

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL

Tea Per Cent Royalty Still to Be Exact on Gold Output of Yukon.

Arrival of the Spirit Wrestlers Has Greatly Relieved the Dominion Government.

Inspectors Strickland and Moodie Are Reporting on the Conditions of the Yukon.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, Jan. 20.—Rather disappointing news awaited Sir Charles Dupper on his arrival here this afternoon, and the announcement is one which will be unwelcome also to many other Canadians who like Sir Charles, are interested in the development of the Yukon. It is to the effect that there will be no reduction in the 10 per cent royalty on the output of gold in Yukon, but that the amount exempt from royalty is to be increased from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

The government is relieved to hear of the arrival of the steamer Lake Huron with the Donkubbers, as a good deal of anxiety existed since the vessel became overdue.

The marine department has had information to the effect that the mail carrier and the three men who were carried away on the ice near Bonaventure Island, drifted to the eastward and got ashore though greatly exhausted.

J. C. Jardine, of Toronto, has been appointed commissioner for Ontario to the Paris exhibition.

NEIL MATHESON IS A NEW APPOINTMENT as preventive officer at Westminster.

NEW YORK EDISON COMPANY GOES TO A CONCERN WITH A LONG NAME.

New York, Jan. 20.—An arrangement was consummated to-day for the sale of the Edison Electrical Illuminating Co. of this city to the New York Gas Co.

AMATEURS SKATING RACES POSTPONED FOR WANT OF ICE.

CLEVELAND TOO WARM.

THE SAMOAN ROW.

FINNS WANT NO FIGHTING.

RESULT OF JEALOUSY.

BALTIMORE WOMAN SUSPECTED TO HAVE MURDERED HER HUSBAND.

THE BLOOD PURIFIER.

GAS FROM GARBAGE.

Toronto Man's Scheme Brings Him in Law Suit Instead of the Millions Expected.

Buffalo, Jan. 19.—Louis Gibson Harris, of Toronto, who some years ago discovered a process for making gas from garbage and who subsequently sold the United States rights to a syndicate of New Yorkers for \$500,000, is being sued in the Supreme court by Geo. H. Moore, of this city, for \$50,000, on the ground that Moore brought about the sale and that Harris promised him ten per cent of the purchase price as a commission.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 19.—The Russian Government has ordered a new cruiser of 6250 tons to be constructed at the Vulcan shipbuilding yards at Stettin, Prussia. It has also been decided to build in Russian yards three battleships of about 12,800 tons each and two cruisers of 6,000 respectively.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Jan. 20.—By the Allan liner Corcan the colonial government received official despatches from Mr. Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, intimating that he is likely to propose legislation to the colonial legislature at the coming session whereby better arrangements can be made for the operations of the French and British fishermen on the French coast.

London, Jan. 20.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says: "I am informed that Sir Edmund Monson, British ambassador to France, in an interview with M. Delcasse, French minister of foreign affairs, has virtually laid down the lines of negotiation upon all disputed points between France and Great Britain. The programme so far amounting to an Anglo-French treaty of the highest historic importance, is expected to be concluded in the next few days."

Paris, Jan. 21.—The French papers this morning comment, though somewhat belatedly, upon the Anglo-Egyptian convention for the administration of the Sudan. The Liberte is very angry but the Journal Des Debats is less unfriendly.

NEWFOUNDLAND LEST THEY BE VICTIMS OF WAR.

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By Associated Press. New York, Jan. 20.—Dun's review of trade says: Canadian reports this week are not especially encouraging though they show a good condition of business, rather better than a year ago. While city trade is light in groceries and provisions at St. John's, travellers' orders are better and business in dry goods and hardware is very moderate.

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All Points Disputed With England to Be Included in Pending Treaty.

Fishermen Will Stay Away From Newfoundland Lest They Be Victims of War.

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BOLD YOUNG TURKETS.

Preparing to Publish to the World Iniquities of the Sultan's Palace.

London, Jan. 20.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Times says: "The Sultan is disturbed at the growth of the Young Turkey party, which is daily winning recruits from the best Turkish families. He is especially concerned because he has been informed that the party are preparing his biography, revealing gross palace intrigues and describing in detail the arts and methods constituting the Hamidian system."

CASHED UP FOR MUSSEN.

IN PERIL ON ATLANTIC.

They Fare Better With Another Craft and Now Are Safe in Port.

