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NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Seventy Applicants for the Privilege of Cutting.

Nights to Dredge on Klondike Streams Also in Demand—Bisley Team Officers.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 25.—This was the last day for receiving tenders at the interior department for the privilege of cutting timber on limits of five square miles each in the Yukon district. Although the government gave very short notice, a large number of tenders were received for permits to dredge on the Yukon and tributary streams, including the Pelly, Stewart, Klondike and others.

A deputation of Ontario fruit growers interviewed Mr. Fisher to-day and urged the government to prohibit the importation of nursery stock and American-grown fruit at present. The minister said his department would cordially co-operate with the fruit growers; but pointed out that the United States law just passed prohibiting the exportation of nursery stock would materially assist Canadian fruit growers.

Militia officers who are shooting men are commencing to speculate on the command and presidency of next year's Bisley team. This year a Quebec or Maritime Province man will get the command, as Ontario had it last year. If a Quebec man is chosen to command the adjutant will go to Captain Smith, of the St. John Rifles. If a lower province man secures the command, then Captain Helmer, of the Forty-third Battalion, Ottawa, stands a good show for the adjutantcy.

OTTAWA, Jan. 26.—Petitions have arrived at the inland revenue department from some of the eastern board of trades that the law respecting canned goods should be amended by requiring packers to place in clear lettering on each can the net weight of the contents and the date when the goods were packed. The department will ask the views of boards of trade throughout the country on this request. Some years ago similar petitions were presented to the department, but were so strongly opposed by canners that the matter was not pursued. The contention of the canners is that if the goods are put up properly it matters not whether they are one year old but that the stamping of the date on the can prejudices consumers.

It is believed that they have fallen on evil days. Besides not receiving the annual increase in salary the officers of the customs service were today ordered to report for duty hereafter at 5 a. m. and until 5:30 p. m. with one hour for lunch.

Liberal party managers in Ontario are in a blue funk about the Dominion Government decree not to have the statutory increase to the civil servants again this year. They fear a complete slump of the civil service vote to the Conservatives. Ottawa will certainly elect two Whitneys.

Mr. Patterson's constituents were here today twenty strong looking for a big subsidy for the Owen Sound harbor improvements.

It is proposed to ask the government for the use of a British man-of-war, that comes of the fishery protection vessels to be drilled during the winter.

The St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary commissioners have presented their report. They recommend may change. The interior department has granted a permit to Dr. Boncheged of Edmonton to dredge for gold in ninety miles of Peace river in the Territories, at a rental of \$10 per mile yearly.

The minister of inland revenue denies that he promised the Northwest representatives to appoint a commission to investigate the grievance of farmers on the grading question.

Mr. Davis is the first of the Northwest members to arrive for the session.

EVENTS OF VANCOUVER.

Mineral Improvements Outlined by the Mayor—More Licenses Authorized.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 25.—It has been decided to hold a poultry and dog show in Vancouver next month.

The first regular meeting of the city council took place last night. The Mayor's address was full of interest. Should his wishes be carried out the drainage system will be extended. At present only 800 acres are being drained. A new water main will be constructed for the upper levels of the city, where the pressure for fire purposes is not what is desired. English bay will be cleared for building purposes and Vancouver will have another public park, probably Cambie street. The present proposal looks up being a disgrace to the city, a new one will be built or the old city hall utilized. Very active measures will be taken for the Klondike rush. The only other matter of interest that came up at the meeting was a discussion as to the safety of the new city hall for public meetings. It is probable that the floor of the hall will be tested.

The Vancouver Board of Trade met today to endorse the action of the Victoria board in sending a despatch to the Hon. Clifford Sifton stating that the interests of a Canadian trader demand the closing of the pass at the head of Lynn Canal until satisfactory arrangements are actually in the United States officers' hands at Dyea and Skagway.

A private cable received here yesterday was to the effect that the London market is not at present in good condition for floating mining schemes.

The license commissioners have decided to increase the number of licenses from 4 to 45.

LORD NEVILLE'S DISGRACE.

