

HOME STEAMERS ONLY.

Permission Refused for Any Foreign Craft to Wreck the Sunken "Corona."

The Hoodoo Final "A"—Insurance Rates to be Advanced in the Near Future.

As in the case of the unlucky Cleveland, the owners of American tugboats in contiguous waters have been prompt to apply to Collector Milne for permission to wreck the Corona.

The hoodoo terminal letter has achieved distinction among shipping men in all parts of America, and underwriters all ways fighting shy of vessels whose names end in "A."

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No better evidence of the daily increasing popularity of Victoria as an outfitting point could be offered than the statements made by the leading merchants to a Colonist representative yesterday, that they had nearly all increased their staffs.

In several instances it has been found necessary to have both night and day shifts in order to deal with the orders which are fairly pouring in from all quarters.

Turner Beeton & Co. report an increased demand for nearly all lines of goods in the Klondike trade.

Thomas Earle & Co. have been compelled owing to the great increase in business to add several men to their staff.

Mr. J. G. Cameron, the Johnson street clothing outfitter, has during the past week received a score of letters from prospective miners.

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The flourishing business so long conducted by Mr. Robert Jamieson in this city has passed into the hands of the Victoria Book & Stationery Co., with Mr. H. S. Henderson as manager.

Mr. Henderson has been with Mr. Jamieson during the entire time that gentleman has been building up his now extensive business, and therefore is thoroughly well acquainted with the requirements of the trade.

VERY largely attended and most impressive were the funeral services on Sunday last, when the mortal remains of the late Thomas Collins were consigned to their last resting place in Ross Bay cemetery.

There is mourning among the best families of Chinatown and general expression of regret in the business community of the quarter.

The way engineer reported that a roadway on piles from Work street to Bay street, at Rock Bay, with a clear roadway of 21 feet and a sidewalk of six feet would cost \$2,500.

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ISLANDER STAFF.

Hundreds of Nugget North by the C. P. Star Steamer.

Over Three Hundred Taken Up—Stirring at the Dock.

The steamer Islander Co. sailed for the North with nearly 300 passengers 250 dogs and other freight up all the available space.

The passenger list was a day morning by the arri- pective miners from Seattle came here to get mining also to outfit. Their com- strike situation, when here, were unpleasantly the wild and woolly We showed schoolboy glee when the steamer was over from early morning till in the evening crowds Turner, Beeton dock, where was lying. There was an any about every one, an made as to whether the bly her costly cargo of freight able to put on board.

When the first order pull in the gang and let go the steamer's fa- cheery cheers were given gers and were taken up and the docks. The of life. Prospective miner selves in looking after scores of friends of the pass around to say a last fare ship's oddly conducted and in the endeavor to arriving cargo stored away quarters.

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Dear Sirs:—I had dyspepsia and indigestion so bad that I lost all desire for food. The very sight of it would sicken me, and I was in misery from the very first constipation, which required daily attention, added to my burden, so that really I felt it times as if life were scarcely worth the living. I was never without a cough, and always had a heavily coated tongue and bad taste in my mouth. My ailments and failure to get relief discouraged me, and, physically, I grew and mentally worried. I felt little like looking for work, and less like doing it. Now I am strong and well, able for my work, and willing to do it you can be sure. The great change was wrought by Paine's Celery Compound, used according to directions.

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An Enthusiastic Meeting—Annual Election of Officers—President's Report.

There was a large and enthusiastic meeting of the shareholders of the James Bay Athletic Association last evening, when the annual report was presented and the balance sheet for the past year was laid before the members.

The association has been requested by those in charge of the arrangements for the opening of the new stadium buildings to arrange for the decoration of a room showing the development of athletic sports in the province.

On their return home, the visitors were handsomely entertained at a banquet given by the association, a pleasant evening being spent by all.

The following was the annual report presented and adopted:

GENTLEMEN:—It affords us great pleasure and satisfaction to present our seventh annual report, and in doing so we are able to state that the year just ended has proved the brightest in the association's history in every way.

House.—The duties of the house committee have been somewhat reduced through the finance committee having taken over the supervision of the expenditure, but nevertheless we must say that this executive branch of the committee has performed its work in a very satisfactory manner.

We would again seize the opportunity to impress upon our members the great importance of putting forth strenuous efforts to further increase the membership roll during the coming year.

The series of whist tournaments which have been carried on in previous years have again been in vogue during the winter months, and have proved an infinite source of amusement to our members.

We are also pleased to mention that Lieut.-Col. Gregory and Mr. W. I. Scott, both members of this association, were two of the chosen few to represent the Volunteers of this province in London on the occasion of Her Majesty's diamond jubilee.

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The caretaker, Mr. Page, also deserves mention for the faithful discharge of his duties. In conclusion, we, the retiring committee, only desire to add that we have always endeavored during the past year to do our best by the association, and trust that to some extent we have succeeded in meriting your appreciation.

We would strongly suggest to the incoming committee that a practical inspection of the pipes under the club premises be made at as early a date as possible.

We would also recommend that a fresh coat of paint be applied to the buildings, and the name of the association affixed on the front of the clubhouse.

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“RYAN,” the cunning but uneducated parrot of Mr. Taylor's collection, Victoria West, which made good its escape as a stray, was reported to be in the morning in a bush not far from its newly adopted home.

WM. GOELLMER is under arrest on a charge of being implicated in the stealing of 1,300 lbs. of iron from Mr. R. G. Campbell, of the Victoria West, on the 26th of October.

“CYRONIA” appears to be a favorite stopping place for runaway wives. Harry Morse, of Portland, is now here looking for the absent sharer of his joys and sorrows, she having left him with their little four-year-old daughter two weeks ago, and other children and property.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS. List of Those at the Victoria Post Office on the Evening of January 31.