By Associated Press. Queenstown, Jan. 19.—The Hamburg-American liner Alesia, which yesterday signalled for assistance because of broken propeller, and then disappeared out to sea, was safely brought in to-day.

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PHILIPINOS HOLD OUT.

Claim to Have Had Their Government for Two Years Before Spain Traded Islands.

Demand Official Recognition Before Discussing Even Subject of Protectorate.

Strong Movement in United States Senate to Declare Occupation Only Temporary.

By Associated Press. Manila, via Hongkong, Jan. 21.—Private advices received here from Iloilo differ materially from the official reports. They say the rebels have completed their fortifications there and that they are now fortifying Guinares Island. The American forces are still on board the transports Newport, Arizona and Pennsylvania, which are anchored close to Iloilo, it is added, have granted permission to land unarmed parties not exceeding five in number, if accompanied by a native officer. The water was declined, but the rebels subsequently permitted officers to land, furnishing them with an escort.

BOLIVIAN REVOLUTION.

Insurgents Having Great Success and Complete Victory Looked for.

KILLED WIFE AND SELF.

Ex-County Surveyor in Washington State Commits Awful Crime in Cold Blood.

A Shotgun His Weapon—Three Deliberate Attempts Before Successful in Slaying.

Seattle, Jan. 20.—In a small frame dwelling a mile south of the town of Silverdale, Kitsap county, there occurred yesterday morning one of the most horrible, cold-blooded and ghastly murders ever recorded in this state. David Williams, ex-county surveyor, shot and killed his wife, and then turning the weapon upon himself, committed suicide.

By Associated Press. The native paper, "Independencia," which is now published at Malolos, was unusually vindictive to-day. Commenting upon the situation, it says: "The Americans are trying all the time to excite the Filipinos to commence hostilities, in the meantime tricking the natives for the purpose of gaining the time necessary to bring out reinforcements."

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KEELY WAS A FRAUD.

So Say Investigators Who Claim That Compressed Air Was His Motive Power.

Philadelphia, Jan. 19.—The Press today publishes an article covering with illustrations over a page in space, giving details of an investigation made by that paper of the dismantled workshop of the late John W. Keely, which investigation, the Press contends, clearly proves the mysterious motor to have been a de-luged mysterious forces were the result of trickery.

In the investigation, which has been in progress for a week, the flooring of the workshop was taken up and the brick partition wall was removed. The Press was assisted in the work by Professor Carl Hering, a consulting engineer of experience, Professor Arthur W. Goodspeed, Assistant Professor of Physics of the University of Pennsylvania, Professor Lightner Wilmer, Professor of Experimental Psychology at the University of Pennsylvania, and Mr. C. Miller, who has had special training in exploration and research in the way of mound digging, and who superintended all the work of the investigation.

It is claimed, laid bare the possibility of the kind calculated to stand high pressure and could have been used in connection with the great steel sphere found last week in the laboratory, which the experts intimate was used as a reservoir for compressed air or compressed gas.

It seems that the little house was tenanted by David Williams, his wife, his wife's younger brother and a little boy who had been adopted by the family. Williams was a man of good standing and thought a half-breed, was well educated, belonged to a good family, had some musical skill, and had formerly served as the surveyor for Kitsap county.

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The Colonist.

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THE CONTEST IN THE CITY.

What reason can be suggested to the voters of Victoria for changing their political allegiance in local affairs? On the general issues of provincial politics they expressed themselves in no uncertain way last summer. What has happened since to lead them to change? We insist that so far from it being possible to advance any good reason, all that has happened since the general elections ought to strengthen their resolve to stand by the men whom they then selected as their representatives.

