

Death in The Flames

Finland Settlement at Malcolm Island Suffers a Terrible Calamity.

Fire Breaks Out in a House Containing Over a Hundred People.

Eleven Unfortunates Lose Their Lives and Seventeen Injured.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 2.—Thursday evening witnessed tragedy with dire results to the Finnish settlers on Malcolm Island. The news was brought down to the mainland by the steamer "North Star" which arrived at the wharf at 11 o'clock.

At the foot of the stairs on the ground floor I pushed the door open and was immediately overcome by smoke. The whole ground floor was ablaze.

The stairway was still intact and men, women and children came pouring down it to safety. The alarm had become general that the men, women and children in the building were all aware of the danger.

OBERS' BRAVERY. While the mad-man was struggling with William, August Ober was taken by his wife that she had saved her two sons, but their daughters were still in the building.

OBERS GROPED HIS WAY back through the smoke and into the room. The little girls were still crying in the bed.

THEIR LOST CHILDREN. J. W. Bell of Vancouver, was at the fire. He saw the children as they were thrown from the windows.

SOME OF THE VICTIMS. Mrs. Hantula and four children, who perished, had recently arrived from Dakota. The father had been killed at the time of the fire.

HEBEC ACTS. Many of the men performed acts of great bravery and were badly burned. Mrs. Hantula, who lost her wife and four children, was severely injured.

MR. HOKKANEN IS ABLE TO MOVE owing to injuries sustained while meeting women and children. President Kurikka jumped from the building and is badly injured.

ABSORBENT SECURITY. Gen'l Carter's Little Liver Pills. Must Bear Signature of Dr. Wood.

FOR HEADACHE, FOR DIZZINESS, FOR BILIOUSNESS, FOR COLIC, FOR CONSTIPATION, FOR SLOW SKIN, FOR THE COMPLEXION.

Results of Saturday's Sports

Soldiers Defeat Columbia Association Players at the Barracks.

J. B. A. Basketball Team Win From Victoria West at Drill Hall.

The games played yesterday afternoon at Work Point between the Columbia and Garrison association football teams resulted in a win for the soldiers.

The Provincial Government yesterday took no time in instructing the Chief Provincial Constable at Vancouver to purchase all the supplies necessary for the immediate relief of the sufferers.

MRS. HANTULA and four children. MRS. LOBACKA and two children. FIVE GIRLS (daughters of Mr. Ober).

MRS. HANTULA, secretary of the settlement, face badly burned, eyelight probably destroyed.

Two Kimmans, 18 years old, English, badly burned and about hands and body. Mrs. Neva, jumped from second floor, injured about head; condition serious.

Langren Nygren, badly burned. Mrs. Ober, and Mrs. Ober, both badly burned about head and arms.

W. Wallin, injured by smoke and fire. Nine others slight injured.

Is Bamfield A Failure?

This is the Question Cable Experts Are Asking Themselves.

The Land Line Across the Island Causes Constant Interruption.

Is the Bamfield Creek cable station a failure? In the province who have been given a "peep behind the scenes" are seriously asking themselves that question.

There should be any grounds for asking such a question as the above. The basis for the fear which is now being expressed by the cable experts is one of the cable experts who is now located at Bamfield Creek.

There is a large staff of operators stationed at Bamfield Creek, the major portion of them being cable experts, and the latter are very outspoken in saying that a huge blunder has been made in the routing of the cable.

Before agreeing to play this game the Capitals entered a protest against Victoria West, who were not only age, but who have played in the Senior League games.

The Junior football match yesterday afternoon between the Central school and the Capitals Association teams, ended in a draw, being fastened on goal.

THE TUFF. The run of the Hunt Club yesterday afternoon from "Burling" the residence of Mr. James Dunsmuir was well attended, some 15 turning up for the sport.

Boom At Crow's Nest

Great Stimulus Given to Coal Output By Removal of Duty.

Ten Thousand Tons Daily to Be Shortly Shipped to States.

The amount of coal from the Crow's Nest Pass fields arriving in the United States, both by rail and by water, has increased since the removal of the duty on foreign coals by Congress two weeks ago.

At the time the duty was taken off, the Great Northern was paying out the cost of the coal at the present time it is saving \$4,020 a day, and with the import increased to 600 cars a day, the saving in duty to the road, by the act of Congress, will be \$7,700 a day.

