

New Name For Collector

Likely That A. G. McCandless Will Succeed the Late A. R. Milne.

Most Recent Development in a Local Political Fight of Much Interest.

Latest Nominations Would Give Satisfaction to the Business Community.

It is reported on good authority that Mr. McCandless will likely receive the appointment to the vacant office of collector of Customs for the port of Victoria, in the stead of the late A. R. Milne.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN.

New York, Jan. 14.—A committee composed of Rev. Nevell Dwight Hillis, of Plymouth Church, Washington; Gladstone Francis Clark, of the United States Society of Christian Endeavor, and Frank W. Gausman, of Chicago, has perfected arrangements for the evangelistic campaign to be carried on in the United States and Canada by the evangelistic commission of the national convention of churches.

VIGILANT JAPANESE.

San Francisco, Jan. 14.—Surgeon Von Wecking, of the United States cruiser Cincinnati, arrived here today and gives evidence of the vigilance of the Japanese naval officers.

URGING NOW A MINISTER OF MINES

Interior Associated Boards Take Action on a Federal Matter.

Roseland, Jan. 14.—The organization of a department of mines, with a minister from British Columbia, will be urged on the federal government by the Associated Boards of Trade of Eastern British Columbia, whose delegates are to meet in Nelson either late this month or early in February.

CYCLIST BADLY INJURED.

Havana, Jan. 14.—Dr. Clark, known as Diavolo, a bicyclist, during a performance at Cienfuegos today was probably fatally injured. While alighting after a leap his bicycle broke, smashing his face and fracturing his skull.

LAKE SAILORS ASK ADVANCE.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 14.—At a meeting of the seamen's union here today a wage scale was prepared which will be presented to the vessel owners for the coming season of navigation.

TELEPHONE GIRLS' HOTEL.

Paris, Jan. 14.—A project for a hotel for telephone girls has been completed. Extensive grounds have already been purchased. The hotel will have one hundred apartments, a restaurant and library.

TEXTILE UNIONS STRIKE.

Fall River, Mass., Jan. 13.—The five textile unions involved in the cotton mill strike voted tonight to confer on the strike council full power to settle the mill owners without being obliged to refer any action back to the industrial unions for endorsement.

GENEROUS MILLIONAIRE.

New York, Jan. 13.—It is announced tonight that Mrs. Phipps, the former Pittsburg steel magnate, has donated \$1,000,000 for the erection in New York city of a model tenement house for the working class.

INDUS HARD AND FAST.

New York, Jan. 13.—At 1:30 this morning Indus was still pulling on the stranded steamer Indus on Fire Island, and had succeeded in moving her slightly astern, although the prospects for getting clear before the tide fell were not good.

UNFORTUNATE WOUNDED.

Chefoo, Jan. 14.—(10 p. m.)—Japanese who visited Port Arthur January 10 said that the Russian wounded were in a terrible state, owing to the neglect which could not be added, when the Japanese entered Port Arthur.

EXTENSIVE FIRE AT MONTREAL.

Great Excitement Over Outbreak at the Royal Victoria Hospital.

Montreal, Jan. 14.—Great excitement prevailed in the city this morning when news came that a fire had broken out at the Royal Victoria Hospital, situated on the bow of Mount Royal, was a fire.

PROVINCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

We are told that the Eastern Provinces do not regard with any danger or alarm the acquisition of additional territory, even though the territory acquired is of the nature of a waste.

THE STORMY DEBATE REVEALED TREACHERY IN GOVERNMENT RANKS.

Paris, Jan. 15.—(10:30 a. m.)—Premier Combes yesterday another storm at a session of the Chamber of Deputies lasting until one o'clock this morning and with a majority of 10 supporting the declaration of the ministers and approving the policy of the government.

NO TIDINGS OF LOST CHILDREN

Searching Parties Fail to Find Trace of the Missing at Nanaimo.

Nanaimo, Jan. 14.—Another day has passed and still no trace can be found of the missing children.

BOLD ROBBERY BY BROAD DAYLIGHT

Wealthy New Yorker's House Is Raided by Quick Action Thief.

New York, Jan. 14.—It developed today that for nearly a week the police have been searching without success for a man who forced his way into the residence of Ernest G. W. Woerz, a wealthy brewer in Fifth avenue, held up three servants, Mr. Woerz's marking daughter, and forced the brewer himself to pay tribute in the sum of \$100 before he would consent to leave.

USING DUMMID BULLETS.

America's Surgeon Who Was in Red Cross Service Tells of Cruelties.

LOGGERS AND THEIR 'LOADS.'

A great many loads passed here during the week for the lumber camp on Conlonge, and although the roads are bare of snow, some very heavy loads went up.—Ottawa Free Press.

COLORADO ELECTION FRAUDS.

Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 14.—The grand jury that has been investigating the alleged election frauds in Pueblo county late tonight returned forty-one indictments.



NEW OAK BAY HOTEL. Contractor—F. J. Mesher.

CONTRACTOR F. J. MESHER is receiving the congratulations of his many friends on an achievement in connection with the Oak Bay hotel which entitles him to especial praise.

PALACE OF PEACE.

The Hague, Jan. 14.—The government of the Netherlands has finally selected the military parade grounds near the Bosch for Andrew Carnegie's "Palace of Peace." The selection must be approved by the states-general.

Russia's Bluff To The Powers

Wily Muscovites Attempt to Forestall Complaints of Aggression.

London, Jan. 14.—The Russian government's circular regarding Chinese neutrality has not reached the British foreign office, where today it was explained that the delay was doubtless due to the absence of Ambassador Iuckenrodt, such communications being usually submitted by him in person.

THE SMOOT INVESTIGATION.

Witness States Polygamy is Now Almost a Thing of the Past.

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CARD SHARPS' TROUBLES.

New York, Jan. 13.—Frightened by the activity of District Attorney Jerome, who has announced that he intends to suppress gambling here, hundreds of "card sharps" are preparing to seek winter resorts of the south and west.

PRaise FOR GENERAL EVANS.

London, Jan. 13.—Commenting on the reported retirement of Consul-General Evans, Standard today says: "The reported return to America of the Hon. H. Clay Evans, American consul-general in London, has been received with general regret."

GERM HERE FOR A PRETTY ROW

U. S. Government Objects to Hevil Imprisoning an American Citizen.

Port St. Prince, Haiti, Jan. 13.—Mr. Powell, the American minister, has informed the government of Haiti that the United States government would refuse to recognize the validity of the sentence in contumacy to fifteen years at hard labor pronounced by the Haitian court against Jaeger Huber, an American citizen, for alleged complicity in bond frauds charged against the administration of former President Samson, and of the case of the Bank of Haiti.