The Colonist pointed out during the provincial campaign that the defeat of the Turner administration meant the dominance of Mr. Joseph Martin in British Columbia. This prediction has been fulfilled to the letter. The Turner administration was not defeated by the voice of the people; but it was overthrown by an act of usurpation, and the controlling spirit in the usurping ministry is Mr. Martin. The people of Victoria are invited to choose between the firming Mr. Martin in a dictatorship and the control of the affairs of British Columbia by the people of British Columbia. Hitherto in the annals of this province there never was a time when the influence of this, the oldest and wealthiest city, was so negligible in the administration of affairs. To-day it is ignored, and will continue to be ignored as long as Mr. Martin dictates the policy of the government. The intention of the government supporters in this city is to play into Mr. Martin's hands, so as to promote his great ambition, which is to force the Laurier government to recognize him as the chief object of British Columbia with one chief object—to be re-elected upon Mr. Martin's terms. It is of no particular interest to the Colonist what representative of Manitoba Gritism is supreme in the councils of the Liberal party at Ottawa, but we object to the interests of British Columbia as a whole and of Victoria especially being made a gambit in Mr. Joseph Martin's game of political chess. We do not believe the voters of this city will consent to be the cat's-paws in order that Mr. Martin may take his chestnuts out of the fire. We dwell upon this point at some length because Mr. Martin and his plans are involved in the success of the government candidates. These gentlemen will simply be aiding and abetting Mr. Martin in his scheming for influence in the federal arena. Forced out of Manitoba's politics because he had rendered himself obnoxious to the better element of his party, he was clever enough to seize the opportunity afforded by the peculiar conditions existing in local politics in Vancouver to secure election to the legislature. His intention had been to secure the Chief Justiceship, but as this was not offered to him, he threw himself into the campaign and was successful beyond his utmost anticipations. He little expected last July to be the paramount figure in British Columbia politics within three months. But so it came about, and emboldened by his success he has, by a false interpretation of the law, created vacancies in Victoria, with a view of being able to consummate his ambition by securing an endorsement from the people of this city. Will they give it to him? We look with confidence for an unmistakable negative answer.

TRADE WITH THE NORTH.

The announcement made in yesterday's Colonist that the White Pass and Yukon Railway Company had entered the transportation field as a carrier of goods in bond gave great satisfaction to the business men of the city. Stated briefly, and so as to make the position of the transportation business to the North perfectly intelligible to every one, it may be said that the new arrangements are precisely similar to those in force for the conveyance of goods from Victoria to Kootenay by this province. The whole act should have received the closest consideration before it is placed upon the statute book, and we repeat our suggestion that it should have contained a section authorizing the Lieutenant-Governor to suspend its operations so far as relates to United States citizens when it shall be deemed that equal rights have been extended to Canadians in the mines of the United States.

AN OUTSIDE VIEW.

The Montreal Gazette reviews recent political history in this province. It says that the events attending the dismissal of the Turner ministry do not show public opinion in this province in a very favorable light. It declines to express any opinion as to the action of the Lieutenant-Governor, but from a review of all the correspondence between him and his late advisers concludes that "the effect of the whole was to create the impression that in the Pacific province public opinion lacked the strength necessary to keep public men up to their duties." It then reviews the action of the government in regard to North Yale and East Lillooet, and says: "The question of Mr. Prentice's qualification and of the facts as to Mr. Deane's majority were to be decided by the courts this morning. There was the risk that such action would take away the government's majority. To prevent it a bill was introduced stopping the courts from dealing with the cases till the end of the session. Worse than that even, action by one of the ministers,

THE STRENGTH OF PARTIES.

All manner of ridiculous claims are being made by the government as to the strength of its support. Now, what is the bald fact? Suppose the house had met with all the members present, and suppose that Messrs. Prentice and Deane had both refrained from voting upon the bill to give them their seats, what would have occurred? With the Speaker in the chair the house would have divided as follows: For the bill, 17; against the bill, 18; that is to say, the government would have been defeated. We claim 18 votes for the opposition, because if the fate of the government had hung in the balance, Mr. Henderson would have voted with the opposition party. There is not much use in discussing what might have been, but the retrospect is valuable because it shows the true complexion of the legislature. If the opposition carry Victoria and North East Kootenay, they will have 17 votes to the government's 21; that is to say, the government will have the majority of three on a division, and this majority will be made up of a renegade government supporter, a statute-member who received a minority of the votes in his constituency, and another statute-member who was not qualified to be a candidate.

A SOCIAL QUESTION.

