

Another Fight at Ladysmith

The British Casualties Were Nine Killed and Fifteen Wounded.

Sedition in Cape Colony—Members of Parliament Alleged to Be Implicated.

Narrow Escape of New Zealand Contingent—Almost Surrounded by Boers.

Disaffection Among Burghers.

Modder River, Cape Colony, Dec. 20.

Recent arrivals from Jacobabad report that notwithstanding the Boers' successes the Free Staters do not expect ultimate victory.

The Transvaalers do not conceal their suspicions of the possible defection of the Free Staters, and threaten to shoot them at the least sign of wavering.

The Free Staters are declared to regard subjection to the Transvaal as more to be feared than subjection to Great Britain.

OTTAWA'S SECOND CONTINGENT.

No Decision Yet Arrived at Regarding Officers—Troops to Sail From Halifax.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Hon. Dr. Borden this morning said the official announcement as to the offering of the second contingent will not be made public until a full decision is reached between himself and Major-General Hurton.

The minister confirms the reports that the Allan liners Laurentian and Pompanian and the Elder Dempster steamer Montezuma have been chartered to convey the troops to South Africa, the port of sailing being Halifax.

Report Denied.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—An Associated Press dispatch from this morning that Canada has offered to send a fourth squadron of rough riders to South Africa is denied by military authorities here.

Red Cross Society.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Dr. Ryerson, chairman of the Red Cross executive, announces that the society proposed to furnish the second contingent to South Africa as it did the first.

SYMPATHY FOR BOERS.

About 8,000 Americans Have Gone to South Africa to Assist the Boers.

New York, Dec. 26.—The Journal and Advertiser's Washington dispatch says the British embassy, it is understood, has called the attention of the state department to the pro-Boer feeling in the United States with the suggestion that this government exercise the utmost caution in preventing the sailing of filibustering expeditions to South Africa.

The state department replied that it would do its best to preserve the law of neutrality.

The correspondent adds the administration is much concerned at the daily increase in sympathy for the Dutch Republics in South Africa. It is assumed by government officials that about 8,000 Americans have gone to South Africa to assist the Boers. Those expeditions have been arranged so cleverly that there was no legal grounds on which to hold them.

Favor an Invasion of Canada.

New York, Dec. 26.—A dispatch from Worcester, Mass., published in "a yellow" journal this morning says: "Division 36 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians voted unanimously in favor of an invasion of Canada if the opportunity should arrive. Officers of this division appointed a committee to consult with other Irish societies and arrange a mass meeting to express sympathy for the Boers."

Joubert Goes to the Front.

Pretoria, Dec. 18.—Gen. Joubert has recovered. He returned to the front today.

There were special services yesterday in the different laagers, as thanking for victories of Colenso, Stormberg and Modder River.

Norwegian Bark Captured.

Durban, Dec. 19.—The Norwegian bark Begina, from Java, loaded with stretchers and railway sleepers, has been captured near Delagoa Bay and brought here by the British second-class cruiser Forte.

Capetown, Monday, December 18.—Gen. Gatacre, in order to check insurrection among the Dutch colonists and to prevent disaffected persons giving information or other assistance to the Boers has issued a modified concentration order. By its terms all males over 12 years old of whatever nationality residing outside of towns or villages, but within a radius of 12 miles of military camps now established or hereafter to be established north of Sterksfontein, are required to immediately vacate their places of residence and either to remove to some place outside the 12-mile radius or to form a camp in close proximity to the nearest military camp. The spot to be selected by the officer commanding the camp where they must reside until further notice, providing for their own needs. All persons found within the radius without passes will be arrested.

A Truce.

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Walker, dated at Capetown yesterday, says: "Have no further news of general situation. It may be almost safely predicted that nothing will occur today. A truce, either formal or informal, is being kept for the observance of Christmas by the opposing forces."

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"An administrative official in the Cape service, who has just returned from official relieving duty in the Dutch district, says the news of the British reverses has been received with great joy, even in localities where there is no open revolt."

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All Well at Ladysmith—White Has No Anxiety—Health of Troops Good.

London, Dec. 27.—Lord Roberts, according to the Herald's London correspondent, absolutely refused to take command in South Africa until the ultimatum was accepted.

"The only conditions under which I will go out are that I shall have absolute supreme command and receive no instructions from home."

This was said at a meeting at the war office at which were present Lord Lansdowne, secretary of state for war, and Lord Wolseley, the commander-in-chief. It lasted for hours, during which it was demonstrated by the arguments that the opinions of those present were far from being unanimous. When the point he insisted on had been yielded, Lord Roberts then demanded that Lord Kitchener be given him, and this was agreed to.

It is argued now that Roberts and Kitchener will completely reorganize the methods of the campaign that it will be March before the decision is made to end the war.

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THE SECOND CONTINGENT.

As Extra Squadron of Mounted Men Will Probably Be Sent—List of Officers Almost Completed.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The minister of militia states that the list of officers will be certainly given out to-night. It is now about complete.

There is considerable talk here about a change in the contingent. It is said that an extra squadron of mounted men will be sent to act as scouts in addition to the three squadrons and three field batteries.

The minister, however, has nothing to say on the subject, although the general feeling here is to be a change or some kind. He declines to say what it will be, although there is little doubt but it will be of the character mentioned.

Four Squadrons of Mounted Infantry.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Dr. Jordan, told your correspondent that there would be four squadrons of mounted infantry. Two would be recruited in the West and would be made up of mounted police, rough riders, ex-mounted police and others, and would be commanded by their own officers. The other two squadrons would be raised in the Eastern provinces from cavalry, and would also have their own officers distinct.

Cable From Capt. Rogers.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Capt. Rogers, of the Ottawa company, cabled to-day from Belmont to Mrs. Rogers. The message says: "Happy returns, all well!"

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Lord Kitchener, John Lord Roberts on the Dunottar Castle at Gibraltar.

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Chinese war rice was declared a contraband of war.

London, Dec. 27.—Enquiries at the United States embassy show that the American ambassador has not yet received instructions from Washington regarding the seizure of a cargo of American flour at Delagoa Bay.

Short of Funds.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 27.—M. Pere Fort, who has been recruiting for the ambulance corps for the Boer army, suspended operations to-day on account of a failure to receive an expected draft from Dr. Leyds.

The Engagement at Ladysmith.

The officers reported wounded in the engagement at Ladysmith on the 28th, some of which were published in last night's Times, are: Lieut. Col. (Royal Irish) Lancers, viz., Lieut. Col. Commanding J. F. M. Fawcett, Major A. C. King (second in command), the regiment, Captain E. O. Watkes, post, and M. P. R. Oakes, and Lieut. Adjutant H. H. Hulst.

Lord Stanley, M.P.

Lord E. G. V. Stanley, M.P., junior lord commissioner of the treasury and a commissioner of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, who has volunteered for duty in South Africa, was formerly a lieutenant in the Grenadier Guards, and as such was aide-de-camp to his father, the Earl of Derby, when Governor-General of Canada. Lord Stanley holds a lieutenant's commission in the reserve of officers, and is also honorary colonel of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion, the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment at Bolton.

