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How the People of the Metropolis, Rich and Poor, Spent the Holiday.

Hon. Mr. Gladstone Writes on the Subject of Book Collectors-Books He Purchased.

New Archbishop of Canterbury Bids Farewell to the Clergy of the Diocese of London.

London, Dec. 26.—Christmas weather has been of the mildest description, foggy and without snow, but the holiday trade was the best in years and especially in jewelry, fancy articles, books and mechanical toys, which formed the chief attractions for the shoppers. The receipts last Monday in one of the big co-operative stores alone was \$112,000. An average of two hundred thousand parcels were handled daily at the main parcel office, where 1400 clerks have been working night and day.

On the other hand the distress among. the poor of London was equally marked, over seven hundred persons being relieved out of the funds from the poor box at Bow street police court, in three days, some of the cases being most pitiful.

The Queen's Christmas was celebrated very quietly at Osborne, the death of Prince Henry of Battenberg having made all'the usual festivities unseemly. Only the old traditional customs of the table were uninterfered with and the usual presents were given to-day. The royal baron of beef, which is the principal dish on the Queen's sideboard, was cut this year from a Devon ox, which was fattened on Her Majesty's Flemish farm, Windsor Great Park. The joint was roasted at Windsor and sent to Osborne Christmas eve, along with a boar's head and a woodcock pie. duly appeared on the sideboard yesterday. Her Majesty received from her grandson, Emperor William of Germany as usual, a genuine Hare de Sanglier from the famous royal preserves at Springe, Hanover, and another from the

The Czar has sent King Menelik of instruments, including a grand plato, an organ, a complete set of wind instruments, as well as a band of musicians

who will accompany the imperial gifts. Dr. Frederick K. Temple, the new Archbishop of Canterbury and formerly Bishop of London, bid farewell to the clergy of that diocese on Wednesday in St. Paul's Cathedral. The Archbishop, in full robes, preached an eloquent sermon. Mrs. Temple was made the recipient, on behalf of the ladies of the

diocese, of a set of Chippendale furni-According to present arrangements, Dr. Nansen will arrive at Hull on his visit to England on Tuesday, February He will come direct to London, and deliver his promised address before the Royal Geographical Society. So great is the desire to hear him that the members of the society, who number over 14,000, will be allowed to invite their friends. The Prince of Wales will attend the meeting. Dr. Nansen's six weeks' tour will begin immediately

thereafter. Mr. Gladstone, in a letter just published on the subject of book collectors, says: "I have been the purchaser in my time of about 35,000 books. A book collector ought to possess six qualifications-an appetite, leisure, wealth, knowledge, discrimination and perseverance, Of these I have only the first two, and the last restricted, as my visual power seriously disables it. Speaking generally, I have retired from the list of purchasers and am gradually transferring the bulk of my library to the institution of St. Denvils at Harwarden. The book I have had longest in my possession was a book of sacred dramas presented to me by the authoress, Hannah Moore, inscribed 'as you have just come into the world and I am just going out of it, al-

The British Museum has obtained a papyrus manuscript of the first century B. C. It was found in Egypt and contains the lost odes of the lyric Bacchylides, a contemporary of Pindar. The manuscript is finely written, but much mutilated. From fifteen to twen-

ty poems are intact. The stories recently published about the precarious state of Miss Terry's health, which said she was obliged to undergo an operation, are denied. She is, unfortunately, far from well.

Sarah Bernhardt informed Paris critics that her next London season at the Adelphi theatre, would open on Monday, June 21. The opening play will be the latest Parisian success, "Lorenzaccio." latest Parisian success, Her London season will last four weeks. During that time she will appear in a drama written by herself, on affairs of

Official and diplomatic circles are in a flutter over the outspoken criticism on Mr. Thos. F. Bayard. United States and bassador, in the Chronicle on Thursday last. Hitherto it has been the custom of the English press to lavishly praise him. He has been everywhere hailed as the man who, single handed, had accomplished the Anglo-American entente. The Chronicle on the occasion referred to gave great prominence to a Washington letter, saying, instead of rendering either country a service Mr. Bayard, by ninimizing the gravity of President Cleveland's Venezuela message to Congress was a most dangerous representa-

crisis and the Washington letter adds: 'No thanks are due him that the hesitation did not lead to most serious con sequences." The Chronicle's correspondent further claims to have the highest authority for making the statement that President Cleveland and Secetary Olney are anxiously yearning that Mr. Bayard should resign; that all ne gotiations have been taken out of his hands, and that he has known nothing which transpired between Washington and the foreign office here, but has been content to be pushed aside without respection of Cattle from the

senting it. The Government is busily engaged making inquiries into the systematic divulgence of confidential information by persons employed in the department of state, and prosecutions will probably follow. It is stated that foreign governments are better informed regarding secrets of the British service than is the case with the secrets of any other pow-

W. S. Mills, of Rochdale, has signed an agreement for a match run with Bredin of 400 yards, at the Rochdale Athletic grounds, January 30. Mills states that he will accept the challenge given by T. Keane, the American, as soon as his match with Bredin is defin-

A Paris dispatch to the Times says that M. Nobel bequeathed a fortune estimated at \$10,000,000 to the Stockholm

The Times' Constantinople correspondent says: "Sir Edwin Vincent, director of the Ottoman Bank, informs me that the Sultan is devoting himself to the finances and is ordaining important reductions for the military expenditures and a ten per cent. reduction in the civil

According to a Berlin dispatch to the Times, the new cable from Emden to Vigo has been completed. It is regarded as the first installment of a great trans-Atlantic cable, intended to connect Germany with North America, by way of the Azores

The North German Lloyd steamer Spree, Captain Meier, from New York, Dec. 10, for Bremen, which arrived at Southampton on Thursday, had an experience similar to that of the American liner St. Louis, which arrived early the heavy weather. Several of the Spree's boats were stove in, and she was completely covered with snow and frost. Jamaica is making great efforts to get a footing in the London fruit market.

A thousand boxes of oranges arrived hear from the Island on Monday and if successful, the Jamaicans propose transferring their present New York trade to A Paris despatch says: The remains of

President Faure and General Billot, min-

ister of war, were represented at the A Calcutta dispatch says: Heavy rain | The "Plunger" Takes His Case Against has fallen in the province of Oude, and

more is expected.

RETURNING EAST. Hon Mr Blair and Col Domville Banquetted at Calgary.

Calgary, N.W.T., Dec. 26.-Hon. Mr. Blair was banquetted here last night by the city council and board of There was a large assemblage. The minister acknowledging the toast, stated that he was impressed with the tralia and South Africa with the vast extent in British Columbia and the timber, water and ranching lands. Alberta must share in the development of Kootenay. It devolves on the government to proceed in a wise, careful and statesmanlike manner in the development of that country. A railway must be maintained in the way least burdensome to the people affected. The feeling borne in upon him since coming west was that railways must be built and controlled by the government itself, or the benefit would be mainly lost. The government should prevent the timber; and coal from falling into the control of corporations. "If we can impress upon our colleagues the needs of the west as we see them, the Crow's Nest Pass railway will be built forthwith."

Mr. Oliver, M.P., made the speech of need of sending out immigration agents,

from reading L'Electeur, will be read in all the Catholic churches to-morrow. It is thought L'Electeur will change 'ts

Walkerton, Dec. 26.-The annual report of Walkerton shows the town to be entirely free of debt. The rate of tax-ation is but four and a half mills, probably the lowest of any town in Can-

Toronto, Dec. 26.—There will be no trial of the West Toronto protests. To day was the last day for filing the par-

Mr. McEachran, Superintendent of Dominion Quarantine, on His Way to the West.

spection of Cattle from the United States.

One of Montague's Superannuated Officials to go Back to Work-Notes from Ottawa.

Ottawa, Ontario, Dec. 26.-Thomas Patterson, customs appraiser, died here yesterday, aged 76. Mr. Bowell, son of Sir Mackenzie Bowell, is married to a daughter of Mr. Patterson. Mr. E. H. Fletcher, Post Office Inspec tor of British Columbia, arrived on Thursday accompanied by his wife, to spend Christmas with relatives here. The President-Elect Has Decided on his Mr. Fletcher is a nephew of the Secre-

Dr. McEachran, superintendent of Dofrom Washington, passed through Ot- is now possible to give some important tawa yesterday on his way to the northwest to visit his own ranch and inspect. other ranches out there on behalf of the vernment. McEachran says that when at Washington, Hon. Mr. Fisher himself completed negotiations with the United States government for abolishing the quarantine between the countries, but retaining it as against other being to Mr. Hanna, who is not likely Instead of quarantine be tween Canada and the United States there will be in future rigid inspection. The only objection to this change came from the small ranchers, who feared

competition from the States. It is reported that Henry Lamothe formerly in the state department, and who was superannuated by Dr. Monta-

FLOODS IN JAMAICA. Seventy-Five Lives Lost and Much Property Destroyed.

New York, Dec. 26.-A special cable to the Herald from Kingston, Jamaica, says: 'Disastrous floods have occurred Duke of Coburg, besides a quantity of German cakes and sweet meats.

The Coar has sent King Monelity of teriologist, who died Sept. 10, 1895, were no less than seventy-five lives were lost teriologist, who died Sept. 10, 1895, were no less than seventy-five lives were lost removed to-day from the Cathedral of in the storm and floods. Many houses

RILEY GRANNAN.

the Jockey Club Into Court.

Club was before the supreme court in the Westchester Racing Association of Alaska, the rays of the northern from expelling the plunger from the lights have not lost their charms to all. track. Grannan's offense consisted in Many sanguine men of brawn can see making a present to a jockey, contrary the golden streak under the hyperborean to the rules of the jockey club.

While Justice Osborne reserved his the birds of passage next month, or mineral wealth of the west, with the youth, energy and vitality of the men. He paid a high tribute to the ability of right on a track as anybody else." It was the contention of counsel for the defendant that the jockey club had the right to make any reasonable rules to preserve order and maintain the inping was for the latter purpose.

STREET RAILWAY STRIKE. More Trouble Expected on the Boston Westend Line.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 26.—The strike been officially declared off. This action came like a bomb shell. Following is the statement made by the supreme Col. Domville confirmed the minister's council to the public explaining their located there two seasons ago have native waters on the Pacific slope. This entiments and promised to educate his position: "The supreme council was claims that paid good wages last sumconstituents in the east to the same given power to negotiate for an agree- mer, and they expect to realize well. end road. The council performed its present supply of pay dirt will be exthe evening, stating that there was no duty and in doing so found the presi- hausted in two years, but they feel that dent lacking authority to make any set-The need was to make settlers here tlement without consulting the board of covered on comparatively unexplored prosperous. Immigrants would pour in directors. He asked for further time, tributaries to the inlet. after the building of the Crow's Nest | which was granted. The men repudiated Pass railway. The ministers go east this act. We as honorable men had to business along the inlet last season Quebec, Dec. 26.-A mandement signed pudiation of the men and thus violate plies up early this season. The United no better remedy to cure a cough or by five bishops forbidding the faithful our agreement with the president, or States Commercial Company, which has cold than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. all hazards."

mittee, who promised to delay the strike this morning, when a wave of excite- try it. ment, equal to that which precipitated the strike, swept over the employees. It is feared further trouble may result. was besiged by railroad men who vigor- tors could do him no good, but Dr. ously denounced the action of the many Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills completely ously denounced the action of the man agement, claiming the members of the cured him." conference committee acted only as servants of the members of the union and they should at once be reinstated as the trike resulted from no fault of theirs. special secret meeting to consider the cure the worst chronic cold. 25 cents.

matter will be held by the union this afternoon and a public indigation meeting will be held in Fanueil Hall to be called for to-night at which the men will try to have present prominent rail-road men and labor leaders to voice the protest against the dishissal of the men refered to. Indignation was so great among the employees during the afternoon that protests were received at the union headquarters from every division of the road, together with promises of united support in case a tie-up should be ordered to force the reinstate

FRANCES WILLARD ILL.

Was Reported Better Yesterday Afternoon.

Buffalo, Dec. 26.—A special to the ommercial from Warsaw quotes Dr. although her condition is still serious, died he is sanguine that she will be fully restored eventually. All of Miss Willard's ollector of customs at Vancouver, and engagements, including her California speaking trip, where she expected to be about February 1, have been cancelled.

M'KINLEY'S CABINET.

Chicago, Dec. 26 .- A special to the minion quarantine, who has returned Times-Herald from Washington says: It news concerning the progress which the President-elect has made in the task of making up his cabinet slate. It would be incorrect to say that Major McKinley has fully and finally determined whom to be in the cabinet at all, and the other to Mr. Dingley.

But the President-elect has practically determined the composition of his cabinet, except as to one, or perhaps two places. Unless he changes his mind, the following will be the McKinley cab-inet when it is finally announced: Secretary of State, John Sherman, of

Secretary of the treasury, Nelson Dingley, of Maine. Secretary of war, Ex-Gov. William Merriam, of Minnesota. Secretary of the navy, Cornelius N. Bliss, of New York. Attorney-General, Nathan Goff,

Vest Virginia. Postmaster-General, Henry C. Payne, Secretary of agriculture, Judge Waymire, of California.

NOT DISCOURAGED.

Tacoma, Dec. 24 Fascinating visions of the land of the midnight sun are al-New York, Dec. 26.-Riley Grannan's restless prospector spending the winter the fact many disappointed argonauts Brooklyn to-day on a motion for an returned last fall from long and weary injunction to restrain the club and pilgrimages in the promised Eldorados sky, and are planning to go north with

shortly afterward. Those who leave so early generally our member, Mr. Oliver. He contrasted sel for Brannan, that the fact that his the road over the Chilcoot pass, from and the stables entirely destroyed. that all the money in the house was in the limited, auriferous areas of Aus- client was a plunger had had much to Dyea inlet to the head waters of the do with the expulsion, Justice Osborne Yukon river, is open. A common plan observed: "A plunger has as much is to buy outfits on the Sound and take a station at Juneau ready to push forward at the earliest possible opening

of the trail. Alaska early this year that was often tegrity of races. The rule against tip- | characterized as an exodus to the gold fields, is not expected to happen again next year. A steady class of miners who fully realize the rigors of the northdured are expected to be the principal. districts. The heaviest inward travel

to the Yuken will probably begin late in on the Westend Street Railway has February, and continue through March. Miners bound for Cook Inlet will March or early in April. Miners who other good placer diggings are undis

The commercial companies which did do one of two things: Sanction the re- are making preparations to send suprefuse to be a silent party to the con- a store there this winter, will start a tinuance of the strike. We choose the vessel about the 20th of March. The it has always given entire satisfaction. latter and we will keep our agreement Stella Frland, owned by the company, with President Little as gentlemen at will be one of the craft and a new one will be purchased. After the first trip A canvass of the list of employees one of the schooners will go sealing Among the many thousands who have of Granville street and a man jumped ropped by the Westend company shows and the other continue voyaging be used it for colds and la grippe, we have that President Young and each of the tween the Sound and the inlet. This never yet learned of a single case which other members of the conference com- company took in over \$5000 in gold dust resulted in pneumonia. Persons who and whose action in so doing prompted company did so well that it is enthusian attack of pneumonia, shoul keep the that and get away. When he got it indignation among the men, which re- astic over the outlook for the next sea- remedy at hand. sulted in the strike, are among those son. There are numbers here who will discharged. The fact became known go in again and many new people will

"My boy was all crippled up and suft is feared further trouble may result. fered awfully with rheumatism," writes At an early hour this morning the Mrs. H. Wells, of Chesher Ont. He beadquarters of the motormens union also had a touch of diabetes. The doc-Sold by all dealers and Edmanson

Bates & Co., Toronto, 25c. When all other remedies fail Dr. Chase's Linseed and Turpentine will

RAGING FURNACE

Fire Takes Possession of the Underground Workings of Springhill Coal Mines.

All the Miners Reach the Sunface Safely but Much Damage is Done the Property.

Halifax, Dec. 26 .- About 5 o'clock on Thursday evening the coal mines at Springhill were discovered to be on fire. the east slope in the 800 foot level. It soon gained its way into the 1300 foot level, which it has converted into a rag-ing furnace. Mr. Cowans being in Montreal, Government Inspector Gilpin was wired for and was soon on deck. The fire was issuing from every opening of the mine. Two cupolas were burned down and the bank head had to be torn away. The miners worked hard to save their source of livelihood, but all efforts in that direction were fruitless. They tried to prevent the air from going into the mine by stopping up every air way. Mr. Gilpin had to call the men away from this work as it was incurring great risk to lives should an explosion occur, which is expected at any minute. flames shot about one hundred feet in the air, the reflection being visible at Amherst. The extent of the fire is not known, but the most disastrous conse-

quences are feared. Later-The loss of the east slope is believed to be complete. The muchin-ery will be ruined. At six p.m. the west slope was reported all right, but men will have to work hard to save it. The fire caught from an overheated steam pipe connected with the driving machinery. The men worked up to the time the fire caught and all got out safely. The mine has three slopes, the north, east and west. It was just five years ago that the mines were wrecked by a great explosion and 130 lives lost. took the best part of a year to get the colliery in working order again. It was splendidly equipped, gave employment to one thousand men in the pits, and had an output of 375,000 tons a year. Robert Cowans, of Montreal, is President, and Hon. G. A. Drummond is vice-president. From the meagre dispatches received it appears that the fire has complete possession of the under-ground working of two of the three

Springhill, N. S. Dec. 26.—The prepor-

ance company mimimized the danger. FIRE IN MONTREAL.

Destroyed. Montreal, Dec. 26 .- A fire broke out early Christmas morning in the stables contemplate remaining in Juneau until dun. Nine horses were burned to death he helped himself. Mrs. Ferguson said among the hundreds of inmates, but no

accidents. SALMON HATCHERIES.

However, the rush of miners to Are Declared to be Valuable by the

United States Fish Commission. Washington, Dec. 26.-An interesting review of the salmon fishery conditions his foot out and ran and the man with of this country is made in the report of | the stick did not follow him. ern climate and the hardships to be en- the United States fish commission on the artificial propagation of salmon on travelers to the Yukon and Cook Inlet | the Pacific coast. The conclusion reached is that, although nature evidently designed that Chinook salmon should not across the road and told him to stop. take up its abode on the American shore He stopped, but he had his hands in of the Atlantic, its breeding serves a his overcoat pocket, and he raised one leave the Sound the latter part of legitimate and valuable purpose in maintaining its supply of the species in its especially apparent by enormous drafts made upon these fish by cannerment with the management of the West- from them next year. Some think their les, and by the yearly increasing consumption of fresh and salted salmon.

At this time of the year a cold is very easily contracted, and if left to run its course without the aid of some reliable cough medicine is liable to result in that dread disease, pneumonia. We know of

Olagah, Ind. Ter. Chief. This is the only remedy that is known to be a certain preventive of pneumonia, over its counters last season. The have weak lungs or have reason to fear

For sale by all druggists. Langley & toria and Varcouver.

GOVERNMENT TO FORECLOSE. On the Union Pacific. Central and Kansas Pacific Railways.

Washington, Dec. 26.-It is authentically reported that the department of justice contemplates action at an early date looking to foreclosure by the gov ernment on the Union Pacific, with probability also of similar proceedings against the Central and Kansas Pacific.

Such a step is considered imperative to protect the government's interests, and has been deferred in view of the pending action by Congress. A very large portion of the first mortgage bonds, as well as the second mortgage, will mature with the beginning of 1897. The holders of the first mortgage bonds would naturally have priority over the govern-ment, but it is said the attorney-general has construed the amended Pacific railroad acts as conferring ample power on the government to proceed irrespective of any course the first mortgage holders may see fit to take.

RESULT OF THE STRIKE.

Leadville, Col. Dec. 26.-About two o'clock this morning the Missouri miners empliyed at Bison mine, who were on their way home from down town, met Patrick Carney and his wife who had been attending a ball. The Missourans called Carney across the street, talked a few minutes then one of them shot him, killing him instantly. Carney was elderly and well-known in the camp. He was working on the Star mine. The Missourians were all arrested but it is not known which one fired the fatal shot. From the standing of Carney in the community, it is feared this murder will cause considerable trouble as the miners' union people are highly incensed over it.

BUFFALO'S UNEMPLOYED

Hundreds of Men are Living on Charity In That City.

Buffalo, N. Y. Dec. 26.—By hundreds and by every road and pike entering Buffalo, the unemployed are swarming into the city to search for work. The Captains of police precincts report that houses sometimes feed dozens of hungry men every night, not professional tramps, but honest laborers looking for work. It is estimated that two men are looking for every job and the idea of the enlargement of the canal to give employment to many men and thus become a blessing to the city, is dispelled when it is computed how many idle men must be maintained at alm-house or pentitentiary. The latter institution is over-crowded. The morning papers show that forty six cells were crowded with two and three tenants. Most of the prisoners are short term men, a great proportion being vagrants, or men who were convicted of vagrancy at their request to obtain

A REIGN OF TERROR.

Vancouver's Outlaws Have the Town in Subjection.

