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JAPAN'S REPLY TO THE RUSSIANS

By Autumn Will Have More Than One Million Men Actually Employed in the Field.

It Is Expected That This Year Will See the Japanese Artillery Made Superior to That of Opponents Both in Quality and Numbers.

St. Petersburg, April 11.—(2:45 a. m.)

Russian information regarding the Japanese fleet, its location, destination and intentions is based solely upon foreign dispatches, which are all too meagre to prevent a quick-firing crop of rumors, according to one of which the Japanese fleets have already joined battle. Others of these dispatches are attempting to locate variously the battleship division of the squadron.

The admiralty steadfastly professes its inability to impart any light or clarify the situation. The admiralty informed the Associated Press that the report received yesterday was from the captain of a merchant ship who had encountered the fleet and reported to the Russian consul at Singapore.

Some naval officers conjecture the four battleships are delaying in order to effect a junction with Vice-Admiral Nebogatoff's division, but general credence is given to the report that the battleships are taking a southern route through the Sunda Straits, the selection of the Singapore route being regarded as in the nature of a feint, and designed to divert attention from the main body of the fleet.

The most important fighting vessels of the squadron, including the battleships Knyaz Suvoroff, Alexander III, Borodino and Orel, with their complement of cruisers, torpedo boat destroyers, etc., did not arrive, and their whereabouts is totally unknown.

There is reason to believe that Vice-Admiral Rojestrensky's entrance into the China Sea has been followed by orders for the cruisers Gromobol, Rossia and Bogatry, which have been ready for some time at Vladivostok, to meet to see whether it is the intention to send them south immediately or to hold them in the vicinity of Vladivostok is not known.

Their appearance outside the roadstead of Vladivostok would constitute a potential threat against Admiral Togo's rear, which will compel the retention in, or dispatch of a number of fighting ships to Japanese waters. Admiral Togo seems to be virtually between two fires.

The peace influences in the government urge that this favorable strategic position presents the psychological moment for offering officially the olive branch to Japan, reasoning that no matter how confident the Japanese government may be of Togo's victory, it cannot overlook the possibility of defeat nor fail to appreciate the complete disaster which would follow the transfer of the mastery of the sea to Russia. With so much depending upon the issue, they argue that both countries have mutual interests in avoiding an actual test, and it is not impossible, therefore, that a new move in the direction of peace may come just as the world expects to hear the call to quarters for the greatest naval battle of modern times.

Meanwhile events in Manchuria have come to a pause and at home the main attention is being given to the work of the Boughigan commission, which is charged with formulating the plan for the representative assembly proposed by the imperial rescript of March 3rd.

The summary closure of the lawyers' congress in St. Petersburg yesterday in the midst of the opening session of what promised to be a repetition of the Moscow conference of doctors, manifests the firm hand with which Governor-General Treppoff is managing the situation.

A dispatch from Chief of Staff Kharkevich to the general staff, dated to-day from the front, says there has been no change in the situation of the two armies.

RUMORS OF FIGHT NEAR SINGAPORE.

Chicago, April 10.—A special from Hongkong to the Chicago Daily News says:

"It is reported here that two sections of the rival fleets clashed near Singapore this morning, and that Togo lost five vessels. The rumor is not given much credence."

TURNING MOVEMENT TO EAST OF KIRIN.

Harbin, Manchuria, April 10.—Information received at Russian headquarters seems to definitely establish the fact that only Chinese banners, under the lead of the same advantage of British neutrality as Rojestrensky took of French neutrality at Madagascar, and this squad-

ron is said to have been summoned by the Japanese, scouts to remain in touch with the Russians until they go north to the Straits of Formosa, where it is believed a battle will occur.

According to the vital nature of the issue, the admiralty is inclined to think that Admiral Togo will not dare to send ships to Vladivostok or leave vessels behind him to cope with the Russian vessels at that port, and that the Japanese coasts and the transport fleet will practically have to shift for themselves until the naval battle is fought.

The principal coast cities of Japan are well protected by fortifications, and the Russian cruisers at Vladivostok, being heavily armed, could not attack them, but havoc could be created among the Japanese transports and commercial ships.

The admiralty is greatly gratified at the speed developed by the squadron while steaming across the Indian ocean, which is officially figured at nine instead of eight knots, as the ships made a detour northward in the Gulf of Aden, in order to create the initial impression that they intended to join Admiral Nebogatoff's division.

Navy men here consider that the speed sustained with such a heterogeneous squadron is a remarkable feat, and a shining testimonial to Rojestrensky's capacity.

The admiralty is not harboring any delusions on the score of the opinions of foreign experts, based upon the theory that Admiral Togo's ships are armed with guns which were worn out at Port Arthur, as the officials here know that there have been heavy shipments of guns from England during the past few months.

ADMIRAL NEBOGATOFF'S FLEET REPORTED.

London, April 12.—A dispatch from Jibuti, in the Aden, to the Daily Mail, says: "Vice-Admiral Nebogatoff's fleet has been seen cruising near Socotra. It is reported to be awaiting reinforcements from the Black Sea fleet."

The mystery of Vice-Admiral Rojestrensky's whereabouts is still unsolved, and speculation on the possibility of the situation is of the keenest. The favorite hypothesis of the newspapers this morning is that his six battle ships slipped past Singapore some night with all lights out.

The Daily Telegraph's Singapore correspondent reports to the contrary notwithstanding, only one battleship, the Sissoi Velik, passed here Saturday. No ships of the Dsarevitch type were with the squadron.

The correspondent at Koke, of the Daily Telegraph, says: "A telegram from Peking states that Russian Minister Lessar asked China to lend Russia a portion of the railway improvements are possible they will be carried out, when Japan will be sufficiently strong to take and hold Harbin, and simultaneously continue operations against the Russian forces to the eastward of that city."

JAPANESE OFFICERS HANGED IN VLADIVOSTOK.

New York, April 11.—A St. Petersburg dispatch to the Times says that a telegram from Vladivostok reports that five Japanese officers, disguised as navvies, were caught photographing the defenses. They were summarily hanged. Documents in their possession showed that they had already sent full information in regard to the defenses of Vladivostok to Tokio.

WERE PROBABLY RUSSIAN SUPPLY SHIPS.

London, April 11.—A telegram from Singapore reports that four supposed colliers passed there going east on April 10th. These are presumed in shipping circles to be the advance guard of 16 Hamburg-American line steamers chartered to act as supply ships to the Russian second Pacific squadron.

ROJESTRENSKY HOISTS FLAG ON THE AURORA.

New York, April 11.—According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times a report, which he is able to confirm, has it that Admiral Rojestrensky has transferred his flag to the protected cruiser Aurora.

TO ENFORCE THE LAWS OF NEUTRALITY.

The Hague, April 11.—The Dutch East Indian squadron is said to have been ordered to proceed to the Anambas Island (where the Russian squadron which passed Singapore on April 8th is anchored) with the view of assuring the observance of neutrality.

St. Petersburg, April 11.—Whether Vice-Admiral Rojestrensky's battleship division passed through the Straits of Sunda or the Straits of Malacca, it is practically held now that he is moving to effect a junction with the division which passed Singapore on April 8th. It is possible that this may not take place until the two divisions reach Cape Padaran, on the east coast of Cochin-China. The dispatches from Singapore naming the ships which passed there on Saturday are erroneous in several places, notably in the case of the Puerst Pismarch, which is still at Lian.

According to the admiralty's information, the Japanese have had an observation squadron in the water of Libau, which is British water, where they took the same advantage of British neutrality as Rojestrensky took of French neutrality at Madagascar, and this squad-

THE BYE-ELECTION IN THE NORTHWEST

MEMBERS LEAVE TO ASSIST NEW MINISTER

Telephone Committee of the Commons Seeks Information—Japanese Consul Interviews Premier.

Ottawa, April 11.—Walter Scott, M. P., J. G. Turiff, M.P., and Peter Talbot, M.P., Strathcona, left to-day for Edmonton. They are going to take part in the approaching election. All the Northwest Liberal members are ready to start out on a moment's notice should there be a contest.

ROCKFELLER'S GIFT.

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The Preference.

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PANIC IN THEATRE.

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A moving picture show was in progress. During the intermission a bag of celluloid films, suspended over the balcony railing, was ignited by an electric light. The manager brought the audience into a panic by crying: "Look out, everybody; the theatre is on fire."

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MINING CASE.

Suit Ends in Favor of the Stratton Estate.

Colorado Springs, Col., April 11.—Counsel for the Stratton estate have just received word that the United States Supreme court has declined to grant the request of the Venture corporation, of London, England, for a writ of certiorari for a suit against the Stratton estate.

The action was first brought in the United States Circuit court, claiming \$6,000,000 damages for alleged salting of the independent mine. At the trial a verdict was given the Stratton side, and the Venture company appealed to the United States Court of Appeals. Here another victory was scored for the Stratton estate, and the Venture attorneys sought to carry the case into the United States Supreme court, but the denial of the appeal has finally settled the case in favor of the estate.

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PRISONERS TORTURED.

One Man Reported to Have Died—Faces of Jews Blackened Before Execution.

Vienna, April 10.—It is reported here that among the ninety-six Socialists executed at the citadel in Warsaw on Thursday thirty-six were Jews. The report says that the executioners blackened the faces of the Jews before execution, so as to give them the appearance of being unrecognizable and taken for workmen. The report has caused wild excitement among the Socialists and working classes, as has the report that prisoners in Pawlik prison are being tortured by their keepers in a most cruel manner. The Socialist, Gutzman, who shot a captain and three policemen who were seizing a printing press, is reported to have died at the prison from ill-treatment.

FIRM ASSIGNS.

Brookline, Mass., April 10.—The large firm of H. B. Grover & Co., of this city, in whose factory the disastrous boiler explosion of March 20th occurred, costing 58 lives and \$250,000 property losses, has voluntarily assigned for the benefit of its creditors. The assignor is Chas. P. Hall, of the American Hide & Leather Company, Boston; Judge Warren A. Reid and Fred Howard, vice-president of the Home National Bank, of this city.

SHOT BY LABOR LEADER.

Findlay, Ohio, April 10.—Delphos Battle, a prominent labor leader and Socialist candidate for mayor last spring, has shot and seriously wounded Patrick Flanagan, whom he found in his home here. Battle was president of the local Window Glass Workers' Union. He and his wife are locked up.

NEARLY THIRTEEN THOUSAND DEAD PERISHED DURING THE EARTHQUAKE IN INDIA

Report of the Commissioner Who Has Just Completed His Work of Investigation.

Lahore, Punjab India, April 11.—Commissioner Jullundur reports that as a result of his investigation he estimates the fatalities resulting from the recent earthquake in the Kangra district at about 10,000, and in the Palampur district at about 3,000.

The total number of persons killed at Dharmasala was 424, besides the Gurkhas, who were crushed to death by the falling of the stone barracks.

Shocks at Simla.

Simla, April 11.—Fresh earthquakes yesterday and this morning led to a recurrence of alarm.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Quebec's New Premier Re-Elected by Majority of 2,940—Many Emigrants Coming This Week.

Montreal, April 10.—Hon. Quebec Gouin, the new premier of Quebec, was re-elected for St. James's division of Montreal to the Quebec legislature to-day by a majority of 2,940 over A. St. Martin (Labor).

Strike Averted.

Halifax, April 10.—The management of the Cumberland Coal & Railway Company and its miners have reached an agreement and the threatened strike has been averted.

Dashed to Death.

Quebec, April 10.—Dr. F. Gilmour, surgeon dentist of New Hamburg, who has been practicing here with Dr. Lanier, while suffering from nervous prostration jumped from Dufferin Terrace to the rocks below yesterday and was dashed to death. Almost every bone in his body was broken. He was 35 years old.

Row in Saloon.

Quebec, April 10.—Charles Dechaenes, about 26 years old, probably was fatally stabbed by Louis Bedard, 22 years of age, early Sunday morning in a saloon in St. Marie as the result of a row over a woman. Both men were intoxicated at the time.

Smallpox.

Chatham, N. B., April 10.—Nine cases of smallpox have broken out here. The authorities have issued orders to close schools, churches and public halls.

Died From Injuries.

Winnipeg, April 10.—Chas. Cavers and William Summers, the men injured to-day by slipping off a boom on the new C. P. R. hotel, are both dead. Summers came here from Montreal last year.

Preparing For Rush.

Winnipeg, April 10.—The Canadian Pacific sent out orders to-day all over the line to rush 110 coaches to St. John, N. B., to accommodate this week's arrivals from immigrant ships.

CHAMBERLAIN ON COLONIAL TRADE

MUST BE CONSIDERED BY MOTHER COUNTRY

Refers to President Roosevelt's Desire For Closer Relations With Dominion of Canada.

London, April 12.—Joseph Chamberlain, presiding at the annual meeting of the Liberal-Unionist club in London to-day, strongly supported the suggestion of an Anglo-Japanese alliance as one of the greatest diplomatic achievements in the last quarter of a century, and said the treaty had already justified itself by limiting the area of the terrible conflict still going on. Liberal-Unionists, he added, would support Foreign Secretary Lansdowne further if the foreign secretary thought the policy he had initiated could be extended. Mr. Chamberlain believed any annual diplomatic understanding between Japan and Great Britain would secure for an indefinite time peace in the Far East, and give both Japan and Great Britain security in their possessions.

In the course of his speech Mr. Chamberlain dealt lengthily on fiscal matters and the necessity for Great Britain adopting a system whereby she could retaliate against discriminatory understanding closer communal bonds with the colonies.

"At the present moment," he said, "the President of the United States is one of the ablest, one of the strongest and one of the most courageous men who ever sat in the Presidential chair. He is a patriot, and he has openly declared that one of his great objects and desires is to conduct the United States more closely with our Dominion of Canada by reciprocity. I do not know what success he may have with his countrymen, but certainly they are in a position to offer very favorable terms to the Dominion. If we reject the idea of considering a similar proposition made to us, it is too much to expect that Canada may turn in another direction."

RIOTS IN MADRID.

Number of Workmen Injured During Fight With Police.

Madrid, April 10.—A somewhat serious collision between workmen and police occurred to-day on the Calle San Bernardo. The police charged the workmen several times and numbers of the latter were injured.

Delegates from Andalusia, where the distress, due to the drought, has reached an acute stage, have arrived here to confer with the government as to the best means of rendering assistance to the sufferers.

There have been unimportant labor disturbances at some points in Andalusia, but the people for the most part are calm.

IN GUATEMALA PRISON.

Friends of New York Lawyer Unable to Secure Trial on His Release.

San Francisco, April 11.—The steamer City of Sydney which has just arrived from Central America, brings word of the plight in Guatemala city of a New York lawyer, Gardner by name. Gardner is, and has been for months, in the government prison. Efforts of his friends have availed nothing to secure the release or even a trial for the imprisoned American, who was sent to jail in the first instance, it is said, for alleged contempt of court.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Winnipeg, April 11.—While taking a heavy load roller home on Saturday with four horses a young man named Thos. Bowles, of Lander, was instantly killed by falling from the seat in front of the implement, which passed over him. Mr. Bowles managed his father's farm near Lander.

RHODES SCHOLAR.

Winnipeg, April 11.—W. J. Rose, Wesley College, has been chosen Rhodes scholarship man from Manitoba.

CLERGYMAN RETIRES.

Rev. Dr. Millard Withdraws From Presbyterian Church After Nearly 45 Years Service.

Rechester, N. Y., April 11.—After nearly 45 years' service in the Presbyterian ministry, much of which was passed in this city as pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Rev. Dr. Nelson Millard, one of the ablest clergymen in Rechester, announced his withdrawal from the Presbyterian church at the second session of the Rechester Presbytery, held in Westminster church here to-day.

Dr. Millard does not say that he intends joining another denomination, merely stating that it is his desire hereafter to occupy the independent relationship provided for in the articles of government of the church.

