

WAS IT AN ACCIDENT?

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The Plot Discarded. Washington, D.C., Feb. 17.—The navy department absolutely discredits the story coming from Key West that divers found an eight-inch percussion hole in the bottom of the Maine. Secretary Long says there is no such thing as a percussion hole; that there is no such thing as a hole in the bottom of the Maine which would be readily revealed by the character of the angle and whether or not the skin was bulged in or dry around the aperture. It is more likely that it is a hole at all that it is simply an outlet of one of the numerous pieces from the inside of the boiler.

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Remarkable Career of a Remarkable Woman, Who Will Be Mourned the World Over.

New York, Feb. 18.—Miss Frances Willard, president of the World's and National Women's Christian Temperance Union, who had been suffering from an attack of influenza with gastric complications, died shortly after midnight last night at the Hotel Empire, this city.

At the bedside of Miss Willard at the time of her death were her nieces, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. L. M. M. Stevens, vice-president Oliver A. Willard, Miss Anna M. Gordon, who was Miss Willard's secretary, and Dr. Alfred K. Hill. Miss Willard had been ill about three weeks. She had the best medical care and treatment that could be given, but in spite of all efforts grew worse gradually, until her demise last night.

Frances Elizabeth Willard was born at Chocomaug, N. Y., September 28th, 1839, graduated from the Northwestern Female College at Evanston, Ill., in 1859, became professor of natural science there in 1863, and was principal of the Geneva Wesleyan Seminary in 1866-67. The following year she spent in foreign travel, giving part of the time to study in Paris and contributing to periodicals. In 1871 and up to 1874 she was professor of aesthetics at the Northwestern University, where she developed her system of self-government, which has been adopted by other educators. Miss Willard held the professorship in 1874 to identify herself with the W.C.T.U. On the death of her brother, George, Willard, in 1870, she succeeded him as editor of the Chicago Evening Post. Since 1882 she has been a member of the executive committee of the prohibition party. In 1888 she accepted the leadership of the White Cross movement, and her own unions, which obtained through her influence enactments in twelve states for the protection of women.

London, Feb. 18.—The afternoon newspapers to-day make sympathetic references to the death of Miss Frances E. Willard, president of the W.C.T.U. of the world, who died last night at New York. All agree that Miss Willard's death will be a serious blow to the societies with which she was connected.

WAR TO THE KNIFE! The Canadian Pacific Railway Throws Down the Gauntlet to Its American Rivals.

Greatest Bate War on Pares to the Pacific Coast Ever Known Now On.

Montreal, Feb. 18.—The rate dispute between transcontinental railway lines has resulted in an open declaration of war on the part of the Canadian Pacific.

It was announced from the head office today that the Canadian Pacific has cut the rate on second class rates to the coast has been cut in two for second class tickets. The second class rate was \$30 and the cut rate which will apply in the future is \$40.

Excitement at Washington. Washington, Feb. 16.—Naturally the news of the wrecking of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor created intense excitement in this city. The first news of the disaster was received at an early hour this morning in a telegram from Captain Sigbee, commander of the Maine.

Best Ship in the Navy. Washington, Feb. 16.—The Maine was looked upon as one of the best ships in the navy. She was a battleship of the second class and swift, having many times made 17 1/2 knots. She had vertical turrets and two military masts. Her armament was composed of four 10 inch breech-loading guns in her battery and seven 9 pounder and eight 1 pounder rapid firing guns and four 3 inch secondary battery, together with four torpedo tubes. Captain Sigbee was one of the most capable officers in the navy. He was selected to take the Maine to Havana because of the great confidence the navy department has in his ability to cope with any crisis.

Survivors Interviewed. The Associated Press interviewed this evening by the correspondent of the Associated Press, with reference to the disaster by the explosion of the Maine. The correspondent could not yet determine the cause, but competent investigation will decide whether the explosion was produced from an interior or exterior cause. It cannot say anything until after such investigation has been made. It will not and cannot conscientiously do anything which would do it to wish to make any unjust estimate of the reason for the disaster.

