enterprising shareholders who have put up the capital will be amply repaid. The dredger is to be built here and will give work to a number of men--as well as to our local workmen. As the machinery will weigh some 200 tons, and all have to be hauled from Lytton, and is contracted to be laid down here by the first of May, it is most earnestly to be hoped that no time will be lost in the completion of the road to Lillooet.

The next important piece of work is the construction of a good trail or road from Jack's Landing, on Bridge river, to Adwaller creek. A large number of miners and prospectors will be working in this section the coming year, and it is highly necessary that a practical means is forthcoming for the getting in of machinery and supplies to the Bridge River mining camp. The Ben d'Or Mines, Limited, have now a stamp mill in course of forwarding to their valuable mines on Cadwallader creek. This mill has to be packed over the Mission mountain and thence transported to our local workmen. The William Hamilton Company, who have manufactured the machinery, keeping in view the difficulties attached to getting a mill into a new country, have so arranged that no piece of it shall exceed 350 lbs. Mr. Arthur New, the resident manager of the Ben d'Or Mines, is busy with a competent staff of men superintending the forwarding of the machinery. Work has been continuous all winter on this group of mines, with very gratifying results. One tunnel of 500 feet length is completed, with the necessary ore bins, and another tunnel is in course of construction. A dam and flume has been built under the superintendence of Mr. H. W. Wood, and a mill site has been selected and all the necessary timber has been whipsawed and is on the ground ready to complete the construction of the mill when the machinery arrives.

Mr. Charles H. Wood has bonded the Lorne group of claims for a powerful syndicate, of which, I believe, Messrs. Gooderham and Blackstock, of Toronto, are members, sent ten men with a large quantity of supplies to the South Fork of Bridge River last Tuesday. It is the intention of the syndicate to test the richness of the rock by driving in one or more tunnels. The work is under the superintendence of Mr. J. R. Williams. This group of claims is considered by all those whose opinion is worth having as being one of the very best propositions in the district, and as there is no doubt that the development work will prove its value, it is expected that a stamp mill will be erected on the property during the coming summer. There is no doubt that we have one of the richest mineral sections in the province; all we have wanted hitherto is the necessary capital to develop it.

Mr. Fred Appenzler has just launched a small steamer on Seaton Lake. This is intended for the carriage of passengers and freight from the Lillooet end of the lake to the Mission. A very successful trial trip was made last week. The steamer is now busy handling the freight for the Ben d'Or Mines.

The supporters of the government here are following with great interest and conviction the business-like methods of the new administration, and the energy and wisdom displayed by the Attorney-General.

It is most to be a parlous condition in the Island, when the opposition party, the United Party, is in the ascendant, and the Mainland, the day of fossils and monopolists is at an end and a new era is at last dawning on our country.

Mr. J. Toy, manager of the Golden Eagle Gold Mining Company, Alberni, in town. He says things are improving there, and shortly ought to boom. The introduction of Paton Clark's capital, he thinks, will be a great inducement for other investors to come and do likewise. Mr. Toy is known along the coast as one of the best exponents of single-ditching, and has had much success in the province. He is at present buying provisions, etc. for his mine, and intends returning to Alberni in a week or so. Mr. Toy is taking back some quartz miners. The weather has been extremely rough on the West Coast for the past fortnight, and is a great impediment to the mining industry.

John Hall, ex-chairman of the park committee, wears a funeral expression to-day, for yesterday a bold, bad dog visited the lakes at the Hill and destroyed eight of the swans. There were tears in Mr. Hall's voice this morning as he told a Times reporter of the city's loss, dwelling particularly upon the death of the black swan.

This week has witnessed the consummation of a deal at Wrangell whereby the Gipsy Queen Mining Company property, including the steam wheel steamer Gypsy Queen, an electric lighting plant and a small sawmill become the property of the Queen Beach Packing Company. P. T. Bushman, manager, the consideration being \$2,500. The entire property has been removed to the Narrows, and will be used in connection with the cannery in course of construction at that point.

LOCAL NEWS.

Cleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

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Mr. W. A. Dier is in receipt of information from Fairview to the effect that at the second level on the Stenward property, which belongs to the Fairview property, one of the best strikes ever known in the province, has been made. This is confirmation of the high opinions formed of this property.