A—Geo. Norris Adams, Mrs. Lena Anderson, Mrs. D. J. Brown, W. H. Harvey, Gordon H. Harrie, Mr. Hauls, J. Heckner, Garrett Heffernan, Louis W. Henry, Frank Hines, Fred Hopkins, Len, H. Johnson, W. James, E. J. Murphy, J. J. Miss J. Jenkins, Harry W. Jones, Evan Johnson, W. A. Jowett.

K—K. B. Kendrick, Jasper King, L. J. Kinnear, J. M. L. Lawrence, W. M. Lester, H. M. Lely, Lehman Bros., Thos. McCall, J. W. Meikle, H. P. G. Moneypanny, D. M. Murray, Mr. Murphy, Mr. J. G. McAuley, James McAlley, Randolph McGee, W. McGregor, J. S. L. McKay, Captain A. McLean, Mike McMahon.

N—Nat. Cash Register Co., Miss C. J. Noble, No. Kanlo Townsle Co., O. C. M. Oliver, Mr. Owens, P—Miss Rusa Peck, Roger S. Perry, E. J. Perry, A. L. Poodrier, John Priege, R—A. Reeve, F. Robey, A. Rogers, A. Y. Ross.

S—Salmon, S. Salmon, F. C. Senkler, Otto Suresch (2), Thos. Shere, Geo. Sheppard, Geo. Shelden, E. R. Stanton (2), R. F. Stephens, J. Steele, A. T. Stewart, Dr. J. D. Taggart, S. R. Tollemache.

W—Miss A. Wensley, M. P. Weskill, D. L. Whitfield, Wm. Wilson, Wm. Wood, J. G. N. Young, E. Y. Young, J. C. N. Young, Sing, Harne Wo Chang, Chong Jim, Wing Lee, Hop Kee, Cham Sing Kai, Sam Wo Lee.

It is suggested that the number of railway accidents might be diminished by following the example of Germany, which gives a gold medal and \$500 to every engineer who performs ten years of service without an accident.

THERE was an unfortunate family row aired in court yesterday in a trial before Mr. Justice Drake and a special jury. The case was McKelvey v. McKelvey, an action brought by a son against his father for slander.

The New York elevated railway has 1117 passenger cars, 335 engines, 5,520 employees, and runs trains only 50 seconds apart.

The doctors in Sweden never send bills to their patients, the amount of remuneration being left entirely to the generosity of the latter.

YUKON RIVER SURVEY.

A United States Government Expedition to Find the Deep Water Channel.

Copper River Country Also to Be Prospected for Route to Klondike.

Prof. Pritchett, chief of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, has completed his arrangements for the expedition which will start for Alaska in the spring to make an examination of the delta of the Yukon river, for the purpose of locating and marking, if possible, a deep-water entrance to the river.

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FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS.

Exports from the Vancouver Island Mines for the Month of January.

Table with columns: Date, Wellington Mines, Tons. Lists shipments from 2-ss Corona, Victoria to 30-ss Bristol, San Francisco.

Table with columns: Date, Union Mines, Tons. Lists shipments from 7-ss Aztec, San Francisco to 23-ss San Mateo, San Francisco.

Table with columns: Date, New Vancouver Coal Mines, Tons. Lists shipments from 4-ss Burma, San Francisco to 30-ss Star, Port Townsend.

BOUNDED FOR THE STRIKE. Steamer Boscowitz, Heavily Freight, Sails for Wrangel To-Day—The "Alki's" Mishap.

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It is considered just possible by the treasury officials since the receipt of Mr. Sifton's letter that the British government may be preparing for the contention that the treaty gives the British a right to send any of its steamships to the mouth of the Yukon, being subject to the customs regulations of the United States.

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NUGGET SEEKERS HERE.

Many Americans from California Decide That Victoria is All Right as an Outfitting Point.

Nearly One Hundred Prospective Miners from Los Angeles Will Outfit in This City Shortly.

Close upon one hundred people from the vicinity of Los Angeles will arrive in Victoria during the next fortnight for the purpose of outfitting. No fewer than ten large parties from Southern California have outfitting here lately and have departed for the Yukon district. The majority of these parties have been interviewed by the COLONIST and their views on the matter of outfitting have been made known to their friends in the South by papers sent to them. The result has been highly satisfactory, for nearly a hundred people have written back asking for accommodation at the various hotels. Most of these will probably arrive during the present week and local outfitters will have a busy time filling their orders.

The advertising matter sent out by Victoria merchants has up to the present time apparently been productive of more good in California than anywhere else, as many prospective miners from the North have expressed the intention of coming here to outfit.

Mr. D. A. Waldron, an old Cariboo miner who has lately resided in San Francisco and who is at present residing at the Pritchard house here, received the following letter yesterday, which speaks for itself:

San Francisco, 409 1/2 Geary Street. Friend Waldron—I have received a letter and three papers from you and the information they contained has fully decided me to outfit in the Yukon. I will go to Victoria and go in by the Sitka route. One of our party leaves on February 10 to size up things in the Yukon and report himself on prices and sailing dates. Howson and myself start north on the 10th inst. and will hope to see you on arrival.

Yours truly, J. WASSER. Letters are daily being received by local outfitters from people who have got the Klondike fever and are anxious to get the best place from which to start. The following extract from a letter received by Mr. J. B. Perry, who is traveling passenger agent for the Chicago & Alton railroad, was handed to G. Cameron, the Johnson street outfitter, yesterday:

"Can you give me any news of Klondike. I am somewhat interested and am going to send many from here (Indiana) that want to outfit in the Yukon. They will soon start, and by the ten thousands, too. What is the quickest and best way to the spot? If you have any special information, let me have it at once."