A questioner asks the following question: "If I meet some other ladies in the house of a mutual friend, and we are not introduced, is it right for me to speak to them?" This may not appear to be a very serious matter, but it is one of those little things that cause a great deal of inconvenience and discomfort. It is a social question, which troubles many persons more than the grave problems treated in the reviews and sermons of the day. There is nothing more embarrassing for either a man or a woman than to meet social people whom they do not know, that is to whom they have never had a formal introduction, and feel obliged to remain in their company without exchanging a word. Answering our correspondent's question, we may say that it is quite right for persons to speak to each other under the circumstances mentioned, and not only is it right, but it is sanctioned by the best social usage. One of the most eminent writers upon the subject of the etiquette of England lays special stress upon this. He calls it the "friendship of persons under such circumstances" the "introduction of the roof-tree." He says that the fact that a mutual friend has asked you to meet certain others whom you do not know, or the fact that you meet persons whom you do not know unexpectedly in the house of a mutual friend, is to be regarded as a sufficient introduction to permit of conversation to each other. The hostess will naturally try to see that all her guests know each other, but in very many cases this is a physical impossibility. Therefore to prevent embarrassing situations, guests should feel free to converse with each other. This does not mean that the exercise of this courtesy towards each other is to be regarded as equivalent to a formal introduction. That wholly depends upon the parties. "The introduction of the roof-tree" only lasts while the parties are under the roof-tree. They may meet the next day as strangers, unless they mutually desire to continue the acquaintance. Perhaps others besides our correspondent will be glad to know that the rule above laid down is universally recognized, although many persons from natural timidity hesitate about acting upon it. And speaking about timidity, it is really surprising how many people give a wrong impression of their true character because of their timidity. We recall a man of great business eminence, who had the reputation of being very haughty and exclusive, when in point of fact he was only timid in a surprising degree. From sheer timidity he would avoid people who would have been proud to make his acquaintance, yet when occasion demanded it, he was a man of magnificent address. Called upon unexpectedly to entertain the Princess Louise during her visit to the coast, he carried himself as if to impress the Princess. Speaking to a friend later she said: "You say he is a self-made man. Well, there is not a duke in England who is his superior in manner." There are a host of women whose kindness of heart is concealed by timidity, and in their case their trait of timidity is usually mistaken for pride. By timidity, modesty, and shyness, a perfectly modest person may have no trace of timidity in her make-up. Timidity is a sort of physical quality. The young officer who on the field of battle confessed to being frightened almost to death, and yet was first to spring into the front of the enemy, and was mentioned in the despatches for signal courage, had this timidity. The same is an imaginary instance. One of the greatest forensic orators Canada has ever seen was so afflicted by this physical timidity that the fact that he had to make a speech would frequently make him ill, and yet he could sway a jury almost at will. Many ladies, well dressed and smiling, really are the most agreeable friends and acquaintances; most agreeable, are hampered by timidity. Within the circle of their own friends they are delightful, but among strangers they are always embarrassed. We would all get along much better in this world if we made allowance for this very human failing.

A SELF-MADE LEGISLATURE.

The first bill brought in by the Martin-Semlin government is one of the most arbitrary ever attempted by any legislative body. The substance of it is that Mr. Deane and Mr. Prentice, the legality of whose election is in question before the courts, are to be taken out of the hands of the courts long enough to enable them to sit as if there was no bill pending in the legislature. It is the most cold-blooded act of bull-dozing that has ever been attempted under the British constitution, and it is an act of cowardice. If the government expected that these two gentlemen were not to be entirely expected, that they had broken the law, there would be no occasion to pass the bill. It is, therefore, a tacit acknowledgment that they have not broken the law, and an attempt to stifle the laws they should have sworn to uphold. That the people of British Columbia will not be so easily deceived, and will refuse to believe, Mr. Joe Martin, backed up by the Lieut.-Governor, may be able to carry the game for a time, but it will be to his own undoing. The cases of Mr. Deane and Mr. Prentice have been adjourned from time to time on some trifling pretext, and it appears now, in order to defeat the ruling of justice, the scheme is simply the tyranny in the name of parliamentary government, a name that is not to be respected. Lord Herschell in the case of the Duke of Devonshire, when he was in the majority. If Mr. Joe Martin believes that the country is with him it could easily be argued for a contest to be held and the result of the contest settled, but he knows what the verdict of the people would be. He has used them as a political tool, and he will not return to the provincial treasury and does not dare trust them any longer.—Kamloops Standard.

CURRENT COMMENT

ORIENTAL LABOR.