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RUMOR OF BATTLE IN THE CHINA SEA

REPORT COMES FROM THE ISLAND OF JAVA

Dispatch Says Dutch Warships Are Near Scene—No Confirmation Yet to Hand.

(Associated Press.) Amsterdam, Holland, April 12.—A fight is now in progress near the Anamba Islands (east of Malay peninsula), according to a telegram from Batavia, Island of Java, to the Handelsblad. The dispatch adds that five Dutch warships are near the scene of battle. Details are lacking.

REPORT OF FIGHT HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED.

London, April 12.—No confirmation has yet been received by London of the report from Batavia, Java, of a naval battle off the Anamba islands, and as there is no cable connection with these islands it is difficult to see how Batavia could have got such news before Singapore.

A dispatch to Lloyd's from Singapore to-day practically confirms the Associated Press information regarding the composition of the Russian squadron which passed there on April 9th. Lloyd's agent says it was composed of seven battleships, two armored cruisers, five unarmored cruisers, three torpedo boats, seven steam and hospital ships and a tug.

THE VIEWS OF TWO NAVAL EXPERTS.

New York, April 12.—A London dispatch to the World says: Rear-Admiral Gayle, the distinguished naval strategist and expert, writes in the London Telegraph:

"We may expect the whole passage of the Russian fleet to the north through the China Sea to be marked by continual harassing by torpedo boat destroyers, whose supreme object will be to wear down the Russian fleet, ship by ship, and when the supreme moment arrives for action, to bring the battleships, if such an event ever does take place, Admiral Togo's superiority may be even greater than at present.

"It is probable that there will be little occurred in the way of a naval action whilst the Russians are so close to territorial waters. At present they could seek sanctuary at almost any moment if it were desired, and this is not what the Japanese wish; so if Admiral Rojostevsky does not go into Saigon, French Cochinchina, to carry out essential repairs, I should say the first serious engagement will take place north of this French base. It is certain Rojostevsky will give the Philippine Islands as wide a berth as possible, on account of the lack of sympathy known to exist in the United States for Russia's Far East policy.

"We may take it for granted that Rojostevsky, after passing Saigon, will keep out in the open sea around the south of Formosa. This something may happen."

Admiral Sir John Colton said: "It would seem to be the Japanese policy to keep the Russians in sight but not to take action until they have got in or near Japanese home waters.

"The further the Russians are allowed to, the greater will be the force of the naval reverse, naval disaster perhaps, inflicted upon them. It would seem reasonable, that probably the Japanese admiral has it in his power to elect the time and place for his fight, and this will, then, I suppose, be the result of the Spanish Armada over again."

SAYS THERE WILL BE NO TURNING BACK.

New York, April 12.—A St. Petersburg dispatch to the Times says that Admiral Rojostevsky's fleet was not disintegrated, evokes the greatest satisfaction at the admiralty, where earlier reports that the battleships were separated from cruisers caused anxiety.

It is thought probable at St. Petersburg that Rojostevsky will coal in Dutch territorial waters in northern Sumatra, and that he will await Admiral Nibogofort, who is due in about ten days, but perhaps will be delayed by heavy weather. Rojostevsky, his officers and men, are thought to be worthy of the greatest admiration. A letter from an officer of the battleship Kniaz Suvaroff says: "We are all resolved to sacrifice ourselves for the Fatherland. We are determined to die. There will be no turning back."

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SKIRMISHES ON THE JAPANESE LEFT.

Tokio, April 12.—Reports received here from Manchuria indicate that the Russians continue concentrating their troops and strengthening the Chang Tung-Kirin line. General Madrioff's force continues in touch with the extreme Japanese left. Skirmishes are frequent, and may possibly develop into an engagement.

ADMIRAL SAILS IN MAIN TRADE ROUTE.

London, April 13.—British naval men comment on the lack of secrecy regarding Admiral Rojostevsky's movements since his arrival in Far Eastern waters. The fact that he is keeping to the main trade route, although knowing his squadron would constantly be sighted and reported by passing steamers, they consider clearly shows that the Russian admiral is keenly anxious to meet Admiral Togo and fight it out to a finish.

COAL FOR SHIPS OF RUSSIAN SQUADRON.

Paris, April 13.—Herr Bekel, who is charged with the duty of gathering together supplies of coal for the Russian second Pacific squadron, has according to a statement made to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Matin, 70,000 tons at Saigon and 50,000 tons at Shanghai, which he expects the Russian squadron to take on board.

WOULD NOT WELCOME NEWS OF VICTORY.

New York, April 13.—A St. Petersburg dispatch to the Times says: "The majority of the people here display serious anxiety for news of a final Rojostevsky's fleet. It is deplorable, but it is true, that many Russians would not welcome a defeat of Admiral Togo, as that would imply the defeat of their hope of reform."

FEAR INTERFERENCE BY THE RUSSIANS.

San Francisco, April 13.—Fear of Russian interference with contraband laden steamships bound for Japanese ports is beginning to affect shipping companies and steamship owners. The steamship Dorie, which sails to-day for Japan, has received orders to go direct to Midway and there await instructions. Her cargo includes a large shipment of meat beef for Japan, about 300 tons of leather and some machinery.

RUSSIA ASKED TO EXPEDITE A REPLY.

Washington, April 13.—Official correspondence made public at the department to-day disclosed the fact that the Japanese government in announcing to the American minister at Tokio on February 6th of last year the breaking of diplomatic relations with Russia, assured him that hostilities would not be begun until after a declaration had been made. The correspondence comprises so much of the diplomatic exchanges between Washington and Tokio since that date as to indicate the attitude of the department which it is expedient to publish, and amongst the first is the following official paraphrase of a cablegram from Minister Griscow, dated American legation, Tokyo, February 9th, 1904:

"Mr. Griscow reports that the minister for foreign affairs stated that a declaration of war will not be made until the withdrawal of their legation, which will probably take two or three days, and hostilities will not begin until after the declaration of war. In an interview the minister for foreign affairs went over the whole course of the negotiations, directed special attention to the extreme patience and moderation of the attitude of Japan, and stated that after having asked the Russian government five times to expedite a reply and waited three weeks, no alternative remained but to act."

On the following day the correspondence shows that Minister Griscow reported that the departure of the Russian minister would take place on February 12th. On February 11th, subsequent to the receipt of the news of the torpedo attack upon the Russian fleet at Port Arthur on February 8th, Minister Griscow sent a brief telegram to the government, of which this is the official paraphrase: J. Griscow reports that the declaration of war was issued on the 10th inst.

No correspondence shedding light on the incident is contained in the notes published.

Of interest is a note of Secretary Hay, dated May 5th last, to the Japanese minister at Washington calling attention to the circulation in the American navy of a note from the consul-general of Japan at New York addressed to "the Japanese servants in the United States Navy," soliciting subscriptions to Japanese bonds, contributions to the relief of Japanese soldiers and sailors, and in aid of the Red Cross Society of Japan. While admitting the rights of the Japanese in this country to subscribe or contribute to the objects mentioned, the secretary says in his note to Mr. Takahira, that "it is

whether his immediate destination is, or is not, Cape Padaran, on the east coast of Cochin-China, but in naval circles the impression prevails that the Russian fleet will continue northward to the Straits of Formosa, where, if Admiral Togo does not elect to give battle or is defeated, Admiral Rojostevsky may seize a temporary base in Japanese territory, and if it is considered advisable he could there await the arrival of Admiral Nibogofort's division.

It is rumored that there is a force of riflemen on board the Russian transports, which could be landed for the purpose of co-operating with the marines. However, naval men think that the Russian fleet is the only base that the Russian admiral has in view.

There is an embargo on news from Vladivostok concerning the Russian cruisers Rurik, Gromobol and Bogatyr. Singapore, April 13.—The admiralty does not admit the supposition, that they have put to sea to effect a diversion and prevent mine laying.

Considerable irritation is manifested in naval circles at the activity of British ships in Chinese waters, which are reported to be steaming from Hongkong to Singapore, and their action is attributed to a desire to keep in touch with the movements of the Russian fleet, and to Great Britain's ally in particular, as happened in the case of the British armored cruiser Surtie, which arrived at Singapore on the 11th inst., and yesterday and reported having passed the Russian second Pacific squadron at daylight on April 11th, steaming northward.

Minister of Railroads Hilkoef has left St. Petersburg for Siberia to superintend the movements on the trans-Siberian railway and the inauguration of the river service in Siberia.

GERMAN COLLIER HAS BEEN RELEASED.

Singapore, April 13.—The German collier Hindoo, which was refused clearance from Saigon, was released to-day, her captain agreeing to deliver his cargo through the British consul at Saigon.

JAPANESE DRIVEN OUT BY RUSSIANS.

St. Petersburg, April 13.—A dispatch from Gunshu pass, dated yesterday, says the Russian advance detachment on the Mandarin road pushed forward April 11th and expelled the Japanese. The Japanese infantry and cavalry hurriedly vacated the place.

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Nan Patterson Accused of Conspiracy—Murder Case Will Open on Monday.

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AMENDED BILL OF E. & N. RAILWAY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE AT OTTAWA THURSDAY

Text of Clauses—The Rights of the Province Protected—No Opposition.

Ottawa, April 13.—The E. & N. Railway Bill will be amended by the railway committee to-day and a new bill protecting creditors and provincial rights passed in its stead. The bill has four clauses, as follows:

1. The railway of Esquimaux & Nanaimo Railway Company is declared to be a work for the general advantage of Canada.

2. The securities issued by the company shall not exceed \$30,000 per mile of railway, and may be issued only in proportion to the length of railway constructed or under contract to be constructed.

3. Any agreement provided for in section 281 of the Railway Act, 1903, may be entered into between the company and the C. P. R.

4. Nothing in this act shall prejudicially affect the respective rights and liabilities of the province of British Columbia and of the company now existing, or which hereafter exist by virtue of the provisions of the act of the legislature of the said province of B. C., chapter 14.

The bill is satisfactory to all parties, and there will be no discussion or opposition.

CONSERVATIVES HOSTILE.

Failure of McBride to Introduce Railway Legislation Disappoints Supporters at Grand Forks.

Grand Forks, April 11.—Grand Forks Tories are bitterly hostile on account of Premier McBride's failure to introduce railway legislation. Mr. Fraser missed a great chance to solidify his position where he fell in line on Saturday. A wire received yesterday by a prominent government supporter stated things are as black as they look. He told your correspondent he did not see how they could look very much more gloomy.

FIRE AT SALTCOATS.

Winnipeg, April 13.—A serious fire visited Saltcoats, N. W. T., starting at 1.30 this morning. It started in the office of the Parrott Lumber yard, jumped the street, burned Bookie's butcher shop, dwelling, stable and store, Ellis's boarding house, McIvor's dwelling, and two cars on the track. It was got under control at 5 a. m.

ANTI-JAPANESE LEGISLATION.

Comments of Bristol Paper on Action of British Columbia Government.

London, April 12.—The Western Daily Press, of Bristol, says a very curious and not altogether pleasant illustration of the difficulty of getting some of our colonies to think imperially has been supplied by the government of the legislature of British Columbia. Without any discussion whatever the legislature passed a bill restricting the immigration of Japanese.

This action on the part of the British Columbia parliament is quite inconsistent with the relations between the British government and Japan.

THE QUESTION OF IMMIGRATION

DEPUTATION WILL INTERVIEW GOVERNMENT

Rider Haggard, Ballington Booth and W. Whyte Visit Ottawa—Railway Pension Fund Proposal.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, April 13.—H. Rider Haggard, Ballington Booth and William Whyte, of the C. P. R., arrived here to-day to interview the government and the Government-General in regard to English immigration. They took luncheon with His Excellency, and will discuss immigration this afternoon.

PENSION FUND.

A big delegation from the Intercolonial and Prince Edward Island railways waited upon the government to-day, and asked that the pension fund scheme prepared by Hon. A. G. Blair three or four years ago be put in force at once. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said if the Antonomy bill passed in reasonable time it might be done this session; if not it would be pushed forward as speedily as possible. Hon. H. R. Emmerson has the bill ready.

THE HOLIDAYS.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier told R. L. Borden to-day that the House would adjourn from Wednesday next till the Tuesday following for the Easter holidays.

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Sir Charles congratulated the stockholders on the financial association of the Rothschilds with the Grand Trunk railway in connection with the flotation of the recent Grand Trunk Pacific bonds.

ATLANTIC RATES.

Combine Unable to Carry Out Important Clause in Agreement With Cunard Line.

Liverpool, April 13.—At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Cunard line here to-day, Lord Inverclyde, the chairman, announced that the shipping combine had intimated its inability to carry out one of the most important articles of the settlement recently arrived at, and consequently all the tentative arrangements between the Cunard line and the continental lines and the combine were inoperative. He was unable to say whether the loss of revenue caused by the rate war, Lord Inverclyde said he did not regret a single step taken. There was at present no agreement between the Cunard line and the combine. The only effect of the tentative agreement was that passenger rates were restored to their old level.

The chairman believed that the shareholders would not regret the sacrifice necessary to maintain the independence of the Cunard line against the shipping combine. The directors had received encouragement here and from America to continue to defend the company's interests. The chairman also referred to the governmental support of the German lines as indication of the severity of the struggle.

FATALITIES IN INDIA.

Later Reports Increase the Number Killed by the Earthquake.

Lahore, April 13.—Later reports from Mandi, capital of Mandi state, say at least four hundred persons were killed in the city by the earthquake. The palace, temples and residences were levelled. Estimates of the number of persons killed at Sultampur, 30 miles southeast by south of Amritsar, vary from 200 to 700.

PROVIDING FOR INJURED.

Simla, India, April 13.—Lady Curzon, wife of the viceroy, has invited all the Europeans and Indians injured during the recent earthquakes, who are able to be moved, to come to the Walker and Ripon hospitals at Simla as her guests. The invitation was sent through the Simla governor of the Punjab with an intimation that she will gladly defray the expenses.

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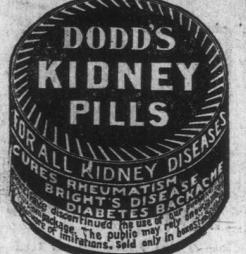
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WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office. From 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. April, 1905. The ocean disturbance which at the close of last week was approaching Vancouver island passed inland over the northern part of the province; weather conditions improved, and the atmospheric pressure has been remarkably steady during the whole week.



Members of the committee in charge of the Primrose dance to be held in the A. O. U. W. hall on the 18th have almost completed arrangements. They announce that an excellent musical programme is being drafted and that all attending are guaranteed a pleasant time.

It is probable that at the next regular meeting of the city council a decision may arise over the remaining of Birdge Walk. There are those on the board who wish to retain the old name, and those who wish to change it. There will be strong opposition from those who fall to see why one street should have two names. They want all named Government street, and claim that if there be anything in it will certainly increase the value of property along the section of the street in question.

Leaver's V. Z. (Vice Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is better than other soap powders, as it also acts as a disinfectant.

The quarterly general meeting of the British Columbia Board of Trade will be held on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The subjects that will come up for discussion will be as follows: Railway committee report re Coast-Kootenay railway and telegram from Great Northern railway in that connection; report on extension of Vancouver Island railway; report of harbors and navigation committee re harbor commissioners; report of special committee re national park, and election of new members.

An entertainment was given Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Fernwood Young Men's Athletic Association at the club rooms, Spring Ridge. There was a large attendance and Rev. J. P. Westman, pastor of the Centennial Methodist church, occupied the chair. Some excellent musical selections were given by well-known local talent, while a number of athletic exhibitions were given by the junior and senior members of the club. Everyone spent an exceedingly pleasant time and the affair was unanimously voted a success. It closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

A large number of sportsmen gathered at the office of the B. C. Land & Investment Association on Tuesday to attend the annual meeting of the Victoria Gun Club. It was decided to open the season with a shoot at Langford Plains on the 16th, followed by the cup shoot on the 20th. As quite a number present expressed a desire for regular Saturday afternoon shoots, it was decided to secure the old ground at Oak Bay for the purpose. There was some discussion as to whether to amend the Game Act, and the majority approved of the amendments introduced. Members of the club who co-operated with the fish and game club in bringing about these alterations were accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

It is announced by G. G. Howlett, manager of the Victoria professional baseball team, that the team's colors will be maroon and navy blue. Already the suits have been ordered from Spalding Brothers, and are expected to arrive in time for the opening match of the series for the Northwestern league pennant.