Perhaps the most perfectly equipped party that ever started out from Victoria is now registered at the Wilson House. It is composed of T. M. Qualls, W. E. A. Wilborne, O. F. Danilson, J. Albert, L. Rudolph, O. F. Finnenbom and F. Verderloke, all from Los Angeles, Cal. The members of the party are all practical men, and most of them have spent many years in mining in the Colorado States. Two carpenters and three expert miners are in the party. They have expert tools, appliances for making the frozen ground of the north yield up its riches which have never been tested up in the far north, and they are going to outfit in the Yukon. In the matter of outfitting Mr. Qualls, the head of the party, said to a COLONIST reporter last evening:

"Although we are all Americans, we have passed Seattle by to outfit here. We were in that town and carefully looked into prices, but are convinced that we saved over \$100 in cash on our outfitting here. In fact, we got through so thoroughly and so cheaply here that we can do better in Victoria than in any other city, that we are writing all our friends in the South to come here to outfit. We intended to go in by way of Edmonton when we came here, but will probably now go to the Northern gold fields by the Sitka river or Dyea. In the matter of outfitting none of the Coast cities can touch Victoria. For instance, in the price of a Mackinaw suit, best quality, we can save \$4 to \$5 by purchasing here. In groceries, according to the prices furnished by Mr. Thomas Earle to-day, we can save your 30 cent duty and have a little margin. I have no hesitation in saying that Victoria is the best outfitting point we have so far come across. As we are taking in two years' provisions, which means a considerable investment, you can see that we considered the outfitting matter carefully before coming here."

It is expected that the Victoria Chess Club's representatives to meet the Seattle players two weeks hence will include Mr. Thomas H. Piper, Mr. Ohman, Major E. Williams, Mr. B. J. Perry and Mr. O. W. Rhodes. Strong efforts are being made to induce Mr. Marchant and either Mr. C. or Mr. B. J. Schwengers to accompany the playing party, although it is not yet known whether or not these gentlemen will be able to accept. The Seattle team is headed by Mr. Dickey, who is one of the foremost chess experts of the Coast, and a gentleman who has had plenty of recent practice with the American kings of the game. There is a proposal under consideration to make international matches between Seattle and Victoria a twice-a-year occurrence.

WILLIAM CAPSTAN and TRAVELLER BRANDS. By Express, \$1.20 per lb. 1-2 Lb Tin, 40c. 1-4 Lb Tin, 75c. Money Must Accompany All Orders.

E. A. MORRIS, TOBACCONIST, Victoria, B.C.

PERISIT ADVERTISING.

This is What Victoria Requires in Order to Control the Outfitting Trade.

"Why doesn't the Board of Trade or some other representative body push the matter of advertising provincial cities as the places to outfit in for the North?" This is a question that is almost hourly put to the reporters by strangers coming to the city to equip, and answering it is not by any means easy. The name of Seattle is heralded abroad so persistently and effectually that thousands upon thousands afar off, who have before read comparatively little about the Coast, now know of that city, and that city alone, as the great metropolis of the West.

Testimony to this fact is borne by Mr. P. Hickey, of Victoria, who has just come from an extensive travels through England and the great cities of the Eastern States. He says that in New York the American transcontinental lines are pulling strongly for Seattle. For instance, when buying his railroad ticket for home he was recommended by the Northern Pacific people to come to Seattle instead of Victoria. On reaching that town he realized yet more thoroughly the enterprise of the Seattle merchants in fighting for the northern trade for thirty miles out from the city the train was boarded by representatives of different outfitting establishments, who practically corralled their men like so many sheep and took charge of them for the remainder of the journey, meanwhile posting them with information to suit their ends.

The prospective gold miners had no definite purpose as to what they should do on reaching the coast, coming as they did from some inland states, and consequently wherever their leader could be convinced the others would follow. What Victoria should do to get some of this trade, in Mr. Hickey's estimation, is to send men of ability and enterprise over to Seattle armed with all the literature that they can conveniently dispose of. In St. Paul Mr. Hickey says there are as many outfitting houses to be seen as there are in Victoria. In Chicago great posters the size of half a block, showing maps of Seattle and the different routes North, surprised Mr. Hickey, with absolutely no reference to Vancouver Island, much less Victoria. Over in England, however, Mr. Hickey heard more about this city and Vancouver, but for all that he did not find the literature obtainable in the big business centres that should be. Notwithstanding, he predicts a great exodus of people this way and the incorporation of companies to work northern gold fields or to embark in some steam boat enterprise with constant occurrence. He says that of the local corporations the Klondike Mining, Trading and Transport Co., has probably done the best advertising.

The latter important order in Chinese masonry of course had full charge of the unique proceedings. Quong Yuen having been the grand master for some time past. The ceremonies included the raising of the body by the same window through which the soul was, according to Confucian belief, supposed to have winged its departure—the sacrifices of meats and confections both in the street and at the cemetery; the incessant chanting of the general body of Chinese; the many-banded procession, such as only the most esteemed have accompanied them to the grave; the barred members of the family and the schoolfellows, wailing professional mourners, who after protracted fasting expressed, as in the old days, the general sorrow.