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Session Announced

Proclamation Issued Fixing the Opening For March 12.

Government Uncertain Whether to Remove the Duty on Soft Coal.

Brantford Editor Appointed as Immigration Agent in Glasgow.

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Ottawa, Feb. 2.—A proclamation in an extra of the Canadian Gazette summons parliament for Thursday, March 12, at 10 o'clock.

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The Danger to Dallas Road

Encroachments of the Sea at That Point Give Council Concern.

Enormous Difficulty in Baffling The Waves Experienced in England.

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Mayor and Aldermen

Business at Regular Weekly Meeting of the City Fathers Held Last Night.

By-Law to Settle Proposed Carnegie Library Site Will Be Introduced.

Once more the Carnegie library is the end yet. However it is once more up to the ratifiers, and if they approve of the by-law which Ald. Stewart gave notice of at last night's council meeting...

COMMUNICATIONS.

The first of these on file was one from W. W. B. McInnes notifying the council of the appointment of the Licensing and Police Commissioners.

H. P. Eaton, secretary of the School Board, enclosed the estimates of the educational requirements for the year 1903.

Ald. Yates said that he did not exactly comply with the provisions of the act. The matter of salaries for the trustees should be given in detail.

From the same writer came a second letter re the removal of brush, etc., from the school grounds, Fort street.

The engineer will make a report to the committee on the P. C. Mining Record applied for the renewal of the city's advertisement in that journal.

This went to the Finance committee for investigation. Beaumont Boggs for the Agricultural society acknowledged the receipt of \$500 to be applied to the payment of outstanding accounts.

Ald. Stewart did not think that the statistics in the reports should be left out. These were the only valuable part of the reports.

The matter was put to the vote, and Ald. Yates' motion was defeated. Ald. Yates, Goodacre and Barnard voting aye, and the balance voting nay.

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each company should be about \$5,000, whereas the company had \$9,000 and two others had \$7,000 each.

The city clerk's weekly budget of routine matters was then read as follows, and died:

I have the honor to inform you that since the last meeting of the City Council the following communications have been received and referred to the City Engineer:

Ben. Gommson et al. asking that a sidewalk be laid down on Fourth street, between the intersection of the street with the corner of Edmondson road to a point opposite the intersection of the street with the corner of Edmondson road.

James Manton et al. asking that a six-foot sidewalk (either wood or gravel) be laid down along Cedar Hill road from the corner of Edmondson road to a point opposite the intersection of the street with the corner of Edmondson road.

Dr. R. Morrison et al. requesting the council to purchase the site of the late C. A. LePae, desiring a better foot path on the corner of the street.

James Fottner, submitting an application for a sidewalk on Michigan street.

The city solicitor advised that the grass on the streets belong to the city, and all cattle grazing thereon were trespassing.

Ald. Grahame advised that the matter be laid on the table until the Cow Nuisance By-law comes up. This carried.

The city solicitor advised in connection with the title to the lot on the corner of Broad and Port streets, that the city had nothing to do with the proceedings. The owners will be notified accordingly.

W. T. Williams, et al., asked for the extension of the sidewalk along Linden avenue, and also that an electric light be provided at the corner of Cadboro Bay road and the avenue.

The People's Trading Stamp company asked for the refund of the money held by way of license in 1901.

Ald. Dinsdale objected to lot 1, James Bay bridge, being used for the library site, but it was a most expensive one to build upon.

Ald. Cameron was also averse to paying a site of \$4,200 for the present time. The matter might well enough stand over for the present.

Ald. Grahame thought that perhaps the purchase of the site should be made out of the city's revenue, and the balance next year.

His Worship believed in giving the people a chance to say where the library should be located. It was time that something was done about the matter.

Ald. Kinsman had been told by many of the ratepayers that they would support a library for a city cost of \$50,000 to build a library at the present proposition.

The motion to add Ald. Vincent's words to the original motion was then carried, and the matter was amended was then put and carried as follows: Aye, the Mayor, Alds. Kinsman, Grahame, Barnard, Goodacre, Goodacre, Stewart and Dinsdale; noes, Cameron and Yates.

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CITY LIBRARY. The number of books issued from the city library in January, 1903, ladies taking 901 and gentlemen 1,191.

TURNING TO GOLD. A report is being freely circulated in the Laidlaw and Fish River districts to the effect that nearly all the principal silver-lead producers of these districts are turning into gold mines.