On board the Ward line steamer City of Washington, which is on its way to the United States, the captain at eight o'clock last night all the magazines on board the battleship were closed and the keys turned over to Capt. Sigbee. The explosion occurred at 9:45 p.m. The officers then rushed on deck and assisted in lowering a boat and in trying to rescue the men in the water.

Another officer said: "I was sitting with two more officers in the mess room when a heavy explosion occurred. It was so heavy that we understood the ship would be lost and we went on to the upper deck and found the ship wrecked by an explosion that she was on fire and sinking. All efforts were then directed toward lowering the boats and saving lives. But the Maine settled quickly on the bottom of the harbor, only her upper works remaining above water. Twenty-four men, slightly wounded, were carried on board the City of Washington and the rest of the wounded on board on the Alfonso XIII. After receiving assistance from the naval doctors they were sent to the military hospitals. This was the first explosion occurred since the outbreak of the war in 1898."

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

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A STRONG PULL FOR CORBIN

Influential Contingent of British Colonians at Ottawa in the Interest of a Boundary Railway.

Mr. Haggart Advocates the Building of a Yukon Railway from Pyramid Harbor.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—E. V. Bodwell, Victoria; D. C. Corbin, Spokane; Duncan Ross, editor of the Boundary Creek Times, and Richard Armstrong, are in the city in connection with the bill which is now before parliament for a charter for a branch railway from the Spokane Falls & Northern railway company's Kootenay line to Boundary district.

The contractors might prolong their sections of blocks continuously twenty miles at right angles on each side of their base line. This would give the contractors power to select as many unbroken tracts of 24 miles by three as they wanted. Mr. Fisher announced that this sub-clause would be changed so that the government would have alternate blocks on the cross sections as elsewhere.

Col. Prior and Senator Macdonald waited on the public works department in regard to Mr. Sorby's harbor improvement scheme. Mr. Coote, the chief engineer, considers the scheme perfectly feasible and the latter mentioned the point he has ever had placed before him. Probably a bill will be introduced in the house this session.

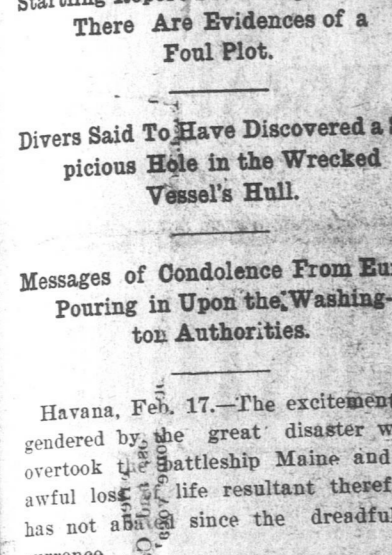
The marine and fisheries department states that lights will be erected this year at the following places: Cape Mudge, Egg Island, Llama Passages, north of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, at Vancouver and Brochle Lodge.

Congressman Lewis of Seattle, had a further interview with Mr. Sifton at which the latter informed that the Washington representative that at the very time he is seeking concessions from Canada, the American congress is engaged in passing legislation detrimental to Canadian interests. Mr. Lewis threw out the suggestion that if the States gave bonding privileges at Wrangell to Canada, the Dominion government might reciprocate by allowing miners certificates to be issued by the Mounted Police. Mr. Sifton said he would consider the suggestion.

The government has sent out the chief inspector of hulls to British Columbia to arrange for a rigid inspection of steamships. Col. Reipach, one of the owners of the Le Roi mine, has received assurance that the government will not impose an export duty. If anything is done, it will apply only to nickel ore. Mr. Bostock presented the petition of the Columbia & Western railway company, signed by Mr. Heinze as president, for a Dominion charter.

Yonge Street Fire Hall. Toronto, March 16th, 1897. Gentlemen: I have used Dr. Cassel's Kidney-Liver Pills for biliousness, constipation, and have proved them to be the best I have ever used—will use nothing else as long as they are obtainable.—Remaining yours respectfully, E. C. SWERTMAN.