A lecture was delivered by Rev. Archibald Ewing on his experiences in Manchuria at Knox Presbyterian church, Spring Ridge, on Tuesday. There was a large attendance and the discourse proved most interesting and instructive. Rev. Mr. Ewing spoke of the customs of the natives, the system of government in different districts, and gave a detailed description of the country. He was listened to with attention and afterwards tendered a hearty vote of thanks.

On Friday evening a meeting of the finance committee and prominent members of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held for the purpose of considering business of importance. The past season has been exceedingly prosperous and the Y. M. C. A. was never so busy as at the present time. It is the desire, however, of the board of directors to wipe off all debt in the next few months and the meeting mentioned is for the purpose of devising ways and means. A large attendance is requested.

The Victoria Rochdale Co-operative Association, Ltd., was incorporated Wednesday by the following: John Lovell Smith, Richard Cartwright Douglas, John Hammond, John Charles Macleod, Henry Fox, Jacob Burley Martin, Edwidge J. Christie, Thomas Walker and Archibald Edward MacEachern. It is their intention to establish a business, to be operated under that system, in Victoria at an early date. Those interested are confident that the venture will prove a success.

It is reported that several local surveyors have been engaged by the Grand Trunk Pacific to enter the field on the 1st of May. Their duties will be to survey the route for the company starting from the coast and travelling inland to the mountains, where they will join the engineering staff and proceed east. At what point the start on the coast is to be made, they are not able to state. They will get their instructions on going north. Several surveyors have already been in the northern part of the province for the company completing a reconnaissance preparatory to the survey now to be made.

Another interruption has occurred in the negotiations looking to the commencement of the sewerage work in Spring Ridge. Up till the present the delay was occasioned by the council in getting the owners of the property to agree to the sewer passing through the Finlayson estate. This having now been arranged, a new difficulty stands in the way. This time a piece of land belonging to George Jeeves is the bone of contention, and at present the prospects of starting work seems about as remote as ever. Mr. Jeeves denies the council the right to cross the property, and here the matter is likely to rest for a considerable time.

The Lieut.-Governor, with his usual generosity, has contributed \$50 to the New Westminster Dominion exhibition.

Members of the management committee of the James Bay Athletic Association held a meeting last evening at which several questions of considerable importance were discussed. D. S. Hobbs was elected to full membership, while the first club secretary, Mr. J. Riddell, was elected to the position of club secretary. The club courts be put in shape for the summer season was adopted. It was announced by the tennis committee that the courts were ready to play and would be opened on Friday. As a large tennis membership was expected the advisability of laying a fourth court was under consideration. A statement was received from the boating committee, also, announcing that the first club regatta had been fixed for Saturday, May 13th, and that lists were already on the bulletin board for the reception of entries. After the offer of a prize valued at \$15 for the one bringing in the most new members the meeting adjourned.

The James Bay Epworth League held their semi-annual election of officers Monday night, when the following were selected to fill the various positions: President, E. M. Whyte; first vice-president, J. Gilbert; second vice-president, Mrs. Johnson; third vice-president, Miss H. Emery; fourth vice-president, Miss S. Howard; secretary, Miss A. Lyman; treasurer, F. Schroeder (re-elected); missionary treasurer, D. Sprinkling; reporter, E. M. Whyte; organist, Miss A. Lewis; special lookout committee, Miss Morris and Miss H. Emery. Reports were read by the retiring officers, which showed the league to be making good progress in all its departments.

The extra linemen employed on the B. C. Telephone lines in the city were taken off work Monday by the local manager on instructions from headquarters. The regular staff employed by the month will continue work as usual. While no information is given as to the reasons for stopping work, it is generally understood that the question of employing non-union men has given rise to trouble with the union workers.

Monday afternoon Mrs. Walter Chambers and Mrs. Harry Jameson were thrown from a buggy near Colwood, their horse becoming frightened at Mrs. Chambers' sudden fall. Mrs. Jameson, who was driving, was unhurt, but Mrs. Chambers was dragged quite a distance. Fortunately she escaped with nothing more than a shaking up and some bruises. Both ladies were conveyed to the Colwood hotel, and shortly afterwards to their home in the city.

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At a meeting of members of the F. Y. M. A. interested in baseball, which is referred to in another column, the following signified their intention to take up the game this season: E. Robertson, A. Shanks, S. Shanks, W. Malcolm, H. Herd, L. Camusa, A. Potts, M. Brewster, S. Smith, A. Gray, G. Carne, F. Carlow, J. Holness, W. Harrison, F. Moore and E. A. Galley. At the next meeting the team captain will be selected.

The annual general meeting of the Victoria & Vancouver Stevedoring Co., Ltd., took place Saturday, at which it was respectfully decided to accept the resignation of Captain J. S. Gibson as joint managing director. Captain Gibson has been for some years in charge of the company's business at Chemainus, but has recently tendered his resignation in order to associate himself with the Washington Stevedoring Company of Seattle, in the position of general manager. His many friends in this city will wish him unbounded success in this new field.

Probably no more tuneful and at the same time no more impressive "passion music" has been given to the public than that contained in the sacred cantata, "Olivet to Calvary," by J. H. Maundrell. The choir of Christ Church cathedral, assisted by Mrs. Gregson, Mrs. Moresby, Mrs. Heyland, Miss Cross and Herbert Kent, will present this work at a special service in the cathedral on Friday, the 14th, commencing at 8 p.m. The solos have been entrusted to Mrs. Gregson and Messrs. Goward, Moxon and Kent, all of whom are so well known and appreciated. The organ accompaniment will be the mastery hands of Geo. Pauline, the whole work under the baton of the choirmaster, J. S. Floyd.

A meeting of the Natural History Society was held Monday evening in the caucus room of the provincial buildings when the annual election of officers took place. After the reading of the president's address and those of the secretary and treasurer, the following officers were elected: E. F. Robinson, president; W. J. Sutton, first vice-president;

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Will go against English experts. AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN ARRIVE ON MIOWERA. Obsolete Fire Discovered on Former Canadian-Australian Liner—Railway Representatives.

(From Thursday's Daily.) With cricketers aboard to contest the world's championship in this favored pastime, representatives from Australia to attend the International Railway Congress at Washington and many tourists and settlers, there was a most interesting company of passengers on the B. M. S. Miowera when she arrived here from the Antipodes this morning. Capt. Trumper and his Australians, as the sporting world knows, are going through to England. They will make no lay-over as the season in England begins in May, and the most of the season has been there in good time to get in some practice before playing commences. At the outer wharf this morning they were met by E. Carr-Hilton, representing the Victoria team, with whom they will play the season's matches. The Australians are looking forward to a successful season, but acknowledged that there was a weakness in their bowling. Cotter, a new player who accompanied the team, is a young player who possesses wonderful speed, and his ball the eleven will depend for their main tower of strength in this direction. But in batting the team is particularly strong. Capt. Trumper, himself, is a batsman at the bat, and he has able support in Noble and Gregory. The eleven will be picked from among the following: A. Noble, A. Hopkins, V. Trumper, C. Hill, C. McLeod, R. Duff, W. Armstrong, H. D. Gohrs, J. Kelly, G. Gregory, A. Cotter, E. Larger, G. King and P. Newland. They will take the train at Vancouver at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and proceed through to England direct.

The railway representatives on the Miowera were H. McLachlan, secretary to the Australian railway commissioners, and J. Fraser, engineer in chief of the New Wales railways. Both of these gentlemen have been trained on the New South Wales lines, and are thoroughly able to recognize the bearing of the questions discussed on the Australian railways. In various circles considerable interest is manifested in the great International Railway Congress which is to meet at Washington, U.S.A., at the commencement of May. It is one of the world's most representative gatherings, and the year the delegates will speak on behalf of interests valuing the stupendous total of \$5,400,000,000. The conferences are held at five-year intervals, and are practically representative of all the leading countries in the world. The headquarters are at Brussels, the convening body being the Belgium government. This year's gathering is more important from the fact that it will be the first time the conference has been held in the New World, and the United States government and the railway association are endeavoring to make the occasion specially attractive. The proceedings are to be conducted in English, and every phase of railway business will be brought under review, experts in the many varied railway subjects submitting reports which have been under compilation since the previous conference, and bringing best railway practices up to date. These will be debated in sections.

When the Miowera left Australia her former sister liner, the Warrimoo, which for many years plied on the Canadian-Australian route, was in port at Melbourne, considerably damaged as a result of a fire which had broken out when the vessel was bound for New Zealand ports. At the time the Warrimoo had 98 saloon and 17 steerage passengers and a cargo of mixed merchandise, including 600 cases of benzine, 100 cases of kerosene, 8 cases of cartridges, 27 cases of yeast, and 524 bags of chaff. The benzine was stowed on deck, and the bulk of the kerosene lay at the foot of the forward hatch, hedged in between bags of chaff.

With the first indication of fire half of the forward hatch was removed, and blinding billows of smoke swept out, driving all before it. Hoses had been procured, and the officers made several valiant attempts to carry these hoses up the ladder into the hold, but on each occasion they were forced to beat a retreat half suffocated. No flames could be discerned, but a steady glow behind the starboard side, indicated the presence of the fire's activity. Realizing that it was impossible to grapple with the fire effectively from this point of attack, Captain Maebeth ordered the ladders to be battened down tightly again, so that as little air as possible might enter the hold to feed the flames. This work was rendered extremely difficult by reason of the immense volume of smoke which poured forth, but the officers and men waiting for an opportune moment rushed towards the opening and succeeded in the difficult task.

Deciding upon a flank movement, Captain Maebeth set the carpenter and his mate to work breaking in the bulkhead which separated the forward hold from the messroom. As this was done a line of smoke shot across the messroom as suddenly as if it had come from the mouth of a cannon. Two hoses were in readiness, and the water was immediately thrust through the hole and a continuous stream of water was played upon the burning cargo throughout the night. Next day the class of a couple of ports were broken and two hoses were directed at the hottest portion of the fire. It was this device which proved most successful. As the Warrimoo proceeded on her way the smoke gradually grew less until extinguished.

Great anxiety prevailed in Anstruther on Tuesday in view of the electric chair at Anstruther, which was being used for the first time in the province. The ship carried 34 passengers and her crew numbered 45. Stevedores had been sent from Fiji and Australia to look for the missing vessel, but up till the 20th of last month no information could be obtained of the ship. Among other vessels looking for her is the French warship Meurthe, which was dispatched from Sydney. In Sydney the health authorities are taking special precautions to guard against another outbreak of plague, and the board of health had under consideration the apparent extension of the area over which plague-infected rats and mice are being found.

THE WEST COAST CAVE. Mystery Still Surrounds the Strange Find of Human Skeletons. Philip Nordstrom, one of the discoverers of the cave near Quatsino Sound, containing many human skeletons, arrived Wednesday on the steamer Queen City and is staying at the Dominion.

With reference to the discovery a correspondent, writing from Quatsino, says: "It is true, as stated both by T. Ilsted and Philip Nordstrom, who went there to trap the cave, that they followed a panther's track from the beach, and it led them to a limestone bluff. In the face was an opening which they entered, and which extended about 150 feet and proved quite a large chamber. At the end was a great pile of human bones, covered partly with dirt. They counted 35 skulls, these being seemingly all on top. Bones of all sizes, down to those of small children, were found broken. A very large one was intact. This was of a man who must have been a giant, for the arm and leg bones were much larger than the ordinary. T. Ilsted claims there are no native skulls among the bones. The skulls have a large high forehead. The present Indians know nothing of the cave. It is believed that there is a large man who possesses wonderful speed, and his ball the eleven will depend for their main tower of strength in this direction. But in batting the team is particularly strong. Capt. Trumper, himself, is a batsman at the bat, and he has able support in Noble and Gregory. The eleven will be picked from among the following: A. Noble, A. Hopkins, V. Trumper, C. Hill, C. McLeod, R. Duff, W. Armstrong, H. D. Gohrs, J. Kelly, G. Gregory, A. Cotter, E. Larger, G. King and P. Newland. They will take the train at Vancouver at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and proceed through to England direct.

WELL-KNOWN PIONEER PASSED AWAY TO-DAY. Jeremiah Griffiths Died This Morning at Residence, First Street—Was Cariboo Miner.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Another pioneer passed away this morning in the person of Jeremiah Griffiths, a well known and highly respected citizen, at the family residence, 37 First street, Work Estate. For many years Mr. Griffiths had been employed as wharfinger, first for the Hudson's Bay Company, then for the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company, and finally took the same position with the C. P. R., performing his duties with unwavering faithfulness, until ill-health prevented him leaving the house. In spite of the best medical attention he gradually sank, expiring early to-day.

Mr. Griffiths came to British Columbia from England in 1862, arriving here in the spring of that year by the ship Robert Lowe. At that time this city was the scene of considerable activity, miners from the California gold fields, from the eastern states and Australia having gathered here before setting out for Cariboo in search of the fabulous wealth reported to have been discovered in that district. Almost immediately he became imbued with the fever, and decided to try his luck as a miner. Mr. Griffiths was one of the first party to reach Williams creek, where the original strike had been made a year or two before. He did considerable prospecting, and, although getting fair returns, did not discover the yellow metal in sufficient quantities to satisfy his ambition. He then set out for the Okanogan country, and after many hardships managed to reach the Peace River country. Here he located on Slate creek, the prospects having been exceptionally promising. For several years he operated his claim with first class success. Then, becoming tired of mining, he returned to Victoria. On his arrival here he entered the employ of the Hudson's Bay Company, and for many years was a valued wharfinger. When the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company obtained control of the shipping of this port, Mr. Griffiths was transferred to its staff, and was again appointed wharfinger by the C. P. R. when that company took over the business of the C. P. N.

Deceased leaves a widow and six children—three daughters and three sons—to mourn his loss. The funeral has been arranged to take place from the residence mentioned on Sunday next at 2 o'clock and at 2.30 o'clock at the Reformed Episcopal church.

WINNERS AT SEATTLE. J. McIntosh's Collie Captured Special For Best in Show—Other Victories.

(From Thursday's Daily.) According to a dispatch received this afternoon from Seattle the local dogs entered at the show now in progress there have done very creditably. The sable Collie Prince, owned by John McIntosh, made a clean sweep, capturing first prize in open and winners' classes, also being awarded the special for best collie in the show. E. J. Wall's Jack captured first in open and winners in the Gordon setter competition. Leon Camusa's Gordon setter bitch Bell also distinguished herself, winning first in open and winners' classes. In English setters a Victoria dog was awarded second place.

It might be well to state in this connection that T. P. McConnell is not showing his Mallory Bob at Seattle, but in Vancouver. All the popular breeds have been judged.

The New York assembly has passed a bill requiring the New York city fire commissioner to detail uniformed firemen to all excursions barges and steamboats carrying over 250 passengers and travelling a distance of 45 miles. The bill now goes to the governor to be signed.

THE POLICE COURT. Case Which Came Up Before Magistrate Hall Thursday Morning.

In the city police court on Thursday the charge against Julian West of using abusive and profane language was finally disposed of. The accused was fined \$12.50.

Chin Hong, a Chinaman charged with assaulting Chas. Hansen on March 18th, was committed for trial. This case has been in court for some time and arose out of a quarrel between Chin Hong and three boys, Herbert Howard, Chas. Hansen and Jas. Forrest. The Chinaman at first represented that he was set upon by the boys, and denied having used a knife or of having one. Chief Langley, however, later on saw the Chinaman pass a knife out of his possession, and this was secured. Dr. Robertson, who had examined the wound inflicted, in evidence Thursday stated that the knife produced could have done the injury. A charge of perjury has been entered against the Chinaman, which will come up later.