In a Bow Street Court to Answer to a Charge of Fraud on a Confiding Youth.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Lord Neville, who has been confined in an ordinary cell at the Bow Street police station, was brought up in the extradition court at Bow Street yesterday. He figured unobtrusively and seemed on the point of breaking down in tears. Mr. Horace Avery prosecuted on behalf of the treasury, and Sir George Lewis appeared for the defence. Mr. Avery read the charges, which were practically a repetition of the testimony presented during the suit against Mr. Clay to recover the sum of £11,113, due on two promissory notes signed by Clarke, whose signature is alleged to have been obtained by Lord Neville through fraudulent representations. Counsel added that Mr. Clay's statement made at that time remained uncontradicted, Lord Neville failing to appear.

Sir George Lewis interrupted Mr. Avery at this point, remarking "How could he when he was not called up. He was willing and eager to testify."

Mr. Avery contended that the offence amounted to forgery and asserted that it was a case of deliberate and gross fraud perpetrated by this person on a gentleman 25 years his junior. Mr. Clay identified the notes and letters.

Before the adjournment Sir George Lewis insisted upon making a statement. He said that in the Clay trial Lord Neville was not called. Now he was put in the dock after a long illness. When he heard that proceedings were to be instituted against him Lord Neville had hurried back to England and surrendered. Counsel also said that Lord Neville demanded that the case be heard at the earliest possible moment.

The hearing of the case was adjourned for a week, the prisoner being admitted to bail in £2,000, furnished by his brother, Henry, and his brother-in-law, Lieut. Colonel Hon. Charles Hardy, son of the first Earl of Cranbrook. The actual charge against Lord Neville is having procured the signature of Spencer Clay to two notes for £8,000 and £2,000 respectively by false representations, relative to the nature of the documents signed by Mr. Clay.

REINDERED AT SEA.

Great Mortality in a Herd Shipped as Commercial Speculation.

New York, Jan. 21.—Seventeen reindeer were executed by hanging on the voyage from Hamburg on the British steamer Glanton, which reached here after a tempestuous voyage of 14 days. The rolling ship was their executioner. Fifteen others survived the trip, but one died during the voyage.

Seventeen reindeer have been landed in splinters. The fifteen are all that are left of a herd of 40 reindeer started from a small village in Finland a month ago, destined for a Klondike region. They were purchased by an old Klondiker, who believed there was money in shipping reindeer to the land of gold as beasts of burden.

The Glanton was the only vessel that could be secured to ship the animals to New York. It has no stalls for cattle, and the reindeer were tied to stanchions. The Glanton steamed out of Hamburg on January 7 in a gale, which rolled the ship like a barrel.

Two of the reindeer had their necks dislocated before they had been out for three hours, and the next day three others were executed in the same manner. The fifth day brought a gale from the westward which speedily produced five more dead reindeer. In the gale last Thursday six more were killed and the legs of three of these were fractured in half a dozen places.

THE FRENCH RIOTERS.

Death of One of the Jewish Victims—Severe Punishment Inflicted.

ALGERIA, Jan. 25.—Chebat, one of the Jews who were stoned, died this evening. His skull was fractured.

To-day eighty of the rioters were condemned to terms of imprisonment varying from three months to a year, and one who was caught in the act of pillooting was sentenced to five years in prison.

Agiers was quiet to-day. About 10,000 people attended the funeral of those who were killed during recent rioting. The remains were interred in the Christian cemetery outside the town, but on returning there were renewed demonstrations with the usual cries. The mob attacked an omnibus in which Jews were riding. They recognized the latter and they were badly treated and stoned. A few other Jews were similarly maltreated.

FRENCH SHORE FISHERIES.

Negotiations With the Other Powers to Keep Steamers Away From the Newfoundland Banks.

PARIS, Jan. 25.—The chamber of deputies to-day calmly discussed the war budget and adopted, in spite of the objections of General Billot, the minister of war, a medal commemorating the war of 1870.

The budget committee adopted a motion to embody in the mail contract of the French Transatlantic Company the prohibition to cross the Newfoundland banks during the fishing seasons, and empowering the government to suspend its enforcement until it obtained a similar engagement from other powers.

Playing With an Axe.
SMOOR, Jan. 25.—(Special)—Two sons of W. C. Dixon, aged 9 and 5, were playing near a woodpile, when the 5-year-old in play cut off one of his brother's fingers with an axe.

TESLIN LAKE RAILWAY.

Dominion Government Granting Large Tract of Land as Subsidy for Its Construction.