The Port Angeles delegates arrived by the Kingston this afternoon and are domiciled at the Grand Hotel. The party consists of Messrs. James E. Coolican, John Cain, Joseph Wolf, W. C. Conemeyer, Dr. Hart, W. C. Soles, J. C. Atkins, J. Cushing and A. L. Coner. The above delegates are here to confer with Major Wilson and Capt. John Irving on the Point Angeles Ferry question.

The death occurred at Tacoma on Saturday evening of Rufus B. Oakey, of the firm of Oakey & Swift, who is well known in this city, where he has many friends. His death was the result of heart failure. He was stricken while riding home in a cab. When taken from the cab he was found to be beyond the spark of life and was almost extinct. He was 43 years old, and a native of Halifax, N. S.

The funeral of the late Mr. J. McKelvie, who was drowned in the San Juan river last week, and whose body was brought down on the Queen City on Saturday, took place this afternoon. The service was held in St. Edward's parlors by the Rev. Dr. Wilson, who also officiated at the grave in Ross Bay cemetery. The friends who bore the remains were Messrs. W. Henley, J. C. Soles and H. Hanson. T. Fernell, T. M. Baird and Wm. Lorimer.

An ex-victorian named James Lenihan died at San Francisco on the 7th inst. The deceased first arrived in British Columbia in 1874, when he held the position of superintendent of Indian affairs in the province, having been sent out by the Mackenzie government. Mr. Lenihan resided here until 1881, when he left for New Westminster. Since then he has resided in Toronto and New York, and only recently took up his abode in San Francisco. Mr. Lenihan was a brother-in-law of Mr. W. J. McCleary, of Belcher avenue, and uncle of Mrs. S. P. Martin and Mrs. Radiger of this city. The deceased had reached the allotted span of life. The news of his death will be received with great regret by his many old-time friends.

There is a movement on foot to incorporate what will be known as the British Columbia Wholesale Grocers' Exchange. Although known by different names in various business centres there are similar associations in all large cities. The main objects of the association are to foster and promote good fellowship and more intimate social relations among the members; to further the interests, welfare and convenience of the trade; to inculcate and maintain just and equitable principles in business and uniformity in commercial usages; to acquire, preserve and disseminate useful business information among the members; and to adjust disputes and misunderstandings. This association will, it is natural to suppose, be followed by the formation of others.

Superintendent Hussey, of the Provincial police, says they do not intend to prosecute Robertson Bros., Hossan and Snider at present.

Two wolves and a panther escaped from Frenchman's camp at Swan Lake last week, and following the track about nine miles toward Sidney turned off into the Saanich mountains. No hope is entertained by the owners of recovering the animals.

Hall's drug store, at the corner of Douglas and Yates street, had a narrow escape from being burnt down yesterday. The electric wires became crossed and set fire to the wood work under the door. Nightwatchman Hosen was passing and observed the fire and telephoned for W. Watson, of the fire department, who cut the wires and saved further trouble.

Max Lohbrunner, a boy, was apprehended by the police last night on a charge laid by Mrs. Raah, who kept a shop on Store street, for attempted theft in robbery. He had 30 cents in his possession, which he admitted having obtained from Mrs. Raah's till. A remand was granted, at the request of Mr. Geo. Morphy, who appeared for the boy, until to-morrow.

As two gentlemen were passing the house of Joseph Smith, of 140 Johnson street, about 1 o'clock this morning, they noticed a glare through the window. After some trouble they succeeded in awakening the inmates, who were sleeping peacefully, and were not aware of their danger. The room was filled with smoke, and the contents of the drawing room were mostly destroyed. It at first appeared that someone had deliberately opened the window and set fire to the room, but Chief Deasy investigated the matter this morning and says it is his opinion that the Christmas decorations, which had not been removed from the ceiling, had fallen on to the grate, thereby igniting the drapings in the chimney. The fire was extinguished by the inmates before it could spread, but only for the timely warning given them by the gentleman there is no doubt their home would have been a mass of ruins this morning.

Pain from indigestion, dyspepsia, and too hearty eating, is relieved by Little Liver Pills immediately after dinner. Don't forget this.

The Samoan Troubles.

Chief Justice Chambers Tells of the Recent Stirring Times at Apia.

Germans Accused of Causing the Rising of Natives Whom They Led.