SHERIFF KILLED. Shot by Masked Men Who Entered Jail For Purpose of Rescuing a Prisoner.

Senatoria, Miss, April 12—Sheriff J. M. Poag, of Tate county, was shot and killed to-day by eight masked men, names unknown, who entered the jail and made an ineffectual attempt to "rescue" James White, a prisoner, who was to be placed on trial on Monday on the charge of murder. One of the invaders was wounded.

They gained an entrance to the jail before Sheriff Poag was aware of it. Poag ordered them to leave. When they refused to do so he fired, wounding one man. The others fired on the sheriff, two bullets taking effect, one passing through the left lung. The men then left, taking their wounded companion with them. Sheriff Poag died an hour later.

SETTLED TROUBLES. Centre Star Will Not Press For Payment of Judgment Against Miners' Union.

The Western Federation of Miners at Rosland are not to be pressed to pay the judgment given against it in the Centre Star vs. Rosland Miners' Union. Manager Cronin decided upon asking only \$1,000 in settlement of the claims. Of this \$400 has been collected, and the company allows the union a year to pay over the remaining \$600. At the time the trial was held it was represented that the company desired was substantial damages, which were particular as to the exact amount. It was then inferred that the union would not be forced to pay the amount.

The settlement of the dispute in this way has resulted in a restoration of good feeling between the miners and the company at Rosland, says a dispatch from Nelson.

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Two weeks ago the prudential committee adopted the report of a sub-committee recommending the acceptance of the money, but in view of the strong protest made by Congregational clergy and action was deferred until yesterday, when a supplementary report was made by the sub-committee. This report, together with that of two weeks ago, was adopted.

The supplementary report, which was made public to-day, takes up the objections of the Protestants and asserts that they are not sufficient to prevent the board from accepting the money.

NELSON NOTES. Nelson, April 13.—Fire destroyed the Victoria hotel here this morning. The proprietor is W. W. MacFarland. The loss is \$12,000.

The Northwest Coal & Coke Company sold out to-day to a London company on a basis of \$5 per \$10 share. The new company acquires thirty square miles of coal lands in Alberta. It will build a railroad and cut into the Crow's Nest business.

CANNOT EXPORT. Amendment to Land Act Does Not Affect Conditions as to Timber.

Timbermen, according to the Vancouver Province, have been taking consolation in believing that the embargo on the export of logs cut on provincial lands has been inadvertently removed by an amendment passed during the last session.

This is entirely in error, and the same restriction exists now as formerly. The department of lands and works point out that this misconception appears to have arisen from the idea that the whole of section 42 of the Land Act was repealed this session. This is not the case. On the contrary, only sub-section I of this section was repealed. There still remains in force the regulation that "all timber cut from provincial lands must be manufactured within the confines of the province of British Columbia, otherwise the timber so cut may be seized and forfeited to the crown and the lease cancelled."

It is further pointed out that this restriction existed also in the enactment, under which pulp leases were granted.

PERSONAL. E. G. Russell, who is connected with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, left for the North Monday night by the steamer Princess Mary. He expects to be absent some weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Palmer and daughter, of Chemainus, and John J. Murphy, of St. Paul, arrived from up the line on Monday and registered at the Strand hotel. They left last night for the South.

United States Ambassador Meyer on Wednesday presented his letters of credence to Emperor Nicholas at Tsarsko-Selo.



At Port Simpson, highest temperature, 52.0 on 9th; lowest, 30.0 on 8th; rainfall, 0.46 inch. At Dawson, highest temperature, 48.0 on 9th; lowest, 14.0 on 6th; precipitation, 0.25 inch.

An Association football tournament is being arranged to take place in connection with the forthcoming exposition at Portland, Oregon. The Seattle and Tacoma teams will compete, and an effort is to be made by members of the Victoria-United eleven to secure a place in the series. This will be held on the 29th, 30th and 31st of September.

A meeting of the parade committee of the Victoria Day celebration management will be held this evening, commencing at 8.15 o'clock at the city hall. E. S. Eaton, Dr. Carter, Dr. Garesche, Harry Ross, J. H. Greer and D. A. Upper are members of the committee. Several matters of importance are expected to come up for discussion.

A new tailoring establishment has been opened on Broad street, the proprietors of which are Messrs. Crott and Tombs. The former is well-known to Victorians, having been connected with a similar business for many years. They have obtained the agency of a celebrated English company, and already are receiving considerable patronage. Their store is furnished with all conveniences.

The Ladies' Aid of the Centennial Methodist church intend holding a sale of work in the schoolroom of the church, Gorge road, on next Friday afternoon and evening. A number of useful and fancy articles will be offered for sale at very reasonable prices. The ladies have been making extensive preparation for this event. Tea and cake will be served during the afternoon and evening. Music and fancy drills will be provided in the evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Members of the Victoria Poultry Association will hold a meeting this evening at the city hall. The question of appointing a judge for the next show will be considered, while other matters of interest to fanciers are to be debated. The organization of a league to include the clubs of Vancouver, Nanaimo and this city will be discussed. Up to the present, the two on Douglas street, while expressing a desire that the proposed amalgamation should be effected, have taken no active steps to that end. A full attendance is requested.

The manager of the Seaman's Institute, 12 Langley street, acknowledges, with thanks, the receipt of reading matter during the month of March from the following: Mrs. R. B. McMicking, Mrs. Wm. Atkins, Mrs. J. D. Pemberton, Mrs. R. Maynard (magazine), Mrs. H. K. Andrews, Mrs. Jantson, the Navy League (Victoria-Esquamit branch) E. C. Pacific Club, Mr. Wood, Mr. E. C. P. R. Co. (one box magazines, etc.), Isaac Walshe, C. Pointer, J. C. Mackay, W. Burnett, A. Roberts, H. D. Quay, H. Burnett, J. A. Downes; the Times and Colonist daily papers and the local weekly paper, the Week. Cash received during the past month for the carrying on and development of the work and usefulness of the Institute are also gratefully acknowledged from the following: Mrs. Arthur Robertson, Lumber Co., G. G. L. Smith, the Shawanigan Lake Co., G. G. L. Smith, E. W. Embury, J. A. Hayward, W. T. Oliver, E. Campbell and Weller Bros. During the past month parcels of literature were supplied to the crews of the following ships and sailing schooners: Esthleries, Cedar-bark, Trader and Fawn.

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LIQUOR AND CRIME.

In his budget speech the British Chancellor of the Exchequer alluded to the decrease in the consumption of intoxicants in the United Kingdom as shown by the falling off in excise duties collected. Mr. Chamberlain attributed the result to a change in the habits of the people. The interest in all forms of outdoor sports is increasing, and loitering around public houses is no longer the popular pastime of the multitude. While the ardent temperance reformer may find comfort in one aspect of this matter, there is a side to it that will not furnish him with so much gratification. The consumption of liquor is decreasing, but the percentage of criminals in the population is increasing. Recent reports of the various government departments all point to the increased wealth of the country and the increased trade which is done; and yet, simultaneously with this growth of prosperity there is an undoubted and a serious increase in crime, an increase recently referred to by Sir Ralph Littler. Social reformers may look upon the phenomena according to their bias, but seeing that crime is largely due to poverty and want in the case of the first offender, and that the frequent reappearance of the habitual criminal is to some extent evidence of the failure of the most expensive machinery for the punishment and diminution of crime, the English taxpayer is naturally alarmed when he finds that even the great prosperity which the government departments depict can be accompanied by a great and an increasing amount of crime. Yet the fact remains that during this year, and, indeed, during the last four years, there has been a steady upward movement in criminal activity. Previous to 1900 the crime statistics had been steadily improving, and the figures for crimes dealt with at the assizes and quarter sessions, where all the more serious indictable offences are tried, decreased continuously. But in the last four years these figures have been continuously increasing, and increased at a much more rapid rate than they had previously decreased. In these four years, in fact, the figures for indictable offences run thus—10,149, 10,797, 11,322, and to-day, 11,882. The increase, too, is even more marked when we come to the worst offences. In the last year, for example, more persons were sentenced to death than in any previous year for which we have a record. The annual average of death sentences for the five years 1893-7 was 24.6, and for the five years 1898-1903, it was 27.4, but in the last recorded year the number of death sentences rose to the unprecedented total of 41.

THEY LOVE DARKNESS.

The processes by which municipal councillors in Victoria arrive at their conclusions respecting the conduct of public business are past finding out. It seems extraordinary that as soon as a private citizen dons the chains and robes of an alderman his views become overbalanced and stand, as it were, on their heads, instead of resting soberly on the soles of their feet. The private citizen is, unfortunately for the peace of mind of officialdom, afflicted with what he regards as a perfectly legitimate desire to know all about the manner in which his business is conducted. He makes the curious mistake of assuming that municipal business is his business, forgetting that when he casts his votes for certain gentlemen as mayor and aldermen he made his business their business—delivered it entirely into the hands of the council. In his ignorance the private citizen stubbornly adheres to his foolish idea of personal interest in municipal affairs, forgetting that he has delegated all his interests to others, who must be given a free hand, and a dark room in which to operate.

We confess to a bias in favor of the views of the private citizen in this trifling misunderstanding. We have given yet been able to understand why the municipal affairs of Victoria should be conducted in camera. But we cheerfully admit prejudice. It is our business to supply the public with news, local, provincial, national and universal. The man on the street no longer assembles himself together in divers places, such as coffee houses and public halls, to learn from his neighbors the news of the day. He takes a newspaper, and trusts it to inform him of all that is worthy of his serious consideration. We are willing to aver with considerable obstinacy that if the mere private citizen were still in the habit of gathering at the city hall on a certain evening per week to listen to the deliberations of the wise men he has selected to do his municipal thinking for him, and to exercise superior wisdom and ripe judgment on his behalf, he would with real British stubbornness insist upon knowing all that was going on. He would not be impressed one whit by myriads of allusions to the evil effects of premature publicity or the dire consequences of turning the light on some important deal, whose promoters would be sure to shy at the least blink or beam of public knowledge. The man who is interested, in many cases far above the interest of his delegate, would want to know all, and he would not cease in his demands until he was given the fullest information.

We conduct our civic affairs differently nowadays. The men we select

know more, or the movements of business are more complex, and therefore require the consideration of a superior intelligence. Then the people repose their trust in newspapers instead of looking into things personally. It is a comparatively easy matter to suppress impertinent reporters, representing as they do mercenary institutions whose lifeblood is news. One sarcastic reference from an altruistic alderman who is known to serve the city from pure public spiritedness and from no other motive, accomplishes that. Besides, does not the conduct of the affairs of the water works prove that mayors and aldermen are worthy of the fullest confidence, and that those who would question their motives or attempt to insinuate that in their negotiations with corporations seeking franchises their brains are not impregnated with the wisdom of serpents, are mere officious fault-finders?

Nevertheless and notwithstanding the omniscience of the qualifications of aldermen, and admitting the fact that immediately they take the oath of office they become mysteriously endowed with a mental superiority their neighbors never suspected to be latent in them as private citizens—allowing for every development and every conceivable contingency, the aldermen of Victoria conduct the business of the citizens of Victoria, and the citizens of Victoria should be informed, down to the minutest detail, of the manner in which their affairs are transacted. There may be no abuses in this corner business, but there are possibilities of irregularities. Some day a council may, by accident, be elected which is not as firmly grounded in the root principles of honesty as the present one, and a corporation seeking privileges or a contractor looking for advantages may come along and in secret tempt it to its undoing. Aldermen should look into this matter from the point of view of a mere common private citizen, and we are sure they would see how absolutely untenable their position is.

HAD TO HURRY.

The McBride government became panicky during the last week of the late session. The Premier realized that if he desired to remain in office another year he must ring the curtain down upon the burlesque performances of his hybrids at once. It is impossible to say what the present year may bring forth in the way of political developments. There is no doubt whatever that the province is in a state of intense exasperation at the present time. Public opinion is reflected in the disgust of the members of the party who have supported the government in the hope of something occurring that would permit of the Premier freeing himself from his discreditable, distrust-breeding entanglements. Prorogation was rushed in the hope that before the lapse of the recess of nine or ten months the angry feelings may have subsided and the members will be in the mood to tolerate another session of either time-marking on the part of the government or of mischief-producing legislation as the piece of the support of the wing which keeps it in power. It has been hinted that Mr. McBride will ask for a dissolution in the hope of casting off the bonds of the Socialists who follow about him and his party. There is no likelihood of any such course being adopted. Mr. McBride knows too well what would happen in the present state of public feeling. His party would be smashed and his career as the leader of the Conservative party in British Columbia would come to a timely and welcome end. The government will hang on to power. The Premier will point out to his supporters what would happen to them should they decide to desert him. The House will meet again next year with the customary announcements of the solidarity of the party. The proceedings will also be as usual, with the usual denouement. But the object will be attained. The government will retain power. The country will add to its prestige as the home of cranks and visionaries and as a good place for investors and industrialists men to keep away from.

WEST TOO BROAD FOR THEM.

The statisticians of the Conservative party have been investigating and have decided that a large majority of the electors of the Edmonton constituency, the "would favor the Anthony Bill." Further inquiry would probably reveal the fact that a large majority of the whole of the Northwest—the people who know most about the provisions and the workings of the present school system and in whose behalf the system was created—"would favor the Anthony Bill." The announcement may be an intimation that it is not the intention of the opposition to place a candidate in the field against Hon. Mr. Oliver. Such a decision would be a somewhat humiliating sequel to the boast made a few days ago that the government could not secure the return of one of its supporters in any part of the country extending from Quebec to British Columbia. Surely if the Conservative party funks the head center of piety, sanctimoniousness and all that is pure, good, tolerant and above reproach in Toronto, will not permit such an opportunity to pass unimproved? The superior person who conducts the Toronto News and stands as the perfect embodiment of political-virtue, might be induced to represent the cause of truth, righteousness, justice, liberty, equality and a common school for the use of the common people, should come bold-

ly forth in championship of the people the government proposes to oppress. Or if the superior politics of the News is to be reserved exclusively for the edification of the superior people of Toronto who gather their garments together lest they should be defiled by the latitudinarian views of the outcasts of the West, possibly that other tolerant, broad and liberal-minded journal, whose editor fears no political foe, except Elton, who is fit of business, might be induced to enter the Western field in defence of the Eastern faith. If the despicable, demagogic work of sowing seeds of race discord and fomenting sectarian strife is to be confined entirely to good Toronto, we fear the crusade of the News and Telegram and of all the "independent" journals will prove a colossal failure. The section of Ontario represented by these firebrands may be worked into an extra heat on special occasions, but politically it stands as it has always stood and can have no effect whatever upon the public thought of the rest of the Dominion, which understands and makes allowance for its weaknesses.

If the editor of the News, who believes in common schools for the common people and in separate private "academies" for the children of "uncommon people," such as himself, comes West he will find that the views of the inhabitants are as broad as the western horizon, and that there is no possibility of separating the country into a ferment of questions of race and creed. We have such nefarious work to the scribes and Pharisees of the East, who make politics their business and "religion" a pastime—when they are not an excuse for the exercise of the spirit of intolerance which they have inherited from the forefathers who served God by burning witches and persecuting those who refused to take the road they had blazed to heaven.

ROOSEVELT'S RECREATIONS.

The high dignitaries of the earth have their own peculiar ways of enjoying themselves. When the potentates of Europe go a-hunting we know what happens. They take an army of beaters with them. The "game" is directed to the spot where the mighty hunter stands in the midst of an arsenal, with attendants ready to load and hand up the guns to the marksman. The potentate does not "hunt" at all in the proper acceptation of the term. He lets his lackeys do the hunting. He does the killing, which does not require a great deal of skill. Sport, like everything else in the life of the potentate, is made easy for him. Perhaps if he were permitted to take the field with his dog and his gun, solitary but still majestic, he might enjoy himself far more in beholding the instinctive operations of his assistant and in contemplating the results of his unaided efforts. His repose after a day's real sport would bear no relationship to the size of his bag. But it would be sweet in proportion to the amount of ground he covered.