This burglary and hold-up business is becoming so common that the citizens will shortly find it necessary to form a

Many Miners Will Go To Alaska Again fire is confined to No. 1 mine. Nos. 2 ineut citizen spoke of the necessity of and 3 slopes are free from danger and so doing to a World reporter yesterday. all air passages leading to and from the The latest is a bold usylight burglary fire districts are closed. The situation at the point of a revolver. On Wedis hopeful but nothing definite can be nesday afternoon a man rapped on the ready absorbing the attention of the said for a day or two. The insurance door of R. C. Ferguson's residence, controversy with the New York Jockey in the coast cities. Notwithstanding agency of the Commercial Union and the door herself and the fellow asked on the buildings etc. is all in the Halifax | Jervis street. Mrs. Ferguson went to amounts to about \$40,000. The insur- if the master of the house was at home. Mrs. Ferguson said no, and that he would not be at home until after dinner time. The man then produced some papers and said he had better leave Stables of the Protestant Insane Asylum | them. Mrs. Ferguson went to take the papers and at the same time he drew a revolver and pointed it at her, saying that he was hard up and must have some money. He said that she had of the Protestant insane asylum at Ver- better go up stairs and keep quiet while There was considerable excitement her purse, which she had in her hand. She handed him that and the fellow went away. The purse contained \$11. A gentleman was going home along Georgia street the other evening, and when near T. Dunn's residence a man who was crouching by the street corner reached out a hooked stick and caught him by the leg, with the evident intention of tripping him. He jerked

> City Clerk McGuigan was walking along Alexander- street a couple of evenings ago. When nearly opposite the B. C. Iron Works two men rus..ed of them in such a way as to make it appear that he had a revolver in the pocket and was ready to do the old trick of shooting through the pocket. men looked at him and he looked at them for a moment or so without speaking, and then the two turned and ran as if Old Nick himself was after

A lady called at the city hall to-day and said that she wanted to pay an instalment on her taxes. As the sum offered was nearly the whole amount she was told that by paying a little additional she would be entitled to the discount, which is not allowed on in-We have used it quite extensively and stalment payments. "Well," she said. "I suppose I might as well pay it as have it stolen from me. Do you know that at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning, I was coming along the lower end out of the bushes and said, 'I want your money.' Fortunately at the time I had only 15 cents in my purse. I was so scared that I was glad to let him have the man went back among the bushes again. He had brown whiskers, A Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Vic little further on I met another man who asked me what the person who stop-ped me had said. I told him and he said 'Well, I have money on me and I guess I'll turn back.' So he walked along with me. Now what do you think of that?" But the courteous gentleman who sits at the receipt of taxes hardly dared to venture an opinion.-World.

A man's wife should always be the same, especially to her husband, but if she is weak and nervous, and uses Carter's Iron Pills she cannot be, for they make her "feet like a different person," so they all say, and their husbands say so too!

box.

The proceedings connected with the tariff inquiry at Montreal would appear Cape Town, South Africa. If Michito have left different impressions on dif- gan, why not Canada? Someone las sight of that before we had heard of ferent minds. While one person finds suggested that English consuls abroad the apparently limitless wealth of gold that the evidence was almost wholly in favor of high protective duties, another Norwegian, Scandinavian and German conceives that it went very strongly in consuls do for their respective people in favor of tariff reform-and of a rather pointing out profitable openings for radical measure of reform at that. The trade. Could not Mr. Chamberlain do Kootenay comes like an unexpected Insurgents Burn Houses in the Im-Montreal Witness, being on the ground, something for the colonies in this direchad a good opportunity of judging the tion?" character of the testimony given, and it gives an interesting summing-up as follows:

"The tariff commission, which ended its labors in Montreal on Saturday, though it may sit here again later on, must have been a good deal surprised, as well as the rest of the community, at the strength of the demand which developed here for a dec'ded measure of tariff reform. The question before the commission is not whether Canada is to have tariff reform or not; that was decisively settled in the general elections. and that the public has in no wise changed its mind is indicated by the reresults of such elections as that in Cornwall and Stormont. The question is not even how far tariff reform is to go, for that question is also settled; it is to go how this is to be reached, with as little disturbance as possible to commercial, manufacturing, agricultural and business interests. As a rule, the agriculturlong run, can only be benefited by tariff tury printed a paper from me wherein reduction. They have not, therefore, thought it necessary to put in an appearance before a reform tariff commission of a Liberal government to make general statements in regard to their ject in Chambers' Journal, and afterown interests, which are those of the wards by request of the New York Incommunity at large, which, indeed, they dependent and Chicago Interior I preform. But the protectionist organs have sented some phases of the subject to that the policy of the province may be been taking evidence for and against protection with the idea of the evidence. This worked as it has been steadily during the sittings of the has west. aroused some of those interested in free real, where it was generally expected the future of the province, which I believe tariff commission would hear protection, high protection and nothing but protection, more evidence has been heard in favor of a big reduction of the duties than has been offered anywhere else, among the most prosperous and pro-Steamship companies, shippers, exporters, importers and agriculturists have been heard making vehement demands for relief from the oppression of protection. Why the steamship companies have for years kept silent under tar- teresting series of letters. iffs which have rendered their business unprofitable during long terms, and which have brought down more than one large company, is somewhat of a mystery, unless it be that they were cowed by the domineering attitude for years of the protected manufacturers. The open discussions before the commission have also been very enlightening to the public, who have been let into the secret of the working of the combinations under protection from outside competition. Mr. Poster's tariff commission was a secret chamber one, in which confidences passed between the minister and the protected interests in sympathy with the government policy. The free and open discussion of what is really the business of the whole country, the working of taxation laws, has been educative in its effects, and a precedent has been created in regard to the publicity of the proceedings in such commissions."

THOSE COAL LANDS.

In the provincial act of 1890 providing for the granting of land to what is now known as the B. C. Southern Railway Co., section 16 reads:

"Wherever along the line of the Crow's Nest and Kooteray Railway the full quantity of twenty thousand acres per mile in alternate blocks cannot be had, the deficiency shall be made up out of a belt of land five miles in width along the east side of Elk river, extending between a point five miles below Morisey creek and a point 28 miles above Michel one phase only of British Columbia demiles in width on each side of Coal stood as antagonizing even by implicacreek, extending to the summit, and from a belt three miles in width on each all should be fully and fairly presented. side of Michel creek, and on each side of the east and west branches of said creek cial standpoint. At present the centre to the summit."

provided that:

"The land mentioned in section 16 of the 'Railway Aid Act, 1890,' may be made available to the company as portion of the grant in respect of the construction of the eastern section of its said railway, and may be applied for as portion of the block to be granted upon completion of the second twenty miles of the eastern section of the said Com-

That is to say, the coal lands, in-

there are for Canadian enterprise in produce. If Sweden, why not Canada? From Palestine, too, this Swedish agent the Norwegian agents there report, and a good deal, we are told, could be done ince should be symmetrical, and not be the colony.

MONTREAL AND THE TARIFF. in the sale of wooden houses. Then we read of a Michigan company tilling large orders for sashes and doors for

BRITISH COLUMBIA RAIL-WAY POLICY.

To the Editor: Before availing mylumbia some matters bearing upon the myself by saying that for twenty year, I have paid close attention to all Canadian questions and especially to those bearing upon the development of the questions. In addition to a great deal of work along such lines in the newsfollowing year I treated the same subfor or against according British Columbia, investigating as best dodge, I could its resources and the advantages of its position as a part of Canada and a portion of the British Empire. The result of these investiga-The consequence is that in Mont- tions is an enthusiastic faith in the only needs to have far-seeing and states manlike councils prevail in the conduct of its affairs to make it take a place gressive of countries. It is with the hope of being able to contribute something to such a result that I have un dertaken what I hope will prove an in-

> That the occasion is timely to consider the matter will be admitted. It is timely both from a federal and provincial point of view. There is abundant evidence that the Laurier ministry is very meagre appreciation of the sub- that is the mov ject to suppose that they are as yet as chief. in this direction as fully as those of us do who have given the subject careful the ministers have visited the coast. cut into in all directions. Mr. Laurier himself came out when he was leader of the Opposition. All of them have been profoundly impressed and as the contents of these are pumped with what they have seen and learned; but to credit them with having already formed a policy is to impute to them u degree of haste which would be a sad reflection upon their judgment. If the visiting ministers have been non-committal in their language, I think, mdeed I may say I know, that their caution has been due to a desire not to commit themselves to any line of action until they have had full opportunities for considering all the questions involved. Hence I submit that it is of great importance that the ministry should be fully informed of what can be done, in order that they may be in a position to judge as to what ought to be done. While in these letters I shall present tion any other project. The merits of The occasion is timely from a provin-

of political and business influence of the This description covers what are province is on the coast. Here are the known as the coal lands of the Crow's domain. Here the capital which they Nest pass, and it will be noticed that by have accumulated by years of toil and the original act these lands were to be prudence is for the most part investavailable only to make up a deficiency. ed. Here are their homes. Here, too, But in 1893 an act was passed whi they rightly believe is an arena where, under wise policy, a great and prosperous community can be built up. Yet it must be clear to every one that there is a possibility that the coast may be overbalanced by Kootenay. I have recently heard more than one competent observer express the opinion that by the close of the century the preponderating influence in this province would be in the southeast corner, for great as Kootenay is, it is only a corner of British Columbia. We have seen in that part of the province in what the stead of being used to cover up any de- opening of the country by efficient ficiency in the company's ordinary grant means of transportation results. Reachwere to be handed over as soon as 40 ed by the water and rail lines from the miles of the road had been constructed. the American system of railways from Canadian Pacific on the north and by It was wise of the company to secure the south, the Kootenay, or at least one the valuable part of its land grant as part of it, has been over-run with prosearly as possible, but what is to be pectors, whose work has been so full of said of the part taken by our complai- influx of upwards of fifty thousand promise that it is safe to anticipate the people before the close of the century, especially as we may confidently look Says the Canadian Gazette:-"One for the construction of the Crow's Nest has only to glance at the English timber; Pass railway and the extension of two trades journals to realize what openings or more of the American roads to points in the auriferous region. Have the peo Europe. The Swedish commercial agent this means? Have they realized that it may mean very much to them and to compete in the supply of the 150,000 be not wholly to their advantage from cases which the Egyptian sugar refiner- a political point of view, and in respect its use each year for the export of their to those things which are the subject matter of legislation, unless such a policy is adopted as will lead to the opening and settlement of other parts of ple along the harbors in the vicinity of ankle. The extent of the navy men's has an inquiry for 250,000 orange cases. the province concurrently with Koote-Date boxes, floorings, and door and win- nay? I submit to the people of the are threatened with starvation. It is of them had many bruises and it is their personal and property interests di-

international boundary. Let everything be done that can reasonably done to supplement what is now in pr gress there; out let the fact not be lost might do for Colonial exporters what- and silver stored in the Kootenay mountains we had learned that British Co sufficient to place it in the forefront of the Canadian provinces. The wealth of legacy. Let it not cause us to lose sight even temporarily of our greater heri-

The great aim of the provincial government ought, I submit, to be to seize the opportunity before it is too late to open British Columbia from the coast. The East was already marked Koorenay for its own, and it is not very casy to see what the coast can do to got and self of your courteous permission to hold its trade. The Crow's Nest Pass present for the consideration of the railway certainly will not help it to do government and people of British Co. so. Regarded from the broad Canadian standpoint, this perhaps is a matter of no great concern; but when I look north necessary for railway construction of the Canadian Pacific railway and see through the central portion of the prov- there a domain, rich in the precious ince, I may be permitted to introduc- metals, with millions of acres of farming land and even a greater area of the finest pasture land, when I see there a region greater in extent than the United Kingdom practically cut of from every thing that will contribute to its occupa as far as a tariff for revenue only. The resources of the Dominion. I am not tion and yet so situated in respect to question before the commission really is wholly unknown as a writer upon such the coast that its advance would mean how this is to be reached with as little questions. In addition to a great deal the prosperity of every city in the scaboard it seems to me that whatever po sition the Dominion government may paper press, I have dealt with them in take in regard to claims made on be ists, experters and shippers and consum- several of the more important periodi- half of particular localities, there can be ers generally, and even importers in the cals. In 1888, I think it was, the Cen- no manner of doubt that the provincial government and the provincial legislathe immense possibilities of the Can- the province will allow, aid in building a ture should, so far as the resources of adian Northwest were set out. In the railway through this vast and almost unexploited field. I submit that the time to act in this matter is now; not year after next or at some indefinite date in the future, but now, at the very their readers. During, the last five defined in time to ask the government de- years I have given special attention to of Canada to so shape its policy as to assist in carrying it out.

CHAS. H. LUGRIN. STRANGEST TOWN ON EARTH.

Assuredly the most curious town in England, and the most upside-down-looking place is Northwich. As the stranger walks up one of the streets he wonders whether he is the victim of a disordered imagination or whether an earthquake has been visiting the locality. the other, as if for mutual support; there more are leaning from each other as if in sullen anger; higher up are dwellings sunken in the centre or at the ends; the pavement on one side in certain places is higher than the other, while a little far-

ther on it is lower. In short, everything has a general appearance of topsy-turvydom in this town of what are described as "drunken beginning to realize the importance of to seek. Northwich, as everyone knows, opening British Columbia to coloniza- for ought to know, is the centre of the tion and capital. I say "beginning to salt industry, and it is the drawing of realize" advisedly, for it would be un- the brine and rock salt for the manufacjust to the ministers and would show a ture of this very necessary commodity On nearly all sides of the town to appreciate what may be done are big salt works, with their engines pumping hundreds of thousands of gallons of brine every week, while the exand prolonged investigation. Three of tensive mines of the rock salt are being

At a depth of some 200 or 300 feet are immense submarine lakes of brine, and pumped away the upper crust of earth is correspondingly weakened, and the result is an occasional subsidence. In some of the mines where the salt is blasted and cut away one can walk a mile in certain directions. As the glistening white or deep red rock is cut away, great pillars of it, some eight feet square, with a large thickness all along the roof, are left to support the earth above. Sometimes, however, the mine is flooded, the pillars dissolve in the water, and the earth falls in with all on top of Luckily, this kind of subsidence generally happens in spots where houses are not numerous, and for this reason no lives have been lost in recent years. One morning a few years ago a horse left in a stable over night was found to be missing and a hole filled with water occupying the place where the animal should have been. Near Wincham and Mar.ton, suburbs of Northwich, lakes acres in extent are now seen where green fields used to be, and there is a spot where the highway takes the form of a railway embankment. On either side are big ponds where the earth has subsided, and the road goes through like a bridge. This itself is bound to go at some future time, and it is to be hoped that no one will be at that time in the immediate neighborhood.

All these subsidences have a "pulling". effect on the nearest buildings, which are drawn "all ways." Such a state of thing is amusing as well as interesting. "This desirable property to let," is the sign one may see cheek by jowl with one at the beginning of a stile road, bearing the legend, "This road is dangerous." One has to be aware of such roads at night time in this neighborhood. A part of the path may have sunk 10 feet or so during the preceding hour, and an involuntary drop into the water, which rises as fast as the earth falls, is a rapid way out of this world.

In order to make all buildings last a fairly decent length of time all new erections are built in frames of wood, this style holding the bricks together a longer time than if the building was on the ordinary principles. Even under those conditions and taking into consideration the fact that in the town itself the subsidences are gradual and give some warning, living must be rather exciting in certain portions of Northwich.

THE CATCH A FAILURE. People of Newfoundland Will Have the

Herring Fish to Look After. St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 28.-An official report to the government says that the Victoria club, the score being 11 points herring fisheries at Fortune bay, mainly to 0. undertaken by American vessels is a one; Scholefield had his arm injured total failure, and that thousands of peo- and Miller is nursing a badly sprained where the Herring are usually caught injuries is unknown, but the majority estimated that about 4,000 people are reported that one man had his collar injuriously affected and that most of bone broken. rectly that the development of the prov the number will become a burden upon

Both teams played well and the CUBA moon. Both teams played well and the match resulted in a draw, the score being two to two.

Spaniards Exterminate a Party of Texan Sharpshooters and Claim a Victory.

mediate Vicinity of the City of Havana.

New York, Dec. 28 .- A dispatch to the World from Key West, Fla., says: "The Lone Star Company of the patriot army of West Cuba, consisting of fifteen Texas sharpshooters, perished to a man after bravely fighting for more than a score of 57. five hours against vastly superior Spanish forces in Pinar del Rio province, killing double their own number and wounding probably as many more. The Cuban band was observed near Pinar del Rio city, Thursday morning and General Molquiso sent two squadrons of cavalry to attack it. After a running fight the band, which proved to be composed of fifteen Texans, was chased into a "bottle" a bit of hummock having only one opening. The Texans seeing they were in a hole refreated to the further end and fortified themselves hastily behind some big boulders. The Spanish troopers dismounted and surrounded them, pouring in a fire from all sides. The brave Texans replied and kept up the fight for more than five hours. By getting on a light ridge behind the Texan's position the Spanish were enabled to pour in a fire that killed all but two of the Texans. Those two gallantly continued the fight and held off the enemy an hour longer. Then overcome by thirst and enfeebled by the loss of blood flowing from a dozen wounds, they were cut to pieces by the Spaniards. The bodies of the Texans were left to the buzzards while the dead Spaniards were buried on the field. Twenty wounded were carried to Pinar del Rio city. Gen. Rivera ordered the names of the valiant Texans to be called at roll call for the next two months as a mark of honor. Several suburbs of Havana were attacked last night by insurgents. For two hours there was a constant firing within four miles of the palace. Ten houses were burned and the insurgents captured Here two houses are leaning one against; a lieutenant and five soldiers. Extra guards were sent to the outposts.

Key West, Fla., Dec. 28.-The Haana newspapers refer in a savage tone to the United States and especially flected by the water. On all of these against the policy which permits filibustering steamers to leave port and all the eagerness of the American press to print "anything to discredit Spain," as they put it. The story of the Three Friends expedition, printed in New York, is target was broken into pieces and drivused as a test. La Tuchas is especially en into its backing, the ball passing bitter and sarcastic in its comment, stat- right on through both sides of the veshelf the war troubles."

proper, while fires from the burning in harbors in time of war and port desultory fighting. Rivera's band vention. made 'wo dashes at the Spanish columns and in two instances inflicted considerable loss. Col. San Martin's troops were forced back Saturday morning strong force of insurgents, who drove them half a mile until reinforcements arrived and turned the tide of the battle. The fight reported to have occurred near Pinar del Rio city on Friday is claimed by the Spanish as a victory. They report that they cut to pieces a large insurgent band. A battalien from Cuena, near Matanzas, were set upon on Thursday by a large Cuban force and compelled to retreat under the guns of Fort Mainmas. They lost 26 men wounded and the Cuban loss was about the same. The Spaniards lost field equipments terts, many arms, and one small can-

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

CHESS. Moscow, Dec. 26.-Steinitz won the hirteenth game of chess, queen's gambit declined, after forty moves, late last night. The score is: Lasker, 7; Stein-

itz, 2; draw, 4.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH. The Mechanics' Institute Chess club of San Francisco, has accepted the challenge of the Victoria club. On Saturday evening Mr. William Christie, of the C. P. R. Telegraph Company, received a wire which stated that the Mechanics' Institute Class room will have a table ready January I at 7 p.m., and that the Examiner will appoint a timekeeper. This match will decide the tie of last season, when Victoria and San Francisco won a game each. Mr. Piper will have charge of the Victoria The C. P. R. Telegraph Co. and the Pacific Postal Telegraph Co. will give the use of their wires free, and a disect wire will be run to the Driard, where the match will be played.

> FOOTBALL. TOO MUCH GAMBLING.

New York, Dec. 26 .- The World to day says: "Very likely the last big college game has been played in New York. Members of the University Athletic Club are opposed to Yale and Princeton meeting here next season. C. C. Cuyler, Tracey Harris and Julian W. Curtis, members of the U. A. C., have announced themselves opposed to playing again in New York. The objection to these games is the speculation and immense amount of gambling in duced by the play

VICTORIA VS. NAVY. Saturday's Rugby match at the Canteen grounds resulted in a win for the The game was a very

The Y. M. C. A.'s played the Columbias at Beacon Hill on Saturday after-

London, Dec. 26.—Truth prints a letter from R. A. Lehman, Oxford coach, in which he records the progress made by Harvard, and the anxiety and wil-

ingness of the crew to learn the English style of rowing, and comments as "Already we can see the grand challenge cup sailing across the

GOLF. On Saturday afternoon the monthly nedal handicap was played at the Oak Bay links. In the B class Mr. G. V. Cuppage was winner, his record standing thus: 111-4-104. In the A series Mr. Harvey Combe was winner with a score of 88-2-86. Mrs. Combe was the winner of the ladies' handicap with

THE GUN. The proprietors of the Sidney Hotel have arranged a shooting tournament for New Year's day. Several of the members of the local gun clubs will take part. The principal event of the day will be the contest between Mr. F. S. Maclure and Mr. C. W. Minor. They have made a match for one hundred birds at unknown angles. Those taking part will also have an opportunity of testing their ability to bring down live

A NOVEL EXPERIMENT.

The most curious experiment ever made with a piece of ordnance was at latitude 45, longitude 13 west. The Portsmouth, England. A stage was erected in the harbor within the tide mark; on this an Armstrong gun of the 110-pound pattern was mounted. The gun was then loaded and carefully aimed at the target all of this, of course, during the time of the low tide. A few hours later, when the gun and the target were both covered with water to the depth of six feet the gun was fired by means of electricity. We said "aimed at a target," but the facts are that there were two targets, but only one was erected for this special experiment, the other being the hull of an old vessel. the Griper, which lay directly behind the target and within range of the ball. The target itself was placed only 25 feet from the muzzle of the gun. It was composed of oak beams and planks, and was 21 inches thick.