The procession, aside from its significance, was one of the most notable from Columbia has ever seen. It included many bands of music, numerous chanting choirs, and the full strength of the Gee Kung Tong, whose aim it was supposed to be so directly inimical to the peace of the reigning dynasty. The military contingent was an oddly-assorted one, its armament including everything in the shape of both ancient and modern weapons, while the inscriptions and banners were so numerous as to confuse both the eye and the interpreter. The line of march was by way of Cormorant, Douglas and Humboldt streets to Ross Bay, where the final exercises of burial were performed, although no interment was made, the remains being subsequently returned to Hayward's undertaking parlors, whence they will be forwarded to China by the next sailing steamer.

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Besides his connection with business affairs in this province and California, as a labor contractor and merchant principally, Quong Yuen had for upwards of a quarter of a century interested himself in the introduction of modern methods into his native land, where his chief investments naturally are. He was the first steamboat owner on the river above Canton, and introduced and owned the electric light in his native city—Canton.

FIGHT FOR COAL RIGHTS. E. & N. Railway Apply to Inspect the Workings of the New Vancouver Coal Co. In pursuance of the proceedings initiated between the E. & N. Railway Co. and the New Vancouver Coal Co., Hon. C. E. Power yesterday moved in chambers before Mr. Justice Walkem that the plaintiffs, the E. & N. railway be allowed to inspect and survey the workings of defendant's coal mine opposite the Newcastle townsite in Vancouver. Mr. E. Y. Bodwell appeared with Mr. Pooley, and Mr. H. Dallas Helmecken, Q.C., Mr. Gordon Hunter and Mr. E. M. Yarwood appeared in opposition to the motion.

The plaintiffs claim that by the crown dated April 21, 1887, they were granted the foreshore rights and the right to the coal under the sea opposite their lands. An affidavit of Mr. Gordon Hunter was filed in supporting the claim to the coal under dispute, and an affidavit of Mr. Archibald Dick, inspector of coal mines, was read showing the workings of the defendant.

For the defendants Mr. Helmecken objected that the material put in by

THROUGH CHINESE EYES

How the Conduct of White Spectators at Yesterday's Funeral Appears to the Mourners.

No Limits to the Intrusion of Spectators—A Chinaman of Influence and Large Enterprises.

Victoria's Chinatown witnessed a funeral pageant yesterday, and half the town was there to see. Quong Cum Yuen, after thirty years of industry, enterprise and worthy citizenship in this land of his adoption, was borne to his last home, and while his fellow-countrymen united in attesting the sincerity of their regret for a good man gone, some of the whites who lay claim to a civilization higher than that of these inoffensive children of the Orient, discredited themselves as well as the Chinese by their attitude and conduct incapable of interpretation save as insult to the sorrowing relatives of the deceased merchant.

Had an equally worthy white man died under the dragon flag as his men and women remain here to insult by the "yellow barbarians," the Anglo-Saxon press of the world would have rung with indignation. A national apology would perhaps have been demanded, and swords fixed to the scabbards. Such is the difference in Oriental and Occidental temperament. The Chinaman in Victoria sees the cardinal principles of decency violated by the whites who want themselves as his superiors, but accepts the situation philosophically. Whatever he thinks he keeps to himself.

No one not familiar with Chinese ceremonials would have guessed that this was a festival of death that so excited the "quarter" yesterday, filling its streets with grotesquely, brilliantly-colored humanity, and picturesque Oriental paraphernalia. The burial feast spread on Cormorant street seemed to have none but a comic meaning to the jostling throng that pressed in upon it. The altars placed in the open air in order that incense and prayer might rise unobscured to the home of Deity, were rudely invaded by the curious but sacrilegious company of sight-seers; the wind-wafted prayers for pardon were with laughter intercepted; the incense and candles were scattered; even the canopied platform bearing the coffin body of the dead was not safe from intrusion, and required the literal as well as figurative protection of the bodyguard from the Gee Kung Tong.

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A Large Crowd of Spectators Watch a Display of Skillful Swordsmanship.

Before an enthusiastic crowd that well filled the market hall last night, Ivan de Malchin, the Russian swordsman, avenged his recent defeat by Sergeant-Major Elliott. The event was perhaps the most interesting of the kind ever held in this city. Both men had any number of admirers and it was with the greatest difficulty that Referee Wolley preserved any kind of order after decisions were announced.

Sergt.-Major Elliott had more supporters than the latter looked almost like a school boy beside his burly opponent, secured sympathy for him. The recent stirring passages between the two swordsmen, putting up stations and leaving provisions on the way. The stations will consist of great circular canvas tents, and will be put up at distances of fifteen miles. The object of the expedition is to explore the route to the Yukon, and will have the route ready a few weeks later in the season for the transportation of people and supplies.

C. J. McLennan will have charge of the party and his intention is to press rapidly as far as possible for the lake. Captain Hawthorn accompanies him and has charge of the supplies. The men have been specially selected for the work. A fine lot of horses have been sent up, the greater number of them having been purchased for the company by Stephen Tingley, in the Okanagan valley.

The company has erected a log stable on Sitka Island, in the mouth of the river, where it has secured the use of a very valuable tract of land for the establishment of a depot. It also has secured wharf privileges on Wrangell Island, adjoining the town, and a wharf that will shortly be put upon the market as an addition to the town. Between its steamer Louise will ply in the interest of the company. The sailing day for this to-day, if her second engineer arrives from Seattle in time. She will be commanded by Capt. Jorgenson, lately captain of the Flyer, the famous steamer plying between Seattle and Tacoma.

The object of this company in opening the Sitka route without waiting for the action of either government will be warmly commended and every one will hope to see the company in their flight and utilized as cigar lighters even the canopied platform bearing the coffin body of the dead was not safe from intrusion, and required the literal as well as figurative protection of the bodyguard from the Gee Kung Tong.