In the days when the ruler of our sister nation on this continent to which we belong was a simple but strenuous Rough Rider he took the field as a huntsman without flourish of trumpets or attendance of a corps of assistants. Mr. Roosevelt is in the saddle in quest of sport and health at the present time. He has gone forth with an entourage almost as large as a regiment of Rough Riders. This retinue is determined to save the president all the labor possible, and at the same time to furnish him with the maximum of sport to be found in the wilds of Colorado. On a previous occasion, when the president went forth to live "under the blue dome of heaven and commune with the stars," it will be remembered that he was reported to have shot a bear. The corps of reporters (who were provided for in true army campaign style) for the most part did not enter into particulars about the bagging of that bear. One of them, being a Democrat, said the beast was tied to a tree when the fatal shot was fired.

On his present trip the president has already been a consenting party to the death of one "grey wolf." The pack of sixty dogs ran it down and dispatched it before the noble hunter could draw revolver or hanger to assist in the sanguinary work. But the master "got even." The wolf gave men, horses and dogs a hard run. When the end came the corps was thirsty. The leader was the first to discover a hole in the ground with water in it. He leaped from his steed, prostrated himself on his front parts, and drank from the limpid waters of that "buffalo hole" in true woodsman style, beating the dogs by one lap. These minute details are more interesting than they may seem to people who are not familiar with the habits of dogs, which when hot after a chase cool their superheated bodies in the first fountain that presents itself, regardless of the objections of their masters who may hope to partake.

Naturally all Colorado is aware of the weakness of the "president" for "parchment." They know he delights in spectacles, with plenty of single and dash and fust and feathers and fire and smoke. Hence Newcast, Colo., proposes to "inaugurate" the hunt in a style which, it is believed, will meet with presidential approval. It has been suggested that a grand parade be held, in which President Roosevelt can be seen by the citizens. At the head of the procession will be a moister brown bear in a cage. The animal was recently captured and he is now at the residence of Frank Hilliard, where he has succeeded

in killing at least a dozen dogs and injuring several men who ventured too near him. Goff and Borah will put their bloodhounds in a corral and the bear will be given an hour's start for the hills. Then the packs will be set on the trail and President Roosevelt, Dr. Lambert, Philip B. Stewart and the guides will follow in hot pursuit. Master Bruin will scarcely be in the best of shape for a conflict with his superiors after the course of training to which he has been subjected. But he will at least be free to make the most of a trying situation. He will have the advantage over his lamented brother, who was tied to a tree and was obliged to keep his eyes fixed upon the gun which menaced him.

If we were not so near the border and had no regard for the feelings of our neighbors we might be tempted to remark that the president was having plenty of fun but little sport on his trip. Joseph Smith, prophet, etc., who is reported to have bought a very large tract of land in the Canadian Northwest, will come across the line with good credentials, but it may be well for the Mormon gentleman to leave his harem behind if he migrates. At a conference held in Salt Lake City recently J. Golden Kimball, one of the first seven presidents of the saintly Latter Day community, said: "If it were not for Joseph F. Smith, man of God, who restrains his children and they are obedient to their father, I want to tell you that there would be some men here horsewhipped. But his children obey him, as he is a man of God, and needs no apology." President Kimball denounced President Smith's critics as traitors to the church, and added: "If you want to go to hell, black your boots and go to a gentleman, not like a traitor." If the destroying angels were still free to carry on business there would be work for them to do, from the tone of this eloquent saint. Apostle Hyrum Mack Smith, son of President Joseph F. Smith, also attacked the critics of the church, especially newspaper writers, and said President Roosevelt was obliged to have a guard when he travelled because of the libelous statements and cartoons about him in the newspapers. Apostle Smith said further: "In President Roosevelt we have a friend, and he has friends among the Latter Day Saints. And we will be true to him and true to Old Glory, because we are a true people. President Roosevelt will give us a square deal. We will do all we can to sustain him and we will demonstrate it in the future as we have in the past." "Old Glory" cannot be brought to Canada either. Better leave it at home in company with the corps of superstitious wives to whose husbands President Roosevelt has been so true.

We never could understand why the attitude of the Chamberlain faction of the Conservative party of Great Britain towards the colonies should set the people so decidedly against the Balfour government. If the manifestations of the electorate could be regarded as evidence of hostility towards the "outposts of empire," it would surely be time for the outposts to consider the situation, and to act upon it. But it is pointed out that in the last week of February, 1,017 persons in England and Wales were summoned for refusing to pay the denominational school rate, while since the last Education Act became law, two years ago, 44,497 persons had been summoned for non-compliance with the law; 1,627 had goods distrained upon rather than submit to payment, and 105 actually entered the "martyrdom" of imprisonment "for conscience sake."

It is agreeable to know that there is something that is done both better and quicker in England than in the United States. It is the Boston Herald that says: "The Japanese battleship Kasumi, building in England, was launched inside of fourteen months from the placing of the order. That is exceptionally fast work. In our own country the fastest work ever done was on the battleship Louisiana. The contract for her was signed October 15th, 1902, and she was launched August 27th, 1904. From the time the Louisiana's keel was laid to the launching was something more than eighteen months, so that on the most favorable basis of measurement our shipyards on their best record are still behind the performance of their English rivals as regards speed of construction."

George Stephenson, the inventor of the first locomotive of practical value, is reported to have said that to drive carriages by steam over ordinary roads was out of the question because of the necessity for an absolutely smooth surface for the wheels of the crude engines of his day to operate upon. Therefore Stephenson put down rails, and we have stuck to them ever since. If the practical-minded north countrymen were of the work-to-day and behold automobiles flying over the roads, propelled by invisible machinery, he would probably set his mind working over the feasibility and practicability of doing away with rails.

Province: The House will close with the government in power, but the country cannot but feel the deep disquiet which is reflected upon it by a Ministry which made such promises of progressive legislation, and has prostituted its own dignity and the interests of the province to the demands of a few members whose public ambition seems to be to hamper or destroy private enterprise.

Children's Column

MISS TABITHA'S EXPERIENCE. (Founded on Fact.) I have heard that "experience is a hard school," and certainly experience has taught me a lesson I shall never forget. I dearly love a nice stroll when all is quiet at night, and the air so cool and fresh. Why the people I live with will always go out in the noisy streets, in the daytime, I even now cannot understand; perhaps they are afraid of getting experiences like mine. One evening I slipped out just after supper. I heard Jane (the cook) calling me over and over again to come in, but I wouldn't, though I knew it meant a punishment. I had some salmon somewhere near at hand, and what cat could withstand that temptation? It was further off than I expected, like many good things we try for; however, at length I got to it, and found a tin slung outside the back door with a nice lot of salmon in it. It did smell delicious, but it was so deep down I could hardly get any. I am not one of those who give up easily, so I pushed and turned it about till at last I got my head right down into it, and a fine supper I had.

And then—then my repentance began. Getting in was one thing, getting out was another. I shook my head, used my feet, twisted and wriggled, but all to no purpose, till faint and nearly choked, I realized I was a prisoner! That tin was over my ears, and it would not come off, and there was I blinded and alone, and could only sit still and wait for the morning, in the hope someone might come to my help. Hour after hour went slowly by, till at last the back door opened, and a voice exclaimed, "Well I never!" And then someone took hold of me roughly and pulled at that dreadful tin. How it hurt! The sharp edges cut into my throat, notwithstanding my thick fur end, of course, I started and scratched. My enemy let go, saying, "You spiteful thing, keep it on then," and went away. I was not spiteful, but I could not help protesting, it hurt so much. After a long time I heard the voice again, "Here it is, miss, just as I left it." "Poor thing," said another voice. "We must do something for her, Mary." "But doesn't she look absurd—she's fairly caught," and Mary laughed at me in my misery. "I won't touch the creature again, I got scratched before," was all her pity for me.

"We will put on thick gloves, and then the cat'll hurt us. You shall hold her tight, and I will get the tin off." "I shuddered, and if I could have moved I would have run away. But, blind and helpless, I had to wait my fate. Very soon I was held tightly, and then someone began again to move that tin. "Poor pussy, the edges are so sharp; I am so afraid of cutting her." But it did not hurt so badly this time, and presently I felt the tin sliding off, and I could see; but I was too dazed and faint to move. "Leave go, Mary, and get her some milk, poor thing." Mary let go, and my senses returned, and with one bound I flew up the steps and was off, though I heard Mary say as I left the house, "The ungrateful wretch; a dog would have licked your hands."

But I was not ungrateful, only longing to get safely home again, as I did ere long, and got a whipping which they say has cured me at last of running away at night. It didn't; it was that salmon tin which cured me. And now I say to all the other cats I know, "Resist temptation," so they do not have to learn by sad experience the safety of "home, sweet home."

DEAR GRANDMA.

Oh, I love to slip into grandma's room—the "Bilddman's hour" is the best—And get her to talk of the dear old home, Which she left to come out West. And then, as the twilight grows more dim, She slips her dear arm around me, And tells of a brighter home above, Where she soon expects to be. Dear grandma went up there long ago, But she knows that she loves her still. When she speaks of him her voice grows soft, And I feel the strangest thrill Go right to my heart, for she says that death Can only make friends more dear, If they love each other, and love the KING, He is sure to keep them near. And her trembling voice grows sweeter still. As she says that her KING—and mine—is close at our side in the darkened room, And I almost see the shine Of His glistening robes. Oh, I love Him, too.

And I know that He loves me, When grandma goes I must slip through the gates, And the KING in His beauty see.

"STOP THIEF!"

It was cold weather, and the Birds had a scramble for the crumbs that Ellie scattered for them each morning on the garden path. But, strange to say, though Robin Redbreast, who had very sharp eyes, saw Ellie had just thrown out, but they all began to chirp so loud with right that Ellie wondered what was the matter. "I should never have courage to take him up," murmured Tom Tit, nervously. "Well, what's the use of your being a policeman?" said Mrs. Chatterbox-Starling. But no one answered the question. But the young Starlings screamed so loudly, they settled the matter. Mr. Rat scented away in such a fright that he never got up courage to steal crumbs again. And Ellie went and fetched a fresh lot of crumbs, and all the Birds made up for lost time, I can tell you!

ALL O God! it is all I can speak. Question me not—I am old and weak. His saddle and sabre hang on the wall, And his horse pined to death—I have told you all. —Francis A. Durvage, in Old and New.

A DREAM.

I dreamt last night that you had come again. After long days of waiting, and once more We were together, and happy, as before, And I was eased of my lifelong pain, As one who on his weary bed lies lain. For many a year, hearing the healthy roar Of life, stream past outside his obdurate door, Sudden in fits of sickness, and with sane And glorious freedom, joins the life with-out.



Rumors have reached me (for I seldom read the papers) from time to time of a House in session and about to rise, or risen. No "Kylie elison" this—quite another sort of rising; more reminiscent of the fermented swelling of sour dough bread—all puff and wind until well fed. We will be sorry to lose the members of the "court general of the session," for individually they are a companionable lot who play many games well and lose or win with equal cheer. As lawmakers, their quality will have to be passed on by those who know something about the matter. Personally, except for some slight legislation concerning the cut of my beard, I have been so little affected by their doings that they might have risen and gone home before ever they set down almost without my knowing it. And a good few civil servants who have ingenuously added to their families, on a salary stationary for some years past, are equally ignorant of anything having been done.

THE BLEGY OF A MOCK PARLIAMENT.

The Budget bids the buoyant band goodbye. The Parties part, to pack and homeward vend. In noisy docks, as loud across the sky The morning honkers greet their journeymen's end. Where once a blaze of lamps, now dismal sparks Light the dim halls, all silent in the morn, Save where the doubtful Deputies and clerks In cynic mood take up their tale of work. In that vast Room, majestic and profound With fading pots acoustically spread, At forty cubits from the trembling ground, To break the echoes thundering overhead. Where once the Fathers of the province met To rant in rude debate, or softly plead, The blinds are drawn, and all in order set, None enters now, save him who comes to sweep.

No more the haughty legislators stride The marble halls, nor pause beneath the dome To greet with simple condescending pride Some suppliant voter from his country home.

No more the all-night sessioners at morn Strut towardward 'er the ramparts of the Bay To their hotels, where, to the manner born, They called for Mumm's to moist the coming day.

Let, not vain Wisdom scorn their vanished craft, Their chartermongering skill, axe-grinding craft, Nor rapid Virtue hear with angry snort The weakly whispered annals of their graft.

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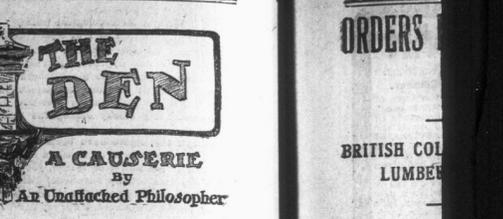
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Can honest purpose win the ballot's word From polling booths fed by a party purse? Can really unboothed withstand Democracy's sword That threatens loss of power and place— and worse? Perhaps in this den vaulted Hall one heat Sound hearts beneath an unembroidered vest. With honest heads, and hands that clutched to meet And throtle all that was not of the best, But theirs was not the skill to know the Truth In all her aspects—whether weak with years Or color blind, or plastic yet in youth, They faltered to a level with their peers, Full many a gem the bye-election gleans, Whose lustre dims with burning midnight oil; Full many a patriot, born to pork and beans, Here swaps his pottage for the victor's spoil.

Here have we seen some illigiptian Car, Who never fed to Tarascoe-Sole's shame; Some Joseph, blameless of Dame Poliphar; Some Cromwell, guiltless of Ollalie's name. Some mild Altruism, whose plans unique To give three acres and a cow to all, Were long adored, altho' when Greek met Greek, He held the balance in this social Hall. Far from the madd'ning clamor of the crowd, In still, committee rooms, they learned their part, To whisper solid facts, to shout aloud State fallacies of plattitudinous art.

Yet, even so, the spirit of regret Still hangs reluctant o'er the ana'pocoe, And spreads a veil whereby one may Tink Their faults, in sighing for the "might have been."

For who by cabal or intrigue unest— Forced to resign, tho' unregarded to force— Could leave the precincts of a cabinet Without one pang of agonized remorse?

Alas for such! Kind reader, do not laugh, When conscious rectitude bemoans the fate Of him whose simply graven epitaph Adorns the tomb beneath you Hawthor-thwalte.

The Epitaph. Here in this urn reposes what remain Of principle and policy and plan Of him whose loss is still the people's gain, Imperfect only in that he was man.

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"W. J. Rogers, timber inspector for the British admiralty, is in the city, and is stopping at the Leland hotel. He is here on business, having come to examine a large consignment of our stock which has been cut by the Royal City branch of the B. C. Mills Timber & Trading Company," says the Vancouver News-Advertiser.

"Canada at present secures about \$200,000 worth of trade with the admiralty," Mr. Rogers told a News-Advertiser representative. "About \$150,000 of this is placed with Messrs. Dobell, Beckwith & Company, of Quebec, and the remainder in British Columbia. I might tell you right here that no wood in the world can compare with British Columbia spruce for oars, and the 200,000 or 300,000 feet which I am now inspecting is of the very best quality. The fact, there should be later on, and the fact, especially by the government service, and in the course of another year I expect the greater part of the stage deals to come from here also."