RUSSIA'S FINANCES.

A Statement Showing the Imperial Budget for the Present Year.

INDEPENDENT COTTON REPORT.

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 14.—J. A. Taylor, president of the National Ginners' Association, today made the following announcement: "We will get out an acreage report about April 15. The meteorological law charged by Russia since the beginning of the war, but the Japanese government, probably will reply to this country."

TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN.

Headquarters of the Japanese Army, Jan. 14.—General Nogi, in a formal address to the army at a memorial service today presented a tribute to the soldiers who had fallen during the siege of Port Arthur.

SUSPECTED DYNAMITER.

Philadelphia, Jan. 14.—Detectives from New York and Washington are expected here tomorrow for the purpose of identifying Gessler Rossen, who was arrested here yesterday with an infernal machine in his possession.

C. P. R. ATLANTIC SERVICE.

The new C. P. R. steamers, which is promised, will be ready for service next year, will be able to make the trip from land to land in five and a half days, and from Liverpool to Quebec in six and a half days.

EASTERN PASSENGER RATES.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—With the exception of the Michigan Central, all the railroads extending eastward from Chicago have decided to fix passenger rates at the rate of the Michigan Central.

Day's Doings At Ottawa

Cabinet Puts Finishing Touches to Estimates for Presentation This Week.

Vice Regal Drawing Room the Most Brilliant of Recent Functions.

Conference on Subject of Salmon Fishing Postpones Action.

From Our Own Correspondent.

OTTAWA, Jan. 14.—The cabinet today put the finishing touches to the estimates. They will be brought down next week.

TRANS-ATLANTIC RATES.

Liverpool, Jan. 14.—As a result of meetings held yesterday and today between Lord Inverclyde, chairman of the Cunard Steamship Company, and J. S. B. Stewart, chairman of the International Mercantile Marine, all differences have been reconciled and the lines will increase rates generally, commencing January 16.

END OF A PETTY PRUSSIAN PRINCE

Carl of Lippe Detmold Maintained Royal Dignity to the Last.

Detmold, Principality of Lippe, Jan. 14.—Prince Carl Alexander of Lippe Detmold, who died yesterday in his asylum near Bayreuth, was surrounded by all the forms of royalty, by gentlemen waiting and servants who showed him the most exaggerated respect and kept up the illusion that he was indeed a sovereign.

DUTCH NEUTRALITY.

The Hague, Jan. 14.—Rear Admiral Inghelbrecht is starting hurriedly for the Dutch East Indies to take the command of the squadron there. He is charged with the maintenance of Dutch neutrality.

BANKER ARRESTED.

Salt Lake, Utah, Jan. 14.—B. H. Schetter, a banker, was arrested tonight charged with accepting deposits after he knew his bank was insolvent. There is some treachery in this state in five years in the penitentiary.

FREIGHT RATES LEGISLATION.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 14.—President Roosevelt had a conference today with Secretary of War Taft and Representative Hepburn, of Iowa, chairman of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce committee of the house regarding railroad freight rate legislation.



Suggestions Re Taxation

How to Raise Revenue From the Wild Lands and the Timber. Assessors Speak on Objections of Mr. Oliver to the Tax on Farms.

Western Fuel Co. Heard From and Banking Interests Express Opinion

The commission enquiring into the operation of the Assessment Act continued its session yesterday.

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LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 12.—The annual meeting of the Lake Carriers' Association began here today with members present from all the important ports of the Great Lakes.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Secretary of the Treasury Shaw today issued a regulation allowing a drawback on flour and by-products.

Nelson, Jan. 12.—John Houston was elected mayor of Nelson today by fifteen hundred and thirty-two votes.

Quebec, Jan. 12.—A sled upon which were three young sons of E. Chamberland, of this city, dashed over the high cliff in the rear of the city.

Montreal, Jan. 12.—Mayor Laporte today said in answer to a question bearing on the subject that recently he had received letters from prominent people in England.

Woodstock, N. B., Jan. 12.—Thomas Cammick, an old man who murdered Wan Doherty, wounded Chas. and Geo. Doherty and beat his wife, a sister of the late John Doherty.

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A Gorgeous Pageant

Formal Opening of Parliament Yesterday Most Brilliant in History.

A Great Array of Elegant Costumes and Handsome Uniforms.

The Speech From the Throne Outlines the Session's Programme.

From Our Own Correspondent.

OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—The opening of the tenth parliament of Canada today was conceded to be the most brilliant in the history of the Dominion.

Spills of War

Tokyo, Jan. 12.—General Nogai reports that the Japanese captured 12,670 shells, 30,000 kilos of powder and 2,266,800 rounds of rifle ammunition.

Rosland, Jan. 12.—Charles R. Hamilton was elected mayor by a majority of 70.

Kamloops, Jan. 12.—Charles S. Stevens won out for the mayoralty today in a bitter three-cornered fight against John T. Robinson and Duncan Brown.

RUSSIAN CAPTIVES.

Two Shiploads of Prisoners of War Arrive at Nagasaki.

Nagasaki, Jan. 12.—(3 p. m.) The steamers Kaga and Suwai arrived here with 1,600 Russian prisoners of war and fifty officers.

Paris, Jan. 12.—Consideration is being given in the highest quarters to the possibility of the retirement of the cabinet as a result of the election of M. Demour as president of the chamber of deputies.

Tokyo, Jan. 12.—The Japanese war office has notified American Minister Gresham that it will please to permit General MacArthur and one aide to accompany the army of Japan in Manchuria.

Washington, Jan. 12.—(Special.)—At the conclusion of last night's meeting of the City Council, the last of the retiring board, Mayor Coburn invited the aldermen and others attending the meeting to supper at the Grand Opera.

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Was A Day Of Surprises

Alderman Contest Developed Some Sensational Features Yesterday.

Three New Men are to Represent North Ward This Year.

Ald. Vincent Goes Down to Defeat in Surprising Fashion in South Ward.

THE civic elections held yesterday, though there was no majority, were not without their share of surprises.

Another big surprise developed from the result in South Ward, where Ald. Vincent, one of the best working members at the old board, was defeated.

The following "plumbers" were cast for candidates in North Ward: Beckwith, 455; Kinman, 423; Penketh, 311; Dinsdale, 225.