LORENZO MARQUEZ.

Lord Somerset suggests that it should be seized by Britain.

London, Dec. 27.—In a letter to the Times Lord Somerset urges the seizure of Lorenzo Marquez and his retention if necessary, until the end of the war in order to prevent the landing of war material for the Boers.

The Times in a special article discussing the international law aspects of the importations through Delagoa Bay says: "If we were to adopt either with or without the consent of Portugal if drastic measures which are so strongly suggested in some quarters, we might find ourselves suddenly confronted with international complications far more serious and injurious to the successful prosecution of the South African war than the evils of which it was sought to secure an abatement."

FATAL STREET DUEL.

Two Men Killed and a Third Probably Fatally Wounded.

Huntsville, Ala., Dec. 27.—In a street duel at Deposit to-day two men were killed and a third probably fatally wounded. Jas. Harden's throat was cut from ear to ear by his opponent, James Harden, and is dead. John C. Harden, brother of the dead man was seriously cut by Jesse Harden, and as the fight was drawing to a close Mae Russell discharged a load of buckshot into the abdomen of Jesse Harden, causing death instantly. All parties are well known in politics. The cause of the fight is not known.

DOMINION GOVERNMENT.

Has No Intention of Bringing on the General Elections.

Quebec, Dec. 27.—The Solei Liberal, states that the Federal government has no intention of bringing on the general elections at present. It says there is no public or party interest at the moment to precipitate dissolution before the expiration of its term.

BISMARCK'S DISMISSAL.

The Story Told in His "Thoughts and Memoirs"—Publication Stopped.

New York, Dec. 27.—A Berlin dispatch says that the sons of the late Prince Bismarck have stopped the publication of the third volume of "Bismarck's Thoughts and Memoirs" because it contains Bismarck's own statement of his dismissal from office. "This is in conflict with the Kaiser's wish of the incident, and the sons do not wish to irritate the Emperor."

STEAMER STRANDED.

Lifeboats Swamped and Twenty-One of the Crew Drowned.

Cape Henry, Va., Dec. 24.—The British steamship Norfolk, for coal, stranded on Ogeechee beach, six miles south of the Hatteras weather bureau office, at 4 o'clock this morning.

Twenty-one of the crew of thirty took to the boats soon after she stranded. The boats were wrecked in the heavy sea, and the entire 21 were drowned. Capt. Barnes and the remaining eight men were taken from the ship to-day by the crew of the life-saving station. The rescue was effected with difficulty owing to the heavy sea.

BANKERS' FAILURE.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 27.—Edward U. Hughes & Co., bankers and brokers of 53 State street, suspended business to-day. The firm is one of the largest in the city.

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS.

London, Dec. 24.—For to-day caused two serious railway accidents. A Cheltenham express fell over an embankment at Hampton, a town 11 miles from Glasgow, to-day. Five persons were killed and many injured. A Pullman express telegraphed the Continental express near Brighton and three persons were killed and twenty injured.

are filled with clubmen—the "great world" in the cribs, and as these pay 40 francs a year, and the the orchestra pay scarce by just that there about at around the circle s. Of course they ally own the boxes, the right to occupy them ghts. If the British tour- me of them he should con- self, and his wife and For the tourist thus ad- ituted, the curtain rises ous operas he has always e annual failures are the stage. The purest solitary outsider comes, the long outcraes, which out into the long and the second floor, pillared beautiful with bronzes, perfumed air sweeps out ceases of the night, and is soothed by curtyces- trol vista of the Avenue long along the mar- ide enough for a regiment the strange beauty of and red granite, marbles w, porphyry and broca- fairway 42 feet wide till

The War in South Africa

Buller's Forces Will Probably Mobilize at Frere Before Advancing.

British Artillery Shell Boer Position at Chieveley and Ladysmith.

London, Dec. 28.—Mr. Winston Churchill's message to the Morning Post from Chieveley Camp, under the date of Dec. 28th, is as follows: "All ranks have complete confidence in Sir Buller, and there is a stern determination to succeed. The only cause of a partial impression was caused by the announcement of the change of command in-chief; but the soldiers have decided to vindicate their chief's leader."

"The situation, never before so difficult, the Boer position being one of extraordinary strength, with high hills lined tier after tier with trenches and galleries rising from an almost unfordable river, and with a smooth plain in front."

"The enemy have all the ranges marked and many powerful guns dominate the various points of the river, while the drifts are commanded by converging musketry fire from probably 12,000 Boers."

"There are sixteen miles of wild, broken country before reaching Ladysmith, which demands early relief."

Boer Activity.

No information has reached the militia department in reference to the capture of any Canadians by Boers."

Officers for Second Contingent.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The following are the officers named for the second contingent, except for the Northwest detachment, which will be named by the commissioner of Mounted Police later. Col. Drury commands the artillery; Major Haden, of Quebec, "C" Battery; Major Hurdman, of Ottawa, "D" Battery; Major O'Brien, "E" Battery; Col. Lessard commands the Mounted Rifles, with Col. Evans second in command; Major Forester commands "A" squadron and Major Williams, "C" squadron.

PLAGUE IN NEW CALEDONIA.

Sydney, N.S.W., Dec. 27.—The British consul at Noumea confirms the report that the plague, in a severe type, is raging and many deaths have occurred in New Caledonia. The governments of Australasia have taken stringent precautions for quarantining arrivals from Noumea.

HILDA BLAKE EXECUTED.

Brandon, Man., Dec. 27.—Emily Hilda Blake was hanged this morning. The drop fell at 8:40.

BRIDGE WASHED AWAY.

Otter Point, B.C., Dec. 27.—The bridge across Coal Creek was washed away on Christmas day. This bridge was built about eight years ago. The water in Coal Creek has never been so high. All the small creeks are swollen.

ENTERTAINED BY THE QUEEN.

New York, Dec. 27.—London cables describing the Queen's Christmas tree entertainment to the wives and children of the Queen's Guards now in South Africa, say the Queen received her guests in St. George's hall sitting in a wicker chair. She smiled when the children reached her presence and gazed curiously at her. Then each mother brought forward her children. The Queen smiled radiantly and presented each with an appropriate gift taken from the great Christmas tree.

DIED FROM EXPOSURE.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—John Healy, aged twenty-two, died in the emergency hospital this morning, the result of exposure to extreme cold, having been found lying on the Grand Trunk track near Bowmanville, with his leg broken and both feet badly frozen. He is supposed to have fallen from a train. Before death the victim gave his home as Friday, Ohio.

Man is an imitative creature, and whoever is foremost leads the herd.—Schiller.

"A Word to the Wise is Sufficient."

But some stubborn people wait until "down sick," before trying to ward off illness or cure it. The wise recognize in the word "Hood's" assurance of health.

For all blood troubles, scrofula, pimples, as well as diseases of the kidneys, liver and bowels, Hood's Sarsaparilla is the effective and faultless cure.

Blood Purifier.—I have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla, and find it beneficial for myself and baby. It purifies the blood and strengthens the system. Mrs. HENRY WALL, Clinton, Ont.