A Great Force of Men Coming to Complete the Road by September.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 25.—The continued presence in Ottawa for several days past of Wm. Mackenzie and Dan Mann is now explained. It is announced that these gentlemen have closed a deal with the government for the construction of a railway either from Glenora or Telegraph Creek, at the head of navigation on the Stikine, to Callbreath's post on Teslin Lake, a distance of about 130 miles, whence there is uninterrupted navigation to Dawson, as Engineer Jenni's report shows. The line, which will be a narrow gauge one, will pass through an undulating country where railway construction will be comparatively easy.

The exact details of the bargain are not yet officially announced, but it is understood that Mackenzie & Mann will get a block of land as subsidy. There will not be any cash subsidy. It is obligatory on the contractors that the line must be completed by September 1 next, so as to permit of supplies being sent into the Yukon before next winter. As a guarantee of their ability to carry out the stipulation of the contract, Mackenzie & Mann have deposited with the government the sum of \$250,000, which will be forfeited should they fail. They intend going to work at once to purchase material and supplies. Before many days are over they will have nearly 10,000 men en route to the scene of operations. The intention is to draw supplies by sleighs over the ice from the mouth of the Stikine and from the point of commencement of the railway. First of all, they will make a good trail to Teslin, which will be available for the spring rush of miners. The British Columbia government is understood to be a party to building the line. Close connection will be made with C. P. R. steamers on this route, and it is not unlikely that the company will operate the railway when built.

H. Maitland Kersey, who has organized a company including Lester, of Chicago, Bonanza Mackay, Ogden Mills and other millionaires, has been here for days endeavoring to acquire this charter on to Dawson, and is greatly disappointed at its failure.

MR. HEINZ'S PROPERTIES.

Commences Negotiations with C. P. R.

MONTREAL, Jan. 25.—The Star says: "The Canadian Pacific railway may have to build an extension of the Crow's Nest Pass railway into Roeland after all. Neither may they have to erect an independent smelter to accommodate the gold miners in the Kootenay district of British Columbia. The negotiations between the C. P. R. and P. A. Heinz, owner of the Trail smelter and railway line from Robson to Roeland, B. C., for the purchase of these properties by the Canadian Pacific have been renewed. Mr. Heinz, accompanied by Mr. Carlos Warfield, his representative, were at the general offices at the Windsor this morning to meet Sir W. C. Van Horne and Mr. T. G. Shaughnessy. It was stated that it might be two days before any announcement as to the conclusion of the negotiations could be announced."

WESTMINSTER GAOL.

Inquiry Into Its Management Now in Progress.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Jan. 23.—The inquiry into the government of the New Westminster gaol is in progress. Several witnesses swore that Officer Caldwell has instigated a prisoner named Roberts to write anonymous letters reflecting on conduct of the warden. Chief Stewart, of Vancouver, swore that Roberts' reputation was unsavory and that Caldwell was an honorable and efficient officer. So far the case made against the management is weak.

SIFTON TAKEN IN.

Washington Made Him a Definite Promise But Has Not Yet Carried It Out.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 25.—(Special)—The Vancouver World received a dispatch to-day from Hon. Clifford Sifton regarding the obnoxious customs surveillance at Skagway, as follows: "The arrangements made at Washington were perfectly definite, but has not yet been carried out from there. I expect to be able to apply a remedy to the difficulty existing at present, but it is obvious I cannot authorize the statement that the United States authorities will refund duties."

Gold Standard for India.
LONDON, Jan. 25.—Lord George Hamilton, Secretary of State for India, speaking this evening at Obiswick, said he thought that during the course of the next twelve months the government might take steps to establish a gold standard for India.

Guns powder Explosion.

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 23.—Eleven persons have been killed by an explosion of gunpowder at Flores, in the province of that name, southwest of Buenos Aires.

A Count Dead.

BUDA PEST, Jan. 26.—Count Ludwig Tizsa is dead.

Earthquake.

ST. PAUL BAY, Que., Jan. 26.—(Special)—A slight earthquake shock was felt here at 8:25 last night.

TO MAKE RUSSIA SPEAK.

Japan Will Send a Test Shipment to Tallenwan—Russia Being for the Chinese Loan.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The Daily Mail says that a Japanese warship will shortly land Japanese goods at Tallenwan with the object of testing whether the port is to be regarded as being open or under Russian control. The outcome of the relations will undoubtedly influence the relations between Russia and Japan. The paper adds that every detail respecting the commerce with Great Britain and Japan in Chinese waters has been definitely agreed upon, Japan being, as she has been throughout, the moving spirit.