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London, Jan. 12.—The Archbishop of Canterbury, replying to a correspondent who called his attention to an article in a recent number of the New York Churchman, denies that in a recent letter he advocated the establishment of some branch of religion as the national church of America.

Importance of Our Sea

Theme Which Engaged of Board of Trade Afternoon.

Government to Build Dock for Commercial Purposes.

C. H. Lugin Delivered on a Question of Importance.

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Importance of Our Seaboard

Theme Which Engaged Attention of Board of Trade Yesterday Afternoon.

Government to Be Urged to Build Dock for Naval and Commercial Purposes.

C. H. Lugin Delivers a Speech on a Question of Paramount Importance.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Victoria, B. C. Board of Trade was held yesterday afternoon...

SALMON FISHERIES. Mr. James Simon explained the action which the council had taken on this subject...

BULKLEY VALLEY. Encouraging Report From Promising Northern Section of Province. Attention has been drawn intermittently to the prospectiveness of Bulkley valley...

On Future of Victoria

An Interesting Interview With an Optimist—Mr. R. P. Rithet.

Pioneer Leading Merchant and Politician Thinks Outlook a Splendid One.

Believes Ultimately Victoria Will Be Terminus of a Trans-Continental Railway.

Mr. R. P. RITHET, whose all too frequent visits to Victoria are a pleasure...

Conservative Enthusiastic

Held a Good Caucus at Ottawa Yesterday at Which Mr. Borden Was Present.

Popular Leader Withdrew His Letter in Which He Made Resignation.

Likely That Convention Will Be Arranged Before Conclusion of Session.

From Our Own Correspondent.

OTTAWA, Jan. 13.—Mr. Mulock got up at 11 o'clock on the morning of guard of honor when he attempted to pass through the ranks...

Russia May Invade China

A Plain Hint to the Powers Regarding the Czar's Intentions.

Lack of Neutrality Observations as a Pretext for the Move.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 14.—(2.15 a. m.)—Russia's formal notification to the powers of the imminent danger of a Japanese propaganda...

News of the Army and Navy

No Official Information Yet Made as to Status of Bermuda Station.

Hostile Comment on the Closing of the Dockyard at Bermuda.

London, Dec. 31.—No official intimation has yet been made as to whether Bermuda station will be reduced in the general resolution...

CARNEGIE'S LATEST GIFT

WATERLOO, N. Y., Jan. 13.—A special to the Standard from Canton says: "Dr. Almon Gunnison, president of the St. Lawrence University..."

A Day's News of The Dominion

Boston Man Delivers an Address on Fiscal Relations at Toronto.

Ontario's First Minister of Agriculture Dead—A Druggist's Suicide.

Toronto, Jan. 13.—Mr. H. N. Foss, of Boston, in his address on fiscal relations before the Empire Club...

Banker Resigns Over Stock Deal

Munroe & Munroe Failure Puts Aged New York Financier Out of Business.

Incident in Connection With Attempt to Boom Montreal & Boston Consolidated.

New York, Jan. 13.—Archibald S. Loomis, whose name has been mentioned in connection with the booming of the Montreal and Boston Consolidated...

Not having a watch has not envied his chum who has one, the possession of

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What Some People Say

That one could divine in less than three minutes what the people were after when they went into the shoe stores yesterday.

That it was a fortunate thing the roof was on the new Truceau avenue skyscraper before the snow came.

That liquor dealers will now take a night school course on racial peculiarities.

That while some are born to trouble and others have trouble thrust upon them, there are others who volunteer to go into the City Council.

That a new edition of Liars We Have Met is now in preparation by the defeated candidates in collaboration.

That the owner of a horse and cutter now takes residence on the possession of an automobile.

That before the ink is dry in the odes to beautiful snow, the name of the aforesaid will be slush.

That all Victoria's embryonic Napoleons are now retreating the first chapters of their careers, storming the snow fortifications.

That he who hesitates as to sleigh-riding stands a poor chance of being in the delight that came to the man who cut drive with one hand.

That on the night of an election the man who answers the telephone in a newspaper office is excused from the general restrictions as to profanity.

That the man with the rosette proclaims he needs no excuse these days.

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A LIFE FOR A LIFE

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WORKMEN'S GRIEVANCES

St. Petersburg, Jan. 12.—The grievance of the St. Petersburg workmen have not yet been settled.

MISSING GIRLS

Nanaimo, B. C., Jan. 13.—In response to an appeal issued by Mayor Manson last night, the Nanaimo police searched for the missing girls...

CHAS DRURY DEAD

Barrie, Ont., Jan. 13.—Hon. Charles Drury, Ontario's first minister of agriculture, and sheriff of County Simcoe since 1858, died here last night, aged 81 years.

FATAL TRAIN ACCIDENT

Dutton, Ont., Jan. 13.—Archibald Carmichael and Duncan McArthur were killed by a train at Dutton, Ont., yesterday afternoon.

LOST FIRE-DRIVER

Gloucester, N. S., Jan. 13.—The Gloucester schooner Lancer, which was sunk in a collision in the Bay of Islands last Sunday, lost the life of her crew.

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Of Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in Circulation in Puget Sound Cities.

A dangerous counterfeit in the shape of 20 bills purporting to have been issued by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation of Shanghai, are being circulated by Seattle and other of the larger Sound towns, probably also in Victoria.

The United States secret service office has sent out warning notices to banks and efforts are being made to apprehend the counterfeiters of the bogus notes.

It is thought that the bills were brought on the steamer Quilo, from China, two weeks ago and a number of them were, it is said, passed in Tacoma by sailors from that vessel.

The counterfeiters are considerably larger than the American currency and are, in shape, almost square. Both Chinese and English lettering appear on them, and they are purported to be signed by G. G. Forsyth, an accountant, and W. A. Gardner, manager of the bank.

So intricate is the design of the bill that it is considered particularly difficult to counterfeit. Those in circulation in this city, however, are of the old design and display infinite patience in the manufacture.

The correct paper is used, and the most suspicious part of the bill is being a fine cross work, which does not show up plainly.

Suez, Egypt, Jan. 12.—The division of the Russian second Pacific squadron commanded by Rear Admiral Botkovsky arrived here today from Port Said.

EXAMINE TRADE CONDITIONS

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# Local Items

**Insurance Company.**—Higgins & Elliott solicitors for the applicants, give notice that application will be made at the next session of the legislature for an act incorporating the British Canadian Fire Insurance Company, limited, to carry on the business of fire insurance in this province.