"The most of the wood has been secured from the Baltic, but the contract expires with this year, and all the concerns here will have an opportunity of tendering. I feel confident some of the contracts will be awarded to British Columbia mills, as the quality is better than that of the Baltic timber, and the prices may go a little lower. Some specimens sent by the B. C. Mills Timber & Trading Company have been sent to the dockyards at Devonport for a test, and they will, I am sure, come out ahead in any comparative test they may be submitted to. A large amount of stage deals are used in the dockyards, and there is no reason why, in these days of the Imperialistic idea, the colonies should not furnish what the Mother Country requires. It is very difficult, though, to introduce anything new into the British service. The fact that British Columbia timber is as good if not better than that that got from the Baltic has been dinned into the ears of the admiralty officials year after year, but at last it appears as if something would result. There are many kinds of wood now secured from foreign countries, which might be purchased in British Columbia. Moreover, the direct steamship connection by means of the boats of the Blue Funnel line, and other large lines, allows the transportation without re-shipment, such as was the case previously, when the timber was sent overland to Montreal or Quebec. Red fir and Norway pine are the two chief varieties grown on the shores of the Baltic sea, but they are not so good as the Douglas fir. Ash used to be thought a good wood for oars, but there is no comparison between it and spruce. Up to the present, it is only exceptional lengths of timber, obtainable nowhere else than in British Columbia, that have been used in England to any extent. Large amounts were used in the construction of the admiralty pier at Dover, and the fact has afforded an opportunity to show the excellence of the product from the Pacific coast province. Some spars have been secured here, but there has been no contract for the supply of these, so far being made."

"Speaking in regard to other woods used by the admiralty, Mr. Rogers said that since steel ships have been built, with steel decks, it has been found that oak is the best for the washboards. It lasts longer than fir, and being of an oily nature is not affected at the point of contact with the iron. For this reason all the weather decks are covered with oak. It is imported direct from Montreal and Rangoon. But as to the Liverpool and London markets, where it is worth about \$45 per thousand feet. The admiralty buys it in these cities. There is an Australian wood, called moa, which is very much like oak, and an effort is being made to introduce this."

"Mr. Rogers has been timber surveyor for the admiralty for 40 years, and this is his eleventh annual trip to Canada. It is probably his last, and next year he expects to be deputed to the Baltic Sea country. He will be in Vancouver until the latter end of the week inspecting the specially selected oak stock, and will then leave for Quebec, where he left Mrs. Rogers. There he will inspect a couple of ship loads of stock, which will take him the best part of the summer."

BOUNDARY SURVEY.

N. J. Ogilvie Is in Rossland Preparing For Resumption of Work.

"N. J. Ogilvie, a member of the international boundary survey, is here from Ottawa for the purpose of resuming the work of delimiting the boundary line," says the Rossland Mirror. "This work has been in progress since the spring of 1903, and will continue for the coming two years. Mr. Ogilvie says that the work is being jointly conducted by Canadian and American survey parties, and is about 75 per cent completed. The first work to be done this year will be in the vicinity of the Pend d'Oreille river, and it will be continued west from there toward the part of the Skagit country, in the Cas-ade mountains. This is the wildest and roughest country through which the survey runs from the Atlantic coast to the Pacific, owing to the heavy timber and the ruggedness of the country."

"When asked if any discrepancies had been found between the survey that was made of the international boundary 50 years ago and the present survey, Mr. Ogilvie replied that so far not. The old-time surveyors, he said, did their work exceedingly well. The old survey commission placed monuments on the 49th parallel in some places a mile apart, and in others 25 miles apart. The present survey consists of proving the correctness of the location of these monuments and the running of straight lines from one monument to the other, and the placing of new monuments, besides the cutting of a sky-line 20 feet wide through the timber. The new monuments must not be less than a half a mile apart, and more than four miles apart. The Americans have some work to finish near the coast."

"Mr. Ogilvie Saturday visited Sheep Creek for the purpose of looking after a portion of his outfit, which was stored in the mountains, and was away for the season came to an end. One of the members of Mr. Ogilvie's party Saturday climbed Record mountain and placed a signal on its summit. "The fact that he has not yet been informed who will have charge of the other four parties, and so far as he knows they have not yet been named. He was sent out a little in advance of the other parties, and so gave the way for their coming."

The Supreme court of the United States holds that portion of the Alaska coast is not a part of the territory of the United States in the full sense of the word.

THE ROSSLAND CAMP.

Progress of Work in Big Mines—Last Week's Ore Shipments.

Rosstand, April 13.—The Le No. 2 has under contemplation the execution of between \$50,000 and \$60,000 worth of development work, including the deepening of the shaft to the 1,450-foot level, which would be 550 feet below the present lowest workings of the mine, which is 900 feet deep. The Centre Star is extending its workings down below the ninth level. A depth of 60 feet below the ninth level has been reached.

The Le No. 1 is extending the mine from the 1,400-foot level down to the 1,350-foot level and the era of deeper mining has begun. That this will result in the uncovering of rich ore chutes is already apparent in the Centre Star and the Le No. 1.

The announcement by Professor E. W. Brock that the geological survey has been secured for the structural geological survey of the camp and that the important work will be commenced on May 1st is cheering news. The importance of this survey in the future economy of the camp can scarcely be estimated at the present time; that it will lead to the finding of new areas of pay ore seems a foregone conclusion.

The outlook is good for the resumption of work on the O. K., which has lain dormant for the past seven years. The shipments for the week ending tonight were as follows: Le No. 2, 2,800 tons; Centre Star, 2,000 tons; War Eagle, 1,410 tons; Le No. 2, 50 tons; Le No. 2, 2 (milled), 1,200 tons; Spitzee, 180 tons; total, 7,600 tons. Total for year, 95,904 tons.

A Simple Cure for Hysteria and Nervousness

Important to People Who Are Easily Excited, and All Who Are Worried, Depressed or Apprehensive.

Two great classes are found in sufferers from hysteria. With some the attacks are comparatively passive. The patient sinks suddenly into insensibility from which she emerges in a state of weakness and profound depression. With others the hysteria is accompanied with epileptical symptoms, extreme agitation and convulsive paroxysms, leaving the patient panting and trembling in a most pitiful way.

Hysteria is merely a proof of extreme nervous irritability, and happily can be cured. Acting as Ferrozone does, it directly upon the nervous system, it accomplishes marked results in even a short time. Ferrozone is a perfect food for the nerves—it contains the kind of nourishment needed by worn-out nerves, supplies building material and strengthening qualities impossible to find elsewhere. Nutrient is contained in Ferrozone that is readily taken up by the human system, and no one can use this great food tonic without instantly feeling its buoyant uplifting effect.

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For weak, nervous women who are pale and thin, who feel worn out and distressed, there is no more vitalizing medicine than Ferrozone. Refuse a substitute for Ferrozone, which is prepared in the form of a chocolate-coated tablet. Each box contains 50c boxes, or six boxes for \$2.50. By mail from N. C. Polson & Co., Hartford, Conn., U.S.A., and Kingston, Ont.

FOSTERING HOME MANUFACTURES

THE ORGANIZATION IS NOW COMPLETED

Other Cities of the Province Will Be Asked to Co-Operate With Victoria.

The final organization of the Victoria branch of the B. C. Manufacturers' Association took place last night, when a constitution was adopted at a meeting held in the Board of Trade room. A. J. Morley presided and Phil R. Smith acted as secretary. The following firms signified their intention of becoming members: Taylor Mills Co., Capital City Planning & Sawmills Co., B. C. Rice Mills, James Leigh & Sons, Victoria Machinery Depot, Victoria Coffee & Spice Mills, Raymond & Sons, F. James & Bro., F. Norris & Sons, T. N. Hibben & Co., Price Pressing Co., Victoria Printing & Publishing Co., J. Piercy & Co., the Columbia Flouring Mills Co., Lenz & Leiser, Turner, Bostwick & Co., the B. R. Seabrook Machinery & Supply Co., Hamilton Powder Co., A. Von Hagen (saw, tent and awning factory), Ramsay & Patton, J. A. Sayward, Andrew Gray, Victoria-Phoenix Brewing Co., Weller Bros., W. J. Pearday, Hinton Electric Co., Limited, Excelsior Electric Co., Pioneer Coffee & Spice Mills, Limited, John J. Collinson, M. R. Smith & Co., Shawinigan Lake Lumber Co., Colonist Printing & Publishing Co., B. C. Engraving Co., B. C. Saddlery Co., Provincial Cigar Co., Capital Cigar Co., A. Sawyer & Sons, Victoria Novelty Works, Shorholt & Horne, Bissell & Potts, W. Mable, A. McGregor, Brady-Houston Packing Co., Carruthers, Dickson & Brown, P. W. Dempster, Smith & Champion, B. C. Pottery Co., Limited, John Weston, Fairall Bros., Silver Spring Brewery, Limited, Muirhead & Mann, Gregg & Son, Moore & Whittington, M. Hanly & Son, Dominion Paint Co., Hutcheon Bros., J. T. Croot, E. Schaffer, Thomas & Gray.

The committee was granted further time in which to increase the membership. The committee on constitution made its recommendations. This was, after discussion, adopted as follows: Name.—The organization shall be called the Victoria Branch of the Manufacturers' Association of British Columbia. Object.—The better protection and development of the manufactures of British Columbia. Persons Eligible.—All persons engaged in manufacture in British Columbia. Fee.—The fee for membership shall be: Entrance fee, \$2.50 for each firm; annual fee, \$30 (collectable quarterly). Officers and Executive.—There shall be a president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer, who, with the chairman of the standing committee, shall constitute the executive committee, and shall be elected annually by ballot.

Committees.—There shall be standing committees for transportation, exhibits and advertising, and legislation, each to consist of three members. The chairman of each shall be a member of the executive committee. "Special" committees to be appointed as required. Duties of Officers.—The president shall preside at all general and executive meetings; in his absence the vice-president, and in the absence of both, a chairman shall be elected by the meeting. The secretary shall fulfil his duties subject to the executive committee. Duties of the Executive Committee.—The executive committee shall promptly dispatch all business of the association; shall be responsible for the collecting and paying of all moneys; shall report progress at each general meeting, and provide a statement of accounts every six months. Meetings.—General meetings shall be held monthly, at which all matters of importance shall be dealt with. Special meetings shall be called by the executive or at the request of any three members. Order of Business.—1. Reading of minutes. 2. Election of members. 3. Communications. 4. Reports of committees. 5. Notices of motion. 6. Unfinished business.

A nominating committee was appointed, which will report at the next meeting. It was decided to correspond with other places in British Columbia for the purpose of stirring up an interest in organization of branches throughout the province.

A committee was also appointed to prepare a memorial for presentation to the Dominion government setting forth the objects of the British Columbia Manufacturers' Association.

The meeting adjourned until Monday at 8 p.m., in the Board of Trade rooms. A full attendance of the manufacturers of the city and others interested is desired.

SLOPPED CHINESE WOMAN.

Arrested Upon the Empress Liner on Way to Orient—Her Story.

On Monday Sue Hing, a Chinese woman reported to have embezzled a considerable sum of money at Portland, Oregon, was arrested on her way to the Orient from the C. P. R. steamer, Empress of Japan. She was taken in charge by the High school of Bowery, a portrait just previous to the departure of that vessel by Sergt. Palmer, of the local police force, as a result of a request received from Sheriff Word, of Portland, by telegraph yesterday.

She is said to have absconded with \$1,500, and upon her return will be charged with the theft. When secured by the local police official Sue Hing appeared in the dress of a European lady. She had changed her name to Miss Ross Downs, and under this assumed cognomen had taken an intermediate passage for Hongkong.

The description forwarded by Portland to Vancouver described her as a Chinaman, and under this confusion she managed to elude the vigilance of the Terminal City force. When the steamer arrived here last evening at 9 o'clock she was in her cabin, which was shared by a European woman. At first she displayed a thorough knowledge of the English language, but obtaining a hint of the official's business, feigned ignorance. Finally she denied the charge and protested against arrest. In spite of this, however, she was taken to the local police headquarters in order to await the arrival of a member of the Portland force to accompany her back to the latter city.

Sue Hing had waived extradition proceedings, and will go back to Portland to await the trial. Her story is that she is the stand trial. She admits that she had at one time she led a life of shame, but reformed and entered a rescue home in Portland. She has decided to return to China, and is willing to tempt all associates to interfere with her leaving.

PROPHET DANIEL AS A STATESMAN

HE WAS FAITHFUL TO GOD AND HIS COUNTRY

Dr. Campbell Delivered the Second of His Discourses on This Subject Last Sunday.

Dr. Campbell on Sunday evening in his second lecture in First Presbyterian church on Daniel, the Model Christian Statesman, as an example to young men, said that Daniel heard the grievances and received the petitions of the public with patience, and as far as possible redressed their grievances and righted their wrongs. He did not call out the dragoons to shoot down the people who approached the throne with the most innocent of all instruments, a petition. He carefully looked after the revenue of the hundred provinces, so that there was no grating or booting, but every dollar was accounted for. This required ability, honesty, and industry. He was diligent himself, and he saw to it that all under him were diligent in the discharge of their duties. He did not put off to-morrow what ought to be done to-day. His diligence in business was not for his own aggrandizement, but for the good of his King and his country. Had he been looking to enrich himself, he might have secured timber lands and coal lands, and retired to Jerusalem, and lived in luxury on the proceeds of what was really the property of the King. He was a man of the provinces of Babylon. Others have done it. They thus enriched themselves and their families.

TOURIST EXECUTIVE MEETING TUESDAY

Arctic Brotherhood Will Probably Hold Their Convention in Victoria—Secretary Leaves for Seattle.

An important meeting of the Victoria Tourist Association was held yesterday afternoon, there being present Messrs. F. W. Vincent (chairman), A. H. Hanson and Oddy, H. B. Thomson, J. E. Wilson and Anton Henderson, J. J. Beckwith and the secretary. The first matters discussed was a communication from the Grand Encampment of the Arctic Brotherhood, signed by President J. C. Price and Secretary Richard Mansfield White, which reads, in part, as follows: "We have been entrusted by the Grand Camp of the Arctic Brotherhood, an association established in Alaska, the British provinces of the Yukon Territory and British Columbia, to make arrangements for the next annual meeting or grand encampment of this association in 1905. We wish to find out what you, or your city, can do for us in the way of furnishing a suitable place to meet there or also if you can and would aid us in getting a reduced rate to your city for the round trip from Alaskan towns. If this letter has not been addressed to the proper body to give us the information desired, will you please give us the proper body in your city or inform us in the matter. There will be about one hundred delegates and their families in attendance. The last meeting was held in the city of Seattle with great success, and we decided to meet there or in some one of the cities within easy reach of the Lewis and Clark exposition. The grand encampment will convene about November 1st."

The question was given due consideration and the secretary instructed to reply, offering the free use of a suitable hall, and also to communicate with the secretary of the Arctic Brotherhood in order to ascertain whether reduced transportation rates can be secured. "This was followed by the usual budget of communications, the majority of which were asked for information regarding the climate, the agricultural possibilities of the district, etc., while several notified the association of the intention of families to settle here as a result of their extensive advertising."

A. D. Charlton, an expert passenger agent of the Northern Pacific Railway at Portland, Ore., wrote as follows in reply to a letter sent by Secretary Cuthbert: "I have yours of the 6th instant, regarding excursion business this year in connection with the Portland exposition. The matter of rates from local territory, etc., has not been settled as yet, but probably will be in the near future. As soon as the matter is settled, I will advise you fully in regard thereto. I note what you say in respect to working in connection with the Portland people in handling the business. I have asked the management of the Portland exposition to communicate with you in regard to this matter, and feel sure that they will be glad to waive the terms of any other contract. The prices will average to \$400. The intention is to have the procession pass along all the principal streets of the city. It will include automobiles single and double carriages, single and double roadsters, single and double drags, single and double draft horses, Calithum plains, floats, hotel busses and decorated wagons."

There will be an attempt made to provide an excellent water carnival in connection with the event. One feature of this, which is now under consideration, is the giving of a concert by the Arion Club from a barge moored on the bay opposite the parliament buildings. The Fifth Regiment band, according to plans, will occupy the landing place on the causeway. With the parliament buildings, the wharves, the causeway and the bay brilliantly illuminated the scene will be very effective one.

All the questions will come up for discussion at the meeting to-morrow evening of the general committee.

THE JAPANESE NIGHTINGALE.

A Most Pleasing Entertainment Given in Institute Hall Tuesday.