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AMERICAN MONTE CARLO.

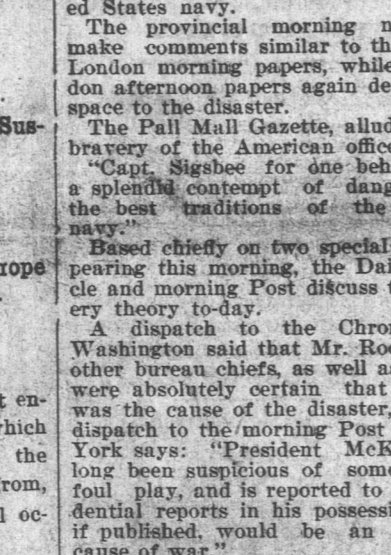
Feb. 14.—Michael McDonald is head of a party of Chicago people just purchased Fighting Island, from Detroit and on Canadian the purpose of establishing there American Monte Carlo. It is a scheme, with a capitalization of \$1,000,000, to develop a gambling resort on Fighting Island. The trip takes about 12 hours, during that time, it is said, will be lost to the party an opportunity to wager their money.

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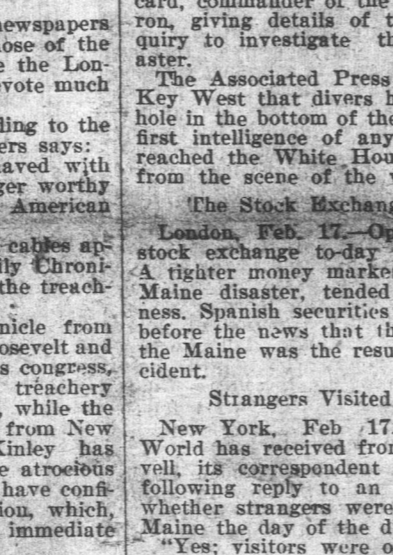
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THE MAINE. From the beginning of naval history experience in handling ships at sea has been gained at a fearful cost. It took the Romans a long time to perfect the fleet which under the Consul, C. Duilius, shattered the sea power of Carthage.

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There is no mystery surrounding that. What it means is this: Hon. Mr. Pooley confessed himself totally unable to frame a reply in language that would be permitted inside the House, and that the member for Vancouver could understand but that he could reply to him in such a manner outside the House; namely, with hands and feet instead of with brain and tongue.

the equally disreputable Fitzsimmons, "If you dare say that out in the alley, Fitz, I'll reply to you in a way you'll understand," but it is hard to imagine a minister of the crown using such prize-coarseness to a member of the opposition under any circumstances whatever.

Mr. Cotton's reply to Hon. Mr. Pooley's threat was that which any man of spirit might be expected to make, and his subsequent remarks upon the conduct of the ministers left the honors of the discussion easily on his side.

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Her young men have gone to study at European colleges have won the highest honors; her young engineers have acquired a knowledge far more exact than will be found among American engineers; competent authorities tell us her army and navy are in a splendid state of efficiency; one of those authorities—the best and highest of all—the Chinese-Japanese war, made not a few of the European nations wonder how they would fare against the mechanician and industrial giant of the Japanese empire.

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REINDEER FOR YUKON. Winnipeg all Agog Over a Consignment of Draught Deer From Lapland.

Mr. David O'Neill, of Adams creek, Alaska, was seen by a reporter of the Manitoba Free Press at the C.P.R. stock yards yesterday afternoon. He had a mixed carload of reindeer, husky dogs and provisions for the same; also a reindeer dog, a little pup which he brought from Lapland.

ROSSLAND. The C.P.R. surveyors who are engaged in running a line between Rossland and Penticton are actively at work. One party of about 20 surveyors are camped near the lower end of Sheep Lake.

NEW WESTMINSTER. New Westminster, Feb. 17.—The board of trade held its annual meeting last night at the Hotel Vancouver.