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Sale of Van Anda Mines

British Capitalists Have Purchased Texada Copper-Gold Property.

Report That Same Party Wish to Establish Big Iron Works.

Vancouver, Feb. 2.—(Special).—J. Vaughn-Rhys and associates have purchased the Van Anda mine and the copper property of the Paget Sound Iron Works, and will purchase the iron mines of this company, largely owned by the Union Iron Works, and situated on Texada Island, if it is possible to find hematite on the coast to mix with the harder magnetite to make foundry iron.

Mr. Vaughn-Rhys says that if this hematite can be found his British connections will certainly put up the necessary funds to establish in British Columbia a foundry and rolling mills.

The present owners of the Van Anda mines have done in the last six months 500 feet of sinking and blocking out ore, and are erecting the smaller and building a tram from the smelter to the mines.

Death of Mrs. Sparrow—W. S. Mills Died Far From Home.

Mrs. Helen M. Sparrow, a lady 76 years of age, died at her residence, Park road, on Sunday. Deceased was a native of New York.

W. S. Mills died at the Royal Jubilee hospital on Sunday morning. Deceased was 94 years of age, and a native of Liverpool. He was first officer of a ship which arrived here some months ago and had been ill for long time in the Marine hospital before being taken to the Jubilee. A widow and family, living in England, survive him.

The funeral of the late Miss Florence Nellie Mallett will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of her parents, No. 5 Queen's avenue. Services will be conducted at the Metropolitan Methodist church, at the cemetery by Rev. Dr. Elliott S. Rowe. The choir will attend at the church and sing appropriate hymns.

The funeral of Mrs. George Stewart, which took place on Sunday afternoon from the family residence Bonnie Brae, South Saanich, was largely attended and it was very impressive. Rev. G. H. Wright conducted the services. The following were the pall-bearers: Messrs. B. K. Boyd, R. G. D. McCaskell, G. Laughton, H. Buckle and L. Agate.

The remains of the late Mrs. John W. Pattison were laid to rest yesterday morning, the funeral taking place from the parlour of W. H. Hall, at 10:30 a. m., and the interment at the cemetery and Christ church at 10:30. Rev. Canon Beaudin conducted the services. Burial services were also held at the following altar as pall-bearers: Messrs. C. Thornton, E. Palmer, R. Ward, W. Fraser, R. Turner and G. Anderson.

Mrs. J. A. Rhinoceros, aged 28 years and a native of Portland island, died at her home on Saturday last.

STATISTICS FOR JANUARY

Customs, Inland Revenue and Other Statistics For Past Month.

Following are the customs returns for the port of Victoria, for January, 1903:

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MINING AT ALBERNI

Outlook for the District Is Very Good.

Alberni, Feb. 2.—(Special Correspondence).—The general outlook in general is very encouraging as recent reports of new strikes at both the Nahamit and Monitor mines have been received.

Mr. A. D. McQueen, mining engineer from Portland, Oregon, arrived on the Queen City on Tuesday. He also made a trip to the Happy John mine, which he examined in company with Messrs. Mike Sullivan, Thos. Jones and Leonard Frank. Mr. J. H. Knight-Bayne, who is developing his mining property at Long Basin, known as the Ivanhoe group, was in town and reports good progress.

VENEZUELA AND POWERS

Mr. Bowen Declines to Allow Allies to Have a Preference.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—Herbert W. Bowen, Venezuela's representative in the negotiations at Washington for a settlement of the claims against that country, has sent through the British ambassador here what amounts practically to an ultimatum to the allied powers of Great Britain, Germany and Italy, regarding their insistence for preferential treatment in the settlement of their claims against Venezuela.

The British ambassador received tonight, was called at once to London, copies of being transmitted to the Italian and German embassies for transmission to Rome and Berlin. It is in reply to the position submitted to a joint conference of the negotiators this afternoon by the British ambassador that the allied powers are allowed two-thirds of 30 per cent. of the customs receipts of the ports of La Guayra and Porto Cabello, that the United States and the claimant nations, France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Norway, and other nations, themselves divide the remaining one-third of the percentage that is 10 per cent. of the receipts of these two points. In the note received by the British ambassador from Mr. Bowen tonight, the latter refuses point blank the proposition for a 20 and 10 per cent. division on the ground that to recognize the principle it embodies it would be absolutely offensive to modern civilization.