New York, Feb. 16.--Dr. Ports F. Chambers, of this city, has received a letter from his brother William L. Chambers, Chief Justice of Samoa under the Berlin Treaty dated Apia, January 23rd.

Justice Chambers speaks of the trial of the claim for the kingship between the two rival factions, and says: After eleven days of patient investigation, two sessions each day, I heard study Samoan genealogies, customs, titles and practices, every night I came to the conclusion from a local and conscientious point of view, as well as upon the treaty and the laws and customs of Samoa, that the claim for the kingship between the two rival factions, and says: After eleven days of patient investigation, two sessions each day, I heard study Samoan genealogies, customs, titles and practices, every night I came to the conclusion from a local and conscientious point of view, as well as upon the treaty and the laws and customs of Samoa, that the claim for the kingship between the two rival factions, and says: After eleven days of patient investigation, two sessions each day, I heard study Samoan genealogies, customs, titles and practices, every night I came to the conclusion from a local and 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Old Cassiar and Cariboo Miners Talk of the Proposed Mining Amendments.

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NEW WESTMINSTER. Mr. A. E. Woods is suffering from a dislocated shoulder...

At a meeting of those interested in the cause of temperance it was decided to reorganize the local branch of the Dominion Alliance...

Work was commenced on Monday on the foundations for the new cannery for St. Mary's...

The Masonic Temple is to be rebuilt on the old site and work was commenced on Monday...

The funeral took place on Monday afternoon of Florence, the 3-year-old daughter of Mrs. Laderoute...

Complaints have been made, says the Columbian, by lessees of water lots, steamboat men...

The wire on the Canadian Pacific telegraph line, along the Crow's Nest Pass railway...

Mr. Harry Wright, formerly attached to the postoffice staff here and who went east some months ago...

Work on the new English church is progressing rapidly. The interior, when finally completed...

Mr. Marshall Hodgson, formerly of the Sault Ste. Marie branch of the Bank of British Columbia...

A gold brick at the Athabasca mine, valued at \$4,500, was on Thursday exported by the Bank of Montreal...

The milk cart belonging to the Valley Farm Dairy Company, which was left standing on the side of Seaton...

Chief Sheppard recalled the old days on Williams creek before the present dam was built...

In a recent letter from Washington, D. C. to an old friend Major G. A. Snider...

imprisonment, for bigamy, has been liberated. Burt Baker, one of the comedians of the Savoy Theatre...

It is reported that Captain McInnes, of Moodyville, will take a small steam launch up to Lake Bennett...

Mr. C. W. Ireland, an old-timer in this vicinity, having resided in Vernon and St. John's for the past ten years...

Lieut. G. D. Bowles, R. N. R., chief officer of R. M. S. Empress of China, was presented with a gold-mounted and engraved walking stick...

The fire and police committee at the meeting held on Tuesday decided that \$35,000 will be required to bring the brigade into a more efficient state...

Alroy Carr, an Englishman, 24 years of age, died at the hospital on Thursday morning of the cholera...

The Red Mountain line is building a spur from the depot to the British America Corporation warehouse...

Business was somewhat quiet here during the morning of Tuesday, but a gradual change for the better was noticeable during the past week...

Quite a number of dwelling houses are now under construction. Among the most noticeable are those which D. C. Ferguson...

A Presbyterian church is to be built here. The townsite company has generously agreed to see him around...

Mr. George Gunner, of Nelson, who has charge of the pilot driver that will be used on the big railway bridge...

J. Green dropped dead in the Stockholm Hotel the other day. He was an old resident of Grand Forks...

With the advent of milder weather there is a decided increase in the quantity of ore shipped over the Kaslo & Stocan railway...

Mr. R. B. Snider and James Cook, miners engaged near Port Hillier, were killed on Monday under mysterious circumstances...

Mr. Alfred Manson has purchased the Grove hotel at the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway station...

Several new hotels are to be built in this city. Mr. Gordon, of the Bank of Montreal, is engaged at the local branch for a short time...

A local Board of Health has been organized. The members of the board are the mayor, police magistrate, city clerk, city engineer and medical health officer...

Several men were injured on Friday afternoon when the roof of the building in which Hugh McKee was storing several tons of ice fell in...

Messrs. Mcintosh Bros. will soon commence cutting lumber at their new mill near 115-Mile House...

Mr. Ed. Walker, of Bridge Creek, has a contract to put 500 cords of wood for Mr. W. Allan...