The elite of the city were well represented at the entertainment given in Institute Hall Tuesday. There was a good attendance and Mrs. McClure's portrayal of the life of a dainty Japanese maiden in the four-part monologue, "The Japanese Nightingale," was signally successful. The Ladies of the Maccabees, who were responsible for the event and the bringing of Mrs. McClure here, probably planned better than they knew, for in all respects the programme provided was captivating, edifying and instructive. Mrs. McClure displayed a great deal of talent in the role she assumed, and won the admiration of all present. The story of "The Japanese Nightingale" is as follows: A young Englishman goes to Japan, and, previous to his departure, his close friend warns him not to marry a Japanese girl, and then desert her, as nearly all do. Soon after arriving in that country, when at the tea gardens, a beautiful dancing girl entertains them. Not long after the girl runs away, and during her absence the fact comes to light that she sold herself in order to pay for her brother's education in America. The brother dies, and after two years, the little Japanese wife is found, the scene closing with mutual declarations of everlasting love.

In addition to this feature of the entertainment an excellent musical programme was furnished, which, owing to the popularity of the participants in musical circles, needs no comment. Songs were given by Gideon Hicks, Mrs. W. R. Green and Miss Leverson. Mrs. T. Young contributed a number of pretty instrumental numbers, and E. Howard Russell acted as accompanist.

FATALITY NEAR YALE

Roadmaster McDonald Struck by a Train and Instantly Killed.

A fatal accident occurred on the C. P. R. on Friday shortly after noon near Yale, whereby Alexander McDonald, roadmaster for the local section of the Pacific division, was instantly killed. It seems that Mr. McDonald was travelling along the track on his velocipede and when near Emory creek, about six miles west of Yale, was overtaken by an eastbound freight train. How the deceased failed to hear the train's approach is a mystery, as he was not deaf and was an active man.

"The official report of the sad occurrence is as follows: "We regret to announce the death of Roadmaster Alex. McDonald. He was going east on a velocipede and was overtaken by an eastbound freight train, west of Emory creek bridge, about six miles west of Yale, at 12:55 today (Friday). He had been employed on the Pacific division ever since the road was opened."

Alexander McDonald was one of the best known employees on the Pacific division of the C. P. R. A native of Scotland, he came to this country early in life and was one of the pioneer railroad men of the West. In 1852, when Onderdonk commenced the construction of the C. P. R., he was one of his foremen, and when the company took over the road in 1860 he was roadmaster of the Thompson section, being transferred to Vancouver some years ago. He was married and leaves a widow, but no family.

STEAM SHOVEL MINING.

Rochussen & Collis Have Sold New Machinery to Company on Spruce Creek, Atlin.

The Northern Mines, which has been incorporated with a capital of \$50,000 to operate on Spruce Creek, will do so with a steam shovel. The machinery will be shipped in as quickly as possible so as to be ready for the opening of the season. The steam shovel purchased is the Vulcan and has a capacity of 1,000 cubic yards a day. It is a 25-ton one and is of the most modern type. The sale to the Northern Mines, Limited, was made by Rochussen & Collis, of this city.

Those interested have no doubt as to the success of the new method which is to be employed, and it is felt that it will be followed by the introduction of other machinery by other companies. The shovel is a traction one, and by means of it the gravel will be elevated to the dump and washed. The dipper of this one is water-tight so as to avoid waste, and the parts are readily replaced on the ground.

The Northern Mines, Limited, has been organized with Geo. E. Macdonald, Vancouver, president; D. G. Stewart, Atlin, vice-president; A. H. Bromly, M. I., managing director; and R. D. Fetherstonhaugh, superintendent. The property acquired for the claim is on Spruce creek and an abundance of water is obtainable. The property includes the Nigger Woman's claim, formerly owned by Chris. Misson, and claims which belonged to Messrs. Malthead, Miller and Lambert.

PREPARATIONS FOR CITY'S CELEBRATION

The Parade Committee Has Its Programme Well in Hand for Victoria Day.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The preparations for the Victoria Day celebration are progressing very satisfactorily, and this year's demonstration promises to be quite up to anything given in former years. The general committee will meet to-morrow evening, when the various reports from sub-committees will be presented. The parade committee, which met last evening, will be able to present a very full report at this meeting.

On Friday evening at the city hall a citizen's meeting will be held, and at that gathering a full report will be presented and suggestions will be received. The parade committee, which met last night, was presided over by Dr. Carter. A full discussion of the parade of carriages, floats and automobiles took place. A prize was drawn up including 16 classes. The prizes will average to \$400. The intention is to have the procession pass along all the principal streets of the city. It will include automobiles single and double carriages, single and double roadsters, single and double drags, single and double draft horses, Calithum plains, floats, hotel busses and decorated wagons.

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ALBERTA GROWING WINTER WHEAT

C. P. R. BRINGING IN SEED FOR FARMERS

J. S. Dennis, Land Commissioner of Company, is Endeavouring to Enter Oriental Trade.

The C. P. R. is fostering among the farmers of Southern Alberta the growing of winter wheat. Formerly the staple product has been spring wheat in all parts of the Northwest Territories. The absence of frost at the foothills of the Rocky Mountains about Calgary and further south has led to experiments within the last few years in the growing of the winter variety. These have been eminently successful, and J. S. Dennis, land commissioner for the company, is offering every encouragement to the farmers of the district to go extensively into the growing of this variety of wheat. Mr. Dennis, who is still in Victoria, was interviewed relative to this, and stated that his company was importing 25,000 bushels for seed purposes. This will be retailed to the farmers of the district at the actual cost of laying it down. The C. P. R. Company is not seeking any profit from the sale of the seed grain, but looks for its benefit to follow when the crop is harvested.

Mr. Dennis says that the great market for this winter wheat grown in the West is in the Orient. During the war a good market has been worked up, and, of course, transportation companies look to holding this in no small way when hostilities cease. Hitherto Puget Sound has commanded the market because there was no supply from the Canadian territories.

The C. P. R. looks to changing this condition of affairs, and is preparing to share its share in what will undoubtedly become a very lucrative trade.

There are at present three or four mills in Southern Alberta devoting attention to the grinding of winter wheat, and these will be largely increased within a short time. It is probable that with the full development of the trade large works may be established to manufacture the wheat into flour. The production of this variety of wheat will reach 1,500,000 bushels this year. This crop will not be harvested, however, in time for the supplying of seed for the sowing this fall, and so a large quantity is being imported by the C. P. R. to overcome this difficulty. The farmers readily take up the growing of the winter variety instead of the spring wheat. The former gives an average yield of perhaps 28 bushels to the acre, as compared with 16 bushels of spring wheat. Under the same circumstances a production of as high as 48 bushels to the acre has been obtained from winter wheat in Southern Alberta. It is moreover a surer crop, Mr. Dennis and vice versa is the spring variety. The price is slightly lower for winter wheat, running about four or five cents a bushel less than spring wheat. When all is considered the advantages are in favor of the growing of winter varieties of wheat, and the farmers readily agree to change.

WELCOME RAINS.

Madrid, April 11.—The drought has been broken in Andalusia. Abundant rains have fallen, and the Spanish provinces, and there is great jubilation among all classes as a result of the improved outlook.

FIRE AT CLEVELAND.

Cleveland, Ohio, April 11.—The electric plant of the C. O. Bartlett & Snow Company, mill machinery manufacturers, in this city, was destroyed by fire late last night. The members of the firm state that the loss will be fully \$100,000.

A Spring Need

THE INDOOR LIFE OF WINTER IS HARD ON THE HEALTH.

Not exactly sick—but not feeling quite well. That's the spring feeling. The days are bright and cheerful, but the reason—close confinement indoors during the winter months, breathing the impure air of badly ventilated houses, offices and workshops. The trouble may manifest itself in a variable appetite, little pimples or eruptions of the skin, a feeling of weariness, and perhaps an occasional headache, or a twinge of neuralgia, or rheumatism. Perhaps you think the trouble will pass away—but it won't unless you drive it out of the system by putting the blood right with a health-giving tonic. And there is only one absolutely certain, blood-renewing, nerve-restoring tonic—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Thousands of grateful people have testified that these pills are the best of all spring medicines. They actually make new blood; they brace the nerves and strengthen every organ of the body. They make tired, depressed ailing men, women and children bright, active and strong. Mrs. N. Ferguson, Ashfield, N. S., says: "For the benefit it may be to others I take much pleasure in saying that I have found wonderful benefit from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. When I have taken them I was so badly run down that I could scarcely go about the house. I was also troubled with palpitation of the heart and weak spells, but the pills have fully restored me, and I am now enjoying better health than I ever expected to have again."

If you want to be healthy in spring don't dose yourself with purgatives—they only weaken—they can't cure. Don't experiment with other so-called tonics. Take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills at once and see how quickly they will banish all spring ailments, and make you active and strong. Sold by all medicine dealers or sent by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 by writing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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Ever notice the seams and furrows that steal into the face of the sufferer from indigestion, dyspepsia and chronic stomach ailments? Watch the sunline break in and the lines vanish when Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets are given a chance to show their power. One lady, in writing of their efficacy in her case, calls them "A heaven-born healer." 35 cts.—120.

MERGER APPROVED.

New York, April 11.—Stockholders of the Hudson Navigation Company at a meeting held in Jersey City to-day approved the proposed merger of that company with the New Jersey Steamboat Company, under the name of the Hudson Navigation Company.

Telegraphing in Abyssinia is done under difficulties. The monkeys swing on the wires and the elephants use the poles for scratching posts.

SECURITIES ARE IN THIS PROVINCE

AN ATTEMPT TO TAX DUNSMUIR'S ESTATE

California Blocked in Consequence of Wealth of Deceased Being in British Columbia.

The San Francisco Call of Friday gives an account of further proceedings in connection with the Dunsmuir will. The account is as follows: "Charles S. Wheeler, attorney for James Dunsmuir, brother and sole devisee of the late Alexander Dunsmuir, and Thomas W. Hickey, representative of Public Administrator Hynes, engaged in an argument in Judge Coffey's court yesterday in a manner that indicates the warmth that will surround the contest to come over the estate. It is also evident from developments yesterday that the state will have much difficulty in collecting the \$50,000 inheritance tax it was believed would flow from the Dunsmuir estate.

Hynes' petition for special letters of administration was up for hearing. Wheeler opposed the petition on the ground that there was no need of a special administrator, for he said, the funds and securities of the estate, of a probable value of \$750,000, were not in California, but in British Columbia. "Hickey said it was hardly a proper ground for counsel to contest an application for letters when it was evident to him that James Dunsmuir had caused the removal of the securities to foreign soil for the purpose of removing them from the jurisdiction of the courts of California. He said he believed the court should order that the securities be returned forthwith, that the respondent might be deprived of an opportunity to plead an unlawful act in defence of a legal petition. If the securities are allowed to remain in Victoria the Dunsmuir coal bunkers, valued at \$150,000, will be the only property of the deceased in the state.

Mr. Wheeler said he did not wish to go into any lengthy discussion of the affair, as he had an engagement to entertain Dr. Van Dyke of Princeton, whose lecture at Berkeley has been favorably commented upon. This satisfied Judge Coffey and a continuance for two weeks was ordered. In the meantime Mr. Wheeler will entertain Dr. Van Dyke at his summer home on the McLeod river. "Judge Coffey having been informed of the death of Josephine Dunsmuir, one of the heirs of Alexander Dunsmuir, made an order substituting W. S. Leake, administrator of her estate, in her place in the action pending before him looking to the contest of Dunsmuir's will by Edna Wallace Hopper, stepdaughter of Alexander Dunsmuir."

(From Wednesday's Daily.) In the full court today E. P. Davis, K. C., counsel for defendant, devoted attention to the contest which took place in the Hopper vs. Dunsmuir case with respect to the witnesses to the will having knowledge of the fact that the document signed was a will. This led to the consideration of United States law on the subject, and Mr. Davis contended that it was to be liberally construed. He said that there were New York cases which he would cite later where it was clearly established that the intention as to it being a will was not made until after the signature had been affixed. He argued that the declaration was for the purpose of preventing substitution of an other document.

He said that the arguments on the other side put the solicitors on that side rather in a hole. It was set forth that the declaration must be made at the time of the signing. But, on the other hand, until the signature was affixed there was really no will, and therefore the declaration could not be properly made until after the signature. Mr. Davis said that the statute was to be interpreted liberally, and the declaration and the signing should be at the same time in the sense of constituting one transaction. Then Mr. Davis said the opposing counsel represented that there must be a separate request to witness and a declaration that the document was a will. Taking an example, he said a request to be made to two men as follows: "Here, Smith and Brown, I want you to witness this document, which is my will." According to the argument of Mr. Bodwell this could not be construed as a request to a witness and his declaration that the document was a will.

E. V. Bodwell, K. C., objected to this construction being put on his words. Mr. Davis wanted to know if Mr. Bodwell would still agree that such a statement as that quoted would prove both a request to witness and a declaration. Mr. Bodwell said all he had held was that a request could not be construed as meaning a declaration. Further continuing his argument, Mr. Davis dealt with the question of intention. He argued that the opposing counsel had represented the matter properly, having attempted to prove that the person concerned must directly attempt to comply with the act. Mr. Davis held that it was not necessary for the person to have any knowledge of the statute to comply with the requirements. It was but a natural thing to attempt to acquit the witnesses with the fact that the document was a will. All that was necessary was to show that there was intention to let the witnesses know that was a will and not necessarily intention to comply with the statute. In fact the statute would be complied with if the witnesses were even through a third party or incidentally made aware of the fact that the document to be signed was a will.

(From Thursday's Daily.) In the Hopper vs. Dunsmuir appeal today E. P. Davis, K. C., counsel for defendant, contended that the full court. He alluded to the charges made by E. V. Bodwell, K. C., and Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, K. C., that the witness Lowe had been bought by the defendant. He contended that there was evidence to show this. It was represented, Mr. Davis said, that Mr. Lowe, who

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was a witness of the signing of the will, had made the statement that he did not know this was a will at the time of the trial, but later, having been taken back into the employ of Mr. Dunsmuir, altered his statement. Mr. Davis wanted the statement of Mr. Lowe made long before the trial admitted as evidence to show that Mr. Lowe understood the document as a will. He contended that this was clearly admissible as evidence, and cited cases from the English and Irish courts to show that it was. This statement he alluded to was made by Mr. Lowe to Attorney Thorn in December, 1902, or January, 1903. It was made before Mr. Lowe knew that a declaration as to it would be taken and can be used in the privacy of one's home. Send 6 cents for booklet "Cancer, its Cause and Cure." STOTT & JURY, BOWMANVILLE, ONT.

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WILL GO TO SEATTLE. One Effect of Recent Salmon Cannery Deal Transferring Alaskan Concerns.

It is reported that a good proportion of the salmon packing trade that has come to this port in past years will go to Seattle this year," says the San Francisco Chronicle. "This will be in a large measure due to the sale of the property of the Pacific Packing & Navigation Company to a northern syndicate headed by John Rose, and closely allied to the Northwestern Commercial Company, both large corporations. "Twelve canneries in all have passed over to the Northwestern Pacific Fisheries Company, as the new combine is known. It is the intention of the new company to extend operations to the Siberian coast, where it has received concessions from the Russian government. The men to operate these big fishing interests have formerly been employed in San Francisco, but this year the entire force will be taken from Seattle, which will leave a great many idle persons in this city. A great deal of trouble was made by some of the shareholders of the old firm, who opposed selling, but after some litigation all difficulties are said to have been satisfactorily settled."