The interrogations of H. D. Heimken in the provincial legislature have elicited from the Semlin administration the admission that the federal authorities are bringing pressure to bear upon the government of the province with a view to securing the repeal of all legislation, whether contained in public or private acts which places any restriction upon the employment of Chinese or Japanese labor in this province. So far the Dominion authorities have merely requested that the provincial legislature remove the obnoxious enactments. It is the refusal of the provincial legislature refusing to comply with the request the Dominion authorities are now making, and legislation, is a matter of speculation among the politicians. In any event the province are brought face to face with the very issue. Put a few words of the legislature of the province is now asked to sacrifice the white laboring population to a division of the great body of wage earners will gradually give place to Chinese and Japanese. The government of this province will therefore watch with interest the development of this portion of the Semlin government's program, and it develops that the members of the present government have not sufficient backbone to stand up for the rights of the white laboring population. Columbia's rights against all comers, whether inside or outside of the Dominion, it will be the duty of the white wage earners of the province to return as their representatives at Victoria, men who have—Nelson Tribune.

THE FAITHFUL FIDO.

From Longman's Magazine. Fido was a dog on whose honest loyalty the luckless fruitgrower would have staked his whole orchard and kitchen garden. It was "faithful Fido" who returned coughing and sneezing, with his mouth full of feathers, after expelling his neighbor's hen from among the peas. It was faithful Fido who killed the rat that barrowed among the roots of the raspberries. It was Fido again who very nearly caught the cat that danced on the seedbeds and scraped up the spring onions. Faithful Fido it was, again, who hunted the rabbit that gnawed the bark off the apricot trees, and might have even caught the rabbit if he had not been too fat to get through the hedge. But alas, when the strawberries disappeared in a most unaccountable manner every morning, and a watch was set, it was Fido, faithful Fido, who was discovered sniffing along the rows of the strawberry beds and munching up all the ripe ones! As Launce says: "When a man's servant shall play the cur with him, look you, it goes hard; one that I brought up of a puppy; one that I saved from drowning, with three or four of his blind brothers and sisters went to it. I have taught him, even as one would say precisely, 'thus would I teach a dog'—and then to steal strawberries!"

THE NEW SOUDAN.

The Sultan Bound to Be Displeased With the British-Egyptian Proclamation. London, Jan. 20.—The Times, referring editorially to the Anglo-Egyptian convention regarding the Sudan extirpation of the Soudan extirpation, which it describes as "eminently practical and sagacious."

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A LONG LOOK BACKWARDS.

The most recent writer on Egyptology says that the further we go back in the history of the ancient Nile kingdom the higher are the ideas of the deity found to be. The intricate system of gods and demi-gods, commemorated in sculpture and on papyrus, is a latter-day corruption of a very simple faith. This is not true of Egypt alone. India numbers its subordinate deities by the million, but research shows a simple monotheism to have been at the foundation of the system. The theology of Abraham was of the same type. He believed in the fatherhood of God, and the elaborate ritual instituted by Moses was designed to enable the people to grasp some conception of the fundamental thought of Hebrew theology. We search those that the further we go back in Babylonian history the nearer we seem to be approaching the monotheistic idea. This is all very suggestive. The prevalence of forty or sixty centuries ago of the idea of the unity of God is calculated to inspire a belief in the existence of that remote past of a very high degree of philosophical culture, which would imply a high degree of mental progress. We propose to apply this thought to a not wholly imaginary presentation of the conditions existing in the world before historic time.

A SELF-MADE MAN.

Very long time ago, how long no one can tell with any approach to certainty, but undoubtedly within the lifetime of the race, the world was an exceedingly pleasant place to live in. It is demonstrated that there was once a period in the history of the world, when perennial summer reigned, and when, there is reason to believe, meteorological conditions were so regular over long periods that storms were practically unknown. Frost is a comparatively recent feature of this earth's climatology. During this period vegetable and animal life reached its maximum of development. "There were giants in those days." The immense creatures, whose fossil remains are occasionally unearthed, could only have been developed under an equable climate. This was what is usually called a standard. The tertiary period in geology. Following it came the Glacial period, the Great Winter of the North America legends, the Ragnarok of the Norse traditions. We are not driven to geology for proof of the existence of man during this wonderful time, for every nation has preserved a memory of it. Dr. Warren, president of the Boston University, and one of the most industrious investigators of mythology, Ignatius Donnelly, who first made public notice by his conception of the prehistoric series, and every other investigator into this entrancing field agrees that in every race there is preserved, in some form or other, the memory of an Eden, when severity of terrestrial conditions had not developed either in man or the brute creation the instinct of self-preservation, which has made a man a man, is allied to the cupy condition of aggression and defence. The conception which men who lived in Eden, would form of the Diety would necessarily be simple and would represent Him as a beneficent father. When the awful catastrophe came, which ushered in the frost, when the rivers were sealed up, when all vegetation seemed dead forever, when man made war on the beasts so as to get their skins for garments and their flesh for food, when beings began to prey upon man and explain. As Mr. Martin had just entered the house, and sat down, the point was obvious that he best to let it pass. The Province admits that it does not understand the constitutional question involved in the dismissal of the Turner ministry. This does not surprise any one. If there was reason to suspect that the Province had the faintest glimmering of what a constitutional question is, there would be the profoundest amazement in the newspaper world.