The Shaughnessy correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The British fleet has been divided into two squadrons, one at Chusan under Admiral Sir Alexander Duff, on board the Centurion, and the other at Obispo, under the command of Rear-Admiral Fitzgerald."

THE SPOKANE FIRE.

Names of the Eight Victims—The Remains Still in the Smouldering Ruins.

SPOKANE, Jan. 25.—Eight lives and probably nine were lost in last night's fire in the Great Eastern block. They were Miss Alice Wilson, 18 years of age, employed as a hat trimmer; Maud Wilson, a sister of Alice, 5 years old; Miss Rose Smith, aged 20; Mrs. N. G. Davies, an elderly lady from Nebraska City, Neb., who fell in descending from the fifth story and died at the hospital this morning; W. B. Gordon, an engineer; Mrs. Cora Peter and her daughters Ethel and Alma, aged 9 and 7 years respectively.

It is also thought that Mrs. Peter's son Charles, 12 years old, perished, but there are reports that he was saved and taken into the country by relatives. None of the remains of the lost have been recovered. The fire walls of the building remain intact, and fire is still burning in the basement.

THE DAIRYMEN'S MEETING.

Complaint of Tardy Action on Part of Dominion Government—Election of Officers.

WESTMINSTER, Jan. 25.—The Provincial Dairymen held their annual meeting yesterday. Opinion was freely expressed that the Dominion government had treated the dairymen of the province very unfairly in not sending experts to them at their request. The financial statement showed a credit of \$2,000,000. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. A. C. Wells; vice-president, Mr. J. T. Collins, secretary-treasurer, Mr. G. H. Hadwin; directors, Messrs. F. E. Page, T. Kidd, W. H. H. Linder, E. A. Kipp, A. Evans, A. A. King, W. P. Jaynes, A. Urquhart, J. Sluggert and W. Clarke.

Welland Canal.

MONTREAL, Jan. 25.—(Special)—The board of trade, at its annual meeting to-day, passed a resolution in favor of deepening the Welland canal to thirty feet and lengthening the locks to 600 feet.

The Dreyfus Forlorn Hope.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily News is "convinced that the present agitation will eventually lead to a new trial for Dreyfus."

Two Tramps Killed.

LAWTON, Me., Jan. 25.—Thomas McDonough, of Lewiston, and Frank Hayes alias Frank Hughes, of North Adams, Mass., were killed by a Maine Central train, near Auburn, to-day. They were members of a party of tramps who were walking on the track.

An Assassin Suspected.

RIO JANEIRO, Jan. 25.—Biggio, who assassinated General Marcondes Bittencourt, the minister of war, last November, at the time of the attempt upon the life of President Morales, has committed suicide in prison.

Mr. Sifton's Way.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 25.—(Special)—Orders were received here to-night from Ottawa to secure a courier for the carriage of important government despatches to officials at Dawson City from Hon. Mr. Sifton. James Hayes, of Prince Albert, will start at once, going via Edmonton.

Justifiable Killing.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—Jacob Hines, the Texas cowboy who shot and killed Otto Dahl, a brother-in-law, to avenge alleged wrongs committed against his sister, was exonerated by a coroner's jury in Brooklyn to-night.

Mr. Scarr's Visit.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—W. B. Scarr, deputy commissioner of agriculture and commissioner of patents for the Dominion of Canada, is in Washington to investigate the workings of the patent office.

Italy's Bread Famine.

ROME, Jan. 25.—The minister of the treasury, Signor Branca, in the chamber of deputies to-day introduced a decree reducing the duties on cereals in view of bread famine prevailing. The measure was referred to the budget committee.

Call to Dr. Dewar.
TORONTO, Jan. 25.—(Special)—Rev. Dr. Dewar is likely to run as the Liberal candidate for North Toronto. He has consented to do so if the party wishes and would undoubtedly make a strong candidate.

NEWS OF VANCOUVER.

Preparations for the Erection of New C. P. R. Terminal Buildings.

Organization of the Chamber of Mines—Great Quantity of Hall—But on the Banks.