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL. Chinaman Will Answer Charge of Perjury—Other Police Court News.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) In the police court this morning two Chinamen charged with perjury were committed for trial. These cases are the two which caused the dispute between the Attorney-General and Geo. Powell. Police Magistrate Hall this morning, after hearing the witnesses, committed the men for trial. A neighbors' quarrel was aired in the court this morning. J. West was charged with using insulting language towards Capt. Whiteley, whose residence jobs that of Mr. West. The argument was heard in the case, judgment being reserved until tomorrow morning. Several cases of vagrancy were disposed of. A drug fiend who went under the name of Johnson, but who acknowledged that he had also been called Achley, was sentenced to four months by Police Magistrate Hall. The prisoner said he belonged to Colorado, and asked to be given a chance to get out of the city. He acknowledged that he occupied rooms with a woman whose name was also called as a vagrant, but who failed to appear. His only excuse for his vagrant life was that he had been going crazy since he came to this town. He summarized his position as follows: "I don't want to stay around here; let me go and get out of this place. I've been going crazy. I've become a cocaine fiend since I came here, which is ten times worse than opium." The police magistrate said he would give him four months in jail as there was plenty of evidence in his own statement to warrant that punishment. The woman did not answer to her name and has apparently left town. Another vagrant failed to present himself.

Port Mahon, Island of Minorca, April 11.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra sailed to-day on the royal yacht Victoria and Albert for Palma, Island of Majorca.

A Minister's Duty

A GLOWING TRIBUTE TO THE STERILIZING WORTH OF DR. AGNEW'S CATARRHAL POWDER. "When I know anything worthy of recommendation I consider it my duty to tell it," says Rev. James Dundock of Cambridge, Pa. "Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder has cured me of catarrh of five years' standing. It is certainly magical in its effect. The first application benefited me in five minutes. I have used it since, and it has cured Dr. Agnew's Pills cure the liver and stomach each. 10c.

ENGLISH SETTERS HEAD THE LIST

OF DOGS ENTERED FOR VICTORIA SHOW

Other Classes Will Also Be Well Represented at Annual Exhibition Next Week.

Victoria's annual kennel show, which will be held on the 19th, 20th and 21st inst., will be the most evenly balanced seen here for some years. The entries received by Secretary McConnell show that while there are still popular classes, such as cocker spaniels, fox terriers, English and Gordon setters, the smaller breeds are beginning to make a much better display than heretofore. Judge E. N. Barker, of New York, is a specialty and a territorial specialist, and fanciers of these varieties have entered their dogs in exceptionally large numbers. He also is a thoroughly competent authority on all classes, and will undoubtedly give setting class.

Wednesday a representative of the Times called upon Secretary McConnell and asked for the names of notable dogs to be shown. With his usual courtesy Mr. McConnell complied. In ball terriers, Edgecote Peewee, owned by F. E. Watkins, of Portland, is a dog with a distinguished pedigree. He was recently imported from England, where a long list of victories marked his career as a bench show dog. He is valued at \$1,000. The other notable dogs to be shown are class cocker spaniels coming from outside points. Mepal's Saxon, value \$1,000, of the Portland cocker kennels, is entered. Last year this dog made a clean sweep of all the Pacific Coast shows, and its owners are confident that the feat will be repeated. A. Goodwin, of this city, has placed his Little Dorrit in competition, while J. W. O'Leighon will show Portland Dick, another Victoria prize winner. The Duchess de Mantua is a notable dog to be shown in the range of setters. President, F. B. Pemberton; captain, Col. A. W. Jones; secretary, H. Combe; committee, C. Davidson, C. N. Cobbett, A. D. Crease, A. P. Linton, C. J. Pringle, W. E. Dillmore and L. O'Connell. The complete programme follows:

Friday, April 21st. 9.30 to 11 a. m.—Men's open singles, handicap—medal play—18 holes. Prize for best scratch score; prize for best net score; prize for best last 9 holes, net. Entrance, \$1. 1.30 to 3 p. m.—Men's open singles—match play—first round. Entrance, \$1. First and second prizes. Saturday, April 22nd. 9.30 to 10.30—Men's open singles (continuing). 10.30 to 11.30—Ladies' open singles, handicap—medal play—18 holes. Prize for best scratch score, and prize for best net score. Entrance, 50c. 1.30 to 3 p. m.—Mixed foursomes, handicap—medal play—18 holes. First and second prizes. Monday, April 24th. 9.30 to 10.30—Men's open singles (continuing) and final. 10.30 to 11 a. m.—Ladies' open singles, handicap—18 holes—medal play (A and B classes). Prize for each class. Entrance, 50c. 1.30 to 2.30 p. m.—Men's open foursomes, handicap—match play against Colonel Bogey and partner. One prize. Entrance \$1 each. 2.30 to 3.30—Ladies' open foursomes, handicap—18 holes—medal play. First prize. Entrance, 50c. each. Putting Competition—Daily. The best score of each player made on each of the three days of the meeting will be added together, and a prize given for the best total score. For ladies, the best score for the three days of the April will be added together and a prize given for the best total score. Entrance, 25c. Regulations. No competitor will be entitled to take more than one prize in the same event. Competitors must "tee off" between the hours above stated for each event. Entries for all events should be sent to the secretary, as entered on the lists in the club house not later than 7 p. m. on Thursday, the 20th April, but entries for the events to be held on Saturday will be accepted up to 7 p. m. on Saturday, the 22nd April. For further information apply to the secretary, law courts, Victoria, B. C.

ATHLETICS. IMPORTANT MEETING.

There was a full attendance at a meeting of the Oak Bay Park Association Wednesday afternoon at the grounds. A communication from the Fernwood Baseball team was considered. It requested dates for the local championship matches. After some discussion it was decided that the request be granted and the dates of the matches after the professionals have drafted their schedule. Dates also were selected for the senior, city and school lacrosse league matches. It was decided to secure the house at the entrance to the park for the use of members of all organized clubs. Applications for the positions of caretaker and groundsman will be called for and the selection made at the next committee meeting. A telephone also will be installed. After the discussion of other matters of minor importance the meeting adjourned.

LACROSSE. IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.

Members of the executive of the Victoria Lacrosse Club held a meeting on Tuesday at which important business was transacted. Rev. W. W. Bolton occupied the chair, and after the reading and adoption of the minutes, announced that a copy of the old constitution and by-laws of the Victoria club, which have not been seen for fifteen years, had been discovered by a veteran player, P. W. Dempster. This, the chairman pointed out, is exceedingly important, as it will lessen the labors of the special committee appointed some weeks ago to draft new rules and regulations. The old constitution, with some amending and revising, will fill all the bill satisfactorily. Some discussion then arose regarding the arrangement of the senior, city, school and junior league matches. It was contended that these organizations would make too many meetings to be handled by the management committee. The question was debated at length, and finally an agreement was

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DEFY AUTHORITIES.

Notice Issued By the Russian Government Ignored By Professors and Attorneys. St. Petersburg, April 12.—The radical position taken by the Pan-Russian congress of attorneys which has been meeting here, in its denunciation of the bureaucracy and its demand for a constitution, and a similar stand taken at a meeting of college professors, have created a great sensation. All the efforts of the government to prevent the meetings being held by prohibiting the delegates from assembling in public are unavailing. The newspapers were then forbidden to mention the meeting, and for disobedience in referring to the attorneys' meeting this morning's issue of Son of the Fatherland was confiscated. The Russ also boldly defied the authority, printing the resolutions adopted by the professors.

The action of these influential bodies served to emphasize the growing outcry against the Boulgair commission which is proceeding with its work without any representatives of the people, thus furnishing the Liberals with justification for the charge that the execution of the reforms outlined in the imperial rescript is completely in the hands of the bureaucracy, against which all classes of society are fighting. The Bishop of Nizni Novgorod has written a letter advising the boycott of the Moscow Gazette, which, he says, is stirring up a war between the ignorant and intelligent classes. The commission, which has been dealing with newspaper censorship under the presidency of Privy Councillor Koboko, has decided to abolish the censorship on special telegrams to the daily papers.

MURDERED IN BED. Young Man Had His Throat Cut While Asleep.

New York, April 11.—While Camillo Saraceno, 19 years old, lay sleeping in his home in Williamsburg early to-day, a man broke through a rear window of the house, cut the young man's throat, and almost severing his head from his body, and left him dying in his bed. He died shortly after the deed was discovered. The police are searching for Paul Catalano, a man of 56, and father of Catalano's best friend, Antonio Catalano, also 19 years old, by whom Saraceno was employed and has not been seen since the murder. Devore Genera, a young man of 17, who occupied the bed with Saraceno, was awakened by the warm blood of his bedfellow flowing over his body. He found Saraceno, lying on the bed, and bedroom open. The police say they have learned that Saraceno and the elder Catalano have not been on good terms for some time, and that they had trouble last evening.

INVALID'S SUICIDE. Woman Shot Herself in the Mouth. Death Being Instantaneous.

New York, April 10.—Miss Mary Gallaway, daughter of Robert M. Gallaway, president of the Merchants' National bank and a director in many industries, killed herself at the Hotel Seville here yesterday. Miss Gallaway, who had suffered from dyspepsia, for several years, was attended by two trained nurses. One of these was engaged hanging some clothes in a wardrobe when she heard the sound of a shot, and, turning to the bed, saw Miss Gallaway, who had been sitting up in bed, dressed and ready to get up, all propped up with pillows, fall over. She had shot herself through the mouth, death being instantaneous. Miss Gallaway was 31 years old. Despondency, due to long-continued illness, is believed to have been the cause of the suicide.

KAISER'S HOLIDAY. Has Arrived at Corfu on the Imperial Yacht.

Corfu, Ionian Island, Greece, April 11.—The German Imperial yacht Hohenzollern, with Emperor William on board, arrived here to-day. The British squadron, now in these waters, dressed and named ship and the usual salutes were exchanged. The King of Greece started out the Emperor but took the wrong direction and missed the Hohenzollern. Torpedo boat destroyers were dispatched to apprise King George of Emperor William's arrival here.

RETIRED AMBASSADOR. J. M. Choate Will Sail For New York on May 30th.

New York, April 12.—A London dispatch to the Times says Joseph M. Choate, retiring United States ambassador, will sail for New York on May 30th on the Caronia. He will go immediately to Stockbridge, Mass., and will spend the summer there, taking up his residence in New York in the autumn. Mr. Choate has no definite plan as to the manner in which he will occupy himself in his retirement in private life, but it is quite probable he will again engage in actual practice of law.

BORN. KNIGHT—At Vancouver, on April 9th, the wife of C. W. Knight, of a daughter.

MARRIED. LANTZ-CRIPPE—At Vancouver, on April 11th, by Rev. C. C. Owen, Francis H. Lantz and Miss Mabel Cripps.

BOTTRELL-PAEPE—At Vancouver, on April 11th, by Rev. C. C. Owen, Frederick Bottrell and Miss Bertha Louise Paepe.

MORRISON-PRICE—At Revelstoke, on April 6th, Fred Morrison and Jennie Price.

BURNELL-WILSON—At Vancouver, on April 11th, Albert E. Burnell and Miss Jessie Lottie Wilson.

DIED. ELLIS—At Vancouver, on April 8th, John Ellis, aged 71 years. TUBAAS—At Kamloops, on April 7th, T. Tubaas, aged 28 years. GODDARD—At Vancouver, on April 7th, A. M. Goddard, aged 37 years. MANN—At Revelstoke, on April 8th, Matthew Mann, aged 65 years. SKYES—At Vancouver, on April 10th, Benjamin Skyes, aged 25 years. GRIFFITH—At the family residence, No. 37 First street, West Estate, on the 13th instant, Jeremiah Griffith, a native of Llanelli, Wales, aged 67 years.

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NEW CALIFORNIA POTATOES ARRIVE

ARE FINDING READY SALE IN VICTORIA

Quotations on All Imported Fruits Are Steadily Increasing—Other Charges.

New California potatoes are now on the local market, several consignments having arrived this week. They are being retailed at four pounds for 25 cents, and as the quality is all that could be desired, are finding a ready sale.

Table of market prices for various goods including flour, sugar, and produce. Includes items like Hungarian Flour, Oatmeal, and various types of sugar.



SUNLIGHT SOAP

made of pure fats and oils and contains no dangerous ingredients. It is pure soap that gives absolute satisfaction.

Table of prices for various types of soap and other household items.

ANOTHER ELECTION TO TAKE PLACE

TO FILL VACANCY ON THE TRUSTEE BOARD

Caused by Resignation of Dr. Bolton—Manual Training Instructor Exonerated by Board.

Several matters of importance were dealt with at the regular monthly meeting of the board of school trustees Wednesday at the city hall. Trustee Dr. Bolton formally submitted his resignation, which was accepted with many expressions of regret.



Give the Children 'FRUIT-A-LIVES'

'FRUIT-A-LIVES' whenever the head aches, the stomach gets upset, or Constipation troubles them.

Fruit-A-Lives

The fruit juices are so combined by our secret process, that the medicinal action is intensified many degrees. Nothing like them to keep the children plump and healthy.

RAN AWAY FROM A RUSSIAN CRUISER

EXPERIENCE OF THE STEAMER PING SUEY

The Officers Feared That Their Vessel Might Be Overhauled—New Service Projected.

The appearance of Russian cruisers, on one or two occasions on the round-the-world passage of the steamship Ping Suey, which arrived here on Wednesday from Liverpool, via Oriental ports, made the trip a little more exciting than the usual voyages of steamers of the China Mutual line.

NEW SERVICE PROJECTED.

A Bellingham paper says: 'It is reported on the waterfront that the steamer Buckeye will be removed from the marine base at Newhall, Orca Island, and will be placed on its old island run. The steamer Islander which succeeded it will, it is said, be operated between Bellingham and Victoria by way of the San Juan Islands.

WHICH WILL ARRIVE FIRST?

'Shipping men are deeply interested in the outcome of the race of ocean giants now crossing the Pacific,' says the Tacoma Ledger.

EMPLOYMENT FOR TUGS.

In connection with the many traps being constructed in the Straits this spring, which will be operated during the coming fishing season, several small tugs will be given employment in this vicinity.

PREPARING FOR NEW ERA.

A lady who arrived from Japan on the steamer Athenian, Monday reports that the Japanese are buying steamers in large numbers. Six had been acquired from the Germans, says from the British and others were being sought.

Here is a Cure for Sleeplessness

WAKE, LISTLESS, SLEEPLESS MEN AND WOMEN CURD EVERY DAY BY DR. HAMILTON'S PILLS. The physical suffering and mental anguish that victims of sleeplessness endure is indeed a curse.

CROFTON WORKS TO RENEW OPERATIONS

Ores From Britannia Mines Will Treat

Geo. H. Robinson, managing director of the Britannia Copper Syndicate, has returned to the mines on Wednesday. According to a statement published by the Vancouver Province, after the return of Mr. Robinson, arrangements have been completed for the treating of the Britannia ore by the Crofton smelter.

The Britannia mines, Howe Sound, will ship ore and concentrates to the Crofton smelter, Osborne Bay, Vancouver Island, within a very short time. A deal to that effect was completed yesterday in Spokane by the Britannia officials and the owners of the smelter.

Breaking in New Shoes

'The Breaking In' will lose its terror for you if you once try FOOT ELM. Absolutely prevents chafing or blistering and acts as a soothing and cooling agent.

WILL NOT SOW CROPS.

Lillooet Farmers Refrain From Putting Seed in on Account of Scarcity of Water. The light fall of snow in the interior of the province is likely to be attended with serious consequences this summer.

FILTH OF CATARRH IS DISGUSTING

CAST THIS AWFUL DISEASE FROM YOUR SYSTEM—BE COME CLEAN, HEALTHY AND WELL! In the first place catarrh is inflammation. It causes a sickening discharge which sufferers must either swallow or spit out.

REFORM LEAGUE

Being Organized in Russia by Lawyers, Doctors, Teachers and Other Professional Men. St. Petersburg, April 13.—The formation of a national professional reform league to unite the activities of lawyers, doctors, teachers, engineers and other professional classes of Russia, to bring about the democratization of the government and the institution of a representative parliament and an actual responsible ministry is the project followed by the national congress of lawyers which finished its work here last night.

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Advertisement for 'Wood's Phosphoric' medicine, describing its benefits for various ailments and providing contact information for the manufacturer.