WOMEN ARE NOT THE ONLY ONES WHO ARE SENSITIVE TO THEIR AGES.

Women are not the only ones who are sensitive to their ages. A man doesn't like to be told that he is getting old. Health keeps him young, and it doesn't make any difference if he has lived eighty years. If they have been healthy years, he will be hale and hearty and won't look twenty years old as he is. Good digestion and rich, red blood make people youthful. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery makes rich red blood. It makes health in the right way. It works according to the laws of nature, and in 30 years of practice, it has proved that it is absolutely correct. It begins at the beginning, by putting the stomach, liver and bowels into perfect order, and then it begins to work on the blood before it finishes with the digestive system. It searches out disease germs wherever they are, and drives them out of the body. All druggists keep the "Discovery."

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February Second Is the Time Named for Polling to Take Place.

Though there was a proclamation posted up yesterday morning on the court house door announcing the dates that the by-elections would be held in Victoria City electoral district the fact did not seem to be generally known even late in the afternoon. The nomination day has been fixed for January 30, an ominous day for the government who are trying to override the constitution, for that is the anniversary of the decapitation of Charles I. Election day is fixed for February 2, which has already been stated the writs must be returned before February 15. The members elected on February 2, will have about two weeks to sit this session, for the government hope to get the business through in six weeks from the time the session opens.

FULL COURT.

The Full court met for a short time yesterday for the purpose of delivering a number of judgments on appeals heard at the January sitting. Plaintiff's appeal in E. & N. Co. v. New Vancouver Coal Co. was allowed with costs. The appeal was from an order of Mr. Justice Irving refusing plaintiff's application to have some of the particulars of the defence struck out. The appeal in Gaston v. Stewart was dismissed with costs. Mr. Justice Drake dissenting. The appeals in Daniel v. Gold Hill Mining Co., and R. B. C. Iron Works were dismissed with costs. The appeal of defendants in Hornby v. New Westminster Southern Ry. was allowed with costs. There was nothing on a verdict awarding plaintiff \$1,549 for damage by reason of his land getting overflowed from an obstructed ditch on defendants' right of way.

CONVICTION QUASHED.

The Magistrate had No Jurisdiction to Convict Mr. Sauer Summarily. The conviction of G. C. Sauer by Magistrate Macneil last September for selling some bottles of beer with the trade mark of the Victoria Phoenix Brewing Co. down in the glass, was quashed yesterday by Mr. Justice Walkem. Mr. S. Perry Mills appeared for the motion to quash and it was unopposed. The matter is interesting as regards the wording of the sections of the act. The conviction was based on section 450 which reads: "Every one who sells or exposes for sale or traffic in bottles marked with a trade mark of the Phoenix Brewing Co. permanently affixed thereon without the consent of the proprietor of such trade mark is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding \$50." Mr. Justice Walkem held that the offence is an indictable one and therefore should be subject to a conviction to four months imprisonment or to a fine not exceeding \$250. The punishment in section 450 refers to a fine not exceeding \$50 where it is set out that the offence is an indictable one and therefore should be subject to a conviction to four months imprisonment or to a fine not exceeding \$250.

COURT OF REVISION.