**The Full Court.**—The entire session of the Full Court yesterday was taken up with hearing argument of counsel in the case of Brown v. Spence. Chief Justice Power, C. J., of the Full Court, on Wednesday in the suit of Centre Star vs. Rossland Miners' Union, as there are several members of the bar and British Columbia named Taylor, and all three K. C.'s, it may be well to explain the Taylor reference to the Chief Justice in the "cross" was S. S. Taylor, K. C., of Nelson, and not either W. J. Taylor, K. C., of Victoria, of the firm of Power, C. J., of the firm of Taylor, Bradburn & Lanes.

**Promising Claim.**—It is reported from Duncan on apparently good authority that a body of ore has been struck after several years' work and the expenditure of many thousands of dollars by Capt. Wason and associates on the Key Key claim, a property adjoining the other known ore mines, and in the immediate vicinity of the Key Key group. The ledge was struck by sinking a shaft to a depth of 520 feet, and this alone shows the firm faith of the owners in sinking to this great depth before finding ore. The grade of the ore is believed to be about 30 per cent, yet unknown, but from certain circumstances connected with the finding of the ledge, it is believed to be of the same nature as the ore in the other mines, and the prospect is very promising.

**A Cold Bath.**—Two gentlemen and a lady had an involuntary bath at Beacon Hill yesterday afternoon. While enjoying the first skating of the season the ice gave way and they were precipitated into the water. Fortunately the accident had no serious results, the three victims being none the worse for their dip.

**White Pass Charge.**—E. A. Murphy of Skagway, formerly chief clerk for J. G. Rogers, superintendent of the White Pass railway, has severed his connection with the latter company and has accepted the position of agent at Skagway for the Pacific Coast Steamship Co. L. M. West, formerly agent at Skagway, will have a position with the company at San Francisco.

**Handsome Calendars.**—The White Pass & Yukon Route Co. is distributing its calendars for 1905, of most beautiful and unique design similar to those issued by the same company last year. On each of the twelve calendar cards is a picture, and the scenes are all scenes along the line covered either by the railway or steamboats of the company.

**Company Incorporated.**—The Everett Timber and Investment Company has been registered as an extra provincial company. The head office of the company is at Everett, Wash., and the amount of the capitalization is \$350,000, divided into 5000 shares of \$70 each. E. V. Bodwell is solicitor for the company, the time of existence of which is 50 years.

**Annual Meeting.**—The annual meeting of the Tourist Association will be held at the city hall on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 8 p. m. The report of the executive and the annual report of the executive and the election of officers for the coming year, etc., will be presented. The meeting will be illustrated by lantern slides in order to give subscribers a more adequate idea of the work done by the association. The report will be particularly requested to be present. Ladies and friends are also invited.

**A New President.**—Mr. Geo. H. Webster, formerly division engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., has accepted an appointment as division engineer of the British Columbia Contract Co., Ltd., and has been elected president in place of Mr. C. E. Fowler, who has resigned. Mr. Webster is a former division engineer of the C. P. R. hotel foundations as consulting engineer for the contractors.

**Police Court.**—In the city police court yesterday the Saunders Grocery Co., charged with supplying a case of liquor to Jumbo, an Indian, was fined \$100 by Magistrate Hall. The fine will be paid. The sale was admitted, the clerk who sold the case of whiskey to Jumbo being of the opinion that he was not being the Indian has curly hair and has some of the features of the colored gentleman, but he is a full-blooded Indian, the fact that he was cost the grocery company a hundred dollars.

**Skaters Jubilant.**—The many residents of Victoria who are lovers of sport on the ice with the skates were jubilant yesterday at the continued frosty weather, which gave further good skating at Colwood. Large parties went out yesterday, transportation facilities being furnished from Esquimalt and also by the E. & N. railway. Last evening a special train carrying a jolly crowd left the E. & N. railway depot at 7 o'clock, and as weather conditions were so ideal a merry time was spent by all.

**Survey of Claims.**—W. J. Sutton, mining engineer of this city, has received a letter from Gifford Price, president of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, who has been appointed by President Roosevelt to enquire into the operation of American mining laws, and to furnish information as to how mining claims are surveyed in this province. In his connection Mr. Price makes it known to the government that the survey of mineral claims should be made in a more systematic fashion—giving their bearings north, south, east and west.

**Donations Acknowledged.**—It may be of interest to some of those who take note of the works of love and charity carried on in Victoria to know that the collection of money for the fund for the Christmas Bazaar, held at the Victoria Hotel, was successful. Useful and generous donors were sent to the matrons and inmates by the following friends of the work: Mrs. S. Mitchell, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Munie, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. William Grant, Mrs. D. Spencer, Mrs. Spence, Mrs. Shakespear, Mrs. Penney, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. C. T. W. Wilson, Mrs. Mowat, Mrs. Wm. Weston, Mrs. Sexton, a friend, Mrs. Millson, Mrs. Spofford and Mrs. Brayshaw.

**Full Court.**—In the Full Court yesterday judgment was concluded in the case of Brown v. Spence. Chief Justice Power, and judgment reserved. Judgment was also reserved in the case of Johnson vs. Higgins for plaintiff (appellant), J. H. Lawson, jun., for defendant (respondent). See the Assessment Act and the Port Simpson Land Co., J. H. Lawson, for company (appellant), J. Elliott for assessor, the appeal was allowed and the question of costs reserved. The court adjourned on Monday, when the case of the Attorney General vs. the C. P. R. Co. will be heard.

**A Claim for Consideration.**—In connection with the recent, particularly sad death in this city of Mr. James B. Colman, a case of hydrophobia resulting from the bite of a wolf at Whitehorse, representations are being made to Ottawa, by the members of the liberal members of the local and Dominion houses, suggesting that some special vote may be made for the aid of the widow and orphans, who are now being supported by the government and improper. It is fully expected that the government will willingly set aside some sum of money as a matter of belated justice, in a most distressing case.

**Election Aftermath.**—Much discussion ensued yesterday respecting the result of the municipal elections and the result of the election of the mayor. It is believed that a number of the successful candidates are publishing and circulating their own version of the support accorded them. At Monday evening's meeting the various committees were standing committees will be drafted for the year. Mr. Ald. Bell will probably be left in a position of leadership as chairman of the OM Men's Home committee, and it is

not at all improbable that Mr. Stewart will be made chairman of the finance committee. The death of Mr. Stewart retains the chairmanship of the finance committee. The death of Mr. Stewart retains the chairmanship of the finance committee.