CONDITIONS AT WRANGEL. Letter From an American With a Word of Praise for Victoria. Extracts from a letter of A. Burke, Fort Wrangel, Alaska, dated February 4th.

A SCRUBBING SERVICE. The Vicar of St. Lawrence's Church, Birmingham, has recently announced that "scrubbing service," and invited the congregation to assist in the work.

FROM "DAWSON" A Nugget Found on Sk... Weighing 31 Ounces... Much Sickness at Dawson... Shot Dead.

The steamer City of Seattle at the outer wharf this... residents of James Bay... the new very common word among the passengers who...

Mr. Warren brings news... find on "Peterson's claim... value at over \$450 was... immediately all the gold...

There is first class travel between... There is absolutely no feed for horses or cattle between here and Dawson City...

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and remove timber...

Certificate of the Registration of an Extra Provincial Company. "COMPANIES ACT, 1897." "Dragon Creek Mining Company."

FROM DAWSON CITY

Nugget Found on Skookum Gulch Weighing 31 Ounces—A Rush for Claims.

Much Sickness at Dawson—A Dawson Woman Accidentally Shot Dead.

The steamer City of Seattle arrived at the outer wharf this morning and the residents of James Bay who forsook their beds at an early hour again saw the new vessel coming in from the north.

Among the passengers who came down on the Seattle were Mrs. Klondike, Jack Harry of Fort Steele, B. C.; Jack Hanley of San Francisco; Tom and Dick of the coast; Peter, who was over who spent some few weeks in Victoria last summer replenishing his health; and another who was on a party in the papers, as he felt sorely disappointed.

They all left Dawson about January 20th travelling over the Redoubt river, the first named trip as miners returning for supplies. Peterson, mindful of the advantages gained by the discovery of his goods in this city is again here to fill up his stock, while the man who at Dawson was a treasure-seeker.

Mr. Warren brings news of a rich find in "Peterson's claim," on Skookum Gulch, about a mile and a half up the river, a nugget weighing 31 ounces, valued at over \$450 and found, and immediately after the "Johnny Newcomer" struck rich in the vicinity of a rich strike, rushed to Skookum Gulch and staked claims indiscriminately in all directions.

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There is a large, good house, a conclusion, I will say you give any card to me. I will assist them all by power while here, free of charge. (Signed) Burke was formerly a resident of Angeles, Cal., in business at No. 406-8 Commercial street, Seattle, Wash. During which time he conducted a most successful investigation into all matters pertaining to the Klondike.

ENCHE PENALTY ON OBESITY. At men must be on their guard when getting on French railroads. A 340-pound citizen of Lillo who had bought a first-class ticket, had to get out of the car through the doors of a third-class and of second-class carriage, entered a first-class compartment and rode to his destination. The railroad sued him for the difference in the fare, to which defence was that, having sold the ticket, the company was bound to carry him at the third-class rate. The court allowed him. The court, ever, held that he must have known his own girth and size and that the door, and should have bought a ticket admitting him to a wide enough berth. The latest decision of the court reads: "Miners passed outward, 350." This was the record on February 19th.

THE City of Seattle brings news proving conclusively that the steamer Clara Nevada has been lost and of her passengers and crew, situated at the end of a long and hard pull to the tale. Some charred wreckage is being found daily along the beach near Seward City and picked up near Seward City was some plain bearing the letters of the ill-fated vessel's name. One piece had the name of the ship, and another had the name of the captain and other pieces have letters; all of which when connected go to make up the name of the wrecked Clara Nevada.

HEROISM OF A FIRE CAPTAIN. Aheroic deed was done at the fire which broke out at the late George Coverdale's place yesterday afternoon, at Cedar Hill cemetery. Rev. Mr. Thorton officiated. The pallbearers were: Messrs. Turner, H. Roach, J. Gould and J. Monk.