The latter important order in Chinese masonry of course had full charge of the unique proceedings. Quong Yuen having been the grand master for some time past. The ceremonies included the raising of the body by the same window through which the soul was, according to Confucian belief, supposed to have winged its departure—the sacrifices of meats and confections both in the street and at the cemetery; the incessant chanting of the general body of Chinese; the many-banded procession, such as only the most esteemed have accompanied them to the grave; the barred members of the family and the schoolfellows, wailing professional mourners, who after protracted fasting expressed, as in the old days, the general sorrow.

The procession, aside from its significance, was one of the most notable from Columbia has ever seen. It included many bands of music, numerous chanting choirs, and the full strength of the Gee Kung Tong, whose aim it was supposed to be so directly inimical to the peace of the reigning dynasty. The military contingent was an oddly-assorted one, its armament including everything in the shape of both ancient and modern weapons, while the inscriptions and banners were so numerous as to confuse both the eye and the interpreter. The line of march was by way of Cormorant, Douglas and Humboldt streets to Ross Bay, where the final exercises of burial were performed, although no interment was made, the remains being subsequently returned to Hayward's undertaking parlors, whence they will be forwarded to China by the next sailing steamer.

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The Secretary of the Treasury Will Propose Regulations To-Day.

The long and vexatious war for the new island, in which the Government bonded goods are to be allowed to pass through the American strip lying between the Lynn Canal ports and the lakes without an expensive and unnecessary delay, has at last terminated. The good news has been looked for daily, and now it is received in a telegram from Hon. Clifford Sifton, which all Victorians will read with pleasure. It is addressed to the secretary of the board of trade and runs as follows:

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ALIENS IN THE YUKON. TO THE EDITOR:—Now that "the great American nation" is showing pretty clearly that it means to have a "try" for the possession of the newly-found gold fields, even going so far as to be on the point of sending an armed force under the color of "A Relief Expedition," perhaps you and your many readers will now allow that there was every reason for my indignation protest in the columns of the "Colonist" in my holding of the Yankee flag alongside our own Union Jack in the middle of Vancouver Island, this being done by an "exploration" affair. We were then told this holding of the U. S. flag was a "mark of respect" to the "great American nation," though it seemed to me at the time, and still seems, as if only the most willful ignorance could deny that in all countries "hoisting the flag" is the sign of a country's being taken possession of by the owner of the flag.

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From Our Own Correspondent OTTAWA, Jan. 31.-Private from Washington received here state emphatically that if a Yukon expedition is sent, and there is doubt on the subject, it will be a military character. The war department waiting advices from Capt. Ray somewhere in the vicinity of City.

No special legislation is required for the establishment, as proposed, of a naval force in Canada. The acting department of militia and defence provides for a marine force all that is required for the navy to give effect to this portion of the bill. It is probable, however, that the force will be placed under the command of a naval officer, as he is father project.

A bill re-imposing newspaper is one of the seasonal certain took two box cars to carry last day's issue of two newspapers. Ten leading bankers, representing Canadian Bankers' Association, viewed the government-to-day subject of insolvency legislation Walker, of Toronto, said that the matter of difference between the boards of directors, viz. as rights of holder to negotiate paper upon the estates of endorse the banks asked was single rank their unimpaired rights under of maker and endorser, which they would pay full value for. If they get this, they must oppose the in cy bill.

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THE LAKE TESLIN RAILWAY.

Hon. Clifford Sifton has declared that the task of constructing the Stikine-Teslin railway is almost superhuman. This is strong language, but not too strong. Few people can grasp the magnitude of what Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann have undertaken. We believe they will succeed, but only those, who have made accurate calculations of what must be done in order that the 150 miles of railway may be completed by September 1st, can have any idea of the magnitude of the undertaking. The actual work of building the road is not a very serious matter. If the contractors were given two years in which to do the work, they would accomplish it without any very great difficulty; but it is to be remembered that they have practically only four months, and that during this short period, everything used in constructing the railway, except the right of way and the ballast, must be taken up the Stikine river. This is what will make the undertaking exceptionally difficult, and if the contractors can manage to carry out their bargain, they will deserve the first place among railway builders. We venture to say that no men ever before undertook to build one hundred and fifty miles of railway under such circumstances in the same length of time. Fortunately both the contractors are men who have energy and experience to assist them in their tremendous undertaking, and the fact they have put up a very substantial guarantee shows that they believe themselves able to do what they are attempting.

THEY ARE COMING TO VICTORIA.

Hundreds of intending Yukoners are coming to Victoria. Licenses are being taken out here at the rate of fifty a day already and as the season advances the number will increase. The wretched attempt of the Seattle morning paper to create the impression that licenses could be obtained at Skagway and Lake Tagish has been so thoroughly exposed by the Colonist that we do not suppose many persons will hereafter be deceived by it. As the news gets spread around thousands of people will seek the British Columbia cities, and once here they will find that it will pay them better to buy their goods here than to purchase them in the United States.

In this connection it may be well to mention that a misapprehension exists as to the shipment of goods North, when they have been bought in the United States. We do not advise any one to buy goods in an American city, for if he does he will pay more for them than he would have to pay here and the duties besides; but as many persons have already bought outfits in the Sound cities, it is proper to inform them that, while they may not send those outfits to points in the territory of the United States in British bottoms, there is nothing in the laws of the United States to prevent them from bringing the goods to Victoria, paying duties on them here and sending them forward from here to any other point in Canada, even if in so doing they must pass across a portion of territory in possession of the United States. It would be against the law of the United States to send a British vessel to Seattle and load her with goods consigned to Dyea or Wrangell; but it is not against the law of that country to load goods from the United States on a British bottom and take them to Wrangell or Dyea en route to any point in Canada. The first is illegal, because the laws for the regulation of coasting forbid it; the second has nothing to do with coasting.