**Flockmasters' Dinner.**—The annual dinner of the Vancouver Island Flockmasters' Association will be held at the Queen's Hotel, Wednesday, January 18th, at 8 p. m. This dinner is usually a great success, and it promises to be especially so this year, as a good attendance is expected. The death of Mr. Stewart retains the chairmanship of the finance committee.

**Rhododendron.**—On the 17th and 18th of this month the second set of examinations for Rhododendron ships will be held at the education department. As yet there have been no applications for Rhododendron ships, but Mr. Isaac Rubinowitz, of Vancouver, intends to try the examination. The board of examiners will be the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Gairns, Superintendent Alex. Robinson, Mr. J. C. Shaw, M. A., principal of the Vancouver school, and Mr. W. G. McNaughton, and Treasurer, W. J. Clark.

**Northern Mails.**—The post office department has arranged for the performance of three round trips with mails between Esquimalt and Wrangell, Alaska, for the present winter. The intention is to the effect that the first mail will leave Esquimalt early on the morning of the 15th inst., and with good weather should arrive at Wrangell within five days. Letters for Telegraph Creek and interior points will be sent here on the 17th inst., which should reach Wrangell in time to connect with the mail for Esquimalt on the 18th inst. The dates of despatch in February and March will be noted in the Victoria P. O. Guide for those months.

**Spanish Liberals.**—The Spanish Liberal Association, at a meeting held on Wednesday evening, discussed the question of organizing a mock parliament to be held in Esquimalt harbor, and the question of anchorage in Esquimalt harbor, brought forward by the Esquimalt Liberal Association at their meeting of the 6th inst., therefore this executive committee has passed a resolution to the effect that the secretary be instructed to forward copies of this resolution to the Esquimalt Liberal Association, and the Victoria Board of Trade and the different Liberal associations. The meeting also passed a resolution opposing a close season on standard bred and a common barnyard fowl.

**The Snow Fall.**—From reports at the local meteorological office the present fall of snow has not extended very far north of Vancouver Island. At 11 o'clock on Friday the snow had fallen to a depth of 4 or 5 yards morning of the fall at New Westminster had been very light, but it is expected to snow again, as the snow in the snow area extends as far as the Columbia river.

**Assessment Commission.**—The commission to inquire into the operation of the Assessment Act will resume its sessions on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. One of the items on the agenda in prospect is the proposed change in the assessment of Mr. John Oliver, M. P. P., who has been conspicuous in finding fault with the act, and complaining of its allegedly unfairness. It is expected that the commission will adjourn on Thursday the secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Oliver of the date fixed for the next meeting of the commission, and to urge upon him to prepare himself for the occasion. The points which have been raised in the past, and which have been referred to the tax assessor, Delta refer chiefly to the fact that the assessor has a duty to perform, among other things it having been alleged by him that growing crops are valued at the market value of the land, which Mr. C. C. Fisher, the assessor for the New Westminster district, gave evidence on Thursday. It is also expected that the commission will present to give their opinions as to the operation of the act from the merchants' point of view.

**The Police Grist.**—George Young, a piano tuner, who was charged with being an army captain, was placed under arrest yesterday by Constable W. G. H. Robinson. He is charged with having passed worthless promissory notes. He passed two cheques, both for small amounts, one for five dollars, the other for ten dollars, to the E. & N. railway, and was charged with having made payable to himself and was signed by one McKay. Frank Noris was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment in the police court yesterday for stealing a pair of boots. The Chinese perjury case was called, but again remanded.

**The Snow Goggles.**—Under a gentle rain the snow goggles covered the city with a mantle of white on Friday, yesterday was made to rapidly disappear and the gleaming and skating proved but a dream of the night. The snow goggles did a rousing business in the sale of rubbers.

**Returns on Tuesday.**—A letter from Mr. H. G. Robinson says he will be here Tuesday morning to deliver all stock purchased from him. He says the telegram from New York some ten days ago. Mr. Robinson deserves credit for the prompt delivery of the stock, of which a very considerable amount was bought in Victoria.

**Duck Shooters' Outing.**—A duck shooting party is being arranged for a trip to Discovery Island in the near future. A steamer will be engaged and a number of boats taken along. Sportsmen who are desirous of going can obtain full information at W. H. Adams' sporting goods store, 104 Government street.

**Municipal Politics.**—It is freely mentioned in the "Herald" of the city that Dr. Lewis Hall, who is elected at the head of the poll in North Ward at the recent municipal contest, will be a candidate for the position of mayor next year. It is also asserted with much glee by the Grits that party lines were drawn in the contest in North Ward, with the resultant Liberal success.

**The Salmon Season.**—Now that the Ottawa government is announced to be seriously considering the question of joining hands with the American authorities for a close season for the catching of salmon, it is interesting to recall that the Colonist, weeks ago, predicted the significance of the move and gave due prominence to the announcement. The Colonist's prediction on the coast to treat the matter seriously from its real news value.

**The Glorious Twelfth.**—Efforts will be made to have the next Twelfth of July celebration in Victoria. This was decided upon at the meeting of the district Orange Lodge No. 2, held on Tuesday night in the A. O. U. W. Hall. At the same meeting the following officers were elected: J. H. Lawson, jun., w. Wallace; deputy master, William Mac-

**St. Petersburg, Jan. 14.**—On the occasion of the Russian New Year Emperor Nicolas bestowed on Grand Duke Sergius a portrait of Alexander III, to which he added the imperial order of the order of St. Andrew. Prince John Obolenski, the governor-general of Minusinsk, was given the Alexander Nevsky order, and the Russian minister, Minister Kokosoff has been appointed secretary of state and retains his present post as minister of the interior. The new year visits consecrated by long tradition, were continuing in every direction over the glistening snow. Beyond these visits there were no festivities, but the Russian New Year is a day of joy and festivity. New Year reviews by the latest newspapers have had the best of it, and the whole tone of the press is summed up in the following statement in the "Herald": "They have entrenched themselves in Korea as though they were the Japanese army of conquest, and have captured Port Arthur and made it their base for a southern Manchuria, but are face to face with a Russian army of equal numbers. The Russian New Year will show the Russian flag raised again along the borders of the warm war."

**The Yreany.**—Some comments on the Chinese neutrality, says that the secretary Hay's plan for the limitation of the war zone has broken down. China will not preserve her neutrality. In conclusion, the Yreany says that the secret relation wherein Russia must no longer rely upon international diplomacy, but must take steps for her own protection.