ST. WILSON'S DISTRICT POLICE. W. Ballock-Webster, recently appointed chief provincial constable for the district of Victoria, has taken up his residence in the city, and is the organization of his force, and leaves here on the Danube next week. The men to be under Mr. Webster's command are fully picked, having had previous experience in police work, being hardy and able to stand hardships. The force will be composed of men who have been for some time in the Victoria Mounted Police, and are still crowded. The Detachment are accommodating all comers, having engaged rooms to relieve the congestion of guests. At the Dominion it has been found necessary to make use of some of the rooms in the hotel blocks, as quickly as possible, such is made habitable an occupant is ready to occupy it. All the guests are outfitters.

A SETTLEMENT REACHED. The publication in the Times of the full details of the matters at variance between the Abion Iron Works and the boiler-makers in their employ has, in the opinion of all parties concerned, contributed very largely to the arrival at a satisfactory understanding between the parties. This desirable end was consummated this morning, and Messrs. W. Ballock-Webster and the boiler-makers in the shops will go to work on Monday morning the shops will go to work. The settlement is in the nature of a compromise, concessions having been made on each side, and in view of the ever-increasing demands being made on the boiler department of the Abion Iron Works, this speedy settlement of what promised to be a prolonged dispute is a matter for hearty congratulation. The wages paid are now \$8.50 a day, and the cost of material is being paid in accordance with the custom recognized on the coast.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS. When spring comes the trees will leave. A tough breakfast is a cure sure for its own consumption. Evil spirits frequently appear in the guise of five-cent whisky.

The man with the trained bear is always working the growler. The volume of a man's laugh may not contain a single pace of happiness. The practice of a lawyer often brings him more coin than his practice. A good deal of behaving hurts nobody and a little of it goes a long way.

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It Is Not Yet Definitely Known What Caused the Awful Explosion.

United States Making Warlike Preparations—Spain Cannot Participate in the Investigation.

Washington D.C., Feb. 19.—While the disaster in the Maine has created temper in the house for liberal appropriations for the navy, and while it is undoubtedly that the house in its present frame of mind, would not hesitate to vote for two new battleships to replace the Maine, this temper is based upon the theory that the Maine was blown up by external agents. It is believed that an official inquiry should develop the fact beyond peradventure that the ship's magazine exploded from fire or other cause within her. It is believed that a congressional investigation will be created against the expenditure of millions in the construction of warships that may be blown up any time. It seems now that a congressional investigation will follow a report from the board of enquiry attributing the loss of the Maine to an explosion of Chinese origin, the result of an admission of Chinese origin, the result of an admission and suspicion throughout South Africa, irrespective of political or racial feeling.

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CRUGER'S BOLD ACTION. Summary Removes Head of the South African Judiciary. Pretoria, Feb. 18.—Judge J. G. Kotze, president of the supreme court, has been dismissed and Judge P. Gregorowski, a justice of the criminal bench of the court, has been appointed to succeed him. The removal of Judge Kotze has caused a protesting against the relations between the executive and judiciary in connection with a law passed about a year ago.

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A SERIOUS SITUATION. Gravity of the Outlook in West Africa.—W. F. Stead on France. London, Feb. 19.—All the afternoon papers to-day comment upon the gravity of the West African situation. Business at the stock exchange is flat; consols were 3/4 point lower.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Col. Snelgar, in command at Fort Wadsworth, said this morning that instructions from the commander of the United States Army had been sent for one of our coast guns at the fortifications at Sandy Hook. Orders were given to the guard to keep every one of the government reserves under further notice.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The requests of the Spanish authorities to join our people in the investigation of the Maine disaster, have been respectfully declined by Secretary Long and Assistant Secretary Day, of the state department, had an interview with the president at Skagway, and is claiming nearly an hour. The matter was discussed at considerable length and the conclusion was reached, and Gen. Lee to accept of the request, and is claiming to willing to afford the Spanish authorities all reasonable facilities for conducting an investigation, yet it is thought best that the request be made by United States commissioners.