In order to make the old Griper invulnerable, a sheet of boiler plate three inches thick was riveted to the waterlogged hull in direct range of the course the ball was expected to take if not de--the oaken target, the boiler plates and the old vessel's hull-the effect of the shot from the submerged gun was really startling. The wooden target was pierced through and through, the boiler-iron "The lying press is to blame for sel, making a huge hole, through which the water poured in torrents. Taken The attacks upon the suburbs of Ha- altogether, the experiment was an entire vana have become common now. Satur-day night a fight was heard in the city feasibility of placing submerged guns buildings could easily be seen. The offi- great damage to the vessels which an cials sent out extra troops yesterday for enemy might dispatch to such points guard duty. Advices from Artemisa re- for the purpose of shelling cities.-In-

PERSONAL.

J. H. Reynard, Tacoma, is at the New England. Capt. J. B. Libby, Port Townsend, is at the Driard.

from Vancouver. G. D. Scott and James Orr. Vancouver, are at the Oriental. Thos. E. and E. B. Ladner leave for San Francisco this evening. W. D. McIntosh and wife returned

last night from the Mainland. E. Elliott and daughter, Vancouver, are guests at the New England. George McL. Brown, C.P.R. district passenger agent, is at the Driard. James McGregor, M.P.P., and H. L. Bates, Nanaimo, are at the Oriental. J. C. Maclure was a passenger on the

E. W. Pratt, has returned from Vacouver, where he spent Christmas with frier ds. Hewitt Bostock, M.P., who is returning home, passed through Winnipeg on Saturday. H. E. L. Robertson and A. W. Cooke,

Charmer last evening from Vancouver.

Salt Spring, are spending the holidays at the Oriental. Hon. D. W. Higgins and Mrs. Higgins have left on a visit to Halifax and other Eastern cities. J. Reed and John Hendry, Vancouver, and C. C. Fisher, New Westminster,

A. Garesche, B. Springer and J. P.

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Lampson's Discouraging Opinion. the Outlook for the Sealing Industry.

Verbena Chartered to Luad Lumber -A Troublesome Boom of Logs.

The tug Hope returned from Cowichan yesterday with a large boom of logs for the Sayward mill. While rounding Trial Island the after part of the boom broke and a number of logs were lost. When the E. & N. railway bridge was reached the boom made fresh trouble. It refused to go through the span and although men worked all yesterday afternoon with peevies and log hooks, the strong tide running out would disarrange the logs as fast as they got them into shape. Another attempt was made this morning, and as the tide was running up the logs were more easily managed. A half-hour's work got everything in shape, and the boom was hauled through the bridge up to the mill

New Orleans, La., Dec. 28.-Steamer Queensmore, Captain Cross, from London, arrived here to-day having on board Captain Tobiasson and son, the mate and crew of the Norwegian barkentine Neptune, picked up December 9th, in barkentine had a crew of nine men and was from Belise, Honduras, bound for Havre with a cargo of logwood. When abandoned there were ten feet of water

The Walla Walla will leave for San Francisco this evening with the following Victoria passengers on board: R. Perry, Miss E. Elliot, Mrs. E. Elliot, E. B. Ladner, Thomas E. Ladner, Geo. Obenauer and wife, Miss D. Browning, Mrs. T. Browning, J. J. Snow and wife, Mrs. E. Sim and child, Mrs. C. Crosier, Miss M. Crosier, T. H. McKay and C. Crosier.

Port Townsend, Dec. 28.—The board of government surveyors, which inspected the revenue cutter Oliver Wolcott recently, recommended that she be not sent to Behring Sea for patrol service. The secretary of the treasury has approved this report, and it is intended that the Wolcott be detailed for patrol duty on Puget Sound or at San Diego.

A letter received in the city from Lampson's, London, gives anything but an encouraging outlook for the sealing industry. The letter states that there does not appear to be the same demand for sealskins as in former years, and that prices are likely to remain low.

The British bark Verbena, Captain Judd, which arrived at Port Townsend some time ago, has been chartered by Robert Ward & Co. to load lumber at Moodyville.

Ottawa News Ex-Ald. Crannell, Ald. Cluff and ex-Ald. Bingham were nominated for the mayoralty here to-day. There will be a contest in every ward for the aldermanic seats.

The attention of the government has been called to the fact that the two-cent post card used in communicating with foreign countries contravenes the regulations of the Postal Union. One of the infractions complained of was the border on the address side of the card and the addition of the words "British Am-Hamilton Abbott returned last evening erican Bank Note Company." A new plate was therefore prepared to replace the present one. It is of a neat design, with the objectionable frills removed. The color of the stamp and printing has been changed from green to madder red, similar to the three-cent stamp. As soon as the present supply of post cards is exhausted the new one will be is-

VICTORIA MARKETS.

Retail Quotations for Farmer's Pro duce Carefully Corrected.

the latter's right of Ogilvie's Hungarian flour......\$6.50 Lake of the Woods......\$6.50 Rainier......\$5.50 Snowflake XXX.. Three Star (Enderby)\$5.50 Strong Baker's (O.K.)... Sølem Wheat, per ton.... \$40.00 Barley, per ton \$30.00 to \$32.00 Midlings, per ton.. ..\$22.00 to \$25.00 Bran, per ton..\$20.00 Ground feed, per ton...\$25.00 to \$27.00 Corn, whole.....\$30.00 to \$32.00 Corn, cracked\$35.00 Cornmeal, per 10 pounds......35c. Oatmeal, per 10 pounds......40c Rolled oats, (Or. or N. W.)..... Rolled oats, (B. & K.) 7lb. sacks. .30c. Hay, baled, per ton.... Lemons (California)......25c. to 35c. Apples, Eastern, per lb........5c. Oranges (California) per doz. 40 to 50c. Oranges (Japanese), per box, 40 to 60c. Fish-salmon, per lb.....10c. to 12c. Fish—small......8c. to 10c. Smoked bloaters, per lb...... .. 12½c. Eggs, Island, fresh, per doz......40c Eggs, Manitoba,25c. to 30c Butter, creamrey, per 1b...... Butter, Delta creamery, per Ib... Butter, fresh..... Cheese, Chilliwack Hams, American, per lb....16c. to 18c. Hams, Canadian, per lb...... Bacon, American, per lb....16c. to 18c. Bacon, rolled, per Ib. 12c. to 16c. Bacon, long clear, per pound. . . . 12½c. Bacon. Canadian, per lb.....14c. to 16c.

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Great Britain Advised to Offer Her Good Offices to Spain and the States.

Colonies to Take Part in the Big Celebration Next Year-Other Events.

London, Dec. 26.-The attitude of the United States towards Cuba continues to be the engrossing subject of discussion in political circles here and on the continent. The crisis has revived recollections in Paris of the ill-fated Mexican expedition, and interviews in this connection with the imperialists, Gens. Basil and Callifet, M. Emile Olliver and others have appeared in the French Press. Ex-Queen Isabella of Spain, is quoted as having expressed the belief that the ideal of Napoleon III. was the union of the Latin element as a counter poise to the immense spread of Anglo-Saxon influence. Her Majesty is reported to have said:

"The failure of the Mexican expedition ersonally disquieted me in the direction of Cuba. You may add that tentative agotiations for the purchase of Cuba began before my abdication, and revived at the moment when Spain was crippled and harassed by international struggles."

The leading London weeklies devote much space to the Cuban situation. The Statist thinks there is very little prosnect that Spain will soon be able to assert her authority in Cuba, and urges Great Britain, with or without the consent of some great European powers, to offer her good offices to the United States and Spain. The Statist attaches little importance to the general continental objection that the United States' right of interference would be dangerous to every European government's possessions in America, and says:

'Unless one or more of the great powers are prepared to forcibly oppose American intervention, a mere verbal objection will not carry weight. In case of war Spain will be absolutely ruined in the end. The best friend of Spain is he who tries to induce her to come to some arrangement in time."

Comment has been provoked by the feeling shown at the London County Council's recent meeting, when the chairman of the public works committee suggested that tenders for new fire engines be invited from America. The proposal was received with a howl of disapproval, showing that "made in America" is apparently regarded by the members of the council with equal aversion to "made in Germany."

It is understood that Joseph Chamberlain, the secretary of state for the colonies, has arrived at an important agreement regarding the part which the colonies are to play in the celebration next year of the Queen's reign, having exceeded in length that of any other English sovereign, and he will make a statement in the house of commons ear-

in the coming session. It is stated in Canadian circles that the proposal of the Toronto navy league. that the royal navy be recruited from olonial as well as been coolly received by the imperial au-Naval experts are credited with seeing many difficulties in carrying out the scheme, and according to the Manchester Guardian, they are doubtful of the alleged abundance of good material in the colonies, even in the case of the seafaring population Newfoundland. It is not thought that the colony would yield the class of men needed for the navy, while in other colonies it is said the men likely to volunteer would be of very indifferent

stuff. It is announced as a result of a con ference between the Belgian minister of marine and the company, which has undertaken to build the canal which is to make Brussels a seaport, that work on the proposed new water route to the Belgian capital will be commenced early

The dispute between the Italian gov rnment and Prince Sciarra, respecting the latter's right of sending out Italian masterpieces of his art gallery, has been finally settled. A sensation was caused some time ago by the prince secretly disposing of several important paintings. According to the new agreement the prince presents the nation with about a dozen chefs d'oeuvre, and in return the embargo placed upon the sales of the others will be removed.

Christmas day here was sunshiny and

was quietly spent. Many of the old customs were followed out in the true spirit of the English Christmas. At Queen's College, Oxford, the ancient ceremony of bringing in the boar's head was solemnly gone through in the presence of the university deans. At Rochester poor travellers enjoyed the Watts charity, in the shape of a good, oldfashioned dinner and a present of fourpence. In Liverpool 20,000 hotpots were given to the poor, and the impoverished people of this city were well cared for through thousands of free burg taken out, after which the thief breakfasts, dinners, etc., in many parts | had dropped the letters in the bay. Inof the metropolis. In the London work- vestigation made at the postoffice conhouse 104,553 paupers enjoyed the Christmas celebration, particularly the dently one of the largest and cleverest beer and tobacco features, and 4662 hospital patients were made as comfortable as possible under the circumstances.

It develops that Hubert Crackenthorpe, the author who mysteriously disappeared in Paris during the month ther. October, and whose body has been found in the river Seine, committed suicide in a fit of frenzy on receiving a a western express that reached here letter from his wife announcing her Tuesday; that the letters were carried intention of commencing divorce pro- away, and that the thieves boarded an ceedings. It is believed that he jumped into the Seine from the Pont Concorde after wandering all night in the Champs ports. Elysee. The London newspapers say he was lately much in company with the wife of a leading London actor. The titles of some of his works, "A Dead Coney Island, having been dropped

morbid turn of mind. Another action for breach of promise will occupy the attention of the law Arthur Bingham Crabbe, late of the Third and Eighth Hussars, and now of the Fourth Battalion Royal Irish regiment. The damages were fixed at ten thousand pounds. Miss Duncan is an

exceedingly pretty young woman, who has had but a limited experience upon the stage. She is 18 years of age and daughter of Adam Seymour Dixon Duncan, who under the name of "Mr. Kil-' formerly owned the race horse Euclid. His disastrous experience on

the turf led him to desert his family, Abdul Hamid Holding Out as Long and his daughter took to the stage as a as Possible Against the Ammeans of support. Miss Duncan is related on her mother's side to the Earl of bassadors.

comedy by Wilson Barrett and Elwyn Baron, is to be taken into the provinces La Asia Minor and Couby Cosmo Stewart, the young actor. stantinople. Should the production be successful, the comedy will probably follow the run of

tation for the present at the Criterion theatre to-night. Monday "Baby," F. an ambassador, M. De Nelidoff, on C. Burnard's adaptation of "Bebe," is Saturday acting in concert with the reto be revived for a few weeks in order that Charles Wyndham may have a vacation. On his return "Rosemary" will again be played until Parker & Carson's new comedy "Change Alley," is ready.
Robert Buchanan's new nautical piece Russian diplomat began by warning the Sultan and the Turkish government if the revenues ceded for payment of the be tried in the provinces by Herbert Turkish debt were touched, European Heath, preparatory to its production at control of the finances of the empire the Metropolis. The scene is the death would become inevitable. M. de Neli-The great musical farce entitled "Stolen" will be presented at the Avethe Czar had guaranted his personal nue theatre next week. The first act safety and engaged himself to maintain takes pace in a west end drawing room, the second in the shop of a theatrical costumer, and the third act in a room the part of the powers. The Sultan, The "Sorrows of Satan" is a produchowever, remained obdurate as far as tion at the Shaftsbury Theatre for Satcontrol by the powers, financial or other- keys taken from him. Birdie Netherland, who was recently awarded five thousand pounds in her wise. To this the Russian ambassador | Pleading for life, Holt was taken out breach of promise suit against the Hon. Dudley Majoribanks, son of Lord replied that the condition of the Turk-Tweedmouth, has invested three thous- ish empire placed the throne and cali- was placed around his neck and he was phate in imminent peril. Thereupon swung high in the air, and in ten minand pounds of the amount in good se curities from which she derives a com- Abdul Hamid remarked, impressively: utes he was strangled to death. Then fortable income. The remainder was "I may be the last caliph, but I will the mob mounted horses in neighboring never become the second khedive." In addition to these warnings M de Neli-

promptly laid out with leading Bond street jewelers. An interesting sale of autographs oca long series of letters from Nelson to Lady Hamilton; an unpublished letter of Lord Chancellor Bathurst to Lord from Boston, October 10, 1775; letters of Ferdinand and Isabella, Lord Howe, Longfellow, John Quincy Adams, Thos. Jefferson, Andrew, Jackson, Chester A. Arthur, Lawrence Barrett, James Madison, James Buchanan, Mark Twain, R. E. Lee, Millard Fillmore, Jefferson Davis, General Longstreet, General Forrest, John Hancock, Carlyle, Dickens, Tennyson, Mendelssohn, Sir Francis Drake, Voltaire, Walpole, Darwin, Napoleon, Washington Irving, Jenny Lind. Joseph Bonaparte, David Garrick and scores of others.

Arrangements have been completed whereby the "Wishing Cup," the

the "White Elephant" at the Comedy.

is "Ye Mariners of England."

above the shop for rehearsals.

urday evening, January 9.

of Nelson.

CRUSOE'S ISLAND. Mariners Declare That the Fabled Is-

land Has Been Destroyed. San Francisco, Dec. 26-A few weeks ago a vessel putting in at Lisbon, after a trip around Cape Horn, reported the destruction by volcanic action of Juan Fernandez Island, famous as the fabled home of Robinson Crusoe. The master claimed to have seen the catastrophe from the deck of his vessel. The report was not given credence at the time by scientific men, and many denials were printed in the papers and magazines. But Capt. Powles, of the British ship James Kerr, now in port, asserts that the story is generally believed by seafaring men all over the world. The James Kerr recently arrived from Newcastle, New South Wales, where she was laid up four months on account of the coal mine strike. Capt. Powles. met a very 'large number of master mariners there, and says that the destruction of the island was a matter of common gossip among them. The captain himself has not passed within sight of the island since September, 1889, when he secured an excellent protograph of it from the deck of his ship. He says that some of the captains who arrived in Newcastle while he was there verified the report that the island was missing.

THE MAILS ROBBED

And the Thieves Got Away-Letters Dropped From a Steamer.

New York, Dec. 28.—The World publishes the following: Several business firms have wondered why important letters, collecting large sums of money, had been delayed in the mails. They have received their letters but not the enclosures, stained with the waters of the bay in which they had been tossed for two or three days before being picked up. The letters had been opened, the money inside transmitted by the firms' correspondents in Chicago, Cincinnati, San Francisco, Philadelphia and Pittsfirmed the story. The robbery is eviever known in the history of the department, and the total loss reaches thousands of dollars. The postoffice officials admit this much, but decline for

official reasons to say anything fur-It was learned that the mail bags were stolen in a depot in this city from outgoing steamer and are now on their way to Europe or to one of the southern

"All that I am at liberty to tell" said Postmaster Dayton, "is that these letters were found in the bay just off Woman," "The Struggle for Life," etc., by an outgoing steamer. That is all we would seem to indicate that he was of can tell at present. There has been a robbery and the post office inspectors have the case in hand."

courts at the next session. The plaintiff in the case is Miss Mabel Duncan, an actress now appearing at Daly's theatre in the "Geisha," who sues Captain give positive relief.

Not one in twenty are free from aliment caused by some little inaction of the liver. The result will be a pleasant surprise. They bunks for more than a week. On Octional courts at the next session. The plaintiff in the case is Miss Mabel Duncan, caused by some little inaction of the liver. The injured sailors were in their bunks for more than a week. On Octional caused by some little inaction of the liver.

The Sultan Must Enforce Reforms or the Powers Will Take Charge of Turkey.

Bredalbane and the Earl of Lauderdale.

Armenian Prisoners Being Released

"Rosemary" will have its last presen-Constantinople, Dec. 28 .-- The Russicurred at the Sotheby rooms on Tues- doff sent a note to the Turkish govern- morning after election. White was day and Wednesday. Among these were ment and palace and the utmost signifi- killed with his own pistol, taken from cance is attached to it in diplomatic circles. He pointed out the precise week, and the commonwealth rested North, wherein he says: "Write a con- terms and the necessity for the Sultan Thursday, after producing conclusive. ciliatory letter to Sir W. Howe to save | following the advice of the powers, who | evidence of the negro's guilt. us from the destruction hanging over are acting in complete agreement on us:" General Burgoyne to Lord North, their plans for improving the situation, Sultan's refusal to do so would involve their deliberations or any action taken or contemplated, not even informing cision reached. These latest steps on to death near Mayfield. the part of the powers are once again reported to have produced a profound impression in the Yildiz Kiosk. In pursuance of the amnesty decree, Armenian prisoners in Asia Minor and this city and vicinity are being released in bunches of five. bunches of five.

ATLANTIC & PACIFIC.

The Company is Given Thirty Days is Which to Settle up.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.-The final decree of foreclosure and sale of the Atlantic and Pacific railroad was filed in the United States circuit court on Saturday. This is the last of a series of similar decrees which have been made in Canada was talked over at length. The suits betwen the same parties and for Canadian officials expressed a desire the same action in every district in which the insolvent Atlantic & Pacific has property. It is ordered that unless | der conditions that should not do in-\$2,582,843.16 is paid by the railroad to jury to the trade of either. Governor its debtors within thirty days the en- Dingley expressed a desire for recitime property shall be sold at auction at procity as far as could be granted Gallup, Bernalillo county, New Mexico. without injury to the interests of Am-The foreclosure proceedings were instituted by the United States Trust Company, of New York, to cover the interest on an issue of bonds. The bonds were in two sets aggregating \$16,000,000, with interest at 6 per cent, payable annually. The issue was held in trust by the Mercantile Trust Company, and was known as the mortgage on the western division of the railroad. A second issue, with terms similar to the final, was taken by the Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Com- iff law. pany.

The suit came up in the United States circuit court in this city on October 5 1896, before Judge Ross, who appointed Owen N. Marron to take testimony in the case at Los Angeles. Marron has filed his report, and consequent thereupon Judge Ross has the decree just mentioned. The bonds, aggregating \$12,000,000, delivered to the Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Company, have been decided to be subordinate to the first issue. It has been decided by sale have been received the complainants distribute to the holders of the first mortgage bonds \$83,823.50, the first balance due. It is further ordered that unless the debt of the railroad be paid within thirty days, the sale shall take place as above mentioned, the proceeds to be used in the liquidation of the debts of the corporation.

ROUGH PASSAGES.

Arrival of the British Ships Simla and May Flint at 'Frisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.-The British ships Simla and May Flint dropped an 000, and assets \$40,000. chor in the harbor on Thursday after a terribel voyage up the west coast of South America, in which the Simla was roughly hardled and nearly wrecked and the Flint lost a man in a heavy sea, stern.

The Simla comes from Liverpool which port she left 134 days go, and the Apparently the vessels got into the same heavy gale, which is reported by both masters to have been the most severe experienced by them in many years. On Sept. 22, when in lattitude 34 de-

grees south, longitude 47 degrees west, the Simla encountered a very heavy gale which lasted three days. On the 25th a good record.

tober 2, in latitude 45 degrees south, longitude 52 degrees west, a series of violent gales were encountered, lasting several days. Heavy seas broke over the deck continually, washing away the forecastle doors. The boats were also washed off the forward skids. The ship labored heavily in seas that constantly flooded her decks to the rail, some of them passing clear over her.

ATLAS BANK.

Other Concerns Show Their Confidence by Offering Assistance.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—William D. C. Grannis, president of the Atlas National Bank, which institution, as announed in these dispatches, is to go into vol-untary liquidation, has been identified with the banking interests of Chicago largely for a quarter of a century. His reputation for business sagacity and integrity has been everywhere acknowledged. In the present condition of affairs Mr. Grannis enjoys the confide and esteem of every banker in Chicago and their offer of liquidation is an evipresentatives of Great Britain, France, dence of the confidence reposed in him. Italy, Germany and Austria, had an- Mr. Grannis is 70 years old. He was other audience with the Sultan. The born at Hatley, province of Quebec, and came to Chicago in 1852.