In view of the fact that the negotiations are agreeable on all save the question of preferential settlement, the ambassador is informed that Venezuela has decided to submit that question to the Hague arbitration tribunal. Acceptance of the proposition Venezuela contents carries with it a raising of the blockade, the general understanding being that the blockade would end when the negotiations at Washington had reached an agreement. It is understood that in refusing these last propositions submitted by the British ambassador on behalf of the allies, Mr. Bowen states the ground that he cannot accept in principle the contention that blockades and bondages of powers to the consequent killing of helpless men, women, and children entitles any power or alliance of powers to preferential treatment at the hands of a civilized nation.

It is claimed that should the peace conference and the blockading powers agree to such a principle, they would incorporate in the law of nations a doctrine in conflict with the tenets of all big nations, save the United States, Venezuela, Italy, Germany and Italy for a period of six years or more, and in accepting it Venezuela would be encouraging and abetting the maintenance of a hostile alliance against herself. The British ambassador is informed in the note that the United States, Germany and Italy in their attitude against Venezuela in this last proposition by which Great Britain can hold fast to Germany and Italy in their alliance against Venezuela that the last cent of the claim is paid. The preference is made in her response that regret of the keenest sort will be felt throughout America when it is shown that Great Britain has even proposed continuing her present alliance with Germany and Italy one moment longer than is necessary, particularly in view of her previous representations to the effect that she was anxious to end the Venezuelan dispute and call off the alliance at the earliest possible time, in suggesting that the question of preferential treatment be referred to the Hague arbitration tribunal. Mr. Bowen does not in view of the fact that this question is the only one which remains in dispute. The allies are not to be deceived. Venezuela is desirous that all the negotiations shall stand by what has been already agreed on.

At a joint conference of the Venezuelan negotiators, held in Minister Bowen's apartment today, the representatives of the allies presented an answer to Mr. Bowen's last proposition. The nature of this answer has not been disclosed, but it is known that it is a counter-proposition, involving a compromise of the allies' demand for preferential treatment.

Berlin, Feb. 2.—The Foreign office is the interchange of views between Minister Bowen and the representative of allies, continue on the question of vital form of preference the blockading powers shall have. President Castro will not be allowed to arrange a settlement without giving some form of preference. The present differences are not regarded as serious, and there are cheerful expectations here of an early arrangement.

STORE BLOWN UP. Explosion at Hudson's Bay Post, Fort Francis.

Winnipeg, Feb. 2.—A dispatch from Fort Francis says that the Hudson's Bay Company store at that place was wrecked by an explosion this afternoon and the building burned. A. H. Gibble and J. M. Barber, of the Hudson's Bay Company, and Arthur Dunsie and C. F. Simms, who were in the store sustained injuries, but will recover.

OVERDUE ARRIVES. Lord Templeton Puts Into Woosung in Distress.

The Lord Templeton is safe, but the ship is in distress. The vessel was blown off her course by a heavy gale and was driven ashore near the end of a long passage from New York to Hakodate. A telegram received yesterday morning stated that the vessel had arrived at Woosung, China, with her rudder neck sprung and the engine room machinery damaged. The ship had been under near the lights. She will be compelled to go into dry dock before she can be refitted. For some days past the Lord Templeton has been on the overdue list with various coasters. She is at 15 per cent, with the ship out 212 days.

It's hard to keep a good man down. "Crismonk"—"That's why they put you in the hospital."—Pack.



The New Baby

Motherhood is woman's natural destiny—actual barrenness is rare—comforting words to childless women.

Many women are denied the happiness of children simply because of some curable derangement of the generative organs.

Among the many triumphs of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is overcoming cases of supposed barrenness. Thousands of women owe their existence to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. This great medicine is so well calculated to regulate every function of the generative organs that its efficiency in this respect is vouched for by multitudes of women.

Nine Years Without a Child.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—We had been married nine years and never had children, and now we have a little baby girl nineteen months old, the joy of our life. She owes her existence to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."

"Before taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I was a constant sufferer. I had pains in my back and sides, especially before menstruation. I had doctored but received no benefit. Hearing talk about the Vegetable Compound I decided to try it, and after taking six bottles was cured."—Mrs. T. H. GOULBEY, 1223 Nevada St., East Toledo, Ohio.