Rumor has it that Hawkins Bros. pork packers, will open a meat market in Armstrong this coming spring...

Messrs. Norris & Smiley, who have the contract for grading and graveling the foundation for the new steel elevator...

A carload of lumber for use in the construction of the new Roman Catholic church, has arrived...

Mr. Wm. Eschwig, of Wariner, is at present taking out a foundation for a building he is about to erect on Victoria avenue...

At a meeting of the Fernie fire brigade G. G. Henderson was elected assistant chief. This now gives the brigade a full staff of officers...

A man named Connell, chief on the dining car Holyrod, committed suicide here yesterday afternoon by cutting his throat with a razor...

DR. CHAS. W. CATARHUS CURE, BLOW-ER INCLUDED, 25c. acts magically and cures quickly...

WON HIS CASE. Doctors Said He Must Die, But He Rallied Under South American Kidney Cure and Diabetes Was Absolutely Cured...

A prominent legal light in a Canadian Western town treated and died of cholera...

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GROCERIES

Cheese, 15 cents lb. Christie's Sodas (2 1/2 lbs.), 30c. Lipton's Pure Lard 5's, 65c. Bladder Lard, 15c. lb. Pure Lard (in bulk), 12 1/2 c. lb. Sugar (granulated), \$5 25 cwt.

JAMESON, GROCER.

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chase legal sub-divisions 16, sec. 23; 4, sec. 25; 1, sec. 20; all in township 20; range 20, west of 6th meridian; a total of 9,710 acres. He further states that the lands are vacant and available and adjacent to the property, but that as he has already purchased from the Dominion government more than the stipulated area of 640 acres, as provided for in the regulation for the disposal of lands in the Railway Belt of British Columbia, the minister recommends that he be authorized to sell the above mentioned parcels of land to W. J. Roper at the regulation price of \$5 an acre on the usual terms for sale of Dominion lands.

A Dominion Order-in-Council is published amending the regulation in regard to cutting timber on Dominion land in Manitoba and Northwest Territories, and within twenty miles of the Canadian Pacific Railway in British Columbia. Hitherto it has been provided that saw logs taken from a berth under license must be manufactured at the saw mill of the license to be operated in connection with the berth. A petition has been presented to the Minister of the Interior from residents of British Columbia asking that the provisions be amended so as to permit the owners of timber berths to sell the timber thereon to any mill owned, and the inspector of agencies at Winnipeg concurring in the request, the Governor-General in Council has granted the request and has ordered that the said clause shall be and hereby rescinded so far as it applies to the railway belt of British Columbia.

THE DEATH BADGE. Is Spared to Many a Home, Because Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart Never Fails to Cure Heart Disease—Relief in 30 Minutes. The pall of death has hovered over many a diseased heart, looking for the last flicker of the candle, and Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart has stepped between the patient and the grim hand, and nursed the sufferer back to perfect and permanent health. Thos. Aylmer, of Aylmer, Que., had heart disease for five years, was unable to work. The doctors gave him up to die many a time. Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart gave him relief in thirty minutes, and four bottles cured him. Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.

THE BY-LAW CARRIES. The Proposal to Employ Part of the Market for a Fire Hall Strongly Endorsed. The voting on the by-law to employ part of the market building for fire hall purposes took place yesterday and resulted in an overwhelming vote in favor of the step. Only 380 votes were polled, but these, with the exception of forty, were in favor of the by-law. The vote by wards was as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Ward, For, Against. North Ward 170 24, Centre Ward 170 24, South Ward 80 4.

Frank Sherwood was down town today, the first time since he had his tussle with cholera morbus. He says he drove thirty miles after he was taken, and never came so near dying in his life. He says that when he goes out in the country he will take a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy with him—Missouri Valley (Iowa) Times. For sale by Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

SUING FOR LIBEL. Vancouver, Feb. 15.—(Special)—Frank S. Duggan, of the C.P.R., who was the proprietor of the defunct Mining Office, has entered suit against the British Columbia Mining Record and Record of the editor, Mr. H. Mortimer Lamb, for libel. The Mining Record published some time ago an article reflecting on Mr. Taggart which originally appeared in the London Critic. Hess's well known financial journal. Subsequently, the Record referred to Mr. Taggart as running "a bucket shop," and it is of the statements made about him in this connection that Mr. Taggart complains.

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