MOB LAW

No Less Then Seven Men Lynched i Kentucky Within a Week

Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 28.-Alfred doff further informed Abdul Hamid that Holt, colored, alias Alexander, who murdered Police Officer A. White, was taken from jail by a mob Saturday morning and hanged to a tree. The men the Sultan's supremacy, in the event knocked at the jail doors, and informed of severe measures being necessary on Deputy Jailer John Ashby, jr., that they had a prisoner they wished to lock up. Thus thrown off his guard, Ashby opened the door, only to face two big reconsenting to concede to any measure of volvers. He was overpowered and the

of jail to the courthouse yard. He was given ample time to pray. Then a rope

Holt's crime was committed the his pocket by Gco. Basket, a negro, and

Including Holt, seven men have met death at the hands of mobs in Kenand warning them once more that the tucky in about a week. Last Saturday Henry Findley was called to his disagreeable consequences. The am- door near Mayfield, and shot to death bassadors of the powers will meet in fu- by masked men. Two days before the ture twice a week until they complete three Proctors were victims of a mobtheir recommendations The envoys are in Logan county, two being hanged and acting together and will henceforth the other shot in his cell. Sunday night maintain the strictest secrecy regarding Jim Stone was lynched at Mayfield, afmade by citizens. Tuesday night Will envoys of other powers as to the de- Suett, a negro boy, was brutally shot

TALKED RECIPROCITY

Hon. Mr. Fisher had a Conference with Chairman Dingley.

Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 28.-The Comcan McEachern left Washington they had a conference with Chairman Dingley of the ways and means committee. The conference was not formal in any way, nor was it held by the direct sanction of the Canadian government, but the subject of a new reciprocity agreement between the United States and for the restoration of intimate trade relations between the two countries unerican farmers and manufacturers, but said there were a good many things to be consedered before a satisfactory treaty could be made. There was some further discussion on articles which might be made reciprocally free upon entry to either country but no definite programme was agreed upon. The Canadian government now has a commission taking testimony regarding the effect of the existing Canadian tar-

CHINESE IN TORONTO

Laundrymen Organize to Shut Out Chinese Competition.

Toronto, Dec. 28.-At a meeting of the proprietors of the principal laundries of the city it was resolved to request the civic authorities to enact a by-law imposing an annual tax of \$70 on all public laundries, and also compelling them to conform to certain conditions. the court that after the proceeds of the The object aimed at is the checking of the inroads at present being made into the laundry business by the Chinese. Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—The Conservative leaders in Winnipeg and at other provincial points are actively preparing for the western Conservative convention to be held in this city about January 20. It is understood the convention is called at the request of Sir Charles Tupper, and there is a possibility that the party chieftian will journey to Winnipeg to be present.

Walkerton, Dec. 28.-F. C. Messner, a private banker here, whose solvency has never been suspected, has assigned. The liabilities are believed to be \$50,-

London, Dec. 28.-A special dispatch from Rome says a landsilde entirely destroyed the village of Santa Ana de Plagoa, demolishing 118 houses and renwhich swept the deck from stem to dering 150 families homeless. No loss of life is reported.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Alderman Thomas Flint was 155 days out from New York. J. O'Malley, of the Twenty-second ward, was to-day indicted by the grand jury for the murder of Julius Colander O'Malley's indictment has created a prove a valuable object lesson. sensation. He was elected to the council last spring with the indorsement of

James McGee, Lardeau, is at the Or-

MANDATE THE REAL ASSASSINS

Excommunication of those Read L'Eleateur Looked for by the Politicians.

Litely to head to Serious Trouble Summoned as a Witness, She Dein the Eastern Provinces -Ottawa's Election.

Papers in Connection With the Election of Boyd in Macdonald, sent West.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.-(Special)-The ex mmunication of those who read L'Electeur in the province of Quebec was looked for here by leading French Lib- court yesterday, dressed in the deepest erals, who have been watching the trend mourning, a long black veil concealing of affairs between the bishops and the politicians. It is expected that this are politicians. It is expected that this ac- blage. The widow rose and shaking tion will assist in the provincial elec- with passionate emotion she said: "You tions—the course which Bishops La- have insisted upon my presence. I am breeque, Lafleche, Blais, Gravel and Be- here. I have nothing to say because I gin have taken. The country is face to orable court those who are known to face with a crisis and the people will be the real assassins of my late husbe asked whether there is to be civil band. You know them, Mr. President, and religious liberty in the country. This is the plain view French and Englishing and all the world does. Where are they? speaking politicians take of the matter I don't see them here." Then with a here. They do not think the people gesture full of fire and indignation the will decide with such inexperienced men unfortunate lady exclaimed, pointing to as Bishops Labrecque and Blais, nor "Acquit these miserable people. Sumwith old and infirm men like Bishops mon before you the really guilty men, Lafleche and Gravel, whose names are who are at present the government. I familiar all over Canada in connection have nothing to add; I will now withwith the Manitoba school case, and Bishop Begin. It is well known here widow of the great statesman, known that the articles for which L'Electeur as the Bismarck of Bulgaria, who was has been condemned, were written by literally backed and shot in the streets streets and alleys and left town as priests. It is also well known that died on July 13, 1890, and who

> have clear ground to work upon. They will require to fight for civil and religious liberties, relying upon all free men eral, to support them in this course. The the defence, were so dumbfounded and French-Canadians who are anxious for liberty will be obliged to look to the future and take their children from those institutions which are under the control of the bishops.

James G. Foley, deputy clerk of the crown in chancery, left to-day for Win- from a tribunal from which she knew nipeg with all the ballots, papers, etc., too well, but little or nothing was to be in connection with Boyd's election. It expected. The tragic address of Mme. ter a guarantee of safety had been is important that someone should go Stambouloff was a matter of general from here to testify to the condition in pers to-day. But the key note of their returning officer.

(By-Associated Press) Montreal, Dec. 28.—Great indignation have taken measures for his protection, is being expressed among the better class who the government newspapers add, of French-Canadians without regard to "labored under mental derangement, or party about the ex-communication of was so convinced of his own misdeeds Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 28.—The Commercial's Washington correspondent writes that before the Canadian minister of agriculture, Hon, Sidney Fisher, lawyers to Rome to make an appeal to lawyers to Rome to make an appeal to Three Baltimore Boys, who Were Bit eation for the present virtually kills the paper among the Catholic masses the Liberals have immediately started another French Liberal paper. The New

paper will be called La Revanche. The trouble caused by the excommunication of L'Electeur of Quebec by the Quebec bishops is spreading. La Patrie of this city comes out with a two-column defiance of the Catholic church in which it calls upon Liberal Catholies to revolt. It calls the excommunication the beginning of a war to the death and offers itself and its financial and intellectual resources to aid in the war. The article was written by the proprietor of the paper, ex-Mayor Beaugrand, member of the legion of honor, while ill in bed this

morning. Quebec, Dec. 28.-Le Soleil., the new French-Canadian Liberal paper which has taken the place of L'Electeur, came out this morning. It was sent to all the subscribers of L'Electeur under another name. This shows the plan of campaign which the Catholic Liberals intend to inaugurate against the hierarchy. Should the bishops excommunicate Le Soleil they will drop that and immediately start another paper. The general opinion is that the action of the bishops has done the church more harm among the French-Canadian people than any previous act of their.

MONETARY CONFERENCE.

Friends of the Movement in the States Receive Encouragement.

Washington, Dec. 28.-The expectation of the friends of the movement for an international monetary conference is that the question will be taken up in the senate soon after the holidays, though it may be considered first in Republican caucus. The committee has been clearly encouraged owing to reports receive as to the probability of the success of securing a conference and its success when once secured. Senator Hoar, a member of the committee, has given the other members much valuable information collected by himself while in Europe last summer. He told them that France was aggressively in favor of an international understanding and that the sentiment in Germany is very faverable, but that the Emperor was the He stumbling block in that country. also expressed the opinion that England would be found much more tractable on the question than it was popularly considered probable. He has suggested that a little pressure, of a business character, might be brought to bear with good effect upon England, going so far as to say that the payment of some debts owend by this country to England in silver might bring the English people to speedily realize the importance on election night in November, 1894, of an agreement on the subject and

New York, Dec. 28.-The Press says the Municipal State League and has a that a letter received in New York from a relative of William Waldorf Astor declares the the millionaire has renounced | Sunday night. A laborer's house was his citizenship and sworn allegiance to overwhelmed and the man, his wife and Queen Victoria.

Mme. Stambouloff Denounces Government Who Planned Death of er Husband.

mands That the Real Assassins be Tried.

Sofic, Bulgaria, December 28.-Last night Mme, Stambouloff, widow of the murdered ex-premier of Bulgaria, whose alleged assassins are on trial here before the mixed tribunal which is hearing the case. Mme Stambouloff, when the trial commenced, declined to attend, but in response to repeated requests she attended the sitting of the draw."

These utterances of the grief-stricken David's book had been approved by been amputated, caused the deepest imtheologians at Rome. The Liberals now pression upon the audience, which was composed of people belonging to the

higher rank of society. The presiding judge, prosecutor-genpublic prosecutor, or counsel for unnerved by the terrible earnestness of the black-clad female figure, who so forcibly denounced the methods employed in seemingly punishing the murderers of her husband, that they were unable to put a single question to her. She left the court room, a living picwhich the papers were received from the remarks, taken from the leading organ of Prince Ferdinand, is that the wife and friends of Stambouloff ought to

Three Baltimore Boys, who Were Bitter

by a Mad Dog, Die. Baltimore, Dec. 28.-Robert Perry, one of the eight boys bitten by a mad dog on Dec. 1 and subsequently treated at the Pasteur Institute, New York, died of hydrophobia. This makes the third victim, Robert Henry and Con Eppers

having died from the same cause within the past week. New York, Dec. 28.-Regarding the death of Robert Henry and Con Eppers. two of the patients, from rabies, Dr. La Bladie, of the Institute, said that the death of the boys did not prove that the Pasteur system was a failure. He said: "We do not absolutely guarantee that our treatment will prevent hydrophobia. any more than vaccination is an unquestionable preventive against smallpox. About one patient, out of 200 we have treated has died, while 50 per cent. of

those not tracted have died.' Halifax, Dec. 28.—The fire in the east slope of the Springhill colliery is practically under control. It is expected that mining operations will be resumed in a few days. The closing of the east slope will not affect the output of the mines as every ton of coal needed can be raised by other slopes. It was intended to close the east slope at the

end of the year. Montreal, Dec. 28.—Over 500 tickets have been disposed of for the Laurier banquet at the Windsor hotel. It is said that the premier's address will dwell chiefly on the tariff and Manitoba chool settlement, and it is likewise held that Hon. Mr. Greenway will say something of importance. It is stated that the Manitoba premier will tell his hearers that he will faithfully carry out the arrangement entered into between the Dominion and local governments. and that he is ready to take a Roman Catholic into his cabinet to show his good will toward the minority in that

Brantford, Dec. 28 .- R. Henry, the unseated Conservative member for South Brant, who defeated Paterson at the general election, was again nominated by the Conservatives on Saturday to contest the constituency at the approaching bye election

Orillia, Dec. 28.-On Saturday, while chasing a fox, Jake Gaudaur slipped and fell, his gun going off. The shot went over his head killing his dog. The champion is being congratulated by his friends on his narrow escape.

Toronto, Dec. 28.-Nominations for mayor this morning resulted as follows: E. A. Macdonald, proposed by Ald. Gowanlock, seconded by John McCallum: Mayor Fleming, proposed by Mr. E. J. Barock, seconded by Mr. J. W. St. Legen: Ald. George McMurrich, proposed by R. W. Elliott, seconded by G. W. Dewar. E. A. Macdonald may withdraw, but in any case his candidature is

not regarded seriously. An Athens dispatch says: Floods have occurred in Livadoa district. They were accompanied by some loss of life. There was a landslide at Ratsmere several children were buried.

PROTECT THE PUBLIC.

Hon. Mr. Blair at New Westminster offered some observations in regard to the Crow's Nest railway project which will no doubt attarct much attention. Having come to a full knowledge of the the valuable gift handed over to the B.C. Southern Railway Company on the pretext that it was about to build a line from Crow's Nest Pass to the coast, Mr. Blair very accurately described the transaction as appalling. The adjective is none too strong when all the circumstances are taken into account, and several others might be added with equal force. The grant of this immense and very valuable tract of land to the company was first authorized by the legislature, at the direction of the government, in 1890. The company at that time was required to commence the work within three years and complete it withstroke of real work was done-unless a little attempt at charter-mongering is to be called work. In 1894 the company asked for an extension of time, which the government and legislature granted, with their usual complaisance towards special friends. The eastern section of the road, from the summit of Crow's Nest to the Elk river, was to be completed by the end of 1896, the central section, to Knotenay lake, by the end of 1897, and the section to the coast by the to west. There can be no extenuation end of 1898. It was so arranged that as to lack of time, etc., and, this being the part of the land grant which embraces the coal deposits was to be handed over to the company as soon as it had made certain progress with the first section. Tuen last session another act was passed which extended the time for two years, the dates for the respective sections being fixed at 1898, 1899 and 1900. When, after all these favors to the B. C. Southern Co., the Dominion government is asked to step in and furnish such aid as will secure the building ed, unless immediate action is taken, is of a road over the same route, the people may well enquire what is to become of their property, which has thus been so cavalierly treated. Is it still to make part of the subsidy to the line? If so, who is going to control it? One strong argument for the construction of a line from Crow's Nest to West Kootenay points is that cheap coal and coke that the Liberal leaders would not conmay be available. How far will this be sent to joint meetings in the Cornwall assured if the coal is left in the hands campaign, and the Colonist gives promof a corporation on which no check with inence to the complaint. Did it never regard to rates is placed? Hon. Mr. hear of the refusal of Messrs. Earle and Blair sees, what everybody else can Prior to meet the Liberals in joint meetings during the election campaign see for himself, that if the Dominion government rushes in blindly with as- in Victoria? sistance to this project it will simp ly be helping certain individuals in a grab game, instead of conferring a benefit on the public. All British Columbians sor on the rights of others the protecshould be glad to know that the present tionist is under the obligation of show- Fairview a few days ago, and reported Dominion government is not at all like ing that his aggression is in the public. lively times at the camp. He says never ly to be a party to such a game. interest, and that those injured by it in the history of Fairview has the outline of the later of LAND-GRABBING.

If Hon. Mr. Blair's visit had no other result, the people of the province should look back on it with satisfaction because of the light it has thrown on the landgrabbing business. The significance of the facts connected with this matter seems to have been largely lost sight of, probably because the frequent repetition of the "giveaway" process has dulled the public mind and such things have come to be looked upon as a matter of course. How far the people in general have been from a correct appreciation of the position in which the public property has been placed may be judged from the case of the Vancouver World, which at first took Mr. Blair's statement at New Westminster to be an exaggeration, only to find afterwards that he was well within the mark when he spoke of the B. C. Southern land grant. The later article of the World is a significant one, as coming from a special friend of the provincial government, and we therefore

take the liberty of reproducing it:

"In Wednesday's issue a reference was made to the able and statesmanlike speech which the Hon. A. G. Blair delivered before the board of trade at New Westminster last Tuesday, a verbatim report of which appeared in The World the following day, and which has caused a vast amount of attention and which cannot fail to elicit much com ment in the East, where the projected construction of a line of railway from Lethbridge to the interior of Kootenay has been on the tapis for several months past. In the course of Hon. Mr. Blair's remarks-which by the way were amplifications of his utterances in this cityhe stated in terms which could not be mistaken, that until the land subsidies voted by the provincial government in aid of the lines to be constructed by the British Columbia Southern, whose charter is practically a blanket one, covering the building of a railway from the eastern boundary of the province to the coast, a distance estimated, as the 'ine will have to be built, of about 900 miles (the land grant covering 20,000 acres per mile) was either turned over to the Dominion Government or to a commission who would see to it that this enormous area was properly and justly administered for the people of Canada as a whole and not a handful of men who expected to become millionaires out of both sides. the deal, he would not sanction the expenditure of a single cent on the under taking. The area reserved for the purposes of the British Columbia Southern, Mr. Blair placed at 15,000,000 acres. Our impression then was that he had been misled as to the extent. Our attention having been directed to the matter, an examination of the charter of that organization, granted in 1890, and the several amendments and extensions thereto passed by the legislature in subsequent sessions, compels us to admit that the minister of railways was under the mark in naming 15,000,000 acres as the lands to be alienated to this octopus of a company. Assuming the length of the projected road to be 900 miles and

find that Mr. Blair underestimated the quantity of the public domain to be giv-en away, locked up in fact without bethe province, by at least 3,000,000, making a total of 18,000,000 acres! Those who may feel sceptical on this point have but to refer to the act of 1890 and the amending acts in which provision is made for a land subsidy to the eastern; the central and western sections of the British Columbia Southern, as well as the branch lines in the interior, one of which, the Nelson & Fort Sheppard, is already built and in operation, and which has been granted a land subsidy

of 20,000 acres per mile.

"Then comes the land to be granted to Mr. Heinze for his railway projects in Kootenay, in the Boundary Creek disgating in all 200 miles. If the line to be constructed by this gentleman is to be a broad or standard gauge one his grant will be 20,000 acres, but if only a narrow gauge it will be 10,000 acres assume that it will be a standard gauge line and it therefore will receive no less than 4,000,000 acres. Irrespective of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard road we thus find that no less an area than 22,-000,000 acres has been set apart by the provice for the construction of a line of railway along the southern boundary of the country easterly to the Northwest Territories by way of the Crow's Nest Pass. Notwithstanding this enormous and exceedingly liberal subsidy it would appear that the promoters of the various schemes named have been unable to make such financial arrangements as would enable them to even make a start on constructing a through line from east so, and the fact that the country is suf-fering from the want of such a road, and that seriously, it is high time that some understanding should be reached with the Federal Government as to the disposal of the land grants and making such arrangements with the parent government as will preserve the interests of the people in these lands free from monopolies or land-grabbers and ensure the early completion of a road which will be of national importance. The situation to say the least, so far as railway development in British Columbia is concernnot very hopeful."

Just fancy the Turner government stepping in to improve the efficiency of any civic government! Kamloops and Vernon will no doubt second the mo-

The Globe: Protection must be al-Whivs on the defensive. As an aggreare fully compensated. The burden of proof is not with those who demand merely their rights.

People in the Kettle River district have some strong comments to offer on the notices of "blanket" applications for the use of water powers, land, etc., coal. The vein so far shows a width which have appeared. One writer in of six feet, and the walls are now beauthe Boundary Creek Times sarcastically tifully smooth and clear. Samples of suggests to the promoters of the two concerns to operate in West Kootenay and Yale that they are too modest and others in the district. should in justice to themselves apply for a free gift from the provincial house to a head, and the syndicate which was of the districts in which they wish to represented by Lord Sudeley while neoperate, with exemption from taxation gotiations were in progress, have put for five years. This would of course men to work on their purchase at once. ensure them what water privileges they | The Joe Dandy and its sister claims are

evidence submitted to the Tariff Com- of such high class property. The ore missioners in Montreal, the Gazette milled in the camp was taken from the for four years. Mr. Geo. E. Corbould says: "They were chiefly leaders in commerce who presented their views to the ministers. They represented very incidental to the working of about a large interests, many of them being dozen men. The purchasers have about mercial and industrial, aside from those more will be put on as soon as they whose temporary mouth-piece they were. ean be procured. It is proposed to Their positions in the world of trade should give their statements the great- this a large amount of money will be est weight. They have experience that expended. Mr. Thos. Davis and assomakes their speech the utterance of ciates were the original owners and knowledge." When such gentlemen locators. condemn almost every tariff detail to which they give their attention, disinterested persons are apt to believe that the Liberal demand for tariff reform is not unreasonable.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

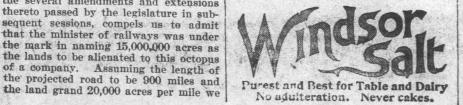
THE RING. The benefit to Delaney by the Victoria Athletic Club on Wednesday evening was a success, there being a large attendance and every item on the programme proving most enjoyable. Hill, of Victoria, is anxious to make a match with any 115 pound man in British Columbia.

FOOTBALL

Thursday's match on the canteen grounds between the above teams resulted in a win for the navy by one point. Although the grounds were muddy there was some brilliant play on

CHESS.

On Christmas Eve a challenge was sent by the Victoria Chess Club to the San Francisco Chess Club endeavoring to arrange a match for New Year's night. Up till the present no reply has been received from the San Francis-



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KAMLOOPS.

The Inland Sentinel. Wm. Fortune, of Tranquille, brought some fine apples into this office yesterday from his ranch, which he had only just picked. They had weathered the severe frosts of the latter part of last

month without damage.

Kamloops provincial jail is again overcrowded. There are now 37 prisoners within its walls, of whom three are women, the jail only containing nine cells. When we add that two of the prisoners are insane and require cells to them-selves, the condition of affairs may be easily understood. That the jail is overcrowded is not the only fault we have to find. It is positively an unsafe place in which to confine criminals, for the building is so poorly constructed, and is now in so decayed a state, that a general jail delivery may be expected at

The Sentinel learned that Hon: A. G. Blair wired the minister of agriculture at Ottawa last evening, requesting him not to take any action in the matter of the removal of cattle quarantine regulations pending his return, as he has important points to lay before him, which affected the interests of British Columbia cattle men.

NEW DENVER.