(Special)—The

committee appointed by a number of prominent mining men to complete the details of the formation of an organization to be called the Chamber of Mines met yesterday and decided to send out circular letters explaining the raison d'etre of the organization. It was decided to hold a general meeting on the 15th of February for the adoption of constitution and by-law.

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ST. LOUIS ELEVATOR BURNED.

Three Million Bushels of Grain Gone Besides Cars and Buildings.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 25.—The Union Elevator at East St. Louis was burned to-night with its contents, about 3,000,000 bushels of grain, the greater portion of which was corn. Eighty-five cars loaded with grain were also burned, as well as the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy freight house adjoining the elevator. Numerous cottages of the east of the elevator were also burned. The total loss will be very heavy.

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A Representative Buies Himself to Secure Abolition of Their Prohibition.

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CANADA VERY GENEROUS.

Concedes Everything to Washington and Gets Nothing in Return.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The war department has been further correspondence with the Canadian officials at Ottawa, with the gratifying result that the Canadian government has consented to admit, free of all restrictions, all supplies brought into the Klondike region by the United States government relief expedition. The free admission of supplies is strictly limited to the government expedition, but there is no inhibition upon the sale of the food supplies taken in to such of the miners as can pay for them.

The war department advises from Norway that the steamship Manitoba which has been chartered to carry the reindeer to New York lies storm-bound at Trendjel.

CORBETT SQUARING UP.

He Has Signed Articles Inviting Another Fight With Fitzsimmons.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—James J. Corbett to-night signed articles calling for a fight with Robert Fitzsimmons, which George Considine, of Detroit, is confident he can pull off next summer. The articles are identical with those governing the fight at Carson City, with the exception of the purse, which in this case is \$25,000 as against \$15,000 at Carson City. Considine is to meet Fitzsimmons in Detroit on Sunday, and expressed himself as confident of being able to induce the champion to write his name beside that of Corbett in the articles of agreement.

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EQUAL RIGHTS IN CHINA.

Great Britain Plainly Declares That No Hostile Tariffs Shall Shut Out Her Goods.

So-Called Spheres of Influence of Foreign Nations Subject to Treaty Rights.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—In a speech last night at Bolton, Mr. George N. Curzon referred to the Chinese situation in terms which, though not very lucid, suggest that there is an intention to widen the scope of the utterances recently made by members of the government. He said that as the other powers were showing a disposition to acquire special advantages in China, Great Britain was entitled to claim compensatory advantages and to demand that privileges given to others should not be inconsistent with British treaty rights.

It seemed to be thought in some quarters that any foreign power might, by establishing what is called a sphere of influence, introduce its tariff and set up exclusive commercial control. Such a sphere would not possibly give any government the right to abrogate or curtail treaty rights possessed by others, and on her treaty Great Britain is precisely the same right of entry in every port under the same conditions and tariff as any other power. Great Britain's treaty rights rendered the operation of spheres of influence in China impossible. Every British government might be relied upon to insist upon these rights. This remark elicited loud cheers.

From the foregoing, it appears to be Great Britain's intention not only to keep the existing treaty ports open, as the speech of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach has been widely interpreted to mean, but to insist upon having whatever rights anybody

The Colonist.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 1893.

CLOSE THE PASSES.

At a large and representative meeting of Victoria business men held yesterday in the Board of Trade rooms...

"Referring to your telegrams of the third and twentieth instant to the Victoria Board of Trade and of the sixteenth and twenty-first to the Vancouver Board...

The reason for sending this message is the apparent unwillingness of the United States to keep faith with the Canadian government in the matter of the regulations...

We express the sentiments of every person in business in British Columbia when we say that rather than see Canada treated any longer as she is being treated in this matter...

There is no disposition to find fault with Mr. Sifton. He has evidently acted on the presumption that he was dealing with people possessed of some sense...

The question has been asked if the Canadian government can in point of fact close the Passes; that is, if the geographical conditions of the country will permit it.

We should be sorry, in one sense, to see such a course taken, because we would prefer to see nothing done that would create hard feelings between the people of the two countries...

NO ONE'S MOUTH CLOSED.

We print a letter this morning from Hon. D. W. Higgins, which is almost as remarkable for its extraordinary tone as for its authorship.

cial position in regard to the rules of the house, he has taken the unprecedented course of deciding a case before it has arisen...