ESTERHAZY ON THE STAND. An Exciting Scene During the Trial of Zola. Paris, Feb. 18.—During the trial to-day while General Boisdeffre was on the stand and before being brought in man court, was by some oversight allowed to retain possession of a revolver. While the testimony of the Indian to whom the revolver was supplied was being given, the prisoner began firing and whether at the Indian witness or the judge is not known. The judge suspected the shot was intended for himself, it struck the witness in the arm, but that was not considered proof is the shooter subsequently proved to be a marksman. A general stampede then began. The judge disappeared into his private room, and another shot from the prisoner struck the witness in the side of the door. The judge says his disappearance was caused by a desire to secure his own gun. By the time his name had been called, he had been seen leaving he was still in jail. The judge who thus narrowly escaped was Judge Jackson, U. S. Commissioner of Alaska, the Marshall to whose oversight the occurrence seems to have been due is a young man.

C.P.R. AT WRANGLING. Among the arrivals by the City of Seattle was Mr. C. E. Perry, manager of construction for the C.P.R., who has been at Wrangle making arrangements for the wharfage required at Wrangle by the company, for their steamer, Mr. Perry has arranged for the purchase from Messrs. St. John of the wharf for the ship, which will be extended, and when completed will be 600 feet long and about 50 feet wide. He has also arranged for warehouse accommodation on a large scale, two warehouses being already built and another, an immense structure, being now in course of erection. Mr. Perry says the Indian population into which he has secured, there being double the number of people there now than there was on this steamer last two or three weeks ago. Business is rushing, and a boom may be said to be on. Stores are in great demand, and \$200 worth for stores not yet finished was asked and paid the day of his departure, while Mr. Perry says the weather having remedied the drawback of the snail, which had made it had traveling. At least a hundred men are going up every day, and a good trail has been made all the way to Teslin lake. The Japanese times, the government organ, takes a gloomy view of the eastern situation. The following is from its leading editorial: "Under these circumstances things are in a state of suspense. Will the threatened storm pass away without causing any actual explosion? Nobody would be so bold as to answer in the affirmative, we should say that the real dangers of the situation have yet to be faced. What those dangers will be it is not easy now safe to foretell, but we may state broadly that they will disclose themselves when the time comes for Japan to act the hero on the stage."

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ANOTHER BIG BLOCK. Molson's Bank to Build a Fine Business Block Here at an Early Date. Mr. R. B. Wilson, manager of the new Victoria branch of Molson's Bank, seen this morning by a Times reporter, stated that he hopes to have the bank open for business on or about the 23rd inst. The bank office with its new fixtures presents a very smart and pleasing appearance, and with the addition of a new bank which is the intention of the management to build, will, says Mr. Wilson, serve the purpose for a time.

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Nugget Found on Skookum Gulch Weighing 31 Ounces—A Rush for Claims.

Much Sickness at Dawson—A Dawson Woman Accidentally Shot Dead.

The steamer City of Seattle arrived at the outer wharf this morning and the residents of James Bay who forsook their beds at an early hour again saw the new vessel coming in from the north.

Among the passengers who came down on the Seattle were Mrs. Klondike, Jack Harry of Fort Steele, B. C.; Jack Hanley of San Francisco; Tom and Dick of the coast; Peter, who was over who spent some few weeks in Victoria last summer replenishing his health; and another who was on a party in the papers, as he felt sorely disappointed.

They all left Dawson about January 20th travelling over the Redoubt river, the first named trip as miners returning for supplies. Peterson, mindful of the advantages gained by the discovery of his goods in this city is again here to fill up his stock, while the man who at Dawson was a treasure-seeker.

Mr. Warren brings news of a rich find in "Peterson's claim," on Skookum Gulch, about a mile and a half up the river, a nugget weighing 31 ounces, valued at over \$450 and found, and immediately after the "Johnny Newcomer" struck rich in the vicinity of a rich strike, rushed to Skookum Gulch and staked claims indiscriminately in all directions.

Mr. Warren came out with George A. Beltram of Brooklyn, N. Y., who took passage to Victoria on the "Danube" which left Dawson on the 14th inst. and was driven by dog train and made the journey in 21 days.