(Vernon News.) The price of wheat is higher in this district now than it has been for years. 'The Armstrong mill is offering \$25 per

We are glad to note that this year no poultry has been imported for the holi-day trade. This district now supplies all that the home market demands, and the cash that formerly was sent out of the country for turkeys, geese, etc., is now kept at home.

The office of mayor will not go by acclamation this year as was at one time expected. Mr. W. A. Armstrong, as before stated, has consented to become a candidate, and now we are able to announce that Mayor Meyer will also allow his name to be put in nomina

ever known in this distrist took place last week. It commenced to snow on Friday afternoon and continued withcut intermission until early next morning, during which time fourteen inches

Mr. Charles Taylor, of Montreal, who has been in the city for several weeks, Hon George E. Foster complained has been giving careful attention to the mining interests of this section, and it is probable that he will make some investments in this section before his return to the east. Mr. Taylor is intorested in he manufacture of an im proved quartz crusher and also a machine for saving gold in placer diggings, both of which he is anxious to introduce here if he can find a suitable lo-

MIDWAY. Midway Advance.

Mr. D. A. Carmichael came over from properties are changing hands and boiling subs ratum by giant hands and more men are being put to work every day.

Development is rapidly progressing on the coal claim at Rock creek, as during the past week the tunnel has been extended some fifty feet, all in solid this coal were brought to Midway a few days ago and the product is already being generally used by blacksmiths and

The Joe Dandy deal has at last come

among some of the richests and bests in Camp Fairview, and the company are Montreal Herald: Commenting on the to be congratulated upon getting hold Joe Dandy, and although put through a three-stamp mill, it was of such a rich shafts, tunnels and drifts, and to do

> ROSSLAND. The Rosslander.

The last assay from the Imperial shows \$45 in gold. The tunnel is down 30 feet with a crosscut tunnel of 75 feet.

Work on the Pheonix is proceeding very satisfactorily. The shaft is down 28 feet, and as depth is attained the ore improves. The last assay gives a return of \$38 in gold.

The tunnel of the International is now in about 40 feet, and on Saturday the men encountered a rich body. The whole face of the tunnel shows high grade stuff.

At the Red Eagle the work of running the crosscut to tap the rich ledge recently struck is being continued, and some very fine ore has already being struck, The ore in the shaft is widening out and covers the whole bottom.

The heaviest snow fall of the season was oh Friday night and Saturday morning. A large gang of men was put to work on the railway clearing the tracks. The job was a God-send to many of the poor fellows who have been long idle. They were paid \$2 per day.

So many have come to Rossland during the summer to work but are now out of employment that there is likely to be considerable suffering from want of the necessities of life. Again we have to state that Rossland is no place for a working man to come to row unless he has money enough to keep in case of emergency at a cost of about \$10 a week until the middle of April.

(Rossland Miner.)

There is no longer any doubt as to the richness of the ore in the Giant shaft. from the bottom of the shaft showed Smal Pil. Smal Dose. An assay completed yesterday of ore

HALLECTER CONTROL STORE IN SOID THE ASSAY WAS made from feet wide and may, therefore, be considered representative. Very good as-says, have been had all along from the shaft, but none have been so high as the one just obtained.

The shaft of the Palo Alto is looking exceedingly well. It is now down 80 feet, with three feet of good ore in the in gold. The Palo Alto company will probably order a steam hoist and a pump. The condition of the mine certainly justifies such an expenditure This property has been strangely overpretty sure to be heard from in looked. It is now among the most promising mines of the camp and is future. It is owned principally in Vic-

Dave Goggin, a miner employed at the War Eagle mine, nearly crushed the skull of Dan Murphy, a fellow workman, with a stove poker about 9:30 o'clock last night. The difficulty took place in the bunk house of the War Eagle. Murphy was moved immediately to the Sister's hospital and Goggin was arrested by Constable Ross and locked up. The men tell widely different stories concerning the difficulty, but the condition of Murphy is evidence that he got decided the worst of the battle.

> GRAND FORKS. Grand Forks Miner

Negotiations are now pending for the sale of the Keystone and Observation properties, on Observation mountain, to It is reported that seven men are em ployed on the Lalla Rookh, and three shifts working on the Edison group in the Christina Lake district.

A strong company is expected to take hold of the Coin claim in Summit camp in the near future. They will undoubtedly make a mine of it. The Little Giant is still showing up

finely. A splendid ledge of quartz has been opened and every indication points to the Little Giant being a winner.

A rich strike is reported on the Columbia mine, on Volcano mountain. The ore is said to be a high grade sulphide, and a very strong lead is being shown

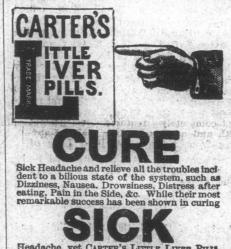
A sale was made this week of a half interest in the Spokane, fractional claim which is said to be the half original focation on Volcano mountain, by W. K. White to W. H. Russell.

Late report from Christina Lake give great promise of that section becoming a wonderful mineral producer. A large number of claims in that section are being worked this winter.

JAVA'S "ISLAND OF FIRE."

The greatest natural wonder in Java is the "Gheko Kamdka Gumko," or "Home of the Hot Devils," known to the world as the "Island of Fire." This geological singularity is in reality a lake of boiling mud, situated in about the centre of the plains of Grobogana, and is called an island because the great emerald sea, of vegetation which surrounds it gives that appearance. The "Island" is about two miles in circumference, and is situated at a distance of almost fifty miles from Solo. Near the centre of this geological freak in mense columns of soft, hot mud may be se 'n continually rising and falling like great timbers thrust through the then again quickly withdrawn. Besides the phenon enon of the boiling mud columns there are scores of gigantic bubbles of hot share that fill up like huge balloons and keep up a series of constant explosions, the intensity of the detonations varying with the size or the bubbles. In times past, so the Javanese authorities say, there was a tall, spiral like column of black mud on the west side of the lake which constantly belched a pure stream of cold water, but this has long been obliterated and everything is now a seething mass of bubbling mud and slime, a marvel to the visitors who come from great distances to see it.

-In the current issue of the Gazette Wilson & Campbell, solicitors, give notice that they will apply at the next sitting of the legislature to extend the time to complete the Cariboo Railway is solicitor for a company that is asking for the necessary legislation to enable character it easily paid all the expenses it to construct a railway from Vancouver to Trail. The proposed line is to run via New Westminster, and power is concerned in enterprises, financial, com- a dozen men at work at present and asked to construct a branch to some point on the Gulf of Georgia. Mr. F. B. Ward is solicitor for another railway thoroughly develop the claims with company which seeks incorporation to construct a railway from Ashcroft to



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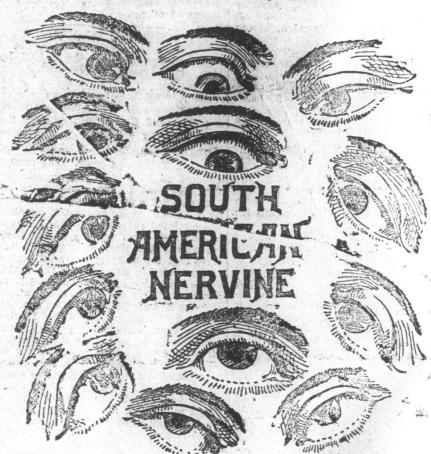
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Expedition Safely After an Exper

New York, Dec. 2 World from Key W lone star flag of Cu and yellow banner The shrapne vs of a brave fili nswer to the roar inders and have g he first victory on The filibustering Friends sailed from Sunday night, Dec. able cargo of munit Cuban insurgents. gilance of the Unit and revenue cutters sail upon the ocean with about 50 men, distance of Cuba on when she was surp fired upon. She Spanish coaster, frig boat and escaped fro

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Filibuster Three Friends, Gets Away With a Spanish Coaster and a Cruiser.

Expedition Safely Landed in Cuba After an Exciting Experience.

New York, Dec. 24.-A special to the World from Key West, Fla., says: The lone star flag of Cuba has met the red and yellow banner of Castille upon the seas. The shrapnel, shell and rifle volleys of a brave filibusterer have made answer to the roar of Spanish twelvepounders and have gained for Cuba libre the first victory on the seas.

The filibustering steamer Three Friends sailed from Fernandina, Fla., Sunday night, Dec. 13, carrying a valuable cargo of munitions of war for the Cuban insurgents. After eluding the vigilance of the United States warships and revenue cutters and dodging every sail upon the ocean, the little steamer, with about 50 men, was within hailing distance of Cuba on the sixth night out, when she was surprised, trapped and fired upon. She threw a shot into a Spanish coaster, frightened off a big guapoat and escaped from a swift cruiser by steering out to sea.

The Three Friends put in again to the coast and safely landed her cargo on the border of the great Zapata swamp. Not efore in Cuba's struggle for liberty has the flag of Spain been fired upon at sea. No other filibuster, after having been attacked by the enemy, has stood by her guns and fulfilled her perilous mission. The account of this history-making trip

is as follows: "As Cuba was neared about midnight last Saturday, a two-pound shell buzzed and tore through our rigging, and five minutes later the naval battle was in

"Early on the morning of Friday, the 18th inst., Cape San Antonio, at the Western extremity of Cuba, was rounded. A stiff breeze was blowing off the land and the ship was headed south-

"It was known that the battleship Reina Mercedes, the cruiser Alfonso XIII, and the coaster Dos De Maio were patrolling the Pinar del Rio south coast. The sealed orders from the New York junta were opened an hour after the cape had been passed. They gave no direction as to the course the vessel should take, its destination alone being mentioned. The orders of the junta

"'Sail to the mouth of the San Juan and there await a party of insurgents, who will take charge of the cargo. Do not attempt to land men or munitions at any other point.'

"The orders caused a sensation, A consultation was held immediately in the cabin attended by Captain John O'Brien, Navigator Captain Lewis, Major Perez Morales, commander of the land expedition, and Lieut.-Col Calvo, sea command-Major Arnos was also called in.

"But what was to be done? The 'Nearly every officer aboard had warned the junta that he would not attempt to land an expedition near the San Juan river. The steamer Bermuda had tried to, and had been fired upon and driven away by a Spanish coaster, while th cargo of the Dauntless, after having been put ashore, was captured. steamer had stolen away from the Un-

ited States, and had already covered three-quarters of the distance to her ordered distination. She had weathered heavy storms and was staunch. The crew was a picked one, and the soldiers aboard were barve and determined. "'We'll land at the San Juan if we have to sail through hell to do it,' said

Captain Lewis. 'Keep a good head on, but don't waste any coal,' was the word sent down Chief Engineer Dunn,

When fifty miles south of the cape the course was changed to north by northeast, against a dead wind. When night fell we were within thirty miles from land, following an eastern line. Saturday morning was clear and beautiful. The vessel was placed under a small head of steam and went easily in a calm sea,

"About the decks all was astir. Boxes of arms, cartridges and dynamite stored in the holds, were carried on deck, and put in convenient positions for landing Each man who was to land with the party had his personal effects bundled together and ready to be cast into the first boat. The Three Friends was several hours in making her way to the proper place to effect a landing. When all was in readiness and the coast seemed entirely clear. On the lower deck amidships the first boat's crew, armed with machetes and revolvers,(stood ready to arm the large surf hoat which was

dready swung over the side. 'The crew consisted of Lieutenants John Gorman, and Privates Amerilo, Arcano and Edgardo. Major Perez Morales and Dr. Bonjardine, who were also to go ashore in the first boat, stood at he gangway.

Behind the first boat's party stood a lozen men armed with machetes and Remingtons along the line to repel ing rockets calling for assistance. boarders. None of the others were armried in their belts, as the rifles and ma-

"On the prow, night glasses in hand,

San Juan. In a moment more the black of land. shape of the coaster was seen darting along the shore, came the coaster.

riflemen along the stern rail upon the ran up the steam and the fast craft upper deck. Maj. Morales was in swept away. Emerging from the keys

and another solid shot splashed in the vessels fired on her for half an hour. water, several rods nearer the vessel. Pursued and pursuer were each undera direct line.

Maj. Morales. "Gunner Michael Welsh, who with his crew had stood by the 12-pounder the vessel has just returned from landin the bow, heard the command with joy and called out to Capt. O'Brien to swing the ship around. In a minute the filibuster was almost broadside to the

"The latter boomed forth again and the smoke had not cleared away before the Hotchkiss in our prow belched forth the coaster, squarely over her engines. youthful folly, excesses or overwork, Henderson Bros., whole The shell did not burst, but the Spani- will take heart and write to me, I will toria and Vancouver.

"Again came a flash from the coaster her and a race ensued. The Spanish "Capt. Lewis then ran among the keys and escaped the Spanish war ves-

charge, as there is really no doubt that

ing arms and ammunition in Cuba. A MESSAGE TO MEN. Proving That True Honesty and True Philanthropy Still Exist

If any man who is weak, nervous and debilitated, or who is suffering from any and sent a shell between the masts of of the various troubles resulting from

experienced by them in many years.
On Sept. 22, when in lattitude 34 deo'clock on Wednesday morning from the Dominion, which took no little time, grees south, longitude 47 degrees west, coast, and spent the day in the city. that any minister could form reasonable the Simla encountered a very heavy gale which lasted three days. On the 25th a big sea broke over the deck disabling five of the city and district were made in existing legislation. It might be that men. The injured sailors were in their known. A special request was made that Kamleops should be aided to a direct connection with any longitude 52 degrees west, a series of line from Kootenay to the coast section of the west, but he believed that in existing legislation. It might be that at this juncture the influence of the more thickly populated east might appear to tell against the interests of a section of the west, but he believed that Pursued and pursuer were each under full steam and smoke was pouring from their funnels. They were now about 800 yards apart. Then the Spaniar fired for the third time, falling a lard fired for the time that lard fired for the time that lard fired for the third time, falling a lard fired for the time that the section of the connection with any long that the lard fired for the time that the section of the connection with any long that the lard fired for the time that the section of the connection with any long that the lard fired for the time that the section of the connection with any long that the lard fired for the time that the section of the connection with any long that the lard fired for the time that the section of the connection with any long that the lard fired for the time that the section of the connection with any long that the lard fired for the time that the section of th d fired for the third time, falling a er Three Friends, Capt. Lewis, arrived w rods astern of the filibuster, but in here this afternoon. The captain says the deck continually, washing away the forecastle doors. The boats were also which was represented as lifely to the abolition of the cattle quarantine, which was represented as lifely to the abolition of the cattle quarantine, which was represented as lifely to the abolition of the cattle quarantine, which was represented as lifely to the abolition of the cattle quarantine, which was represented as lifely to the abolition of the cattle quarantine, which was represented as lifely to the abolition of the cattle quarantine, which was represented as lifely to the abolition of the cattle quarantine, which was represented as lifely to the abolition of the cattle quarantine, which was represented as lifely to the abolition of the cattle quarantine, which was represented as lifely to the abolition of the cattle quarantine, which was represented as lifely to the abolition of the cattle quarantine, which was represented as lifely to the abolition of the cattle quarantine, which was represented as lifely to the abolition of the cattle quarantine, which was represented as lifely to the abolition of the cattle quarantine, which was represented as lifely to the abolition of the cattle quarantine, which was represented as lifely to the abolition of the cattle quarantine, which was represented as lifely to the abolition of the cattle quarantine, which was represented as lifely to the abolition of the cattle quarantine, which was represented as lifely to the abolition of the cattle quarantine, which was represented as lifely to the abolition of the cattle quarantine, which was represented as lifely to the abolition of the cattle quarantine, which was represented as lifely to the abolition of the cattle quarantine, which was represented as lifely to the abolition of the cattle quarantine, which was represented as lifely to the abolition of the cattle quarantine, which was repr labored heavily in seas that constantly injury. New buildings for federal offices sight of and that the case they made out for the continuation of the present usual courteous reply, promising atten- regulations would receive fullest considtion to the various matters touched up- eration. After hearing some friends continually on in the address. He again referred to the British Columbia Scuthern land to the British Columbia Scuthern land heartily applauded. Col. Domville, M. and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Fleck, of Anaheim, California, purchased a bottle

Nest Pass railway question. Mr. Blair's

| Distribution of the Division Colonial Southern and Propagation and Aulay Morrison, M.P., spoke briefly and were also cordially received. of it for his own use and is now as en- advice to the people was: Hold on to ed. In the evening a grand banquet thusiastic over its wonderful work as your land. Don't part with the valu- was held, at which Mr. McIntosh, presiable assets nature has showered upon dent of the Board of Trade, took the For sale by all druggists. Langley & you. Don't hand over to any monopolistic corporation the sources of your wealth or in very short order you will

continued, and then came a flash of light from the Spaniard. A second later came the crack of a two-pounder, and then there was the hiss of a shell a few rods to the starboard.

"Word was passed on the filibrater that all must fight. A few men broke copen the cartridge and rifle boxes, and soon the entire party was armed. Sharpshooter Gorman gathered his of oil on the furnace fires soon the starboard gathered his of oil on the furnace fires soon was landed and safely carried in the Flint lost a man in a heavy sea, which is a man in a heavy sea, which swept the deck from stem to the interior.

The Simia comes from Liverpool, which swept the deck from stem to the interior.

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CONSUMPTION CURED,

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve haman suffering. I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this receipt, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper. W. A. Noyes, 820 Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y.

SIMPLE TEST FOR TYPHOID.

Little is now spoken of in the realm of bacteriology as being impossible or beyond the reach of science, but the latest discovery in that branch of medicine has aroused the whole profession and set every important laboratory in the country at work. It is of more interest to the world at large than most scientific discoveries seem, for it is of immediate benefit to the public, and the new knowedge can at once be put to practical use. What has been found, in brief, is a test for the early diagnosing of typhoid fever, the disease that so frequently baffles physicians and is often not recognized as typhoid until it is well advanced.

The new test, known as the blood test, has never once failed in the hundreds of tests made in this country and abroad and now it is an accepted scientific fact. Within the last few days, the bacteriological laboratory of the board of health, says the New York Herald, has set the seal of confirmation on this new system of typhoid diagnosis by announcing that they have made this fall more than 160 tests, and all with success.

The new test in detail is beautifuly, simple. From a complicated scientific process it is reduced to a few movements of the hand of an expert bacteriologist, and all is done. The drop of dried blood taken from the lobe of the ear or the tip of the finger of a suspected typhoid patient and sent to the laboratory on a card is mixed with sterilized water and a fraction of it put on a microscopic slide. To this drop, or a portion of a drop, of pure typhoid culture is added. This typhoid culture is part and portion of a laboratory's outfit nowadays, and has been ever since this discovery was made. The slide is then put under the microscope.

Now, as these experiments have proved one of two things will happen. Either the typhoid germ existed in that portion of the drop of blood mixed with the typhoid culture or it did not. No ordinary microscopic investigation can tell anything conclusive about that drop of plood unmixed. But—and this is one of the mysteries of science—as soon as the mixture on the slide is brought within the field of vision, and the bacteriologist can distinctly see it, the bacilli of typhoid already existing in the typhoid culture either move about as before or there s a cessation of the rush to and fro of these minute bodies and an agglutination of concentration of the organisms

into large clusters. If the bacilli move and keep separate there is no typhoid in the blood of the person under examination. If the bacilli cluster and stay quiet typhoid exists, or else has existed in the system within six years, a matter which can very easily be learned from the patient

himself. No febrile diseases, no malaria or any other malady in the blood will cause this concentration of bacilli. This the experiments have conclusively established.

The test is therefore absolute. The discovery was originally made by Robert Pfeiffer of Berlin, Koch's assistant, in the fall of 1894, but he kept the secret to himself for many months, and it was not until late in 1895 that other European scientists were working actively on it. Gruber and Durham, in Berlin, confirmed Pfeiffer, Gruber much simplifying the process. Widal, in Paris, made at the same time a series of important experiments, writing at length regarding their success in spring of this year, and Bordet published an article relating the history of

what had been done. Widal's process was much simpler than either Pfeiffer's or Gruber's, but it remained for a Canadian, Wyatt Johnson, of Montreal, bacteriologist to the board of health there, to devise a test along the same scientific lines, but so simple that it could readily be put into operation and results obtained quickly.

More Curative P.

is contained in a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla than in any other similar preparation. It costs the proprietor and manufacturer more. It costs the jobber more and is worth more to the consumer. It has a record of cures unknown to any other preparation. It is the best to buy hecause it is the One True Blood

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ards seemed paralyzed with fear. shrapnel from the Hotchkiss ended the fight, as the Spaniards sailed away, fir-

"The call for assistance was prompted except with revolvers, which they car- ly answered, for while the filibuster was swinging into position to allow the chetes had been returned for transfer | Hotchkiss to play upon the enemy, a gunboat double the size of the coaster appeared on the port bow. She opened stood Captain Lewis, Major Arnas, and Engineer Pagluchi. The remainder of the range. Gunner Welsh rammed home fire with heavy guns, but did not have the expedition had gathered along the another shraprel into the gun on the rails on the port side as the vessel steam- prow and yanked the lanyard. The shell ed almost in the shadow of the rocky flew straight for the gunboat and burst directly over her. It was answered by When the filibuster was within 400 a still heavier thunder from the gun-Yards of shore the engineer discovered boat returning shell for shell. The shot moving object in the darkness under from the Spaniard disabled two of the he lee and informed Capt. Lewis that landing boats of the filibuster, but did e saw a coaster. Without further ado no other damage. The Hotchkiss was he filibuster turned swiftly to star- again loaded with shrapnel, and the poard and pointed for the open sea. next discharge struck the cruiser amidew persons aboard had seen the Span- ships. Then the Three Friends put on Capt. O'Brien, after allowing his steam, leaving the warship, possibly ship to scamper three or four hundred disabled, but at all events silent and yards, hove to, then backed toward the defeated, our of sight behind a point

"As the cargo of the Three Friends cut in the direction of the Three was being landed the Spanish coast Friends. Away steamed the filibuster patrol came up, and a fierce fight enand behind, emerging from the shadow sued between them and the Cubans sent "For a few minutes the exciting race his camp. After two hours of fighting roughly handled and nearly wrecked and was missing.

send him confidentially and free of "Several men on the lower deck op- charge the plan pursued by which ened fire with their rifles and this was was completely restored to perfect followed by a rattling velley from the health and manhood, after years of sufline of men on the upper deck. The fering from Nervous Debility, Loss of Vigor and Organic Weakness.