We think the tone of his letter is singularly unhappy. The references of the COLONIST to Hon. Mr. Higgins have always been respectful...

Undoubtedly the legislature may by its own rules debar itself from discussing anything, but the right of any member to bring before the house any subject which he may consider of public interest cannot be taken away by implication.

We shall not discuss the broad question as to whether the house can be debarred from discussing anything that it sees fit to take up.

Referring now to the quotations from May which Mr. Speaker gives in his letter, we have only to say that they are wide of the mark altogether.

Undoubtedly if the Dominion government would alter the mining regulations so as to prohibit any one, except British subjects or those who have declared their intention of becoming such...

It is not the rules of the COLONIST to impute motives to others and it will not do so now; but this it will say, that the hope of the opposition undoubtedly was

that the government and its friends would take exactly the course which Mr. Higgins has taken. They believed they would have a fine card to go to the country with; that they would be able to say to the public that the libel suits were instituted for the purpose of preventing the discussion of the action of Messrs. Turner and Pooley.

THEY BUY IN VICTORIA. It is to be presumed that a great corporation like the Alaska Commercial Company, before placing an order for supplies, takes good care to ascertain the facts about prices and quality of goods.

The COLONIST is in a position to state upon the best possible authority that, so far from its being true that the Alaska Commercial Company buys its goods for the Canadian Yukon in Seattle or anywhere else in the United States...

We direct the attention of miners everywhere to this important fact. The Alaska Commercial Company is a United States corporation and hence would not be likely to select Victoria as a place to buy goods if it were not advantageous to them here.

PLACER MINES. At present a person who takes up a quartz claim can, after having expended \$500, receive a crown grant; but no matter how much money he may expend, he cannot get a crown grant to a placer claim.

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THE Post-Intelligencer keeps up its old tricks. Its latest is that the COLONIST said editorially that the only places where Yukon mining licenses can be obtained are Victoria and Vancouver.

The effort of the Times to pose as a martyr, bound and gagged by a wicked prosecution, would be funny, if it were not sad. There is something supremely ridiculous in a newspaper howling day after day that its mouth is closed.

A CONTEMPORARY refers to a public man as having the "courage of his convictions." This is a form of words which is supposed to mean something.

THE COMING ROOM. Men who have followed the different mining excitements on this continent for the past three decades say that they never saw such a series of propitious events as have occurred in this camp in the last three months.

ANARCHISTS or NOT, we the oppositionists to the present iniquitous government, will rise like the phoenix from its ashes, at the coming election, and the rush of our (opinions) will sweep the present rotten government from off its insecure seat.

BY WAY OF VARIETY. Stage Manager—Can't you play your part with more soul? Ghost of Hamlet—I am already wearing the largest sheet I can find.

Benevolent Old Gentleman (pointing a moral to village school children)—Now, why I take as the trouble to leave my home and come over here and speak to you thus? Can any boy tell me?

Watts—I've got an uncle 80 years old, and he is as frisky as a schoolboy. Potts—As a schoolboy going to school or coming out?

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Newcastle Ship Puts In in Distress - A Glasgow Sealer - The Parkmore. Str. John's, Nfld., Jan. 24. - The steamer...

The worst snowstorm in years is now raging in this section; it is stopping trains, blocking the coast with ice and preventing all navigation.

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NEWS OF THE CAPITAL. CHINESE CONCESSIONS.

The British Preference Extended to the Full to All the Little Nations. German Minister for Foreign Affairs Refers Complacently to the Recent Hold-Up.

The Emperor Extends His Protection to the Churches of the Chinese Will Build. Mr. Heinze's Properties Again Before the C. P. R. - The Stickine Route Survey.

The new trial of Mrs. Sternman has been fixed by the Minister of Justice to take place in May before Judge Robertson.

China had promised to pay 3,000 taels for the material loss of the mission. 3rd. As statement for the death of the missionaries, three churches were to be erected...

A special edict is issued for the protection of the missionaries. 4th. The German government believes it has done all that is necessary for the protection of the missionaries.

Spokane Block Burned. Destruction of a Lodging House and Several Lives Thought to Be Lost.

Worked the Masons. How a Tacoma Convict Has Imposed on the Brotherhood for Years.

The French Hubbub. The House Continues to Vote Confidence in the Government - Germany Disclaims Connection With Dreyfus.