**Emperor Bestows Decorations on Grand Duke and the Prince.**

**Ceremonious Round of Calls in Spite of Lack of Court Reception.**

**Doctors Said That Lumps and External Swellings Would Turn to Nothing Sores.**

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## A Creditable Show of Fowl

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List of Winners of Special Prizes Donated by the Citizens of Victoria.

(From Sunday's Daily)

The fourth annual exhibition of the Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock Association closed last evening, and proved to be the finest exhibition of its kind ever held in this city. It was the largest in number of entries and the greatest number of varieties shown, including all standard and several non-standard varieties. It was the largest in number of varieties shown, including all standard and several non-standard varieties. It was the largest in number of varieties shown, including all standard and several non-standard varieties.

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4 lbs. Sazo, Tapioca or Rice.....	25c
3 pkts. Jelly Powder, 3 pkts. Fry's Cocoa or 2 tins Iceing Sugar.....	25c
1 tin Syrup (½ gal) or 1 bot. Bovril.....	35c
1 lb. Corns, Peas or 1 bot. Sherrie.....	50c
5 lb. Small White or Bayon Beans or 5 lbs. Spl. Peas.....	25c
1 tin Royal, Prie's or Schilling Baking Powder, 12 oz.....	40c
1 Broom or 1 tin Lobster, or 2 tins Alford Sardines.....	40c
2 tins Cream or 2 pkts. Flakes or 1 Postum Cereal.....	25c
1 tin Marmalade, 1 tin Pineapple or 3 bars Soap.....	15c
3 lbs. Valencia Raisins or 3 pkts. Blue Ribbon.....	80c
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## Along the Waterfront

### Details of the Wreck of Steamer Columbia—The Paltolach Arrives.

The steamer Columbia, formerly the steamer Saga, the largest fishing vessel of the New England Fish Company's fleet, was wrecked last Monday night off Milbank Sound, near the north end of Vancouver, by the crew of 30 men, including the captain and fisherman, were brought to Vancouver at 6 o'clock having been towed by the steamer New England, the flagship of the big northern fishing fleet.

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Submarines for Japanese Navy

Kanagawa Maru Will Carry More Devillish Craft When She Leaves for Orient.

Consignment of Deadly Boats Said to Be on the Way to Seattle.

As is known, a number of vessels have sailed of late carrying contraband for both Russia and Japan...

The submarines being shipped to Japan are being shipped to the coast of the Pacific Ocean...

Such information as the public is entitled to know when inquiry is made...

SAILING SHIPS.

Lorne Bringing Potlatch to Victoria—Rickmers Ship Overdue.

The Lorne is expected in port today with the British ship Potlatch...

The British ship Potlatch, loaded with nearly two million feet of lumber from Chemainus for Melbourne...

The British ship Invermark, Capt. Botchford, is expected to arrive from Port Blakely to complete her lumber cargo...

The American barkentine S. G. Wilder, Capt. Jackson, sailed yesterday afternoon from Winlaw bound to San Francisco...

FOUR ARE COMING.

Many Liners Now En Route Here—Keenan Shelters in Route.

Steamer Keenan came into the Royal Roads yesterday afternoon from Victoria...

Last Monday the company's steamship Montreal, Capt. G. H. Brown, sailed from Seattle...

SITUATION IN RUSSIA.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 14.—(2:15 p. m.)

The rumor that the resignation of the minister of the interior, Prince Bristol...

TRAGEDY AT VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, Jan. 15.—(Special)—Har-

ry Slater, ex-prize convict, who had been before police several times for beating and threatening his wife, Eva Marston...

NEW C. P. R. BOATS.

Twenty Knots an Hour—Best Boats on the St. Lawrence Route.

The plans of the two new boats which Mr. Arthur Piers, manager of steamships of the C. P. R., brought over with him from England have been accepted...

As is known, a number of vessels have sailed of late carrying contraband for both Russia and Japan...

ARE URGING A SCHOOL OF MINES

Mining Men on Mainland Now Agitating for an Innovation.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 13.—The question of a provincial school of mines has been agitated here, and is one of the topics of conversation in the mining world...

Such information as the public is entitled to know when inquiry is made...

Importance of Our Seaboard

(Continued from Page Three.)

which the emancipation of the board was requested. This communication was referred to the committee on trade and transportation...

Your committee on trade and transportation, which has been carefully considering the memorial of the Navy League, Victoria and Esquimaux branch...

And whereas the Imperial Navy has guarded our shores and patrolled our seas since the dawn of civilization...

And whereas this board has already expressed its appreciation of the intention of the Dominion government to make early provision for the establishment of a Canadian naval militia...

GRAVING DOCK.

It was moved by Mr. Beaumont

Boogs: "That a strong memorial be forwarded to the Dominion government asking that immediate steps be taken to reconstruct the drydock at Esquimaux...

The president asked if the meeting considered that any action should be taken in this matter.

Mr. Lugin moved, seconded by Mr. C. F. Todd, that the resolution be on the table.

Mr. C. H. Lugin seconded the resolution. It concerned a matter to which the board of the Dominion government should be drawn to the importance of the Pacific coast of Canada.

in regard to the changes in the naval programme of the British government...

Mr. Joseph Pearson, secretary of the Navy League, expressed his appreciation of the resolution...

Mr. Lindley Crease supported the resolution. Lending his voice to the arguments which have been raised against contribution to the navy by Canada...

Mr. F. Pauline thought there were cogent objections to the enlargement of the fleet of the Dominion...

A CABINET CRISIS IN FRANCE

Chamber of Deputies Packed Yesterday in Expectation of Some Developments.

Paris, Jan. 15.—The Chamber of Deputies was packed today owing to the expectation that the cabinet crisis would reach a decisive issue...

The board adjourned.

STRIKES IN GERMANY.

Trouble Amongst Coal Miners Spreading With a Graye Outlook.

Berlin, Jan. 14.—(3:30 a. m.)—The coal strike continues to spread. The leading unions in the Ruhr...

Mr. Lugin said he approved of the resolution of the Dominion government with respect to the committee with respect to the Dominion should share in the defence of the Empire.

FIRST DAY OF POULTRY SHOW

Formal Opening by Lieut. Governor of Annual Exhibition in This City.

(From Friday's Daily.) The poultry show was opened by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor yesterday afternoon...

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Suggestions Re Taxation

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ST COAST of New England—The Wood.