I have nothing to sell and therefore want no money, but as I know through my own experience how to sympathize with such sufferers, I am glad to be able to asist any fellow being to a cure. I am well aware of the prevalence of quackery, for I myself was deceived and imposed upon until I nearly lost faith in mankind, but I rejoice to say that I am now perfectly well and happy once more and am desirous therefore to make this certain means of cure known to all. If you will write to me you can tely on being cured and the proud satisfaction of having ben of great service to one in need will be sufficient reward for my trouble. Absolute secrecy is assured. Send 5 c. silver to cover postage and address, Mr. George G. Strong, North

ROUGH PASSAGES.

May Flint at 'Frisco.

ships Simla and May Flint dropped anchor in the harbor on Thursday after a CRUSOE'S ISLAND.

Mariners Declare That the Fabled Island Has Been Destroyed.

San Francisco, Dec. 26-A few weeks ago a vessel putting in at Lisbon, after destruction by volcanic action of Juan Fernandez Island, famous as the fabled from the deck of his vessel. The report was not given credence at the time zines. But Capt. Powles, of the British ship James Kerr, now in port, asserts that the story is generally believed by seafaring men all over the world.

The James Kerr recently arrived from Newcastle, New South Wales, where she was laid up four months on account of the coal mine strike. Capt. Powles met a very large number of master mariners there, and says that' the de-Arrival of the British Ships Simla and struction of the island was a matter of great cities, from half a dozen to a doze common gossip among them. The captain himself has not passed within sight San Francisco, Dec. 26.—The British of the island since September, 1889, blue Sinks and May Flint dropped an when he secured an excellent protowhen he secured an excellent proto-quarantine regulations, specially refer-He says that some of the captains who he had noted carefully the views exterribel voyage up the west coast of arrived in Newcastle while he was pressed therein and by others with by Gen. Gomez to escort the cargo into South America, in which the Simla was there verified the report that the island whom he had come in contact during

become the hewers of wood and drawers of water for the few to whom you have entrusted your wealth. It would be his duty, Mr. Blair added, to stand between the people and any

such corporations, and to prevent the happening of so grave a calamity as the one he had depicted. The Crow's Nest a trip around Cape Horn, reported the Pass Railway and its extension to the coast should be under the control of the people, with the power to impose rates home of Robinson Crusoe. The master and authority to regulate its manageclaimed to have seen the catastrophe ment. Happily for the country the road cannot be built without the substantial pecuniary aid of the government and that aid would not be forthcoming unby scientific men, and many denials less the people's rights were properly were printed in the papers and maga- safeguarded. The government can and will insist upon, as a condition of assistance, the release from their grip of the tremendous monopolistic powers entailed upon those who have secured the 15,000,000 acres of land, with its wealth of coal and timber, with the charter for the construction of the British Columbia Southern. Freed from monopolistic greed, fair freight rates and easy means of egress and ingress, several en, may be looked for in this province before many years have elapsed.

Regarding the matter of the cattle the morning. The cattle men of the

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BRIEF LOCALS

Gleanings of City and Provincial News na Contented Form.

From Saturday's Daily.

B. Haigh, formerly circulation agent for the Times, has returned from South orchestra will furnish the music.

of Nelson with water from Anderson duction of assessments.

-Rev. Solomon Cleaver on Christmas Eve united the fortunes of William Hawksby and Miss Emma Wilson, The wedding was performed at the residence of Mr. Tyler, 51 Hillside avenpe.

-Ah Sing, a Chinese, was arrested by Constable Anderson this morning given by the ladies of Hope Lodge No. charged with stealing the sum of 1, Degree of Honor, in the A. O. U. W. \$17.50. He will be brought before the hall on Tuesday evening. At midnight police magistrate on Monday morning. an excellent supper will be provided by

-A former resident of this city Mr. P. D. McMillan, now of Griswold, Man., was married at Wood Lake, Minn., on eldest daughter of Mr. William Gerrie.

-Donations are thankfully acknowledged by the treasurer of the Refuge Home Committee from the mayor and council of \$25 and from Mr. S. M Robins, of Nanaimo, of five tons of coal.

-The editor of the Hamilton Templar, W. W. Buchanan, one of Canada's leading temperance lecturers, is expected soon in this city. He will deliver a series of temperance lectures.

-This week's Official Gazette contains a notice that application will be made at the coming session of the provincial legislature to incorporate Greenwood City in Yale district and Rossland in West Kootenay.

Glenroy Clunes. The deceased, who native of New Westminster and only thirty-three years of age. The funeral took place this afternoon.

-Last evening at the residence of Mr. Marshall, 109 Fisguard street, in the presence of a number of friends, Rev. Annie C. Russell, late of Lanarkshire, tion. Scotland

-On Thursday evening the ninetysecond drawing of the Vancouver Island Building society was held. The committee were as follows: Messrs. H. A. Munn; W. Scott and J. H. Meldram. Ninety-two was the successful number, and will probably send the boys back which was held by Mr. C. Booth and by the next steamer. Mrs. Mary Shaw.

-For the first time in many years, having been made by the city police. There was not even an ordinary drunk gathered in. More latitude was given than on other days, and the police overlooked those who were doing nothing worse than celebrating Christmas day.

-Preparations are all but completed Regiment (by permission of Col. Gregwill be in attendance capable committee and a good time is assured to all who attend.

-The remains of the late Mrs. W. J. Deasy were laid to rest this morning in Ross Bay Cemetery at 10 a.m. Rev. Nicolaye officiated at the church and Father Althoff at the cemetery. The following gentlemen acted as W. P. Smith, Thos. Kinsey, Jas Hay, and Chas. Bush.

-A private letter, received from a friend at Steveston, states, incidentally, that at least three new canneries are to be built in that vicinity, in time for next year's salmon run. One of these is being put up by the Colonial Canning Co., number of Newfoundland fishermen, and will be located between the Bain and the Todd canneries. It is said that R. V. Winch, of Vancouver, will also build a cannery near there, while it is sistants. The little folks acquitted understood the old Phoenix, which was themselves well and will count the days burned, will be rebuilt. Columbian.

-Referring to an entertainment given by the Misses Webling, who will appear at the drill hall an Tuesday and Wednesday evening next, assisted by Herr Adolph Freimuth, violin soloist, and the 5th Regt. band, the Winnepeg Tribune entertainment given by the Misses Webling last night at the Bijou attracted a ing secretary, Hansen Firth; financial large and fashionable audience. The secretary James B. Colvin; lecture masfavorable opinion of the Misses Webling | ter, James Tagg; conductor, Walter created when last they appeared before Noble; treasurer, I. T. Pearce; warden, the Winnepeg public was not lessened by Samuel Fulk; and representative to last night's performance; in fact they have gained more confidence, and evidence a marked improvement, no doubt achieved by travel and wider experience. The dresses and setting were all that could be desired and in excellent taste. Miss Lucy, who is very clever, sang with great sweetness and danced with exquisite grace and refinement in her own sketch of the great Dominion, entitled "Fair Canada," the characters repre-(Rosalind,) and Winter (Lucy,) which Mr. Snider and Mr. Rennie. was enthusiastically received, and for which the young ladies were accorded well merited applause."

-Miss Stella Wilson was the winner of the large Christmas cake raffled at Messrs. Kippen & Bottsford's.

-On account of the holidays the weekly whist tournament of the J. B. A. A. will not be held this week. -Segher's Council 'Y. M. I.. will elect

officers to-night. The sixth of their whist parties will be held in their hall. View street, on Wednesday evening. -The Spring Ridge Methodist church

Sunday school will hold their annual Christmas tree entertainment to-morrow, Tuesday, the 29th at 8 o'clock. -A small fire occurred at the New-

port lodging house on Yates Street on Saturday evening. The blaze was extinguished without the aid of the fire department.

-Why carry old line life insurance

-A social and dance will be given by the Daughters of England in the A. O. U. W. hall on January 1st. Lt.-Col. Prior will act as chairman. The Wolff

-The electors of South Victoria will -Incorporation will be asked at the meet to-morrow evening at Cedar Hill coming session of the provincial legis- school house to further consider the pelature for a company to supply the town tition to the government asking for a re-

> -Petitions are being circulated in the city approving of Mr. Sorby's harbor improvement scheme. The petition will afterwards be sent to Ottawa and the minister of public works asked to give the scheme his favorable consideration.

> -A farewell leap-year dance will be the committee in charge.

-The Natural History Society of B. C. will meet in the provincial library at the 18th inst to Miss Alberta Gerrie, 8 o'clock this evening. Mr. J. Deans will read a paper on a Chinese callendar found in Dove Creek, Cassiar, in

> -Sergeant Langley and Officer Mc-Kenna, of the provincial police force, have gone to Kamloops for the purpose of removing a number of convicts from there to the penitentiary at New West-

-A slim pocketbook will not hinder you from having a fine rain coat on Xmas day for we are selling them at cost to clear. John Partridge, Lansdowne House, 86 Yates street. Show room upstairs.

-To-morrow evening a concert will be given at their hall by the Second Victoria Company of the Boys' Brigade. On Thursday death came to Mrs. The Central Presbyterian Sunday lenroy Clunes. The deceased, who school will hold their Christmas enterdied at her husband's residence, was a tainment in conjunction with the concert

-Santa Claus will visit the Protestant Orphans' Home on Thursday ofternoon next. Donations towards the Christmas tree will be thankfully re ceived, and may be left at R. Porter W. Leslie Clay united in marriage Mr. & Son's stores. A cordial invitation is Samuel Sidwell of Saanich, and Miss extended to all friends of the institu-

> -Tiree boys named Joseph Reynolds. Herbert Northcotte and William Purdon who were living with Father Durand at Comox, ran away on Thursday last and came to Victoria on the City of Nana-imo. The provincial police were notified

-The retiring superintendent of the Metropolitan Sunday school, Mr. E. A. Christmas passed without any arrests Lewis, was presented by Mr. B. Donough on behalf of the teachers and officers of the school with a very handsome gold-headed cane as a mark of esteem in which he has been held while occupying the office of superintendent.

-At the Y.M.C.A. popular concert on held on New Year's Eve. The Fifth gramme was given: Solo, Mr. Row-The supper is to be in the hands of a ing exhibition, Miss Emma Wolff; recitation, Miss Nicholls; vocal solo, Mr. Wheeler; reading, Mr. Jackman; solo, Mrs. Rowlands, and solo, Mr. Rowlands.

-The following officers were elected at the last regular meeting of Victoria lodge No. 83. Daughters of St. George. and were installed by the worthy dispallbearers: D. Henry, D. McDonald, trict deputy, Mrs. G. Penketh: W. president, Mrs. Churton; vice-president, Mrs. T. Bradbury; chaplain, Mrs. Brakes; financial secretary, Mrs. Mulcaby; recording secretary, Mrs. Nur; treasurer, Mrs. Greenhalgh, and first conductor, Mrs. Cox.

> -Last week the kindergarten classes conducted by Mrs. McNaughton on the corner of Fernwood road and Yates street held their closing exercises. The exercises evinced careful training on the part of Mrs. McNaughton and asuntil they return to their work again. The schoolroom is being repaired and beautified, and will be much improved for next term.

-At the last regular meeting of Dauntless lodge C. O. O. F., the following officers were installed by D. D. "The dramatic and musical G. M. J. Walsh: Noble grand, A. Neal: vice-grand, H. Waterson; correspond grand lodge, I. T. Pearce and James Welsh.

-All arrangements are completed for the Surprise ball to be given by the Companions of the Forest this evening. The hall is prettily decorated and a pretty souvenir is awaiting each of those who attend. The Wolff orchestra peculiar innocent and versatile way. The of seven pieces will supply the music entertainment concluded with a patriotic A nice lunch will be provided. The committee in charge are Miss Sinclair, Mrs. Trace, Mrs. Dudgeon, Mrs. Hawk, sented being Canada (Peggy.) Summer and Mrs. Lang, assisted by Mr. Trace,

-The children of St. John's Sunday school will hold their annual Christmas entertainment and Christmas tree to-morrow evening in the school room Santa Claus will appear by way of a brick chimney, the bricks of which will each contain a present and will be afterwards distributed by that genial old gentleman. A programme will be given including a farce entitled "Granny Cringles' Christmas." The entertain ment is under the patronage of Lieut. Governor and Mrs. Dewdney and Mayor and Mrs. Beaven.

-Cedar Hill school had their annual Christmas tree at the school house on the evening of December 24th. Santa Claus was lavish in his distribution of gifts and a well laden tree greeted the children. The number of presents from the section was augmented by a large number from the city obtained by Mr. Miller, secretary of the school board. A programme of songs, recitations, etc. rendered mainly by the pupils of the school, was well received. All felt that

-Next Tuesday morning the Albani subscription lists will be opened at Jamieson's book store. The Montreal Herald has the following comment on the Hall to-morrow evening will be far su-Albani concert given in the metropolis of Canada: "Last night the Windsor Hall was packed to suffocation from the gallery downwards, and even the stage had to be utilized to find room for the crowds who had been coming into the city to hear the Canadian idol-Albaniand it was just the same Albani, with the lovely voice and fascinating manners. There is nothing new that can be said about her voice, which is famous ophy and Adepts," the speaker said:

all over the world, and last night, of "Theosophy is that great ocean of burnel for at least an hour. and it was just the same Albani, with course, her reception was tremendous. knowledge which spreads from shore to

The following programme will be given at the Hogomany concert of the Sir William Wallace Society on Thursday evening: Vocal solo, "Nita Git and evening of a child." It differed waste materials. And for that reason with the ordinary religious theories of the will not let the formula become special creations, and at the same time known, for incendiaries would take adana," Mr. C. Rowlands; instrumental solo, "Scottish selections." Miss Blackie; vocal solo, "The Flowers of the Forest," Mrs. McGraw; vocal solo, "Angus Macdonald," Mrs. Rowlands; recitation, "How Martha Caught the Mouse," Mr. Irvine; dance, "Highland Fling," Mr. W. Anderson; quartette, "Annie Lawrie;" dance, "Reel 'o Tuloch,' Messrs. Munro, Russell, Jameson. and Anderson; vocal solo. "Battle of Sterling," Mr. C. Rowlands; vocal solo, "Coming thro' the Rye," Miss May Wolff; vocal solo, "The Rowan Tree," Mr. Gordon; and vocal solo, "The Dear

Home Land," Mrs. Rowlands. -At the last meeting of Milton lodge No. 311, Order Sons of St. George, the A. D. G. W. P., Thomas Bradbury, attended and installed the officers for the known to different members of the Theo and fuel itself. About a cupful can be term in their various offices and congratulated the lodge on its great advancement during the past 18 months. The auditors also presented their report, showing a great increase both financially and in membership, the past year having been the most prosperous of any in the last four years. The Sons and Daughters of St. George will hold a tea party and social gathering of the members of both lodges and their families and a few invited friends on New Year's eve, when they hope they will be able to retain their reputation of having a jolly good time together, greeting old, making many new acquaintances and spending an evening always to be looked back to with pleasure.

-The two young men, Robert Mc-Lean and William Laing, who so bravely saved three lives a year ago, were presented with the medals of the Canadian Royal Humane Society at the band concert given at the drill hall on Saturday evening. A very large attendance was present and the two young men were loudly cheered. The presentation was made by Lieut.-Governor Dewdney, and on the platform with him were Mrs. Dewdney, Hon. Col. Baker, Miss Allison, Lieut.-Col. Gregory and Mr. Herbert Kent, who was acting on behalf of the society The medals are of silver and on one side is inscribed the act for which they for the farewell leap year ball to be Saturday evening the following pro-Canadian Humane Society." lands; solo, Miss Dora Wolff; solo, Mr. medals were the gifts to the society of Grant and Mrs. Billings, of Ot-Lady tawa.

> BEHRING SEA CLAIMS. Mr. Charles Spring Continues His Evidence on the Onward Case.

> This morning at 10:30 o'clock the Behring Sea Claims Commission sumed its sitting in the legislative assembly rooms. Mr. Charles Spring, continuing his evidence under examination of Mr. Peters in the case of the Onward, said that he had fully paid the crew of the Onward for the work done by them on that vessel's sealing cruise in 1886. Some were paid up till the time of seizure and some till the time of arrival in Victoria. The Indian hunters received their lay on all the skins, on those that were seized as well as the others.

To Mr. Warren-He said that in December, 1886, the partnership existing between him (witness) and Captain A. McLean, was dissolved, witness retaining his interest in the claims against the United States government, and Captain McLean retaining his. The witnoss placed the value of scalskins in

1886 at \$7.50 each. Mr. Peters submitted letters from Captain D. Munro, of the Onward, dated from Sitka, describing the seizures and trials at Sitka, also the document dealing with the dissolution of partnership between witness and Captain Mc-Lean.

Michael Harkin, cook of the schooner Onward on her Behring Sea cruise in 1886, said there were sufficient provisions on the Onward. He told of the seizure and the towing of that vessel to Ounalaska. While there he saw some provisions taken from the Onward and put on board the steamer St. Paul. He was taken to Sitka from Ounalaska on the San Diego and from there brought to Nanaimo on the United States revenue cutter Corwin. They were taken to Victoria by Mr. Spring.

To Mr. Lansing-None of the crew of the Onward went on board the St. Paul An adjournment was then taken until 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

THE WEBLING SISTERS.

Attraction for To-Morrow Night at the Drill Hall.

Speaking of the Webling Sisters, who appeared at the Vancouver opera house compound. But he found the material last Saturday evening, the daily News-Advertiser of yesterday says: "The entertainment given last night in the opera house by the Misses Webling was an excellent one. Those present were most enthusiastic and, whenever occasion afforded, loudly expressed their appreciation of the efforts of the enter- floor. Mr. Floyd thought nothing about tainers.

"The programme was a mixed one, including pretty nearly everything in the down found that the soft paste which way of artistic and finished acting, had fallen out of the bottle had become graceful dancing and cultured singing. The Misses Webling showed themselves accomplished artists, decidedly clever on the spot, stamping it out, as he

"With the Misses Webling is Miss

the cost in the safe, solid and reliable tremely grateful to Santa Claus for his piece on the programme was a piano so- floor, and it was eating into the wood lo by Miss Macfarlane, which was loud- every moment. He threw several buc

ly applauded and which merited the outspoken appreciation it received."

The programme for the Webling Sisters' Victoria engagement at the Drill perior to that at Vancouver, as the Misses Webling will be assisted by Herr Freimuth, Mr. W. North and the Fifth Regiment Band.

THE THEOSOPHISTS.

She was down to sing five songs and shore of the evolution of sentient becovery might be put, Mr. Floyd has sang nine, and then the audience wantings. Unfathomable in its deepest never made the secret of the ingrediparts, it gives the greatest minds their ents public; but he says that the cost fullest scope, yet shallow enough at of making it is so small that it can its shores, it will not overwhelm the easily be used instead of the cheapest with the modern scientific one, which vantage of itand no place would be safe did not admit the existence of a soul in from burning. Those who use oil or man. Theosophy says that "man is a dynamite or powder can easily be tracsoul." and that this soul is immortal ed, as some preparation is necessary and never had a beginning but has albut with this liquid fire a criminal who ways existed. And as evolution went knew its composition could burn his way forward it would evolve a more perfect noiselessly through any door or set any instrument than the body, which it house on fire by throwing against it a functions through at the present day. noiseless ball of the composition. Man could take this evolution into his tion carried to its highest, for it event- All forms of heat except that of elecexamine the histories of the different steady glow for an hour. religions and peoples, for they all have had their saviours. Jesus, Moses and the kitchen, and stoves can be dispens-Abraham were all sent to the Jews at ed with altogether as entirely useless stated times, and these were men from In order to fry anything it is only nethe great brotherhood of adepts. But cessary to hand the pan from a wire more, these adepts, or masters, are giv- an hour. So that the cook of the fuing their knowledge to the world, ture can take her fire out into the counthrough the Theosophical Society. And try: it can be used in cooking in campthe "great theosophical crusade" round work of heating furnaces, of burning the world, that the people may have fires in grates, or running motors can the old teaching in regard to the exist- be done by a harmless little spoonful of ence of the soul after death of the paste, which can be taken around in body and its reincarnation after a peri- the vest pocket. od of rest, pointing out also what re lation each soul has to one another and for the subject is yet in its infancy, to a race. When men come to under the inventor thinking but of the harm stand that selfishness, greed, vice, cruelty, war and bloodshed are simply the experiments. He, however, says he inresult of looking at ourselves as safeguards from the rest of humanity. Then about this explosionless, noiseless, unthey will cease these vices and begin to quenchable paste, which is fire pure and practice universal brotherhood, which is the fundamental teaching of theosophy. and the great "masters of wisdom."-Com.