Paris, Jan. 24. - The chamber of deputies was thronged at this afternoon's session. M. De Beauregard protested against the treatment accorded the chamber on Saturday saying it recalled the coups d'etat of December 1857 and of November 1870.

Chicago Snowed In. The Worst Storm in Years Reported From Illinois and West.

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Break Weather. Snow, Thunder and Lightning, Rain and Tidal Wave in One Day.

Boston, Jan. 24. - A severe storm, attended by unusual phenomena, passed over New England yesterday, causing heavy rains in the southeastern portion, ten to twelve inches of snow in Maine and New Hampshire, and lightning in the extreme northeast, and practically a tidal wave on the coast of Cape Cod to Portland.

Prominent Californian Dies. Auburn, Jan. 24. - Charles F. Reed, one of the most prominent men in California's history, died here yesterday. He came to Auburn in '49, was prominent politically, and at one time was a wheat stock board when he lost a million in the wheat deal of 1855.

A Winnipeg Fire. Winnipeg, Jan. 25. - (Special) - The premises occupied by Gossard, fruiterer, and Osenbruge, furrier, were badly damaged by fire last night. Loss about \$1,500.

The "Britannia" Sailed. London, Jan. 25. - Mr. John Lawson Johnston, of Kingwood, Kent, has sold the racing cutter Britannia, formerly the property of the Prince of Wales, to Mr. Ernest T. Hooley, the millionaire speculator.

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This measure is one of several in course of preparation by the treasury which seems to be called for by recent events and new conditions to protect and develop American interests in the Pacific and Alaska.

The act of 1893, under which this ruling is made, is as follows: "No merchandise shall be transported under penalty of forfeiture thereof from one point of the United States to another point of the United States in a vessel belonging wholly or in part to a subject of any foreign power."

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GENERAL MILLS. General Mills, commanding the army of the United States, has lately given that country a warning which it would do well to heed.

THE MIGHTY FALLEN. We have another letter from Hon. D. W. Higgins, which we print this morning. We sincerely trust that when he reads it in cold type, he will be half as much amused by it as we have been.

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THEY SHOULD COME WEST. The Seattle Times says it is a pity that every newspaper man in the East could not be compelled to spend six months in the West.

convictions were not the result of hearsay only. This gentleman is representative of a very large class of Eastern people. But the misapprehension of conditions actually existing in the West is not wholly due to the inability of Eastern people to realize that such things can be, but in a measure results from exaggerations made by returned Westerners.

Some attempts have been made to induce congress to assent to a substantial increase in the regular army; but without success, for the reason that a fear exists among a large element of the population, a fear which has been handed down from the founders of the republic, that a large standing army is a menace to popular institutions.

Very much reliance is placed by some people in the United States upon the efficiency of the state militia, but the best authorities do not regard this as a very valuable adjunct to the army.

Our Ottawa correspondent seems to have overlooked the fact that Yukon mining licenses are for sale at New Westminster as well as at Victoria, Vancouver and Nanaimo.

THE POST-INTELLIGENCER says that a man who cannot steer clear of a bunco game is not fit to be a miner. The worst bunco game ever put up in Seattle is being splendidly received by the press, but no more so than its admirable qualities merit.

THE TIMES, replying to our question as to when this paper "insulted" Lieutenant-Governor McInnes, refers us to two places in our issue of December 23. There is no reference to Hon. T. R. McInnes, either direct or indirect, in the issue referred to.

THE COLONIST is very much obliged to Mr. Higgins for his friendly anxiety about the personal and pecuniary welfare of its editor.

THE INLAND SENTINEL talks about the difficulties of getting up to Lake Tselin from Wrangle in the summer, and heartily recommends everyone to go to the lake from Kamloops. Can it be that the Sentinel does not know that the Sticking is a navigable river, and that a fleet of fine steamers will ply on its waters as soon as navigation opens?

THE MILLER-What did your husband think of that \$30 that I made for you last week? Mrs. Heighly-Oh, he just raved over it when I told him the price.-Chicago News.

THE COLONIST desires to inform something less than 97 correspondents, who have sent it letters from Mooka, Janson & Co., of London, that it does not want any redeemer, and does not know of anyone who does.

ACCORDING to the Rossland Miner, the interesting locality in which it is published is going to have a boom. Now what does Rossland want with a boom?