Strength Builder.—Myself, wife and children have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla and it strengthened us. It relieved me of a "back" pain. DAVY McGOUGHAN, caretaker, Colt Institute, Galt, Ont.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Never Disappoints.

Hood's Pills cure liver ill: the non-purifying and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Plans of Campaign

It Is Thought the British Will Besiege the Different Boer Positions.

And That Lord Roberts Will March North Through Bloemfontein.

Col. Otter, Commander of Canadian Contingent, Goes to Natal.

London, Dec. 28.—Experts are coming to the conclusion that the British have given up the idea of carrying the positions along the Tugela and Modder Rivers by assault, and will await the transports and cavalry required to give their forces the necessary aid, when they hope to be in a position to besiege the Boers in their respective Plevnas, while Gen. Roberts carries out the original plan of campaign, that of advancing straight north of Bloemfontein, the other generals retaining sufficient mobile troops to reach their goals by circuitous routes.

French Attache.

The government of France has appointed Capt. Demange military attache at the Boer headquarters.

Cretan Volunteer.

Many Cretans in Athens are offering their services to the British consul for the war in South Africa.

WESTERN BORDER.

Col. Otter to Join Gen. Buller's Staff. Field Fortifications at Ladysmith Will Withstand Any Attack.

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reported to be becoming nervous. They fear night sorties and constantly open a heavy fusillade on an imaginary attack. "The German officials have promptly stopped the Boers from recruiting in Damaraland. Neither men nor horses are permitted to cross the border." CANADIANS FOR SOUTH AFRICA. Lieut.-Col. Steele Will Command Northwest Squadron. Officer of Post Office Employees a Cap. (Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Dec. 28.—It is understood that Lieut.-Col. Steele, superintendent of Northwest Mounted Police, who recently returned from the Yukon, will be appointed to command the two Northwest squadrons of the second contingent. These squadrons will be selected for more daring and more general work than the two squadrons of mounted infantry. Postoffice Employees. The offer of Hon. W. Mulock to send five postoffice employees to South Africa to join the Imperial army postal corps there at the expense of the Ottawa post office department has been accepted. This offer was made by Mr. Mulock when the last contingent was being sent. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain regretted that all arrangements had been made by the British postal department and the offer could not be accepted then. When Mr. Mulock returned from Toronto yesterday morning he found a cable waiting him accepting the offer which he had previously made. The result will be that five trained hands of the department will be sent to South Africa to represent Canada. The postmaster-general had a long conference with Lord Minto at Rideau Hall this forenoon and doubtless the whole matter was talked over and a reply sent to Mr. Chamberlain. At a meeting of the cabinet later Mr. Mulock laid his proposition before his colleagues. The negotiations are carried on through the militia department and war office. (Associated Press.) Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The minister of militia has accepted the offer of Capt. Howard, of Gatling gun fame, to accompany the second contingent to South Africa. He will have charge of the Maxim gun, equipped on a light carriage, which will allow of its being galloped into and out of action with the mounted rifles. Charged With Aiding Boers. Durban, Natal, Dec. 27.—A German farmer named Strucke and the Rev. Mr. Hartes, director of the Hanoverian missions in Natal, have been arrested and imprisoned at Estcourt, charged with aiding the Boers. They both claim the protection of Germany. DEATH OF MR. ESCOMBE. A Former Premier of Natal Dies Suddenly on the Street. Durban, Natal, Dec. 28.—Mr. Harry Escombe, former premier of Natal, died suddenly on the street this afternoon. He was commander of the Natal Naval Volunteers. THE SEIZURE OF FLOUR. Exporters Are Seeking the Opinions of Experts Regarding the Matter. New York, Dec. 28.—Exporters of flour in New York are greatly interested

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Imperial Light Horse Camp, Ladysmith, Natal, 22nd Oct., 1899.

My Dear Mother: Just a few lines to let you know how I am getting on. You would not doubt receive my last letter written from Pietermaritzburg...

We charged up the hill under a very strong fire from the enemy, and my God, it was awful to see the fellows from right to left of me fall, riddled with shot and shell...

Monday morning—I have just had a note from Colonel Exham to go to the town hall. I found Dr. Anderson there. What a business! Anderson took one of the officers, and we worked like fury...

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When we got about 1,000 yards of the Boer position we came under their rifle fire, and then the serious work commenced. Then the bullets were flying over and around us in thousands...

We had to cross a flat piece of ground covered with big boulders, and the regiment went over by rushes. It was here my comrades began to drop...

The corporal who assists me in the orderly room has a big hole through his helmet; the bullet which made it afterwards killed Major Dennis. My comrade was also hit in the wrist...

The most impressive sight after the battle of Dundee, the Daily News was corroborated reports was undoubtedly "Tommy's" looks, although fighting hard for seven hours, gladsly gave the contents of their water bottles over to the wounded Boers...

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The divisional cavalry will be detached from troops already in South Africa.

The company of mounted infantry which is to be attached to each of the eight battalions of the Sixth Division will number 120 men.

Two cigarettes out of my box, and tell him I sent them. Here is a match, light one for him.

The most impressive sight after the battle of Dundee, the Daily News was corroborated reports was undoubtedly "Tommy's" looks...

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Christmas Festivities

Treats for the Youngsters Which Their Elders Also Enjoy.

Presentations at James Bay Presbyterian Sunday School Annual Festival.

There are many happy ones in Victoria but it is doubtful if any are happier than the little people for whom so many festivities are arranged and carried out.

This was evidenced with remarkable plainness last evening in St. James's Hall, James Bay, when the children of the James Bay Presbyterian Sunday school and the members of No. 2 Company, Royal Brigade, joined in the annual Christmas festival...

The feast, to which one and all brought their "best," was a state of enjoyment, and the "best" of the youngsters making short work of the bounteous supply of good things.

Special mention should be made of the excellent manner in which the boys acquitted themselves in the several drills they went through.

During the evening, Mr. Henry Dawson, sporting editor of the Times, presided over the football team of the Boys' Brigade with the challenge cup won by them in the junior league.

Another presentation was made during the evening, the boys having prepared a little surprise for their captain, Mr. W. Lormer, the chairman, in a few days.

The Christmas tree, laden with all manner of good things, kept the children happy, Santa Claus distributing the presents with an impartiality and liberality which could not but please everybody.

There were similar treats last evening in the Sunday schools of the Metropolitan Methodist and in Catholic and Roman Catholic churches, where also refreshments were served, excellent entertainments given and the little ones made happy by the receipt of many presents.

The affair has occasioned indignation, not only among the members of the mission, but among church members and well disposed citizens generally, and the public will insist upon the most searching investigation being held into the matter.

EXECUTION OF HILDA BLAKE.

Braden, Dec. 27.—Emily Hilda Blake, aged 22, was executed this morning for the murder of her mistress, Mrs. Robert Lane, on July 5th last.

The woman was determined to the scaffold and she walked steadily up to the scaffold and then turned and looked searchingly into the faces of the people below until Radcliffe gently urged her on.