Portrait of a Baby Girl Who Owes her Existence to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I wrote to you some time ago asking why I did not have a child. I explained that I had displacement of the womb and ovarian trouble, and suffered with backache and headache. You sent me a nice letter in reply giving me full instructions how to treat myself, and in accordance with your directions I took your Vegetable Compound, and followed your kind advice faithfully in every respect, and now I have a little girl, the joy of our home. I never would have had my baby if it had not been for your advice and medicine."

"I cannot praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound enough for what it has done for me. I hope other childless women will see this letter."—Mrs. JOHN UBERKER, 1111 Broadway, Cleveland, Ohio.

Another Happy Case in Brooklyn.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I wrote to you a year ago telling you of my troubles. I had pains in the ovaries, menses were painful, and I had never borne children."

"You answered my letter and I followed your advice. I was completely cured. Have just given birth to a fine, healthy babe, and during childbirth had a very easy time."

"Lydia E. Pinkham's medicines are a God send to women who want to be mothers."—Mrs. SCHULTZ, 12 Luzer St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Many women whose letters we print were utterly discouraged, Lynn, Mass., without charge of any kind. They received advice which made them strong, useful women again.

For Goodness Sake Wear Granby Rubbers

The Rubber that has the largest sale in Canada, simply on account of its goodness. Made from the latest new rubber.

"Granby Rubbers wear like iron"

BOWES' Goutblain Liment 25c

Sent by mail upon receipt of price. A wonderful remedy. Give it a trial.

CYRUS H. BOWES, Chemist, 98 GOVERNMENT STREET NEAR YATES STREET, VICTORIA, B. C.

ASPEN GROVE MINES. An Immense Lead Giving Values of \$30 and \$40 a Ton.

J. E. Bate, manager of the Portland mines at Aspen Grove, near Nicola lake, the 115 foot level is now in 45 feet and is all in ore, which at the present price of copper will average between \$20 and \$40 per ton, and the level is to be at least 150 feet wide. Development is to be pushed in the spring and fully determine the exact width of the ore, and be ready for operating on a large scale.

All that is required now to open up Nicola is the railroad, and the large sum of money and copper mines should be some indication of railway promoters.

Bobbie—"What are descendants, father?"—"Why, the people who come young men in the passage." Who is that?"—"That is one of a sister's descendants come to take her for a driver."

Mrs. G.—"Such impudence!"—"What's that?"—"Such impudence!"—"What's that?"—"Such impudence!"—"What's that?"—"Such impudence!"

Mr. G.—"But you spent half the summer at home in the country, and you had your children and nurse?"—"Yes, but I had no servants and the 'house party' had to do with what we have several and that

CONSUMPTION CAN BE CURED

EDITOR'S NOTE.—The Slocum System of Treatment for the Cure of Consumption, Pulmonary Troubles, Catarrh, General Debility, and nearly all the ills of life, is medicine reduced to an exact science by the world's foremost specialist.

By its timely use thousands of apparently hopeless cases have been permanently cured.

The Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil is needed by some, the Tonic by others, the Expectator by others, the Oxojell by others still, and all four, or any three, or two, or any one, may be used singly or in combination, according to the needs of the case.

Full instructions with each set of four free remedies illustrated here. Our readers are urged to take advantage of Dr. Slocum's generous offer.



THE FREE TRIAL

The honor of this effectively arresting the progress of this fatal malady rests with the wonderful system of treatment which has been reduced to an exact science for the cure of Consumption, and for the cure of Catarrh and other prevalent conditions which pave the way for Consumption. This successful method evolved by America's greatest scientific physician, Dr. T. A. Slocum, whose great liberality, through his Free Trial Treatment, sent broadcast throughout this broad land, has contributed most to the rout of the most potent agency in the destruction of human life in this hemisphere.

His Free System of Treatment has arrested the hand of death in the cases of thousands of consumptives and has prevented the disease in countless instances.

The Slocum Treatment consists of four distinct remedies for the cure of Consumption, Weak Lungs, Bronchitis, Catarrh, and all pulmonary and wasting diseases, and is based upon principles essential to the correction of function, the rebuilding of the tissues, the overthrow of parasitic animal organisms and the establishment of health in all the departments of the human body.

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Persons in Canada seeking Slocum's free offer in American papers will please send for samples to Toronto.

STATISTICS FOR JANUARY

Customs, Inland Revenue and Other Statistics For Past Month.