THE CANADIAN PRESS. TIME TO PROTEST. It would seem as if it were about time for Canada to take an example from Sir Michael Hicks Beach, chancellor of the exchequer of Great Britain, and say that unless given fair treatment in regard to the rush to the Klondike steps would be taken to get thoroughly evened.

TO IMPOSE an export duty on ore at the present time would be little less than disaster to the mining industry in British Columbia. Practically, a smelting monopoly would be created, while at the same time, the smelting capacity in this province would be quite inadequate to treat more than a small portion of the ore which will be produced this year.

BY WAY OF VARIETY. "I am a tender-hearted man," said Colonel Stillwell, and as a rule I don't care much for sport. But there is one exception to my rule. I enjoy fishing."

THE HEAD of the Salvation Army Visiting Montreal. MONTREAL, Jan. 26.-General Booth arrived yesterday from Halifax, accompanied by Editor Nicol, of the War Cry, and Col. Lawry, song writer and singer.

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DR. A. T. SANDEN, 188 St. James Street, MONTREAL, Quebec. THE ADVANCE in Alaskan Rates-North Bay Branch Agreement.

ONTARIO WARDENS. Party Feeling Results in a Deadlock in Several Counties. TORONTO, Jan. 26.-Special-The Warden were elected throughout Ontario yesterday.

FACTORY GIRLS IN PANIC. Sorry Experience of a Foreman Who Tried to Stop the Run. TREY, N.Y., Jan. 26.-A slight fire in the collar factory of Tim & Co. this morning caused a panic among the female employees.

VISITING WARSHIPS. Spanish Government Not Annoyed by Their Presence in Havana and Sending Their Own to the States. NEW YORK, Jan. 26.-A Madrid despatch to the World says: Official intimations of the contemplated visit of American vessels of war to Havana, and the presence of an American squadron in West Indian waters, has caused quite a commotion and much displeasure at Madrid, which the press of the city of all sides of opinion echo to-day with much bitterness.

A SECOND "SAN PEDRO". The Position of the "Corona". Same as the Celebrated Bro Ledge Wreck. It was 4:30 a.m. yesterday when Danube put in her appearance under wharf, and particulars of one's misfortune were obtained.

FOR A SECOND Steamship "Corona" Reef at A Forlorn Possibility--The "Corona" Rumor of Mishap hers No I

The steamship Corona which pecked back daily from the ports of the Lynn Canal, at the mouth of the river. Her hull has been pierced other of the many jags with which the northern pass plentifully supplied, and when ports were received from her, sawing badly, swinging with upon the granite pivot which forward, her stern being tota merged.

The accident, which has thus Pacific Coast Steamship Company more of their passenger fleet, occurred Tuesday morning last, the Command of Captain Pierce, the time bound from Victoria for way, with 245 passengers, all on cally all being Klondike pilgrims their extensive outfits taking up tire cargo accommodation of the heavily, commencing to sink immediately, and going down so that there was no time or opportunity to do better than lower the lifeboats convey the passengers, with such tions of their effects as could be by them as hand baggage, to the river beach.

There they remained encamped the Alki having been commu went to the rescue, receive unfortunate gold-seekers on board continued with them on her South. In order to get the new wreck to the Journal-Examiner White, the special staff correspond these newspapers, succeeded in the Danube which landed the Nanaimo telegraph office Th afternoon, and reached here at 4 yesterday. The extent of the disaster summarized thus: No lives lo the steamer a total wreck and her cargo gone.

The Corona, on the completion ill-starred voyage, was to have placed on the northern run by the steamer Queen, the steamer returning to her southern fornia service. She has been best on the waters between San Francisco and San Diego, where she has lo a general favorite with the public during several seasons.

She was built in Philadelphia with dimensions of 220x35x9.5 ft was brought around to Pacific Captain Charles Goodall, on secured by the Pacific Coast omplace the Ancon. Her first side of the continent was waters in which she has met playing between Puget Sound, and Alaska under Captain James and subsequently in charge of David O. Wallace.

It was when the City of Top received for Northern duty t Corona was retired to the South and since that time her North gements have been both in and irregular. It was reserved well honor to the lost ship should on her very last complete bring to Victoria the largest cargo that has ever been carried port, twenty returning mining mating their combined fortune million dollars.