Then she bid Rev. Mr. McLaurin an affectionate farewell, kissing him. She seemed anxious to delay the awful climax, it only for a few seconds. She asked for Mr. McErlide, and he ascended the scaffold. "Do you think too hard of me," she said, sobbing out her "good-bye."

Then with deliberate firmness she stepped on the trap and a smile crossed her face as Radcliffe tied her feet together. Her body swayed slightly after the black cap had been pulled over her head.

10,000 SORRY HEARTS.

La Grippe Has Made Them So.—But Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart Will Bring Joy and Health.

La Grippe has left many a heart weak and diseased. Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart, because of its great merit as a heart remedy, the magical quickness in giving relief, and the almost incredible ease with which it performs its work, has been given over as hopeless cases.

It's a wonder worker; it's a specific for all heart derangements, and no matter how acute or seemingly hopeless, will give relief inside of 30 minutes.

VICTIMS OF THE MAINE BURIED.

(Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 28.—The remains of the 150 victims of the Maine disaster, brought from Havana by the battleship Texas, were buried to-day with full military honors.

joying the sight of so many young faces and the sound of so many young voices. During the interval each of the old ladies was presented with a pretty worked apron, made by the League...

IN VICTORIA WEST.

The annual Christmas (tree) entertainment of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, Sabbath school, will take place in Semple's hall on Friday evening.

A Christmas gathering took place in Knox church, Sooke, a few evenings ago, when refreshments were served by the ladies of the district and a programme of instrumental and vocal music, readings and recitations was given.

FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY. For many years past on New Year's Day, the members of Perseverance Lodge, No. 1, I.O.G.T., have kept open house in Temperance hall, Next Monday there will be no exception to the rule.

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THE QUEEN AT OSBORNE.

(Associated Press.) London, Dec. 28.—Queen Victoria arrived at Osborne this afternoon.

"HIS MONEY IN THE STREET."

Catarrh Remedies Cost Him Hundreds and No Cure—Two Bottles of Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Powder Cured Him.

Fred. H. Herb, Jr., distiller, Railroad, York Co., Pa., on January 31st last wrote of Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Powder like this: "I had catarrh of the head and stomach for two years, and had it in the worst form. I spent several hundred dollars in remedies and might as well have thrown my money in the street. I was recommended to try Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Powder, and two bottles of it have already cured me. I am a well man, and wish its makers the greatest of success."

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Section Found—ush to Cape Expected.

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WOMAN Creek—But Glory in Will Cure Her, as Nervine Did This

Publlover. Lunen-frage of the Gordons at Dargal in In-dia; well they say that the charge un-Dargal was nothing to the charge we did up that hill amongst 7,000 Boers, firing shot and shell at us. I never wish to be in so hot a quarter again. Our poor commanding officer, Colonel Scott-Clay-son, was killed in the fight with the enemy, and we are going out this afternoon to recover the body, if possible, but I am afraid we will not manage it without another fight, as the Boers have massed again near the spot where they were defeated on Saturday.

The Boers had over 1,000 killed and 700 wounded. I am afraid we will not be able to knock them out before the beginning of next year. I hope to see you and home once more, but if I fall remember I fell doing my duty as a soldier and a man. The Boers are also massing on the Free State border, and we are going to-morrow to give them fight.

You ought to be proud of your wanderer laddie who has gone through such a terrible fight, a fight which was given in by General French and General Hunter as the most terrible battle they have ever experienced or seen, and they say that Great Britain ought to be pleased and proud with us, the I. L. H., for he had seldom seen such a fine body of men. I had never seen such splendid pucks displayed on any battle field. We will be getting a medal for this, and if I manage to live till the end of it, I should have a few more.

The Gordons' Charge. The following is from a letter written by Sergeant Lawrence Forbes, of the Second Battalion Gordon Highlanders, now in Ladysmith, under date 23th Oct. I was very much interested to see your notice to hear from me. Long before you got this you will have heard about the scrimmage we had with the Boers at Elandsbaagte last Saturday. We had a pretty warm time of it while it lasted. We started only 500 Gordons by train, and went up the line about ten or twelve miles, got out, and formed up at the side of the railway. Then off we started, after going a bit, and when we were

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Local News

CLEANINGS OF CITY AND... CONDENSED FORM.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) At the residence of the bride's father...

The death occurred yesterday of a gentleman well known in the city...

A quiet wedding took place this morning at the R. G. church in Esquimalt...

Mr. E. Landelle, who is spending a few days in town, was nearly relieved...

To-night applications close for the position of chief of police for this city...

There was a very large attendance of sympathizing friends at the funeral...

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position of school trustee. In addition to other qualifications, Mr. Drury had a Normal school training in Toronto.

The closing exercises at Goldstream public school on Friday last were marked by an excellent entertainment given by the pupils...

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Along the Waterfront

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Provincial Gazette

Cumbert-Browne Company Incorporated Here With a Capital of \$10,000

Number of Appointments-Time for Tenders for Matsqui Machinery Extended.

The Official Gazette, which issues weekly, will contain the following: The time for receiving proposals for pumping machinery for the dyke has been extended to 17th.

The department of lands and advertising for sale a ten stamp mill with engine and boiler, mac. Prescott, Scott & Co., of San Francisco and now at the government office at Yale.

Stratford of the Supreme court for the trial of civil cases in West Kootenay will be held at ten o'clock at Nelson on Feb. 13th, and at Rossland on Feb. 20th.

The following extra provincial companies are incorporated: The Boston Mines, Ltd., of London, Eng., capital, \$50,000; local office New Denver, W. H. Sandford, attorney.

The following companies are incorporated: The Canadian Pacific, Northern Belle Consolidated Gold Mining Co., of Rossland; capital, \$1,000,000.

A private bill will be introduced at the forthcoming session for an act to incorporate a company to build a railroad from a point on the international boundary near Cascade; thence west along Kettle river to Carson, with a branch from Grand Forks to a point 50 miles up North Kettle river, and a branch from Grand Forks southwest by way of Greenwood to Midway.

A notice is issued by the minister of mines terminating on Jan. 1st the tenure of office of all gold commissioners and assayers whose territory has been altered by the recent order, and reappointing them to the districts as at present constituted.

Hon. Fred. Hime gives notice that transcripts should be made of all records of claims affected by the redistribution of boundaries of the mining divisions, notwithstanding such claims may have become vacant or abandoned.

The chief commissioner of lands and works set apart as a reserve on the Coast district a belt of land extending back from the shore line ten miles on each side of Kitimat Arm, to the north of Kitimat, and also a belt commencing at the mouth of Kitimat river, Lake Lakeriver, and the Skeena river, by the mouth of Cooper river and the Skeena river, Kitsile canon, with a width of ten miles on each side of this line.

The Governor has approved the following appointments: Arthur E. Waterhouse, of Alberni, vice G. A. Smith, resigned; Chas. T. Hot-Huslam, of Alberni, vice Edward H. Lewis, deceased.

Edward H. Lewis, of Trail, to be a notary public for the mainland; Justus P. Kelly, of Chilliwack, to be a stipendiary magistrate for the county of Courtenay, and to hold small debts ministerial district.