ORIENTAL ADVICES.

Two New Japanese Lines to Run Across the Pacific.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—The steamship Peru arrived from Honolulu and Yokohama. Although these ports have been declared infected the steamer was not quarantined on arrival here as she had a clean bill of health. The Peruv brings the following Oriental news: One of the Coreans who was recently arrested at Seoul on the charge of attempting to restore the King to the parace from the Russian legation, where his majesty is now seeking shelter, is reported to have been executed without

trial. The China Gazette states that a severe famine prevails in Chaun Tung Szesceun province owing to the disastrous floods, which ruined the crops. There have been many lives lost. Yokohama merchants have applied to

the government for charters for two new steamship lines, one to run from Hongkong to San Francisco and the other between Yokohama and San Francisco via Honolulu and Vancouver.

FLOYD'S WONDERFUL FIRE. A Paste Which, When Once Ignited. Nothing Can Put Out.

There is a fire that never dies, and it is here, and in this world, too. This strange fire is of the consistency of paste, and is harmless while in a quiet state. The friction caused by rubbing it against a hard surface, will however. set it aglow, and nothing will extinguish the flames, which will burn with blue light and an intense heat until the compound is completely destroyed by combustion. Water has no effect upon it: it can be made into balle and thrown anywhere, and it will burn with a slow but fierce combustion which makes it unlike any known fire.

Lynamite and gunpowder requires a spark to ignite them, and powder produces an explosion, not a regular fire. To ignite this compound there is just the slightest friction of rubbing it against some ordinary substance. There is no explosion or rapid spreading of flames, but a strange pasty substance composed of living fire, which cannot be stamped out or killed in any known

John Floyd, the discoverer, has been for several years delving in all sorts of chemicals, as his numerous inventions required constant study. One day he wished to make a certain substance with which to experiment, and for that purpose placed in a liquid some waste substance which he thought would, when dissolved, produced the wished-for he wanted before the liquid dissolved, so he left the jar containing the solution on the shelf for several weeks, thinking no more about it.

Finally he thought of using the jar, and, when lifting it down from the shelf, some of the liquid spilt on the the matter till he noticed a sensation of heat about his feet, and on looking a mass of soft, flickering flames, emitting an intense heat. He put his foot and versatile. The costuming was most thought, and turned to his work.

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when much more desirable protection they had spent a very pleasant evening | Elsie Macfarlane, a most accomplished fire paste was still steadily burning, that can be secured at less than one-third and returned to their homes feeling ex-

kets of water on the stuff, but the water had no effect other than to be converted into puffs of steam, and the fire burned steadily on, cutting its way through the soft pine flooring. As the experiments were being conducted in the back of a drug store, which was filled with dangerous chemicals he knew that something must be done to

put a stop to its ravages or the whole place would be blown to pieces. After many fruitless attempts to put Afraid of the uses to which this dis-

The cost of making this liquid fire is own and by living a pure and noble life so small that it can be easily used in for the benefit of humanity his mind would expand and grow life after life until such times as he should have gained all experience. And this was evolutely foreign to those of fire as known to us. ually made man a god. Such, the speaker said, were "the adepts," and of a furnace and be constantly supplied they were in existence to-day and with fuel, but this fire is both flame sophical Society. And we have only to set on fire and it will burn with a

This wonderful fire can be utilized in humanity, through religions strife and and smear the bottom with a spoonful wars, has to a great extent lost the of the liquid. In an instant there will key as to what these men were. Once the a hot fire which will burn for over it is those "masters" who have sent ing, there will be no coal bills but the

Of its practical uses, there is no end, that might come, having stopped his tends to resume them and find out more simple.-Cincinnati Enquirer.

CENTRAL AMERICAN REPUBLIC.

Negotiations which have been for some time in progress have resulted in the formation of what is known as the "Greater Republic of Central America." Into this federation Honduras, Nicaragua and Salvador have entered, by an agreement signed last September. the conditions of which were recently public. It is hoped that Guatamaia and Costa Rica may join later, in which case the word "Greater" will be dropped, and the federation will be known simply as the Republic of Central America. Of the three partners in this alliance, Nicaragua has the largest area, though the difference between her and Honduras is not marked. Salvador, the smallest of the three republics geographically, with an area of only about one-seventh as large as that of Nicaragua, has a larger population than both of her bigger sisters. The total population of the three is about one million and a half. Under the terms of the agreement each of the three republics entering the federation becomes a state in the new republic, with its rights of local government unimpaired. Each has an equal share in the federated government.

Instead of a single executive head, an arrangement which might provoke jealousy, the central authority is lodged in a "diet" composed of three delegates, with an equal number of substitute delegates, chosen annually by the several states. This diet will have power to enact the necessary laws for the exercise of its functions, to appoint diplomatic representatives and to act upon all questions affecting foreign relations.

One section of the constitution expressy provides for the submission of all disputes to arbitration. It is arranged that the diet shall meet in each of the capitals of the three states in turu, the order being determined by lot and the sessions to be for one year. The first session is to be at San Salvador. This is not the first time that the

attempt has been made to hold the Central American republics in a confederation. Soon after they achieved their independence from Spain they were so united; but but more than fifty years ago the slender ties which held them were broken, and since then they have been separated and often warring states.

PASSENGERS.

Per Str. Islander from Vancouver .-Geo. McLBrown, Hamilton Abbott, R S Byrne, Thos Ladner, A O'Connor, J A MacClure, G D Scott, H L Strautz, D Stewart, C Thorn, J Clifford, F H Parker, C W Johnson, Jas Mitchell, W D McIntosh and wife, Jno Hendry, C W Pratt, Rev T H McKay, Mrs. Thos McLaughlin, B Springer, J H Duncan, A Garesche, H L Macaulay, J Hudson, Jno Tyson, W Clayton, A Brenchley and wife, J P Falls, W Blair, R A Musant, Mrs Sim, Mrs Elliott, Miss Elliott, J H Noonan, G J Snow and wife.

William, a brother of C. E. Jones, and Mrs. Jones, of Walla Walla, Wash., are spending the holidays in the city. They are registered at the Driard.

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While going home about 11:30 o'clock on Christmas night, Mr. J. Sheriff, of the C. P. R., was shot at by a highwayman and narrowly escaped serious injury. Mr. Sheriff was walking along Seymour street when he heard a voice from behind say "Hands up." Mr. Sheriff walked on, and had taken three or four paces, when he heard the crack of a revolver, and a bullet whizzed past his face. This was getting rather warm, so Mr. Sheriff turned and met the highwayman, who advanced with pointed revolver. By a quick move-ment Mr. Sheriff knocked his hand aside and struck him in the face, knocking

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> the robbers probably fearing that they would be caught, beat a hasty retreat. NEW DENVER The Ledge. The Genesee, a claim on Four Mile

> > lington Company. The bond on the Exchange and Victoria will be transferred from Bremner's syndicate to R. C. Campbell-Johnstone. The Enterprise ships four carloads of ore this week. Ten tons a day are being brought to the lake, and 33 men are

has been bonded for \$20,000 to the Wel-

British Columbia.

VANCOUVER.

RECERCIONALIZATION

The steamer Capilano has arrived in

port from the northern halibut banks

with a cargo of 132,000 pounds of fish.

This is not only a record cargo, but the boat also made a world's record for a

day's fishing, catching no less than 110,-000 pounds of halibut in one day. The

fish is consigned to the New England

Advices received from the superintendent of the Two Friends, in the Slo-

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him down. The man was, however,

very quick, and jumped up and took to

his heels. On Wednesday evening last,

while George Bethune was going home

from the C. P. R. wharf, shortly after

6 o'clock, he was met by a man who

modestly demanded 50 cents. Upon Mr.

Bethune's refusing to give him the money, the man said with an oath that he would make him do it. Last Mon-

day night a man named Hanson was

held up on Westminster avenue, at the

corner of Princess street. Fifteen dol-

lars and a watch were taken from him.

It is also reported that a man named

Dan Tait was held up on Water street

on Friday morning at 4 o'clock. Some

time between three and four o'clock, the busiest part of Thursday afteroon,

a sum of money was taken out of the till in Woodward's drug store, on

Westminster avenue. Mr. Woodward

says the amount was at least \$20 in

one bill, and probably a good deal more.

While coming from Mount Pleasant on

Friday evening, Conductor J. James, of

the Consolidated Railway Company,

was with her husband, cried out, and

was held up by two men near Westmin ster avenue bridge. Mrs. James, who

Fish Company, of Boston, Mass.

working in the mine.
W. E. Bichmond has given a 30 day option on his interest in the bond on the Ocean group to M. G. McLeod; consideration to be \$8,000. Peter Linquist has disposed of a half

of his interests in the Marilla Fraction Missing Link, Young Bear, Bright Light, and Maggie claims, situated on Springer creek slope to Messrs. Back & McClennan for \$1,000.

The Jenny Lind, on Four Mile, has been purchased by Mr. Bremner, of the Wakefield, for \$4,500 cash. Four men are to be employed and he expects shortly to get out sufficient ore to pay for the

On the Silver Nugget, situated at the head of Eight Mile creek, there are six men working day and night. They have run a cross cut tunnel in 60 feet and have drifted in on the ledge for over 50 feet. The paystreak is from 5 to 15. inches wide, all high grade ore.

A one-quurter interest in the Crusader, Boulder, and Hidden Treasure has been sold to W. H. Helyar, of Brandon, Man. The purchase price is \$6,250, of which \$1,250 was paid in cash, balance on the 5th of July next.

The tunnel on the Phoenix, on the north fork of Carpenter creek, is now in 80 feet. In the last ten feet the paystreak has increased from 6 to 13 inches of almost clean ore. The indications are that it will grow wider as the ore chute is approached.

The Carnduff Mining & Development Company is the name of a new company being organized by residents of Carnduff, N.W.T., to develop properties on Lemon creek. M. A. N. Shaw, who was here last month, is one of the leading promoters. While here Mr. Shaw secured several properties which it is the intention of the directors to develop early in the spring. The head office of the com-

pany is to be in Slocan City. Holding its own through all the fluctuations of the silver market and maintaining its place as second to none among the great silver mines of the Slocan, is the Noble five. Discovered in '91 when Slocan was known but locally, this proposition has paid richly the industry of its owners. Although the bulk of the work done has been in the course of development, still some 2,000 tons of ore have been sent to the smelter, which netted the company \$130,000. The first shipment of ore which was sent out by way of Kaslo cost \$95 per ton for transportation and treatment, so that some idea of the value of the ore can be gathered when, with all these disadvantages, the property still gave good re-During the past summer, with a force of only six men, \$9,700 worth of ore was taken out in six week's time.

BURGOYNEBAY.

At the recent supplementary High School examination held in Victoria, Alexander Wilson, a pupil of Burgoyne Bay school, obtained an entrance certificate. This is the sixth pupil who has successfully passed the public ex-amination from this school district with-

n the last five years. The half-yearly meeting of the Loyal sland Union Lodge, for the election of officers, was held in the new public hall, esuvius Bay, on Saturday. Following the result of the ballot: Noble Grand,

ingale; Trustees, A. W. Cooke, W. Robertson, E. Lee; Auditors, A. W. Cooke, LECEPTALISTICAL PROPERTY. G. E. Akerman, W. Stephens. After the installation of officers by Bro. A. W. Cooke, P. M., the lodge proceeded with ordinary business. Bro. W. Robertson was elected a representative at grand lodge to meet in May next.

> SASLO. Rossland Miner.

An interesting case is being investigated by the police magistrate. A Hespeler, said to be most respectably connected in the east, is under arrest charged with obtaining money under false pre-tences. The information is laid by J. W. Cockle, of the Kaslo Hotel, and charges that he uttered and had cashed a check on the Bank of Montreal at Nelson, never having had an account at that institution. In order to obtain the evidence of the bank officials, the investigation was on Tuesday postpone for a week.

The new engine and passenger coach for the Kaslo & Slocan railway have arrived. The engine is one of the heaviest used on a narrow gauge road and will weigh with its tender sixty-five tons. It was manufactured at the Baldwin works in 1889. The new coach is

abled to make about \$20 a day per man. hood of \$50,000 for the ground, which they refused.

> ASHCROFT. B. C. Mining Journal.

Mr. Salisbury, president of the Burrard Inlet Telephone Company, says that his company will begin in the early spring and build a line through from Ashcroft to Clinton, 150-Mile House, Soda Creek, Quesnelle, Stanley and Barkerville with a branch line to Quesnelle Forks.

We are in receipt of a line from one meatly upholstered in scarlet plush and is seated throughout.

of the womers of the Maud hydraulic mine, saying, "the Maud is sold, \$5000

claim was located there was comparatively no water with which to test the ground, but by using economically what little water there was they were enabout seven feet wide was exposed and abled to make about \$20 a day per man.

The manager, Mr. Wendle, being satisfied that he had a claim, started about making preparations to start a hydraulic plant. The company has made seven feet wide was exposed and the rock is rich in free gold. A great deal of assessment work will have to be done on Cayoosh creek early in the spring. Some mill and building sites are liable to be at a premium, as the mountains on both sides of the creek of flume to convey the water to the diggings. The bridge is so constructed as to give them 100 feet pressure. This company is composed of miners located here and they deserve great credit for the manner in which they have conducted their operations. Last summer they were offered somewhere in the neighborhood of \$50,000 for the ground which copper. Several prospecting parties are to divulge the name of the man at the preparing to go to Blackwater and are head of this movement, but it can be in hopes of doing some development said that he is one of the most suc-work during the winter, and there is cessful smelter men in the country little doubt but that their labors will be amply rewarded. Bridge river is likely to show some astonishing results in quartz claims by next year and it is sure to receive its quota of daring pros-pectors after the winter is past.

ROSSLAND. Rossland Miner.

F. Lewis Clarke and Charles Sweeny of the Red Mountain mine, arrived from Spokane yesterday morning. They went A subscription list is being circulated in the city to raise the necessary funds of the city to raise the necessary funds of the mine of the city to raise the necessary funds of the mine out immediately after their arrival and to retain a solicitor to bring an action in there will be no further delay in the and the new compressor plant. They effort to secure something for their bab-

Homestake mean to thoroughly develop these properties.

The Miner is able to state that a

novement is on foot for the building of a smelting plant very near Rossland and that the site most in favor is a flat piece of ground on the Maid of Erin claim on the South Branch of Trail Creek and a little above the junction between it and the north fork. The R. so located. The Miner is not permitted that he has made many tests of Trail Creek ore and that he promises to treat these ores if the proposed smelter is built at a cost not to exceed \$7.50 per

THE STEREOTYPED STORY. Of a Man Making a Fortune in British

Columbia Returning Home. Shelbyville, Ind., Dec. 28.-Eleven

rears ago John Crim went to his home in Flat Rock from the village store and informed his wife that he had made an FATAL RESULTS

Explosion of Fire Damp in the Maule Company's Mine at Princton, Indiana.

Men Were Engaged in Repairing Damages Done by a Recent Explosion.

Princeton, Ind., Dec. 28.-A terrific explosion of fire damp occurred in the mine of the Maule Coal company, this city at 3:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and as a result nine or more men were instantly killed and four were injured. One of the four men taken out alive is dangerously injured. Besides the dead bodies recovered so far, five or six others, names unknown, are dead in the mine. The dead are:

Robert Maule, married, treasurer of the Maule Coal Company. James Riley, married. John Riley, married. John Ernest, married.

Theodore Fabre, married. Robert Ponylite and James Ponylite, brothers. James Krugy, single. John Holmes, married. The four men rescued are: Will Grim. slightly bruised; William Booker, color-

ed, bruised and cut; Frank Druyea, badly burned and may not recover; John Davis, colored, sligfihtly injured; Dave Nolan, James Turner, John Colgate, colored man, name unknown. It was at first thought that twelve

men had been killed in the mine, but Nolan, Turner, Colgate and a colored man were taken out alive just before midnight. It is now thought that the death list will be reduced to eight or

The men were at work making repairs of damages resulting from a similar explosion last Sunday. Besides the regular miners and blacksmiths others were assisting in the work, while Robt. Maule. son of President John Maule, and treasurer and mine superintendent of the company, was superintending the work. The mine has been in operation a short time and the air shaft was not quite completed, and the gas which collects in portions of the mine was ignited by an open lamp.

One year ago Friday Princeton was jubilant over the striking of a seven foot coal vein by the Maule company. But now many homes are the scenes of great sorrow, made so by the awful explosion of gas in the mine. When the mine began work the finest machinery was put in, and it was the intention of the owners to make it the finest in the state. The air shaft was not started until after the mine had been prepared to operate. Work has progressed slowly and there is still about 90 feet to excavate before it is completed. Gas has frequently accumulated in pockets and several men have been burned by small explosions. About two months ago a serious explosion occurred, in which one man was killed, and Frank Turbine, who was injured in Saturday's explosion, was injured. The state mine inspector investigated, and the work went on with a small force. It was well known that gas accumulated and that there was no way to dispel it. The miners went to their daily work without thinking of the danger they were constantly in. Last Sunday a jet of gas was fired by a blast, and it burned all night. In the morning the descent of the cages forced gas to this jet, and a terrific explosion occurred, but fortunately there was no one in the mine. Saturday about twenty men were en-

gaged in repairing the damage done by the explosion, when the fire damp again let go with terrific force, this time with deadly effect. The escape of a part of the men from instant death seems almost a miracle, when it is considered that the huge cages were blown from the shaft bottom to the top of the shaft house, over 500 feet above, by the force of the explosion. These cages were wrecked so that they were useless, and an iron bucket was improvised for a rescuing party as soon as possible after the accident. The first persons brought up after the accident were Turbine, Grim and the colored men Davis and Booker. The first was badly burned and was carried to an ambulance. Grim and Davis were apparently uninjured. Booker was cut and burned, his jaw broken and one eye was torn from its mocket. Then the rescuing party began to bring up the dead. The scenes around the mine were most pathetic. Veeping piteously in anguish were wives whom the crowd vainly tried to comfort. Mothers, daughters, sons and other relatives of the mer in the mine, with blanched faces, stood wringing their hands, and with great difficulty some men were kept from going down the shaft. Slowly the work of bringing up the bodies to the surface proceeded. It was believed that the men still in the mine were all dead, and those above only waited for their

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sponsible for the assessment and tax Cariboo. levy by-law.

BARKERVILLE. B. C. Mining Journal. A company has been formed to prospect the Canyon Ravine on Canadian Creek.

Jack Wintrip is running a tunnel on Stout's Gulch on the Newton claim. He has struck a good prospect. ground he is in now is paying about one-half an ounce per day per man. Work on the Williams Creek drain is being pushed ahead by Foreman Wool-cock. He predicts 200 feet for December. At that rate they will soon strike the bedrock, having only about 600 feet

to go. On Willow river the company has sunk a bedrock shaft 200 feet deep and is driving a tunnel through bedrock. It is expected they will have to drive 500 feet to reach the channel, of which 150

feet is completed. The Discovery claim, up Valley creek, which was located last spring by J. Wendle and others, is situated about one and a half miles from town and has

the name of some person hereafter to negotiations of this valuable property. be agreed upon, in order to test the valid- It has been sold once before this season ity of the tax levies of 1894 and 1895. but the deal was afterwards declared Singularly enough, the subscription list off. It is expected, however, this time is headed by Mr. George T. Kane, who that it will go through. It is considerwas mayor during 1893 and mainly re- ed one of the best properties in the

The Cinnibar mine, at Savonas is in cars of the Columbia & Western road splendid shape at present. A tunnel Tuesday and loaded 41 cars of the same in now 150 feet is in ore grading 1 to 5 per cent quicksilver. A new working tunnel is now started lower down. Rich streaks of ore are found all through the low grade. Twenty-three men are employed and Manager Veatch expects to gold ever made at Trail has been pro-have the new furnace in operation by duced in the last few weeks. This have the new furnace in operation by March. Comfortable buildings have been erected and all together the outlook for the only cinnibar mine under the British flag is in a very satisfactory

Mr. D. Todd Lees, of Vancouver, re presentative of the Western World, from Lillooet, where he has been examming some mining properties for a Van-couver syndicate. Mr. Lees was very greatly impressed with the Cayoose Lillooet several new finds were made

were so well pleased they gave instructions for the immediate shipment of the ore now on the dump and the continuance of shipments from this time on. made to the Tacoma smelter.

The War Eagle is making a great record now as a shipper. She loaded 14 road from Friday of last week up to Wednesday of this week. All of this ore goes to the Trail smelter and some of it is producing very rich matte. The highest grade matte in both copper and arises from the fact that both the ore from the Le Roi and the War Eagle obtained from the lower levels is much better than that found in the upper workings.

Work has been started on the long tunnel to be run through the Gopher passed through Ashcroft on Saturday and the Homestake to make a connection with the working shaft of the Homestake. This follows close upon the purchase of the Homestake property by D. M. Linnard and associates. creek section. During his short stay in The new tunnel will run 800 feet on the Gopher and 400 feet on the Homestake. ind a number of claims recorded. At It will connect with the working shaft very promising claims have just been ately put down 210 feet further. This med millinery 25 per cent. less than the recorded. The rock gang is still busy blasting out some of the rocky bluffs on in the camp and shows that the people downe House, 86 Yates street. Show E. Lee; Vice Grand, J. Malcolm; Secretary, J. Akerman; Treasurer, J. Night- pany secured the ground. When the

ies for Christmas, but not having the money, the merchant refused, and the little ones would have to do without any presents. His wife told him not to grieve, saying that she had a few trinkets laid away for the children, and that they could get along until the sawmill started up. About midnight the husband arose, kissed the wife as she slept, as he did the children, wrote a note asking his wife not to worry about him and to await his return home.