Jan. 13.—The principal cause of the strike on the east coast, struck an unskilled sound, and has Monday's dates. The crews were in dories and brought...

DRACKERS. Fire Department's Step.

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Heroic Commander Accepted Parole in Order to Report in Person. St. Petersburg, Jan. 12.—The war office explains that the reason for Lieutenant-General Stobbs's parole...

SMOOT INVESTIGATION.

Washington, Jan. 11.—When the defence in the Senator Smoot case investigation was taken up today the committee of the Senate committee on privileges and elections was crowded with women...

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FRENZIED FINANCE AND ITS RESULTS

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 12.—The committee of programs for the eleventh quadrennial International Sunday School convention, which will be held in Toronto from June 22 to July 1, has been named.

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By Wm. M. Brewer, M. E.

In the British Columbia Mining Exchange for December, I notice a long article devoted to the origin and growth, work and objects, of the Provincial Department of Mines. So far as it goes, this article is well written and deals with facts connected with this important branch of the government business, and the writer has evidently confined himself to authentic information from reliable authorities.

There is no question but that the Department of Mines in this province is destined to become one of the most important portfolios of the government, and the reports which are annually made by the Minister of Mines are among the most important documents issued from the Parliament buildings.

When the convention of the Provincial Mining Association was held in Victoria early in 1904, I was absent from the province, but read the proceedings of that convention with a great deal of interest, and particularly that portion which criticised the Provincial Mineralogist. Although at the time I did not agree with many of the comments made at the convention, yet at the same time I did not consider it advisable to rush

operators invariably call for well developed properties when seeking to make purchases. But in my own experience I know that some of the heaviest operators in the United States are today investigating striking districts remote from transportation.

It is supremely ridiculous to imagine for one moment that the Provincial Mineralogist can do full justice to the field work which should occupy his attention and at the same time edit all the reports including the statistics, write his own technical reports, and be on hand to receive visitors in his office without being furnished with the necessary assistants. In my opinion, and of course it is merely my opinion, that the Provincial Mineralogist should have a corps of competent assistants in the mining industry in this province.

With that part of the department reworked by such appropriations being made as will be sufficient to furnish the Provincial Mineralogist with a corps of competent assistants then I am perfectly frank to say that I cheerfully endorse

who is a guest at the Vancouver Club, Vancouver. The editor of the Colonist answered to a query of the Colonist correspondent.

Mr. Breese talked with much reserve as he stated that so many ridiculous statements and reports had been made about the district referred to that it was desirable to know if there was even in the great telescope, if indeed, it has one; but the tail is quite wide, diffuse and faint and is nearly circular or slightly oval or elongated.

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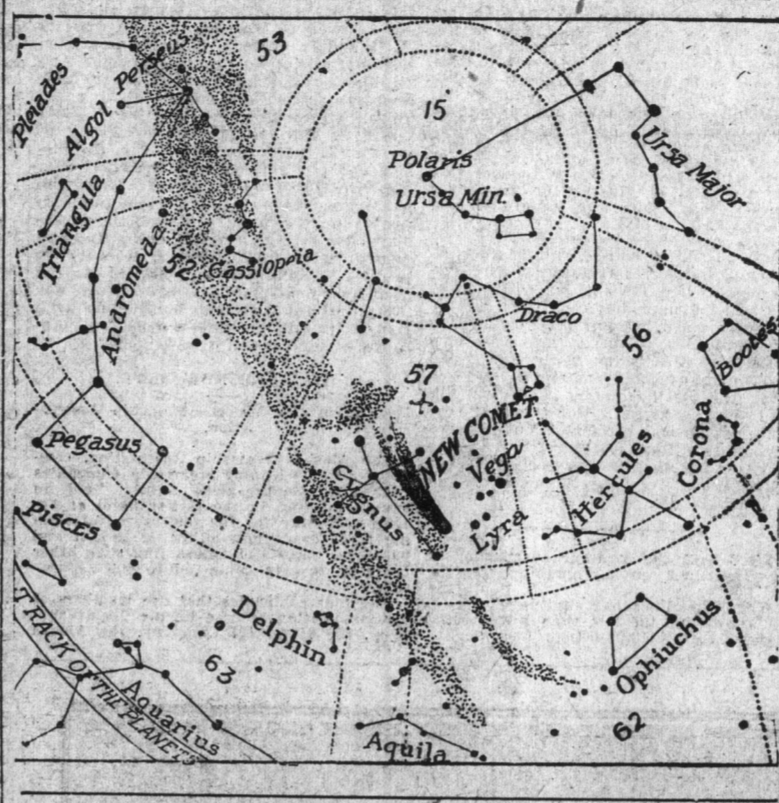
Encke's periodic comet shows well in the telescope now. The sky is very clear tonight, and the best observation yet secured was just made, 8:30 p. m., Nov. 25. Its position was right ascension 21 hours 33 minutes, declination (north) 12 degrees 42 minutes. This brings it in the western part of the constellation Pegasus and near a splendid cluster of small stars known as Messier 15. The comet is moving southwest to sweep around the sun. It is at this writing about 46,000,000 miles from the earth. It is not visible to the unaided eye. The nucleus is very faint and difficult to see even in the great telescope, if indeed, it has one; but the tail is quite wide, diffuse and faint and is nearly circular or slightly oval or elongated.

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miles away; and at that time has a diameter of 300,000 miles. Then it flies outward with rapidly accelerating speed to the nearest approach to the solar globe, a distance of 33,000,000 miles. But behind! Its diameter is then about 14,000 miles only! That is, when first seen its volume is 100 times greater than when in perihelion. The entire subject of comets is a mystery. Thus, the spectroscopic shows that the light emitted by a majority like that radiating from the base of a common gas or candle flame, which we know to be caused by the union of a hydro-carbon with oxygen.

Some of the light of comets' tails is reflected by the sun; but some is due to the materials of the comets themselves. The tails of comets behave as though repelled by a force emanating from the sun.

Various opinions have been advanced on this perplexing question. The electrical theory of repulsion had many adherents. That the sun is surrounded by an electrostatic field which repels the thin gas of the comet away into a streamer; but the writer heard the great Swedish astronomer and physicist



Arrhenius at the World's Congress of Electricians in St. Louis elaborate a profound mathematical theory of the presence of a fluid every in general. This vast subject cannot be shown here.