Trust Companies Must Pay Taxes on the Property Held in Trust by Them. At the court of revision the sitting of which has just closed a somewhat peculiar case came up. The Toronto General Trust Co. was assessed for a charge of security registered in their favor in the land registry office for \$42,000 on certain real property at Victoria, Nanaimo and other places. The company appealed from this, contending that they do not own any assessable property within the meaning of the act; that the company only reside in British Columbia nor had they any money invested in British Columbia. It seems that the Hamilton Powder Co. under their powers have issued debentures and the Trust Co. is holding the land in question in trust for the payment of these debentures. Mr. Lindley Creeve appeared for the Trust Co. and argued along the line that the company were only holding the lands in trust, but were not interested in any way in the lands and thus the debenture holders were not resident here. On the other hand Deputy Attorney-General McLean argued for the province that the Trust Co. stood in the position of the debenture holders and that the security was of the nature of a mortgage. Mr. Justice Perry Mills, judge of the court, held that the Trust Co. held the property in trust and that it was assessable under the act. The assessment was reduced to \$20,000.

THE ALKI IN COLLISION.

She Knocks a Good Sized Hole in the Homer in Seattle Harbor.

The steamship Alki, bound from Skagway, collided with the steamer Homer yesterday morning at the 12:30 P.M. in Seattle harbor, says the Post-Intelligencer. The Alki was coming in to port making for Ocean dock, and Homer was just backing out into the street and from Schwabacher's wharf, bound for Skagway. The Alki struck the Homer head-on nearly amidships on the port side. The side of the lower cabin of the Homer was "crushed in," but whether or not the hull was greatly injured could not be learned last night. The Homer was immediately run back to the wharf, where it was found that she was leaking. Capt. Jensen put the pumps to work at once, and they easily kept out the water. It is impossible to determine which captain, if either, is responsible for the accident. "I was running in at usual speed, when suddenly a whistle blew for me to keep to starboard," said Capt. Jensen, "and I turned the wheel to swing her out and in a very few seconds the danger signal, several sharp whistles, was heard. At once I rang the bell to back, and the Homer was coming in and we struck the Homer amidships. There was no light on the Homer's forecastle when she was in front of us, though I was running at a speed of 12 knots. I do not want to say anything until I shall have considered the matter."

LATEST FROM ATLIN.

Some Good Strikes Made, but Provisions Are Getting Very Scarce. T. Wallace, who was one of four to make important strikes in Union and Quartz creeks, on Surprise lake in the Atlin district, arrived at Skagway on Sunday last in company with Jack Ferguson and Chas. Herne. They left Atlin trail all the way to Log Cabin. The lakes around Atlin are frozen, the thermometer registering 38 degrees below when they left, and without any snow. The weather being clear and delightfully perfect.

NEWS OF THE ORIENT.

Lawlessness of Chinese Soldiers Makes Demand for Larger British Garrisons. Late Japanese papers contain much important news of the Orient. Commenting editorially on a reported order by Japanese soldiers near Peking to shoot the Chinese saying: "The news we publish to-day from our Peking correspondent is by no means reassuring. The undisciplined troops of Tung Fuhsiang are still bearing out their character which they earned of lawlessness, and we are sorry to have to add that the lawless Chinese soldiers near Peking are not only bearing out their character which they earned of lawlessness, but they are also showing a disposition to organize a company to work their own little lawless Union and Quartz creeks by hydraulic means. On Union creek the dirt panned out \$8 and the highest on Quartz creek was \$2.50. Bedrock Union is twelve feet down. The good fall to the creek for hydraulic purposes.

DAWSON NEWS.

Two Pioneers of Dawson have died this winter, Cash Amehar and Harry Spencer. The beginning of the present week saw a moderation of the weather, which had been very stormy and cold. The men were able to make a start on Monday last. The trail to Lake Bennett is open, and the trail to Lake Bennett is open, and the trail to Lake Bennett is open.

UPWARDS OF 200 TONS OF FREIGHT.

Upwards of 200 tons of freight and fifty passengers left here for Lynn canal points on the steamer Danube last evening. The freight consists of grain, provisions, and other goods. The Danube leaves with a Large General Cargo and about Fifty Passengers.

BLACK SAND TAKEN NEAR THE MOUTH OF THE HOOTALING RIVER.

Black Sand Taken Near the Mouth of the Hootaling River. Early in December a very rich find of platinum was struck out by woodchoppers. Black sand is found in nearly every stream of the Yukon territory, and while considered a good indication of gold, is always a nuisance to washers. On account of its great specific gravity remaining in sluice boxes with the gold, and even hand panning will not always separate the two. The sand is found in the Hootaling river, and is found in the Hootaling river, and is found in the Hootaling river.

TELEGRAPH TO ATLIN.