John Reid, of West Westminster, to be selector of jurors for Westminster, to be county, vice J. B. Kennedy; Chas. G. Johnson, of Vancouver, to perform the duties prescribed by the Investment and Loan Societies Act in respect to all such societies, with head offices in that city.

William John Dickie, of the city of Revelstoke, to be a judge of the court of revision and appeal under the Assessment Act for the Revelstoke division of West Kootenay.

A CHRISTMAS WEDDING. William H. M. May, of Wellington, and Miss Maria J. Couves become Husband and Wife.

One of the prettiest weddings of the year was that which was celebrated last evening at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. A. C. Couves, 169 Johnson street, by Right Rev. Bishop Cridge, of the Reformed Episcopal church.

The contracting parties were Mr. William H. M. May, of Wellington, and Miss Maria J. Couves, daughter of the late A. C. Couves, and a niece of Mr. Stephen Jones, of the Dominion Hotel. The prettiest scene of the day was the festive season and so appropriate to the occasion, Christmas holly and evergreens being relieved by a touch of the white flowers inseparable from the attire of bridal ceremonies.

Attired in white silk organdie with valenciennes lace and insertion trimmings, carrying a shower bouquet, her ornaments including a beautiful diamond brooch, the gift of the groom, the bride looked charming. She was given away by her uncle, Mr. George J. Jones, and attended by four bridesmaids, Miss Anne Couves and Miss Cecil Couves, sisters, and Miss Laura Lemon and Miss Irene Howe, cousins, all attired in white organdie with valenciennes lace and insertion trimmings, carrying bouquets and wearing bracelets the gifts of the groom. Mr. George M. Richards, of Wellington, supported his friend.

After the ceremony, the company, which consisted entirely of relatives and the immediate friends of the contracting parties, sat down to a sumptuous wedding repast and later Mr. and Mrs. May left by the Charmer for Vancouver, where the first few days of the honeymoon will be passed. The bride's going-away dress was a blue tailor-made suit with black velvet hat and plumes.

There were many very valuable and handsome wedding gifts.

The Swedes are probably the tallest people in Europe, and have, on the whole, erect, handsome figures.

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Col. Peters Transferred

Has Been Appointed to Succeed Col. Evans, No. 2 District, Toronto.

Will Be Succeeded Here by Major Benson, of Quebec.

It has not yet been made public, the Times possession of information to the effect that the next militia general order will contain the announcement of the transfer of Lieut-Col James Peters from the command of Military District No. 11 (province of British Columbia) to that of D.O.C. of M.D., No. 2, Toronto. It is understood that he will be succeeded in Victoria by Capt. Benson, R.C.A., now captain of No. 2 Company of Garrison Artillery at Quebec. Capt. Benson holds the brevet rank of major. The transfer of Col. Peters from this district will be generally regretted by militia men in many respects, in this province, as well as by the officers of the regular force with whom he was brought in contact in his capacity as D.O.C. of No. 11 District. His transfer to the Toronto district, however, is a distinct compliment to him, as it is the premier district in many respects in the whole militia system of the Dominion. It comprises the third brigade division including the force in the counties of Brant, Haldimand, Lincoln, Monck, Niagara, Norfolk, Welland, Wentworth, city of Hamilton, and the Fourth Brigade Division comprising the counties of Carleton Place, Algonquin, (east of Niagara), Ontario, Peel, Simcoe, Halton and York, and the Fifth Brigade Division, Toronto.

The executive head of District No. 11, until very recently, was Lieut-Col. O. C. Peter, now commanding the Canadian contingent in South Africa. Lieut-Col. Evans was summoned from the Yukon to succeed him, his duties being temporarily assumed by Col. Holmes of the London district (No. 1). The appointment of Col. Evans to the second detachment of Canadian troops has necessitated another officer being named for the post, and the choice has now fallen on Col. Peters.

Major Benson's appointment to Victoria is regarded among military men as a temporary measure, the number of vacancies occasioned by the dispatch of officers and troops to the Transvaal having compelled the department to make a number of hitherto unlooked for transfers. Col. Peters is understood to be adverse to leaving Victoria, and on a previous occasion when his transfer was suggested it was said he would prefer retiring to being transferred to the department, however would hardly consent to his dropping out of the service at present, and it is probable he will proceed to his new command.

Col. Peters was born in St. John, N. B., on September 11th, 1853, and in 1872 was gazetted to his first commission as a subaltern in the 62nd Battalion. After holding similar rank in the Garrison Artillery of Manitoba and in a Battery, R.C.A., he was promoted to captain in the latter in 1878. He attained his majority in 1887 and became a lieutenant-colonel in 1893. It was in August of the latter year that he came to Victoria as D.O.C. of M.D., No. 11. He was adjutant of the Shoeburys team in 1881 and served with distinction in the Northwest rebellion of 1885. For his gallantry in that campaign he was repeatedly mentioned in despatches, and was awarded the medal of 1885.

GRAND FORKS ENTERPRISE. Mayor Manly Contemplates the Construction of 100 Miles of Railway.

Lord A. Menly, mayor of Grand Forks, is trying to get a railroad, being in the way of his business connected with the sale of his city, which he has applied to the Dominion government for a charter to build about 100 miles of railroad in the Grand Forks district. The enterprise also contemplates the construction of a mammoth dam at Grand Forks, and the ultimate production by other parties of a large amount of electric power. The particular object of the American road is to provide transportation for the ores of the great Republic mine at Grand Forks, where they may be treated by a mixture of water and steam, and the product of the Summit camp and with the product of the Knob Hill and Ironsides mine of the Greenwood district. The promoter of the American road is G. G. McQuay, the principal financial unit in the Republic. "My application," Mr. Manly said, "is an explanation of his project, 'is for a charter to build, first, a twenty-mile road starting at Hill's farm on the boundary line and thence via Grand Forks to Grand Forks on the boundary. Then for a road from Grand Forks via Kettle river sixty-five miles to Franklin camp; also another short road from Grand Forks to the mine at taking in the Bodinay mountain district. The application is now before the Ottawa government, and it will probably be acted on in February."

DR. A. W. CHASE'S 25c CATARRH CURE. It is direct to the diseased parts by the inner passage. Heals the ulcers, clears the sinuses, stops droppings in the nose, and restores the system. Casarrh and Hay Fever. Blower Free. All druggists or Dr. A. W. Chase, Medicine Co., Toronto and Bala.

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NELSON. Electrical trams started running here on Thursday.

Contractor Hawley, who is taking out stone for the new gas works, fired some unusually heavy shots last week in the quarry back of the smelter. The blasts were very successful and enough material is now on the dump to complete the works.

SILVERTON. The first attempt at robbery that has occurred here since the time of the boom took place shortly after midnight on Thursday morning, the Wm. Hunter Co.'s store being the scene of operations. The robbers had succeeded in gaining an entrance to the store through the door, out of which, he had reserved a large pane of glass. The store's entrance was broken through, and Mr. Wilson, who room over the shop, and they proceeded to investigate. At the first sound of their approach however the burglar fled.