The most appalling apparition ever seen in the sky was that of the enormous comet of 1882. It actually passed within only 300,000 miles of that awful furnace, the sun's surface. It plowed through the hot gases surrounding the solar mass with the world-startling speed of 300 miles per second. On September 1, 1882, it was watched from the Cape of Good Hope until it got white hot close to the edge of the sun, when it vanished. The observers thought that it had disappeared behind the sun, but it crossed the night sky. It passed between the earth and sun in fifteen minutes and traversed the 800,000 miles in that short time. When crossing the sun's face it was invisible. It thereupon became white hot, and as it cooled and dark it would have been seen as a dot or spot—that is, the nucleus.

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ward move on the part of the American is supposed to have forced his hands. He announced here that he represented the two lines have met and so arranged routes that there will be no parallel. The two lines will tap different sections of the province, and ranching country. No confirmation of these reports can be had at headquarters in Halifax. It was reported to have said that he would take nothing less than a second Annapolis, the Similkameen valley, which is to have six stages added immediately and the amount of gold produced is estimated at \$1,000,000 every twenty-four hours. The Nickel Plate will be worth a fortune until it dawns Le Roi, the War Eagle and the Centre Star, and beyond doubt the richest and most valuable mine in the province, with a payroll at the mine and mill of 250 men. The official report of the Minister of Finance gives \$2,000,000 as the sum spent on the claims and the mill to place the company in its present enviable position.

**STOESSSEL'S FAREWELL.**  
Tokyo, Jan. 13.—It is announced that the Japanese troops at Port Arthur chanted the officers and men for the heroic defence and he considered that the Japanese terms were the best it was possible to have offered. He added that he would take all the blame on himself for the premature surrender of the fortress.

**STARCH PLANT FIRE.**  
Big Factory in New York Damaged and Employees Have Narrow Escape.  
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### Wireless Telegraph.

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### Leopold Sells To Pierpont Morgan

Belgian King Disposes of Interests in the Chinese Railway.

American Capitalist Buys Into a Gigantic Railway Scheme.

Paris, Jan. 14.—Information from Brussels reaching the highest quarters here, shows it is the extensive interests of King Leopold in the Canton-Hankow railway which have passed into the hands of J. Pierpont Morgan of New York.

Negotiations on the subject had been going on for some time as it was considered that the French, Belgian and American interests so to eventually cover the Franco-Belgian concession for a line from Pekin to Hankow, thus making a continuous line from Pekin to Canton, over 2,600 miles from north to south through the heart of populous China. The extent of this project is compared by those familiar with the negotiations with the transcontinental lines connecting New York and San Francisco. The Belgian interest in the Hankow-Canton railway is still in abeyance, but the French view appears to be favorable to combine the interests so as to make a continuous route from the capital to the great emporium of the south. That portion relating to the Hankow-Canton railway is considered to have been closed by the transfer of the interests, of which the personal holdings of King Leopold make up the largest part, to Mr. Morgan. This branch of the negotiations was conducted at Brussels. The concession of the Hankow-Canton railway was originally American and then passed under Belgian control. The line is about 1,200 miles long, and the extension to Pekin will be about 1,600 miles, a total of 2,800 miles without counting the extensive spurs toward Tientsin, Kio Chu and Shanghai valleys.

### Russians Were Within Rights

Damage Done to Ships at Port Arthur Before Surrender is Condoned.

Tokyo, Jan. 13.—There is a growing sentiment here to discourage further criticism of Gen. Stoessel's action in damaging the ships and fortifications at Port Arthur after his letter looking to the opening of negotiations for capitulation. It is held that daily negotiations damage their good faith by stopping the destruction of the ships.

### Blockade Runner Nailed.

Tokyo, Jan. 14.—(I. a. m.)—The Japanese torpedo boat destroyer No. 72 captured the British steamer Leithington in the straits last Thursday and brought her to Saeki bay. The Leithington is reported to have a cargo of coal for Vladivostok.

### Getch a Wonder.

Montreal, Jan. 13.—Frank Getch tonight at Solmer park, before a crowd of 3,000 people, again demonstrated his superiority over "Yankee" Rogers, by defeating him in two straight falls catch-as-catch-can, the first in 34-40 and the second in 18-16. Getch was the best of all through and gave Rogers a cruel grilling.

### Niagara Falls Dry.

Ice Run and Low Water Affect Niagara in Remarkable Manner.  
Niagara Falls, Ont., Jan. 14.—A remarkable condition of affairs prevailed at the falls for the past two days. A heavy ice run and low water have almost blocked the American channel. The American falls are practically dry, and it has been possible to walk across from the mainland to Goat Island in the bed of the river. The Canadian falls are not affected.

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Tokyo, Jan. 14.—(I. a. m.)—The Japanese torpedo boat destroyer No. 72 captured the British steamer Leithington in the straits last Thursday and brought her to Saeki bay. The Leithington is reported to have a cargo of coal for Vladivostok.

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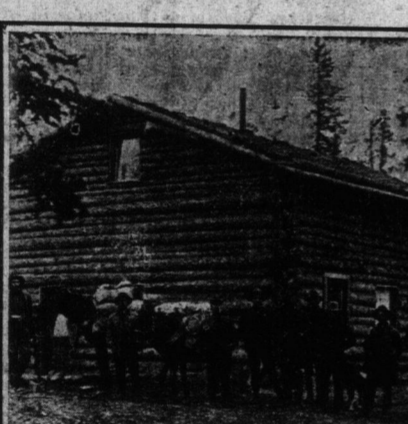
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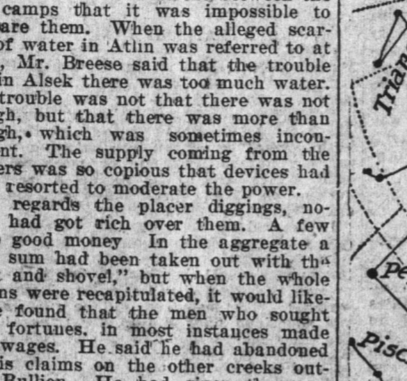
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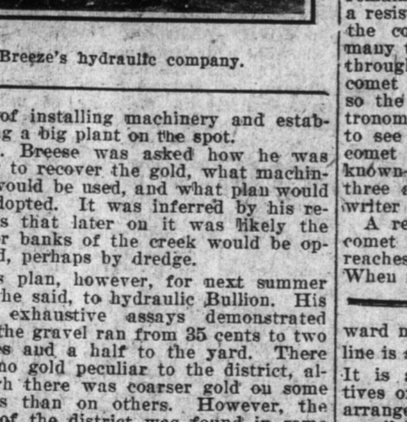
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