Experts Believe That a Line Can Be Built Without Difficulty. Mr. J. W. Bridges has been in the north country looking into the question of building a telegraph line to Atlin. "So far as I have been able to see there will be numerous difficulties to overcome," he said, "but the country is exceedingly rugged and broken, and between here and Atlin there are several lakes to cross which will necessitate the use of submarine cables. Some of these lakes, I understand, are deep and broad, all of which increases the cost of construction. While ordinarily a very foot of the ground to be covered, streams, lakes, deeps of water, etc., do not present any special difficulties, but anything like approximate figures of cost could be given. Then, also, the cost of maintaining a line in winter and summer must be considered, especially in winter. The snows in your mountains are deep and various and slides are not uncommon at exposed points, so that a line constructed along the side of a mountain, which it would be necessary in order to get there for repairs, will be liable to injuries every winter.

THE PARSON'S TURKEY.

De parson say: "Dat turkey De been ober my head I wonder where dey kotched it. I ain't de roo' kin' hee?" "I stand him on de do'step A-shiverin' in de storm. I kotched him to de fire. He put him on de roo' kin' hee?" "En den, I get so drowny, I noddin' up en down. En wen I waked, de fire shined out on de turkey brown!" "De turkey was de do'step. De turkey was de do'step. De turkey was de do'step." "De turkey was de do'step. De turkey was de do'step. De turkey was de do'step."

PROVISIONS SCARCE.

Late Arrivals Say There Will Be a Famine in Atlin Unless Goods Get In.

Rich Strikes Made in the Vicinity of Surprize Lake - End of Platinum. The steamer City of Seattle, which is about to enter upon a new schedule on the Northern route running direct from Seattle to Skagway, cutting out all way ports, arrived last night from the North. She left Seattle on Tuesday morning and considering the weather that she encountered - a succession of snowstorms - she made a fast trip. There were eight passengers on the Seattle, but only four of them, J. H. Searles, John Liddle, Alfred Lear, and Aug. Oberie, are from Dawson, and they left there on December 15. The passengers were business men and laborers from the northern coast cities, and a few from the lakes.

DOUBLE DROWING ACCIDENT.

Two Men Lost in the Five Fingers Rapids Through the Ice Breaking. There is no doubt remaining in the minds of the four Dawsonites who arrived on the City of Seattle but that a double drowing occurred in the Five Fingers Rapids within the last fortnight. They were making the trip out over the road had many troubles, and here and there, when they felt the fatigues of the journey, and had stopped for a short rest two and a half miles below the Five Fingers Rapids, they were overtaken by a heavy snow storm, and they were unable to proceed. They were forced to stop at the Five Fingers Rapids, and they were overtaken by a heavy snow storm, and they were unable to proceed.

WEATHER MODERATING.

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RIVER STEAMER BURNED.

Three Passengers Down the Mississippi Perish in the Wreck. Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 19.-Three bodies have been found in the debris of the river steamer "The Memphis," which was wrecked by fire at an early hour this morning. The bodies are charred beyond recognition but are believed to be the remains of Mr. and Mrs. Yeck and party of the Memphis, Ohio, to Greenville, Miss and Dr. Murray, of Vicksburg. All of the other passengers have been accounted for.

LORD ROSEBERY'S TACT.

The Scots Pictorial says that on one occasion Lord Rosebery was entertaining a large party, and had among them a young man who tasted ice-cream for the first time. Thinking that something had gone wrong in the kitchen, and desiring to save his fellow guests the pain of his own experience, he whispered to his host that the pudding by some mischance had got frozen. "His lordship listened gravely, and then, turning a muscle of his face, tasted the pudding, thanked the farmer, and then called on the young man to taste it. The young man turned to the farmer with a relieved expression, and said: "It's all right, Mr. Rosebery; they're new kind of pudding, and is frozen on purpose." Thereafter the farmer partook of his portion with evident relish.

SPENCER PRATT, CONSUL GENERAL FOR THE UNITED STATES AT SINGAPORE.

Spencer Pratt, consul general for the United States at Singapore, has been appointed to Manila, a proposal that a memorial be sent to the United States government of all Americans who fell or died of disease during the campaign. The proposal is that all Americans who fell or died of disease during the campaign. The proposal is that all Americans who fell or died of disease during the campaign.

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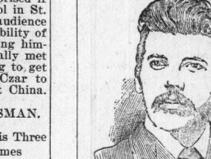


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