REVELSTOCK. A sudden gale of wind Thursday morning struck the three arches of the roof of the new skating rink, and with a crash came down on the residence of Mrs. Manning, but fortunately, doing very little damage, though Mrs. Manning was badly frightened and Frank Craig, one of the carpenters employed on the work, had a narrow escape. He was part way up on one of the beams, and when the wind struck the roof he felt it going and jumped, escaping injury, and the rest of the mischief succeeded in getting out of the way of the falling timbers.

James B. Crockett died very suddenly on Wednesday morning while on the way from the station to the Columbia Hotel and was removed from the land dead. On Thursday Coroner Cross empanelled a jury and held an inquest on the body. From the evidence adduced from friends and relatives, as well as that given by the physician who was called to make an examination, the jury came to the conclusion that Mr. Crockett came to his death from natural causes, heart failure, and found accordingly. Mr. Crockett was a young man, but 26 years of age, and his home was in Albany, Mo. He had been in this province but four days, visiting his brother at Craigellachie, when he was taken ill, and was coming to Revelstoke for treatment at the time of his death.

KAMLOOPE. At a public meeting in Raven's Hall last Tuesday evening, for the purpose of discussing the affairs of the hospital and means of bettering its condition, a resolution, unanimously adopted, urged upon the provincial government the necessity of providing increased financial aid for the hospital. Speaking to this resolution Mr. Deane, M.P.F., stated the cause of delay on the part of the government in coming to the assistance of the hospital, and announced that he had received word from the minister of finance that as a temporary arrangement for the present year the fixed grant to the hospital would be increased from five to fifteen hundred dollars in addition to the capitation grant.

Rev. J. Clarke Stewart and wife and Miss Norris went down to Vancouver on Friday and will remain there until after New Year's day. John Fleet celebrated his Christmas in a very happy manner by taking into himself a wife in the person of Miss Mary J. Guerin, a daughter of the late James Guerin. The wedding ceremony took place at the Methodist parsonage on Saturday evening, Rev. Chas. Lader tying the nuptial knot.

Arthur P. Noel and Miss Delina Lettaly, both of Lillooet, were married in this city on Sunday evening. The wedding was held at the Church of the Sacred Heart at 8 o'clock, the Rev. Father Michael officiating.

C. W. Ward, of the law firm of Fulton & Ward, is shortly to leave Kamloops to take up permanent residence in Nelson.

BELLA COOLA. Mr. Morrison arrived from Chillcoet on December 12th. He reported beautiful weather in the interior. He found about an inch of snow on the highest part of the trail on the way down. He returned next day to get in before a possible fall of snow.

Mr. Clayton has completed the outside work on his new cannery. What remains to be done can be easily completed before the fishing season.

Mr. H. Polard has erected a neat frame house on his ranch.

Mr. S. G. Smith has purchased land, and steps into building.

The fall and winter has been filled with an unusual amount of rain. On December 11th it rained for 24 hours, and on the 12th and 13th a cold wind blew down the valley, and the river was frozen over. The 17th mild weather, which continues, set in. There was a little snow in the valley, but it has gone.

During the last few days two Bella Coola settlers were married.

Mr. Hanson is off on his business trip to Vancouver.

The merchants of the valley are doing a good business.

What Bella Coola now needs is a railway to bring the interior trade to the coast and open up the vast territory of Chillcoet, Blackwater and Nachaco valleys, for grazing and desiring industries.

We have had a good mail service from the Swan, the only drawback being the uncertainty of arrival. Our postmaster comes down the valley when the mail is expected, and if it does not arrive he is thus detained from his business, much to his own and his customers' inconvenience.

Macdonald; song, Winter Winds, school.

At the close of the programme the chairman expressed himself in warm terms of all he had seen and heard, stating that this added one more experience to his many years, and hoped that he might yet be spared to be with the company on the occasion. He then called for three cheers for Mr. Sinclair, which were most heartily responded to.

Santa Claus now made his appearance and managed very successfully, with the aid of Mr. Sinclair and staff, to distribute his presents, and after wishing all a very happy Christmas, etc., he hobbled off on his long journey.

The room was now cleared for dancing, which was kept up until an early hour in the morning, when the company retired, having spent a very enjoyable time.

ROSSLAND. Mr. Buchard, the present principal of the city schools, has resigned his position after the Christmas holidays.

Mr. William Henderson, the resident architect of the Dominion public works department, left on Thursday night for Nelson. It is understood that he sent wire to the minister of public works recommending the government to accept one of four different sites for the new Federal buildings. The sites mentioned are the corner of Washington and First avenue, and Spokane street, known as the Spellman corner, the block on the northeast corner of Washington and First avenue, the lot on the southeast corner of First avenue and Washington street, and the lot on the northwest corner of Columbia avenue and Lincoln street.

Mr. J. R. Fraser, employed at the War Eagle mine, has the sympathy of his many friends in this district, who are pained by the loss of his only daughter, Ella. The young girl was 15 years of age and died on Saturday morning. Mr. Fraser is the oldest employee of the War Eagle.

Mr. Donald Guthrie, chief of the fire department, was presented with a handsome watch on Saturday morning.

The presentation was made by Assistant Chief Collins on behalf of himself and the other members of the fire department, to which Chief Guthrie made a fitting response.

A requisition requesting Mayor Goodenough to hold a public meeting was circulated on Saturday and was signed by a large number of leading citizens. The desire of those who are circulating the requisition is to obtain some additional names before publishing it. This, his friends say, means that Mayor Goodenough will be a candidate for reelection.

The Public Grand theatre will open on January 1st under the management of Messrs. J. J. Billadeau, Ardley Brothers, Jack, Joe, Will and Paul Beygran.

A deal has just been consummated by which the Columbia Telephone & Telegraph Company has acquired the lines of the Spokane Falls and British Columbia Telephone Company. The two have been operating their lines jointly, but by this consolidation they will be owned by one company and can be operated to their advantage.

Mr. R. F. Clute, Q.C., who has been conducting the investigation into the labor situation under his commission from the Dominion government, left Rossland for Spokane on Tuesday. He will go to Seattle, and from there to Vancouver, Victoria and Nanaimo. He expects to return East about the middle of next month. His report on the Dominion government will be prepared as rapidly as possible and presented to the government during the approaching session. Mr. Clute expressed his gratification at the way in which both miners and mine superintendents had come forward and testified in helping to clear up the situation, and at the frank and cordial way in which the witnesses had spoken. The commissioner added that he had received all the assistance possible from every quarter of the camp, and he sincerely trusted that his efforts would eventually prove of some assistance in helping to work out the vexed problems that confronted both the mine manager and the working miner.

GREENWOOD. A fatal explosion occurred in the Snowshoe mine at Phoenix camp on Saturday, caused by drilling into an old blast that had missed fire. The victims are: John Nelson, killed, and Stanley McLeod, seriously, perhaps, fatally, injured. The single man, No. blame is attached to the mine manager, as the manager claims to have warned the miners before going to work that two shots had missed fire. Nelson was blown to pieces.