Following are the customs returns for the port of Victoria, for January, 1903:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Free, Dutiable, and Other items.

Exports: Domestic, Foreign, and Other.

INLAND REVENUE. The inland revenue returns for Victoria division for January, are:

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VITAL STATISTICS. Vital statistics for the month were: Births 40, deaths 36, marriages 6.

The city was singularly fortunate with regard to fires during the month. The brigade was called out six times, but in each case the fire was extinguished promptly and before any serious damage was done.

January 1, 7:15 a. m., fire in Tail's hay barn on South street; cause, over-heated stovepipe; no loss.

January 2, 9 p. m., telephone alarm; over-heated stovepipe at Manhattan saloon; no loss.

January 1, 3:45 p. m., box 62; fire in roof of foundry on Union Works; caused by spark from the capola; no loss.

January 10, 7:25 p. m., fire on electric light pole, corner Oak Bay avenue and Light pole; no loss.

January 18, 3 a. m., box 23 chimney fire in Chinese tenement house on Fisgard street; no loss. Same day, 4:50 p. m., still alarm, chimney fire in public hospital; no loss.

CITY LIBRARY. The number of books issued from the city library in January, 1903, ladies taking 901 and gentlemen 1,191.

TURNING TO GOLD. A report is being freely circulated in the Laidlaw and Fish River districts to the effect that nearly all the principal silver-lead producers of these districts are turning into gold mines.

At one time the famous Butte mines were fully active, and every millman carried a loaded rifle and four rounds of ammunition. Orders issued tonight direct that no shooting be done at the least evidence of disturbance.

An Advantage—Firm A-10—"The advantage agent has to handle." Second actor says "You must not have to attend the performance."—Pack.

Draw Poker Not Gambling Slot Machines May Be Played For Drinks and Cigars.

Victoria Free From Open Gambling-Considerable Decrease in Crime.

The first meeting of the newly appointed Board of Police Commissioners was held yesterday afternoon in the committee room at the City Hall.

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Voters' League In Session Various Matters Dealt With Yesterday's Regular Weekly Meeting.

The usual weekly meeting of the Voters' League held yesterday was fairly well attended and the discussion was on a wide range of subjects of a varied and interesting character.

There have been few crimes of a serious nature, the most important being a murder case, which occurred on the 8th of August, when a mother took an axe and killed her daughter, who was asleep in bed at the time.

In the case of Look Den (a Chinese) who, it was alleged, had been murdered, a great controversy to the police, at a cost of \$100, for the safekeeping of many small articles.

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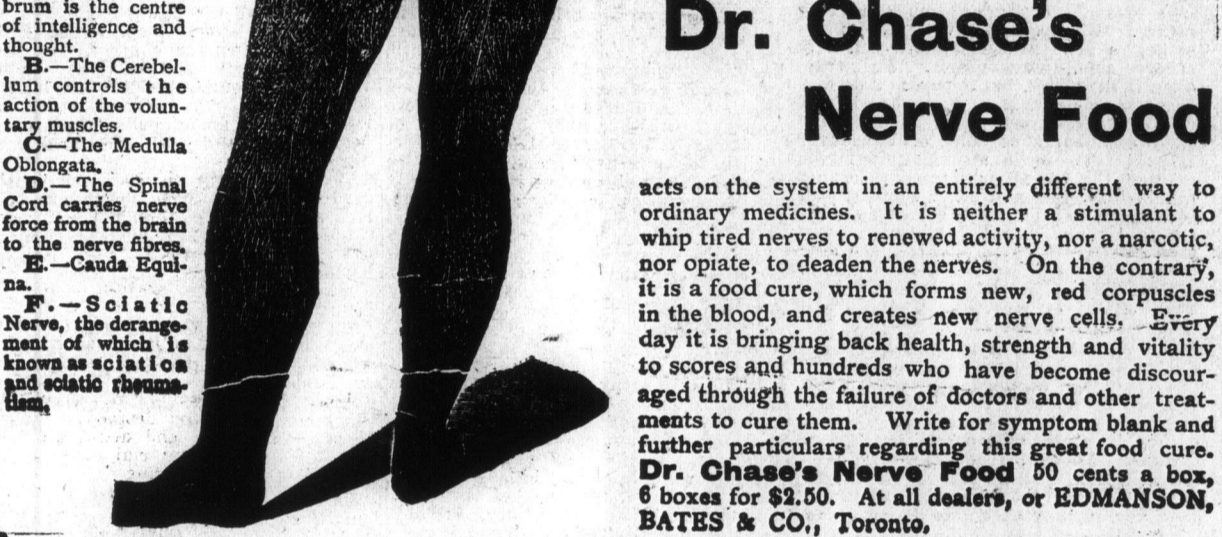
Paralysis and Locomotor Ataxia The most dreaded results of neglected nervous diseases—Study this chart and the symptoms stated here to learn if you are in danger—DR. CHASE'S NERVE FOOD will cure you.