We mention this because there may be some people, who come here for licenses, but having bought their outfits in the United States, are under the impression that they must ship their goods North in an American vessel, simply because they must be unloaded in transitu at a port over which the government of the United States exercises jurisdiction. If they will look into the law they will find that they can bring their outfits with them, pay the duty on them here and send them North on a British bottom. Goods from the United States on which duty has been paid become British goods and must be treated in arriving at any port in the United States just the same as if they were goods of British origin.

As it is becoming generally known that the licenses can only be obtained on the Coast in British Columbia cities, as the fact that duties averaging 80 per cent. will be collected at the Canadian frontier is now known everywhere, as it is becoming understood that prices are lower here than in the United States cities, and as there will, hereafter, be no difficulties placed in the way of the transportation of Canadian goods across territory in the occupation of the United States, that is if the assurances from Washington and Ottawa are to be credited, the British Columbia cities ought to get the very great bulk of the outfitting trade. Already the streets of Victoria show abundant evidence that the stream has turned in this direction with increasing force, and in a volume that is steadily growing.

Roseland is going to have a mid-winter carnival. Is there anything else which that blessed locality would like to appropriate.

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN SCHOOLS.

A very interesting case arose in Halifax recently in which the right of teachers to administer corporal punishment in schools came up. The facts were as follows: A boy refused to take off his cap when required by the rules of the school to do so. A lady teacher thereupon made him step out of the ranks of the pupils, and he kicked her. He received three strokes on the hand with a rubber strap and was told to go upstairs. Refusing to go he received two strokes on the legs which caused a discolouration of the skin for ten days. For this the principal was brought before the stipendiary magistrate, who after hearing the evidence and what counsel had to allege, dismissed the case.

The stipendiary magistrate, in delivering judgment, said that the teacher had the right to act in loco parentis so far as was necessary for the enforcement of law and order, and this obligation could not be withdrawn by a notice from the parent. The teacher ought to be informed of the boy's peculiarities, but it would be subversive of discipline if his right to administer punishment could be taken away by notice from a parent. The criminal law of Canada permits corporal punishment by teachers, and the school regulations of localities generally prescribe how it shall be administered. A teacher who accepts a salary is bound to use such means for enforcing discipline if he finds them necessary. In punishing a pupil a teacher should endeavor as far as he can to place himself in the same attitude towards a pupil as a parent would occupy to a child, and his special training in disciplining boys ought to count in lieu of parental affection in determining whether he has exercised reasonable discretion. In short the stipendiary placed the teacher upon precisely the same ground as a parent. A teacher cannot be prima facie supposed to have been actuated by malice, and unless evidence is given establishing malice, he must be acquitted on a charge for assault.

Commenting upon this judgment the Educational Journal of St. John, advised teachers to exhaust every other means of enforcing discipline before resorting to corporal punishment, which should never be administered in anger, and only after the pupil has had a fair trial. The punishment, it thinks, ought to be given with a leather or rubber strap, and it should take place at least an hour before the boy is allowed to go home. It should only be applied to those portions of the body where the pain will be temporary and where no permanent injury can be done.

There is a good deal of common sense in all this; and while most of us would prefer that boys should not be whipped at school, we all know that it is impossible to maintain discipline in all cases unless the teacher is empowered to whip those who will not submit to the rules of the school, and is properly sustained by those to whom he is responsible in every case where he does not clearly exceed his authority.

THE APPROACHING SESSION.

The forthcoming session of the legislature is likely to be of very considerable importance, as it is reasonable to suppose the government to have in contemplation measures calculated to promote provincial interests in a manner in keeping with the general trend of events in the Pacific Northwest. Never in the history of this province has there been so momentous a period, and the best ability possessed by our public men may well be taxed to the utmost to meet its necessities. We have reason to believe that the government appreciates the character of the emergency and will be able to submit measures to the legislature well calculated to meet it in part at least. It is hardly within the financial ability of the province to attempt everything that presses for attention.

In the formulation of a vigorous and comprehensive policy we feel sure the government will have the support of the house and the people. To expect that partisan opposition will be allowed to rest in view of the diverse and urgent demands for development coming from all parts of the province and rendered necessary by the rapid changes in progress all around us, is to look for too much; to hope that sectional feelings will be entirely subordinated to the general interest would be to be foredoomed to disappointment. Yet we may plead for the dismissal of partisanship and sectionalism as far as possible, and ask that all measures submitted will be dealt with purely upon their merits.

We hope that nothing will be left un-done whereby the business of the session may be expedited. Owing to the conditions existing in this province and in part owing to the rules of the legislature itself, it is impossible to push through business as rapidly here as is done in some of the other provinces. But if the promoters of private legislation have their work ready at an early day there can be a good deal of time saved, which is specially important this year, because the session must be followed by a general election, and in a busy year like the present it is not desirable that men should have their attention distracted from their ordinary business any more than is absolutely necessary. We may expect considerable discussion. We know that the government

invites the closest criticism of its action in all departments. During the recess there has been very much loose talk against the ministers, and things have been said which, if accompanied by even a scintilla of evidence to support them, would have been damaging to the reputation of the government and the gentlemen who compose it. The session will afford an opportunity for the formulation of specific accusations, which have as yet not been forthcoming. If any such are made, we are confident that the government can meet them successfully. If none are made, the reasonable inference will be that which the public has already drawn from the character of the newspaper attacks, namely, that in point of fact the opposition have nothing to allege, and that the administration of affairs by Mr. Turner and his colleagues has been such as deserves a renewed expression of confidence from the voters.

THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND THE CHINESE.

The public will have learned with much satisfaction that the Provincial Board of Health has determined to take such steps as may be necessary to protect the public health from the injurious effects likely to result from the unsanitary practices of the Chinese. It will be admitted that action of some kind is needed, although there may be some difficulty in suggesting what lines it ought to take. The Board has shown itself able to grasp with more difficult problems than this, and we feel very sure it will discover how to prevent the Chinese element of the population from becoming a menace to the public. If it can do nothing more, it can at least give warning of the sources from which danger is likely to come, so that people may be upon their guard.

The Chinese question is one of very great difficulty. It seems almost impossible, as things now are, to get along without Chinamen. What the people of Victoria or the other cities of British Columbia would do for domestic help if they were not available is not a very easy question to answer. But while this is so, and while in the very prosperous times now at hand the difficulty of getting along without Mongolian labor may be intensified, this is no reason why these people should be allowed to be mischievous from a sanitary point of view. There are two ways of looking at this question. One is the demagogic way of crying out that white labor is threatened, and to demand, in consequence, things which are at present impossible; the other, and by far the more sensible, plan is to take the case as it is and endeavor to reduce the evil to a minimum. If the Colonist has not joined in the cry of the demagogue, the reason has been that it is useless to do so under the laws of Canada as they stand.

The Colonist accuses the Colonist of having some two weeks or so ago asserted at Mr. J. C. Brown. The Colonist has not the habit of sneering at any one, and did not sneer at Mr. Brown. Does it not strike our contemporary that such observations run politics pretty low into the ground. We all fight our political battles, but ought surely to be able to avoid exciting personal feeling and keeping alive grudges. If the Colonist attacked that have been made upon its character, its motives and the objects and motives of those associated with it in any way, it would be at sword's points with half the press of the province. It does not remember such things. It supposes that the papers that say hard things do so because they believe that it is the best way to advance the interests which they are advocating. We know that they do not feel towards the Colonist and those associated with it as their language sometimes implies. We say to the Colonist that if the Colonist made any observation regarding Mr. J. C. Brown in a public capacity it was not intended as a sneer at him personally. But we do not recall any remark in connection with Mr. Brown's name that can be so construed.

The United States is sending soldiers up to Dyea and Skagway in order that they may keep tally of the people going North and what provisions they are taking with them. We think this is a very sensible thing to do, if it is followed up by ascertaining what private commercial companies will send in to supply the winter's demand. While no doubt exists as to the magnitude of next winter's demand for food supplies, there is also happily very little doubt as to the ability of enterprising business concerns to get large stocks of goods into the country. What can be taken up the Yukon and over the Passes will be anything like sufficient for the needs of the population; but the Stikine-Teslin railway will afford a means of transportation that will be utilized to the fullest extent. Thousands of tons can be taken in that way. We look with confidence to the establishment of winter communication between the Stikine and Dawson City during the whole of next winter, so that any supplies that can be got up the river during the season of navigation can be pushed forward.

It is a poor week that the European telegraphic correspondents cannot get up a new sensation. At present Norway and Sweden are the nations that are about to rupture the peace of the world. This is the old story retold without the change of a syllable.

THE COLONIST is accused by the Times of endeavoring to lay a trap for the defendant newspapers in the libel suits. It is doing nothing of the kind. It is endeavoring to edgel into the minds of those papers some faint conception of their rights as newspapers. At the same time it frankly concedes that it would not be in good taste for them to discuss the subject matter of the libels pending the trial of the suits against them. This would not debar them, however, from considering the political aspect of the action of the ministers. Cannot the Times see the distinction? We are beginning to believe that it cannot. For a time we confess that we thought the Times and its fellow-defendants were simply afraid to assert their rights. We are fast coming to the conclusion that they are densely ignorant as to what those rights are. This is a pity; but we can tell them that their rights have been accurately defined by the Colonist. We do not feel called upon to pursue the subject any further.

The Columbian prints a long and very serious article complaining of the action of the Attorney-General in regard to the death of Thomas J. Thompson, who was alleged to have been drowned by his boat being run into by the steamer R. P. Rithet. The Attorney-General investigated the case and reported that from the evidence in his possession he did not feel justified in taking criminal proceedings, but he added that the decision did not bar any civil action which the friends of the deceased might see fit to institute. It appears also that the Department of Marine and Fisheries has declined to investigate the case. We can understand why the Columbian might be justified in finding fault with the latter department for not taking any action, but cannot see why it should find fault with the Attorney-General who has investigated the matter. If the Columbian thinks the latter came to a wrong conclusion, why does it not give the facts which lead it to think so.

We fear our friend the Seattle Times is letting its reason run away with its judgment. It says that the regulations as to mining licenses are a boomerang to Victoria, because the licenses are for sale in other Canadian cities besides Victoria. We hardly see how the observation fits the case, for Victoria never asked that licenses should not be sold elsewhere in Canada. We observe that the Times is too honorable to print the Post-Intelligencer's falsehood about the licenses being for sale at Skagway and Lake Tagish. In the end the public will commend the Times for its refusal to follow the lead of its irresponsible morning contemporary in the publication of falsehoods deliberately meant to deceive the miners. The Times is making a good fight for its city, but is not resorting to untruth, although on several occasions it has fallen into errors through not quite understanding the situation.

There was considerable comment in Europe a few days ago over the fact that the Kaiser selected for a text to be preached from, just before the departure of Prince Henry for China, the following words: "Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the heathen." As one writer puts it, he evidently meant the public to substitute the words Chinese for heathen. The growth of imperialism is one of the most remarkable things of the day. There is small wonder at it, in view of the manner in which parliamentary government in Germany is failing to make its due influence felt, the scandalous disorders which disturb the Austrian parliament and the confessed uselessness of the French chamber. It was never more true than it is to-day that popular institutions are on their trial.