Eleven journeymen tailors met last week for the purpose of forming a union. James Gray was elected temporary chairman and Charles Wilson temporary secretary. An application for a charter was sent to the head office of the Journeymen Tailors' Union of America. A special meeting will be called by the chairman as soon as the charter arrives for the purpose of electing officers, selecting a hall, etc.

A large amount of building is in progress all over the city. Hardly a day goes by but one notices the foundations for a new structure being laid, or masonry excavating the ground preparatory to building a foundation. Everything being built is of a substantial nature. Even the cold weather has not retarded work. Up till the first of the week construction work has been more or less hindered by want of lumber. This was overcome by bringing the stock of work now in full progress to a halt, and the arrival of a dozen train loads, goes nowhere when distributed among contractors who are erecting three-story frame buildings and residences of every size and description. It cannot be said to be a building boom. It is a steady growth, necessitated by the rapidly increasing business being done here and by the many new arrivals who have decided to make Greenwood their home. Boundary Creek Times.

Forty men are employed by the Greenwood Electric Co., Ltd., on the different portions of work now in full progress, for the installation of an electric lighting plant, that when finished will provide light for the city of Greenwood and the town of Phoenix. It is hoped by Superintendent W. P. Dickson that the electric fluid will be turned on

simultaneously in both towns by the middle of February, at the latest. The company will install a plant capable of furnishing at the start power for 3,000 lights.

A very serious accident occurred on Wednesday afternoon on the Columbia & Western. George Loy, bridge inspector, fell from the steel below Ansonia, and fractured his skull. He rose after the fall and walked a short distance, but became unconscious. His fall was noted by the foreman of the bridge gang, who immediately went to his assistance and had him conveyed to the hospital, where he now lies in a very precarious condition.

In response to a petition addressed to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council by the members of the Board of Trade and endorsed by the city council praying for the establishment of certain public offices in Greenwood, a reply has been received by the secretary of the Board of Trade from the provincial secretary stating that steps will be taken for the transfer of the mining recorder of the Kettle river mining division, and the registrar of the county court, holden at Midway and Greenwood, to Greenwood, as soon as suitable quarters are available.

GALLIANO ISLAND. The annual Christmas tree entertainment was held at the school house December 26th, at 7:30 p.m. Quite a large number were present, notwithstanding heavy rain showers. The Christmas tree was a novelty, being in the shape of a log cabin. Mr. Stephen Hoskins acted as chairman. The teacher, Miss Sylvester, deserves great praise for the excellent way she had the children trained. Refreshments were served during the evening. The programme was as follows: Song, by school; Ring, Ring, Merry Bells; recitation, In the Morning, by school; dialogue, Winter's Work, by school; song, Birdie's Ball, by school; hoop drill, by school; song, Good Morning, Mary Sunshine; recitation, Three Little Mothers, by Miss Carrie Cullison and Miss Matilda Georgeson, and Miss Florence Grey; dialogue, Tom's Practical Joke, by Miss Florence Grey, Miss Matilda Georgeson and Charlie Groth; song, Marching Song, by school; recitation, When the Teacher Comes, by Miss Carrie Cullison; dialogue, Lazy and Busy, by school; dialogue, When Women Get Their Rights, by Edward Georgeson, Miss Carrie Cullison and Charlie Groth; dance, May Pole, by school. The recitations, dialogues, etc., were excellent. At the close of the programme the usual dance commenced, which lasted till midnight. The whole affair was the best of the kind ever held in the school house.

The examination of the scholars attending the school on S. E. point of Galliano took place on Friday, December 23rd. The school has only been in existence some seven weeks, and most of the children have had no prior school discipline. Miss Ethel J. Brown, of Victoria, is the teacher, and the examination has proved highly satisfactory to parents, teachers and children. It has now been decided to erect a school house right away, and have it ready for occupation as soon after the beginning of next half year as possible.

VANCOUVER. Mr. Oswald Roberts was taken to St. Paul's Hospital on Sunday, a somewhat serious illness having been brought on by blood-poisoning. Mr. Roberts has had to give up his place as one of the leading characters in the cast of "Morocco Sound."

A fatal accident was narrowly averted down at Evans, Coleman & Evans's wharf on Sunday night. The steamer Fraser came in early in the evening, and at 8 o'clock her Japanese cook, a young boy named Sam, fell off the plank, and struck a boomstick at the side of the wharf. When rescued it was found that the boy's leg was broken.

One of the best known of the older pioneers of the province died Sunday afternoon. He was Mr. Alfred N. C. King, for about 20 years bookkeeper and accountant at the Moodyville Mill. Mr. King died at his home, 100 Hornby street, after an illness of only a few days. He was 59 years of age. He had for some months not been in good health, but the serious illness that began in the middle of last week was not expected.

The late Mr. King was a man of excellent education, and before coming to British Columbia had been a purser in the British navy. He came out on H.M.S. S. Darin in 1877. He was an expert accountant, and several years ago did quite a business in that line in the city. On several occasions he had acted for City Clerk McQuay as deputy returning officer for Ward 4, and was well-known from other positions he held in the city. The deceased leaves a widow and four children.

Colonel J. D. B. Evans passed through the city on Sunday on his way to Ottawa. He left Dawson on November 28th, and has taken since that date a coming out. The trip was one of the toughest of his life, although it will be remembered that, as commander of the Yukon Field Force, he went north at their head, and went in by way of the Stikine route. The ice was rotten on the banks of the river that was frozen over, and a good portion of it was not frozen at all, with the snow along the banks altogether too deep to be navigated. When he reached Bennett, the weather suddenly turned cold and in three days after he arrived there it was 20 degrees below zero. Colonel Evans received an offer at Watson's as a position with the corps going to South Africa, and he immediately telegraphed his acceptance.

It is reported that it is the intention of the postmaster-general to advance the salaries of postoffice and postal delivery men, who now receive less than \$800 per year, by an addition of \$5 per month. Representations to the department have been made in this behalf for several months past.

There are many interesting characters among the coast loggers who have arrived in the city during the last few days to spend Christmas here. One man came down with his fall earnings and deposited the whole amount in the bank, making his total account in the neighborhood of \$13,000, all of which he has earned in wages during the last few years in logging camps on the coast. The man is now 60 years of age.

A sad accident with a fatal ending occurred at the home of Mr. S. W. Hunteford, 702 Ninth avenue east, Monday

Pleasant. Little Samuel, a boy of three years, while playing fell, and striking his chin on the stove, the jar made him bite his tongue badly. The accident, simple in itself, resulted in the death of the poor little fellow, as the wound bled so freely he became exhausted and all the efforts of the best medical skill failed to stop the hemorrhage.

His Worship Mayor Gardien has definitely announced his intention of being a candidate for the mayoralty in the coming election.

A very quiet wedding before immediate friends of the contracting parties took place at St. Paul's church on Christmas morning. Rev. Archdeacon Pentreath officiating. The contracting parties were Miss Louise Huxwood, known to some as Nurse Louise, of St. Luke's home, and Rev. Henry Steele, of Grand Forks. Miss Milligan was bridesmaid and A. G. Low groomsmen. The honeymoon will be spent in the Sound cities, after which Mr. and Mrs. Steele will take up their residence at Grand Forks.