Nothing was ever heard of him by his wife or friends until last night, when a well-dressed man walked into the store at Flat Rock. It was John Crim. He asked the direction to Mary Crim's residence. A boy 12 years of age stepped forward with the remark that he would show him to his mother's house. Crim recognized his child and clasped him to

Crim had been in British Columbia for ten years engaged in mining and had amassed a fortune. The reunion of the family was a happy one.

Wady-vale gulch, about four miles up of the Homestake at a depth of 300 caycosh creek, where some rich float ore was found early in the year, several or was found early in the year. The shaft is same knowledge will be yours. We are selling off all our trimmed and untrimple or was found early in the year, several or was found early in the year. Several or was found early in the year, several or was found early in the year.

MAN NE CO. ILTON.

A Recent Arr val from San Francisco ands His Life by Cutting His Throat.

Leaves but at the Clue as to. His Identity The Coroner's 1 quest.

In Hanna's undertaking parlors is the body of a man about 40 years of age, who terminated his life in a room in the Dominion Hotel by taking an overdose of laudanum and then cutting his throat. He arrived in Victoria by the San Francisco steamer on Tuesday evening, registered at the Dominion as "Louis Ils, San Francisco," and was assigned a room, for which he paid. Yesterday morning the house porter, thinking something was amiss, because the man had not left his room for over twenty-four hours, looked through the transom and saw him lying across the bed, with his face downwards. Coroner Crompton and the police were notified. They found that the man had been dead for some time. His throat was cut evidently with a large pocket knife which was irmly clasped in his left hand. He evidently took a large dose of laudanum before using the knife, as there was a halffilled bottle of that poisonous liquid in the room. The body was removed to Hanna's parlors yesterday evening.

The coroner's inquest, held this after-

noon, threw but little light on the mystery surrounding the man. The most careful examination of his valise and clothing failed to reveal anything by which he could be identified. There was no letter or paper of any kind. The laudanum was evidently purchased from "H. C. Brooks, Red Bluff, Cal.," as the label on the bottle bore the latter's name. He was evidently an habitual user of laudanum, as alongside the bottle was a measuring glass, such as is used by those who take the stuff regularly. In the valise were also several bottles of

Dr. Redmond was the principal wit ness at the inquest. He described the deceased as a short well-built man be tween 40 and 45 years of age, and about 5 feet 7 inches tall. He had lost two joints of the first finger of the right hand and had reddish tattoo marks on the forearm. His throat had been cut on both sides with a sharp instrument, such as the knife found in the hand of the deceased. The jugular vein was severed and there was also a cut about four inches long on the right forearm.

T. Randall, who was a passenger on the steamer with the deceased, stated that he had spoken to him several times on the way up, but that the deceased had never told him his name. He stated, however, that he was going to Spokane. Randall walked down with him to the Kingston wharf on Monday evening. They returned to the hotel together, and that was the last he saw of Constable Anderson described the po-

sition in which the body was found. He searched the room and the man's clothing. He found only 80 cents in money. NEW CANNERY STEAMER.

Albion Iron Works Will build for Findlay, Durham & Brodie.

The Albion Iron Works has secured the contract to build a new cannery steamer for the British Columbia Can- the state. The mayor is to be given ning Company, for which Messrs. Findlay, Durham & Brodie are the agents. administrative officer, irrespective of the The steamer is to be completed within sixty-five days. She will be 85 feet and will have a 13-foot beam. She will have a pair of compound engines, the with the approval of the governor. dimensions of the cylinders being seven and a-half and 14x12 inches stroke. tive departments are largely discretioncontract for the whole steamer, the ments presided over by a board of two hull will be built in one of the city ship- or more commissioners. Where they yards. The steamer when built will be are executive merely, but one commiscapable of making ten knots an hour. She will cost about \$8000.

CHRISTMAS IN VICTORIA. Services in the Churches-Concert at

As yesterday morning was warm and and the department of bridges. This is bright, there were unusually large congregations at the différent city churches. Many of the sacred edifices were prettily decorated and the music was appropriate for the day.

the Hospital.

The patients at the Royal Jubilee hospital had an excellent Christmas fire department and the department of dinuer and were visited by a large num- correction will have single heads. The ber of friends from the city. In the af- building department may have four. ternoon about twenty members of the Arion Club visited the hospital and gave a concert in one of the wards. Some ten pieces were sung by the club, and solos were rendered by Messrs, A. T. rule is to be granted to the boroughs. Goward and Ross Munro. The patients There are to be five commissioners of were delighted with the concert and ex- taxes and assessments, instead of three pressed their thanks to the club. The entertained by the hospital staff. The ward in which the concert was held was

tastefully decorated. The prisoners at the provincial jail

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vere treated to a very appetizing ristmas dinner. COMPANIES INCORPORATED.

A Long List of New Companies in the B. C. Gazette.

Below is the list of new companies for which notices of incorporation are given in the B. C. Gazette:

B. C. Exploration Co., of B with capital stock of \$100,000. of Rossland. Big Six Gold and Copper Mining Co., of Rossland, \$1,500,000.

Camp Hewitt Mining and Development Co., of Vernon, \$1,000,000. Canadian Mining, Milling and Smelt-lng Co., of Sandon, \$2,000,000.

Canada Prospecting and Mining Co., of Vancouver, \$100,000. Carnduff Mining and Development Co., of Slocan City, \$1,000,000.

Dry Belt Mining and Milling Co., of Sandon, \$1,000,000.

Fourteen Gold Mines Consolidation Co., of Rossland, \$5,000,000. Golden Cache Extension Gold Mining Co., of Vancouver, \$600,000. Granite Mining and Smelting Co., of Spokane, \$500,0000. Ibex Mining and Development Co., of

Slocan, Kaslo, \$300,000. Rossland, \$1,000,000.

e Gold Mining Co., of Ross-

land, \$150,000. Olga Gold Mining and Milling Co., of Tacoma, \$1,000.000. Ottawa and Ivanhoe Silver Mines, of Rossland, \$250,000. Scottish Columbia Mining and Develent Mining Co., of Vancouver, \$1,-

000,000 Spencer Consolidated Mining Corporation, of London, \$5,000,000. Sinclair Canning Co., of New Westminster, \$20,000. Tin Horn Quartz Mining Co., of Vic-

toria, \$200,000. Washington Mining and Leasing Co.. of Spokane, \$1,000.

City is to be Governed, Published.

City Ownership of Electric and Othe er Companies Recognized-Mayor's Powers.

New York, Dec. 26.-The draft of the as submitted to the commission, has years and all are to retire at once. traint. But in respect to public improvements the action of the municipal assembly is to be further subjected to the concurrence of the board

of estimate and appointment. The mayor is to have supervisory control over the various departments, and an enlarged power upon the acts of the municipal assembly. His patronage and his power are so great that he will in these particulars be a dignitary second only in importance to the governor of absolute power to remove at will every prescribed term of office during the first six months of his administration. After that he can remove only on charges. Where the power of the administra-While the Albion Iron Works have the ary, it is proposed to have the depart-

> sioner has been provided for. By far the largest and most important board is to be the board of public improvements, consisting of the heads of six newly created departments-the department of water supply, of highways, of sewers, of street cleaning, of public buildings, lighting and supplies

> the St. Louis system. The police department will have four commissioners, as now, and will include the bureau of elections. The charities department and the park department will be presided over by three commissioners each. The law department, the

Greater New York is to be divided into five boroughs: Manhattan, the Bronx, the Brooklyn, the Queens and Richmond, and a certain degree of home as at present, and a system for the members of the club were afterwards equalization of the varying conditions in the consolidated territory has been de-

In the matter of education, the committee adopted a plan which centralizes in a board of education, representing the whole city, the physical conduct of

with municipal ownership, but says: "From an original and ideal standwould become the recipient of vast revexercised so largely by a use of the streets and avenues belonging to the Nor could any one well deny the right and power of the people to embark in such enterprises. In Greater | decoration, has been for several years New York, however, private capital, famous as a daring and reliable men upon the faith of the state, is embarked of his risky profession. He is a 8 largely in such franchises. It would take a sum too vast to be hastily computed to acquire the properties thus puted to acquire the properties thus was 10 years of age Mr. Harrison used vested in private persons, by fair com-

The Colonist's Christmas Greeting to Ministers Who Visited the Province.

On Christmas morning the Colonist found that "it is worth noting that while the attention of the Dominion government has been directed to the urgent necessity of placing a second ves-sel on the coast, the Quadra during De-cember was for an extended period placed at the disposal of visiting ministers." It goes into a careful calculation of the time occupied by the government steamer in carrying the ministers from place to place, "while necessary work was waiting to be done, such as or fulfilling the numerous and import-Kootenay Mercantile Co., of Rossland, ant duties which the steamer has ordinarily to attend to. The Colonist adds that "it, is true that when Hon. Mr. Bowell and his party were here they used her for a trip up the Northern Coast, but that was essentially a business trip, the services of the vessel being required to reach remote settlements on the Coast which had to be visited." The Quadra carried on that "essentially business trip," Mr. J. M. Bowell,

whose business was probably to collect customs duties from the Indians at Fort Rupert. Even General Herbert was a passenger during that "business trip." His business perhaps was to review Her Majesty's Loyal Volunteers at Metlakatla. There were several others in the party who had very important "business" up north. Hon, Messes. Blair and Davies did not take their families and friends with them when they went

travelling on the Quadra. The Colonist had plenty of room yesterday morning, and the interesting ar-Draft of the Charter by Which the ticle re "Government Tender Quadra" could easily have been lengthened. It might have described the voyages of Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper on the Quadra. After seeing the "handwriting on the wall," in the Victoria theatre, Charles tried to sooth himself in the luxuriously furnished cabin of the steamer. She took him from Nanaimo to Vancouver, then from Vancouver to New Westminster, and was about to take him back again when the news of Sir John Thompson's death was tele-

graphed him from the east and Sir Hibproposed charter of Greater New York, bert left by the next train for Ottawa. Even the immaculate George Eulas been published. The legislative Foster, who never did anything wrong, power is to be vested in a municipal was carried about on the Quadra. His assembly to consist of two houses, a very able colleague, Hon. Auguste Real lower house of 104 members elected Angers, was another of the Quadra's 37 members elected from council dis course a "purely business trip," for did tricts. All the members of both houses he not tell the miners of Nanaimo that are to be elected for the term of two "mixed farming" was a cure for hard

times? As to everything concerning the rights | The Colonist might have discovered, privileges and liberties of the citizen respecting municipal rule, the legislative department is to be subject to no resistant and it been anxious to do so, that the 3 or 4 o'clock, when she would retire to her bed, take a very hot drink to induce is completed, and that she would have been out of commission but for the ministers' visits. There was not the Sir Mackenzie Bowell and other members of the late government were made during the regular season when the Quadra is supposed to be doing light-house and other regular work. Nobody thought it worth while to "kick" about

SLADEN-BOYS.

Married at Reformed Church on Thu-sday Evening

Lieutenant Sampson Sladen, R.N. of H.M.S. Wild Swan, and Fanny Harriet, eldest daughter of the late Lieutenant George Sayer Boys, R.N., were united in marriage at the Reformed Episcopal Church on Thursday evening. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Cridge, assisted by Rev. Dr. Wilson. The groom is a son of Col. Joseph Sladen, Royal Artillery, of Ripple Court, Kent. The wedding was attended by the officers, in uniform, of the Wild Swan, and other vessels lying in Esquimait.

The bride, who was given away by Dr. Marriot, R.N., was charmingly attired in black satin, the corsage being trimmed with white satin, with revers of white satin and waistcoat of white chiffon trimmed with silver lace. The bonnet was of heliotrope flowers with white ribbons, white aigrettes and silver trimming. The bridegroom was attended by Lieut. W. D. Church, R.N. The church was beautifully decorated and at the close of the service the hymn, "Through all the Changing Scenes of Life," was effectively rendered by the choir. After the ceremony the guests proceeded to the future residence of Lieut. and Mrs. Sladen, who left during the evening for the Hotel Driard, where they are spending a few days.

A STEEPLE-JACK.

He Has Been in the Climbing Business for Many Years.

The great success of the Trafalgar day celebration was largely due to the the schools, and which devolves upon striking and appropriate decoration of school boards appointed by the mayor the Nelson monument in Trafalgar in every borough the educational con- square. The plucky steeple-jack twining the mighty wreath round the col-The commission concluded not to deal umn was witnessed by thousands and for many days the achievement was the principal subject of conversation point, it is easy to see that the city throughout London if not throughout the country. The result was that, although enues by the ownership and operation over ninety years have passed since Nelof all franchises, for lighting by gas or son breathed his last on the Victory, the electricity and for tramways and other anniversary of the day on which the batpurposes necessary to the life and busi-ness of a metropolitan community, and has never been celebrated with so much popular enthusiasm as was the case this

year. W. E. Harrison, the steeple-jack who so successfully carried out the work of of his risky profession. He is a Shef-field man by birth, and his father was a steeple-jack before him. Soon after he highest chimneys, urged not by any ne-

cessity, but by the mere spirit of adventure. His purents did not intend him to be a steeple-jack, however.

He was sent to a good school and when he was lo his father was arranging for his further education so that he might qualify for a situation in some business firm, when he took his futher into his own hands. He appealed to his parents to be allowed to begin work as a steeple-jack. In response to his repeated requests he was given a trial and peated requests he was given a trial and he has been at the work ever since. He

is now 38 years of age.
His father died in 1887, and since then
he has carried on the business and made his name famous in many parts of the

Although the decoration of the Nelson monument is perhaps the most interest-ing work he has done it is by no means the most dangerous. Some of his feats in examining insecure chimneys and the to the Value of That Vessel like are enough to make the blood run cold. Personally Mr. Harrison belongs to the best type of the Yorkshire gentle-man and business man. He has only had one serious accident, but this might Mr. Charles Spring, the Owner easily have proved fatal. In repairing a chimney he fell a distance of seventy feet and escaped without permanent in Slocan, Kaslo, \$300,100. | work was waiting to be done, such as jury by a miracle. A man who fell at looking after buoys, lighthouse tending the same time, although a less distance, was killed on the spot.

"MRS. WALES."

Of the Princess of Wales, who realizes to the full Matthew Arnold's expressive phrase, "sweetness and light," and idolatry, I was told a charming story while at Woodstock. She is fond, in a quiet way, of making little expeditions in the country incognita. The other week at Sandringham with her two daughters she drove a long distance in her favorite pony cart. Being mortals as to appetite the sharp November air had its will, and about luncheon time the Princesses were somewhat "peckish." The appearance of a picturesque village inn added zest to the demand. A modest lunch was ordered. After it was served the landlord, who had his suspicions concerning the identity of his chance guests, brought the visitors' book signatures. But our Princess for Charming was not to be "had" off-hand. Smiling on Boniface as only she can smile, she wrote for him thus: "Mrs. Wales and two daughters."

A BELLE AT EIGHTY.

Some years ago there was an old lady in one of the southern capitals who not only wore decollete ball dresses at 80 but actually possessed the lovely neck and arms which they require, says the New York Ledger. She was most innocently vain, and no wonder, for she was immensely flattered, and her townspeople valued her charms far above those of her young and more beautiful rivals. She had a curious way of preparing for a ball, which our modern fashionable women, with their multi from senetorial and an upper house of distinguished passengers. His was of tudinous engagements would find dillicult to emulate. The morning before she proposed appearing in full regalia she would take a brisk walk and return in time for a mid-day dinner, after which she remained quiet with her work until erspiration, and remain in hed from taking of some light refreshment at the tea hour) until it was time to dress for slightest interference with her ordinary her ball. Then she would get up and work. On the other hand, the trips of take a bath and make the most claborate toilet. All the household regarded these preparations in the light of solemn rites, and would never have dreamed of laughing at them or interfering with them in any way. Her appearance was a triumph, never failing to excite the greatest admiration and

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the Schooner, Also Gives Evidence.

This morning when the Commission resumed its sittings the case of the schooner Onward was begun. This is a similar claim to the Carolena and the Thornton cases. The Onward was a vessel of 35.25 tons and 561-2 feet long, is a woman amply justifying popular 20 feet wide and 4 feet 5 inches in depth. She was built in California in 1871 and registered as a British vessel at Victoria on September 27th, 1878. In opening the case Mr. Peters said

the Onward was fitted out for a coast sealing cruise in 1886 by Mr. Charles Spring, who managed several trading stations then on the West Coast. large quantity of provisions was put on board then with the intention of leaving some at these stations and for trading purposes. The schooner was fitted out at one of these stations that year for the Behring Sea sealing voyage under the supervision of Mr. Spring.

H. J. Cook, ship carpenter, gave evidence as to the condition of the schooner in 1886. She was well fitted out in rigging and sails then. The total cost of building her in 1886 would be between \$4000 and \$5000. Mr. Orlando Warner said the Onward

was in good order in 1886, when he thought she was worth between \$4000 and \$5000. Alexander Watson thought her value in 1886 was \$4325.

Walter Walker valued her then at about \$4000. The evidence of these witness given in the two previous cases, save such as is obviously inapplicable, will be trans-

ferred to this case. value of the schooner in 1886, when he said she was worth about \$5500.

Charles Spring said that in March, 1886 he fitted out the schooner Onward for a sealing voyage. A new set of sails were put on the schooner previous witness was part owner. He placed Green peppers, cured, per lb..... 10c ieir value, with equipment, at \$25 per canoe. His valuation of the schooner Onward in 1886 was about \$4000, which he said was a very low estimate. He would not have sold her for that sum. A large quantity of provisions were put on board, much of it being for his trading stations. The Onward was fitted out for her Behring Sea voyage at Clayoquot, witness go-ing there to superintend the outfitting of that vessel and the schooner Favourite. He instructed the Onward's captain to continue in Behring Sea as long as possible and get back some time in September. The cost of provisioning the schooner for Indians, he said, was about \$5 per man per month. Had the seizure not taken place he would have continued the Onward, as he did the Favourite, in the sealing industry in 1887. His personal expenses in connection with the seizure witness placed at \$250. Mr. Clark also obtained a judgment against him in connection with it at Sitka for

share, \$152, of expenses of Captain J. the Dominion for the great popular Ten D. Warren's journey to Ottawa in connection with all the seizures. The extain Munro and the Indians who were on the Onward back to Victoria was The cross-examination of the witness

was reserved. Mr. Peters submitted the inventory taken by the United States officers at the time of the seizure and an extract filled, as steps have been taken to ter Corwin as to the transfer of the crews of the schooners who were left destitute at Sitka in 1886. An adjournment was then taken until

Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock. NATIVES RISING.

In Buchanaland Developing Serious Proportions.

Cape Town, Dec. 26.-The Native rising on the Taming reservation Buchanaland is developing serious proportions. Fighting has occured. The British have been obliged to wait for reinforcements.

SENTENCES EXPIRE. Colonels Grey and White Released from

Holloway Jail to-day. London, Dec. 26 .- Col. R. C. Grey and

Col. H. T. White, both sentenced with Dr. Jameson to imprisonment for violation of the foreign enlistment act, in invading ferritory of the Transvaal republic, were released to-day from Holloway jail, their sentences, five months having expired.

SPIRITED MEN WANTED.

To the Editor:-The Municipal Reform Association will soon be in want of nine men who are willing to work all year for nothing and stand all the abuse they like to give them in the bargain, but according to Ald. Marchant those posing reformers set back examples. How appropriate it would have been for Mr. B. W. Pearse, when serving the city as a ewerage commissioner (although a dummy, as he styles himself in his communication to the Colonist of Dec. 6) to have

public spiritedly refused the paltry sum of \$10 for a sitting, but we find all of those men working under a different principle from that which they others to work under. They of multitude of councillors for the that three men could be more easily duced to keep taxes low on unused land than will some of our present unpliable aldermen. They do unto themselve even as they would have others do un to them, while on the other hand would have others do unto them ever as they have done unto themselves in this way recognize the fact that is a poor rule that don't work the bot ways. Don't you see the kernel? the G. J. presentment B. W. prominently in this way. Now, councillors, you must work for the honor so lavishly bestowed upon you by the M. R. A.; keep down the taxes of the big land owner and in that way both reputation and private interests will be maintained, you taking the former, for which I charge you nothing, and I take the latter on the same terms. You are all poor men and never know when you will be in want; if you should tax me to death we should all be in want, but should you so legislate as to increase my possessions, I promise you on the honor of a man the consolation of ever know. ing that while I have, we shall not all want. L. J. W.

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Smoked bloaters, per lb........121/2c. Eggs, Island, fresh, per doz.....50c. Eggs, Manitoba,......25c. to 30c Butter, creamrey, per 15......35c. Butter, Delta creamery, per 15....356 Butter, fresh..... Cheese, Chilliwack Hams, American, per lb....16c. to 18c. Hams. Canadian, per lb.......1 Bacon, American, per lb....16c. to 18c. Bacon, rolled, per Ib..12c. to 16c. Bacon, long clear, per pound....121/20 Bacon. Canadian, per lb.....14c. to 16c Shoulders.....

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