The absurdity of the Yukon relief scheme is pretty well demonstrated by the report of Captain Ray, U.S.A. Why should any government undertake to send supplies down the Yukon after the river opens for navigation? Commercial houses are arranging to do this and they ought not to be interfered with. It is, of course, none of our business whether or not the United States government chooses to send supplies down to Fort Yukon, which is in Alaska, but we protest against that government being permitted to take goods into the Canadian Yukon and sell them in competition with legitimate commercial shipments. And still more do we protest against that government being allowed to take in goods for the latter purpose without paying duty, as has been proposed.

We are not particularly in love with the regulations for issuing timber licenses in the Yukon, but it is a mistake to say, as the Winnipeg Nor'-Wester does, that the holders of the limits can prevent miners from cutting what lumber they actually need. The mining license gives that privilege. We point this out so that miners may not be misled.

THE POST-INTELLIGENCER says the Canadian government cannot close the passes because United States citizens have a right to navigate the Yukon. The trouble with the Seattle paper is that it is so marvellously ignorant of everything as to be unable to understand what is meant by the closing of the passes. No one ever suggested that the Canadian government should say that no one should go over the passes and down the river, but simply that no one should take goods into Canada to be consumed there by that route. If a man wanted to go down the Yukon to Circle City he would be allowed to do so on payment of duty on his goods, which duty would be refunded when he left Canada; but if he intended to make use of his goods in Canada he would be told that he would have to enter them at the custom house at Glenora. However, we hope there will be no occasion for any action along this line, but that arrangements will be made that will prove satisfactory to all concerned.

PASSENGERS coming in on the Australian boats say that Victoria is hardly brought under their notice until they reach here, when most of those who intend staying in the province find that it would have been to their advantage to have made this city their stopping place. It has been recommended that Victoria business men should send the city papers by the outgoing steamers to be left at Honolulu for the incoming steamers, which would serve to bring the city before the notice of the passengers. We believe the suggestion is a good one and urge it upon the consideration of all interested.

SEATTLE people are talking of duplicating the outfits lost in the Corona without expense to the losers. It will be very much like Seattle to do this. That city has a deserved reputation for generosity. If our Victoria merchants will profit by the late incident, they will undertake the insurance of all outfits purchased from them. The cost will be trifling, but the advantage all round would be very great.

THE CANADIAN PRESS.

PROGRESS IN ONE DIRECTION. Canadians last year smoked 98,500,000 cigarettes or 15,400,000 more than in 1896. They also drank a tenth of a gallon a head of excised spirits more than they did in 1896. It looks as if a lot of prohibition that won't come after the plebiscite.—Montreal Gazette.

NEW PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS.

Not the least interesting feature of the approaching session of the legislative assembly will be the formal opening of the new parliament buildings at Victoria. The general outline of the design, in style though treated in so original a manner as to make any particular description somewhat misleading. It is evident that the building has been designed more in a spirit of accordance with the materials at hand and in conformity with local requirements than with a desire to follow academic rules. The result consequently is much more interesting and distinctive because it is originality. The huge masses of gray stone, towering above to present a quaint old wooden government offices embedded in the midst of green foliage, with the blue waters of James bay in the foreground and the glorious Olympic mountains behind, produce a most beautiful, and in its way, unequalled effect. The stone used in the structure is of a pearly grey color, of a very transparent tone, and casts delicate and various shadows with each change of the sky. The particular quality of the stone adds a great charm to the building.—Roseland Miner.

MUST STAND FIRM.

We thoroughly endorse every word of the leading article in last Tuesday's Colonist in reference to the closing of the passes at the head of Lynn Canal, until satisfactory regulations are acting in the officers' hands at Skagway and Dyea. Unless we take some decisive steps of some kind or other, the United States government will not be better off than at all about it.—Nanaimo Reviewer.

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

Ledgerby.—It does seem good to see old Daybake back at his desk after his long illness. Billie.—You bet it does—I was afraid it was another case of "22 all round for a floater."—Detroit Free Press. Nell.—Mr. Stillness is only an apology for a man. Belle.—Well, wouldn't you accept an apology if it were offered.—Boston Traveller. "Well," remarked Li Hung Chang, as he signed a check for some more indemnity, "it isn't as bad as it might be." "How could our affairs be worse?" inquired the emperor. "They might have insisted on whipping us." C. O. D., instead of taking notes for it. "He—Darling, don't you know that it is unkindly to postpone a wedding?" She.—I can't help that. My dressmaker says, "I'm afraid it would be more unkindly before having all the clothes I want made while my father is still willing to pay for them." "Oh, mamma, do Christians eat preachers just like the cannibals do?" "Why, no, my child. What put that notion into your head?" "I heard that Deacon said this morning that she was going to have her minister for lunch."—Brooklyn Life. "It seems strange," muttered the literary hack, "that I never can climb up in the world, when I am always trading lore for hire."—New Orleans Times-Democrat. "What did you think of the living pictures?" asked the student boarder. "I thought they were barely fair." "I answered the Cheerful Idiot, "thought they were fairly bare."—Indianapolis Journal. "Th' wuz a feller back there that played a disgitin' trick on me while I wuz asleep." "What did he do to you, Wenz?" "He cut off me coattails all around." "I don't see but what 't coot looks as well as ever." "Yes, but you don't 't pose I want to get all 't 400 down on me by cleaving a black-listed Tuxed, do you?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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