Mr. James Walker, of the local branch of the Imperial Bank, who has been laid up for some days with appendicitis, is sufficiently improved to go out.

Mr. James McBeth, a prominent inhabitant of the city, died on Wednesday morning at his home, 941 Seymour street. The deceased was, very well-known throughout the city, as he had been in Vancouver for many years. He leaves a wife, a son and two daughters.

A peculiar sort of dispute started in a downtown saloon on Wednesday. The proprietor recently came from Adin and among the most treasured of his earthly possessions is a nugget worth \$130. He happened to show it to a rancher who likewise claims to hold the hotel man's note for \$100, dated several years ago. The rancher put the nugget in his pocket and remarked as he went out that he would call next day and leave the extra \$30. The hotel man, however, wants his gold back and threatened to go to law about it.

As on the occasion of previous Christmases, the free dinner and entertainment given in the free library by Mrs. Machin and her friends was very much appreciated by a large number of homeless young men. The hall was crowded for a couple of hours during the evening and at the dinner, as well as at the concert later on, everyone of those present had a most enjoyable time.

Two workmen on the new Catholic church building were badly injured on Wednesday afternoon through the breaking of a scaffold. The firm of the steam-crane had lifted a large crate of brick for the inner wall, and this was let down on the scaffold. It was intended to allow it to rest easily on the planking, but instead it dropped very heavily quite a distance and, breaking the scaffold, the men standing upon it went down, with the exception of one. One of the men was Joseph Megandie, a brick mason, who was badly cut and bruised around the head and upper part of the body. He was taken to the city hospital, while the second man, Dennis Donohue was taken to St. Paul's. He was a bricklayer, a laborer and the two was much the more seriously hurt.

NANAIMO NOTES. (Special to the Times). Nanaimo, Dec. 27.—At 11 o'clock today the arbitrators who will decide upon the price to be paid by the corporation of Nanaimo to the Nanaimo Waterworks Company for their plant, met in the court house, and there they will listen to testimony of expert witnesses as to the value of the property.

Nearly a year ago the city decided to own the waterworks, and in September last a by-law was submitted to the people to raise \$100,000 for the purpose of making the purchase. The by-law carried, but the waterworks company declined the offer of that amount made by the city, and it was agreed to submit the matter to arbitration.

The city selected William Woodman of this city, the waterworks company chose G. A. Keefe, of Victoria, and Judge Irving was agreed upon as umpire. The city engineers from Vancouver and New Westminster and other experts are here to give testimony.

William Wood, a brakeman employed on the E. & N. railway, whose home is in Victoria, had a hand and foot badly crushed while switching in the yards here about 5 o'clock last evening. He and uncounted several flat cars from the subsose preparatory to throwing them in on the siding, when he slipped and fell, the wheels of one of the cars passing over the hand and foot. He was taken to the Nanaimo hospital for treatment, and it is thought that he can be pulled through without amputation.

BAKERS' BAD BACKS.

We little know the toil and hardship that those "staff of life" undergo. Long hours in superheated and poorly ventilated systems, giving the bakers more work than they can properly do, throws poison into the system that should be carried off by these delicate filters. Then the back gets bad—aches and pains, because of acid and lime. Not "starch" and applying liniments and plasters. You must reach the kidneys to cure the back. DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS cure all kinds of Bad Backs by restoring the kidneys to healthy action. Mr. Walter Buchanan, who has conducted a bakery in Sarnia for the past 15 years, says: "Doan's Kidney Pills acted like a charm in curing me of my kidney troubles. For a number of years previous to taking them I suffered a great deal from brickbat sediments in the urine, and acute pains across the small of my back, pains in the back of my head, lost appetite, dizziness, weary feeling and general debility. From the first few doses of Doan's Kidney Pills I commenced to improve, and I have continued until I am to-day a well man. I have not got a pain or ache about me. My head is clear; the urinary difficulties all gone; my sleep is refreshing, and my health is better now than for years."

Christmas In Victoria

The Festive Season Favored With Splendid Weather and Good Times

Prosperity Among Tradesmen and Kindly Sympathy for Sick and Suffering.

Christmas Day in Victoria passed on quietly, although there was a good deal of merry-making in different ways.

The Christmas services in the places of worship may be said to have commenced on Sunday evening, Christmas Eve, and especial mention should be made of the musical arrangements.

At Christ Church cathedral, organ voluntaries by Guilman and Daniel were given, and some of the most pleasing carols of Bridge, Simper, Stainer, Auan, Hughes and Tours were rendered by the efficient choir.

At the Metropolitan and Centennial Methodist churches, too, the musical arrangements were of a striking character.

At St. Andrew's (R. C.) cathedral the services were also of a striking character, midnight mass being celebrated on Sunday night and the singing and music yesterday being chosen with special regard to the season.

Yesterday, Christmas Day, was observed with all the customary gladness and expressions of joyfulness in the Anglican churches, the congregations being large as a result of the spring-like weather with which Christmas day was favored.

At St. John's, holy communion was celebrated at 8 o'clock, and at 11 o'clock the customary morning service and another celebration of holy communion and a sermon by the rector were given.

At St. Joseph's Hospital there was also a pleasing attention to the needs of the sick.

The Tees In Port

Severe Wind and Snow Storm Delays Traffic Over the Passes.

Much Work to Be Done This Winter on Interior Creeks.

Steamer Tees, Capt. J. Gosse, arrived at noon from Skagway with fifteen passengers after a very rough trip.

The train on which the passengers came from Egan followed the route of the river and was pushed by two engines.

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Stampede From Dawson

Another Rich Strike Reported From the Indian River.

"Swiftwater Bill" Leads a Stampede-Other News of the North.

According to news received by G. E. Daniel and Ed. Rafston, who made the trip from Dawson to salt water in ten days, with a team of five dogs, there was a stampede about the beginning of this month—the first that has left Dawson for some considerable time—to a creek which enters the Indian river about nine miles from its mouth.

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minor. He had considerable trouble with his in-bound passengers on his last trip. The steamer was the last steamer to leave for Dawson, and her master agreed to refund the fare in proportion to the distance covered in case the boat did not get through.

A settlement was finally made by the men receiving back half their passage money. A few agreed to go on through to Dawson with the master and some of his crew.

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THE MARKETS. (Revised every Wednesday.) The feed-market this week shows a decided tendency downward.

Table of market prices for various goods including flour, sugar, and other commodities.

TO THE DEAR—A rich lady, cured by Dr. Deafness and Noses in the Head.

George Jackson, of Stratford, an inmate of the lunatic asylum, escaped from that institution on Saturday and was followed by a guard.

ITCHING PILES

Torture twenty five per cent. of all Men and Women. If you are one of the twenty-five and have not yet used Dr. Chase's Ointment, this announcement will prove of great benefit to you.

Dr. Chase's Ointment is unparalleled in the history of medicine in Europe or America. It has never yet been known to fail to cure piles of any description whatever.