To understand paralysis and locomotor ataxia, which is paralysis of the limbs, and their causes, it is well to remember that every movement of the body or its members is due to the contraction of muscle, which can only take place under the influence of nerve force.

Paralysis, then, is the natural result of all neglected nervous diseases. If you find yourself nervous and irritable, over-sensitive to light, sound and motion, addicted to continual movement or tapping of the fingers, twitching of the muscles, sudden startings and jerking of the limbs during sleep; if you have nervous headaches or dizziness, are unable to sleep or rest, feel down-hearted and discouraged, and unfit to fight the battles of life; if your nerves are weak and exhausted, and your blood thin and watery, you have every reason to fear paralysis of at least some part of the body, and consequent suffering and helplessness.

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More Mines Will Work

Prospects Bright For Largely Increased Activity In Rosland.

District Properties That Are Likely to Join Working List.

The opening month of the present year will undoubtedly see the resumption of activity at various mines in and adjacent to the Rosland camp, with important increases in working forces and production.

As is well known, the Spitzee company has been negotiating for some time with the Rosland mine, and the undertaking of the more extensive work which the property now requires is being actively considered.

THE WORK OF CHARITABLE WOMEN

Monthly Reports of Women's Auxiliary and Daughters of Pity.

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REAR-END COLLISION

Two Men Killed and Eleven Injured.

MRS. CURRIE ACQUITTED.

Found Innocent of Poisoning Her Husband.

PREMISES WRECK.

Nine Cars Come to Grief on C. P. R.

TABLET UNVEILED.

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Like Spiteful Small Boys

U. S. House Would Destroy Seals Unless Given a Monopoly.

Passes Bill For Extermination Unless Britain Can Be Bluffed.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The House today passed about forty bills under suspension of the rules.

ALASKA BOUNDARY.

Treaty Reported to United States Convention, D. C., Feb. 2.—The Alaska boundary treaty today was reported to the Senate by the President, the clerical errors which caused recent having been corrected.

SUGGESTIONS FOR BIG CONVENTION

The Desirability of Having an Illustrated Lecture on Vancouver Island.

Some consideration is being given to the question of having an illustrated lecture on Vancouver Island.

SOCIETIES.

This month will witness a month of social entertainment and the absence of the society entertainers will be regretted.

THE FEDERATED BOARD OF FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

The Federated Board of Friendly Societies will elect their members for the ensuing year at the next meeting.

THE L. O. F. MET ON TUESDAY EVENING.

The L. O. F. met on Tuesday evening, when the newly-elected officers will commence their duties for the ensuing year.

SOME NEW HEALTH FOODS.

Butts: Greatest ever two spoonfuls of Butts' water measurement two inches.

PROTESTANT ORPHANAGE.

Monthly Meeting of the Ladies' Committee of the Protestant Orphanage.

ELEVATORS FOR WHEAT-COUNTRY

One Company Will Erect Four in Manitoba and the Territories.

Applications to Parliament

Grand Trunk, Canadian Northern and Canada Central Want Charters.

Main Line and Branches Protected in Many Different Directions.

The Canada Gazette of January 24 contains the following notices of application to railways charters.

ALLEGED THEFT.

A Young Man Accused of Stealing Gold From Chalonier & Mitchell's.

EMBEZZLER IS CAPTURED

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From Our Own Correspondent. Winnipeg, Feb. 2.—(Special)—Work will begin in the spring on forty-one elevator elevators for the Northwest.

BRITAIN'S FOOD SUPPLY.

Commission Inquiring Into Protection of Routes. Montreal, Feb. 2.—The Star's London cable says: "Lord Strathcona is chairman of the committee to promote official inquiry into the security of the British food supply."

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