There is first class travel between Telegraph Creek and Dawson. There is absolutely no feed for horses or cattle between here and Dawson. City now is no finer or more abundant grazing than that between Telegraph Creek and Dawson. Parties bringing horses and other animals must bring feed for the trip, as the trail is not good and a personal experience and from the experience of all I have seen here, Victoria is far better place to visit than Dawson.

There is a large, good house, a conclusion, I will say you give any card to me. I will assist them all by power while here, free of charge. (Signed) Burke was formerly a resident of Angeles, Cal., in business at No. 406-8 Commercial street, Seattle, Wash. During which time he conducted a most successful investigation into all matters pertaining to the Klondike.

ENCHE PENALTY ON OBESITY. At men must be on their guard when getting on French railroads. A 340-pound citizen of Lillo who had bought a first-class ticket, had to get out of the car through the doors of a third-class and of second-class carriage, entered a first-class compartment and rode to his destination. The railroad sued him for the difference in the fare, to which defence was that, having sold the ticket, the company was bound to carry him at the third-class rate. The court allowed him. The court, ever, held that he must have known his own girth and size and that the door, and should have bought a ticket admitting him to a wide enough berth. The latest decision of the court reads: "Miners passed outward, 350." This was the record on February 19th.

THE City of Seattle brings news proving conclusively that the steamer Clara Nevada has been lost and of her passengers and crew, situated at the end of a long and hard pull to the tale. Some charred wreckage is being found daily along the beach near Seward City and picked up near Seward City was some plain bearing the letters of the ill-fated vessel's name. One piece had the name of the ship, and another had the name of the captain and other pieces have letters; all of which when connected go to make up the name of the wrecked Clara Nevada.

HEROISM OF A FIRE CAPT

THE DOMINION HOUSE

Debate on the Address Continued in Vigorous Fashion by Several Members.

The Great Yukon Railway Question Manopolises Most of the Attention of the House.

Mr. Louis Davis Denies a Reducible Story Circulated Regarding Rothschild Agents.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 19.—The house of commons was yesterday practically blank.

Mr. Penny introduced a bill to amend the act respecting holidays by making the day of federal elections a holiday.

Mr. LeDuc, the new member for Nicolet, was introduced by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Bernier, and took his seat amid Liberal cheers.

Mr. McMillan introduced a bill establishing a board of civil service supervisors.

Mr. Britton introduced a bill to amend the criminal code, respecting those cases which require corroborative evidence.

Mr. LeDuc introduced a bill to amend the act regarding the time of service necessary in the Mounted Police for pension from 25 years to 20 years.

Mr. Richardson introduced a bill respecting the attachment of salaries out of money in the hands of the government.

On the orders of the day, Sir Charles Tupper called the attention of the speaker to the absence of any stipulation in the contract with Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann.

Mr. Davis resumed the debate on the address. He picked up some phrases from the speeches of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Richard Cartwright and talked about them.

Mr. Davis's speeches are got up to the galleries as a rule, and the first half of his speech yesterday was mere filibuster.

Mr. Davis's remarks Mr. Davis accused the government, and Mr. Blair in particular, of corruption, and was taken to task by the speaker.

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that he had pledged himself to the Liberals. They had never approached him, respecting the Yukon railway contract.

Mr. Clarke, of West Toronto, opposed the Yukon railway contract. Was it true, he asked, that the government refused to give to them a tender for this work?

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order to secure the trade of the Yukon for Canada. It was true that the entrance to the mouth of the Stikine river was in American territory, but what was the government to do.

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NEW COMPANIES

Canadian Development Co. to Take Over the Interests of Teslin and Yukon Co.

Messrs. Yorke and Davis Receive a Large Amount in Cash and Non-Assessable Stock.

The Canadian Development Company, capital \$300,000, with head office in Victoria, has been incorporated, the objects of the company, as set forth in the certificate of incorporation.

(1) To acquire all the rights, properties, assets and privileges acquired and now held by B. C. Plant, of the city, county and state of New York, as agents and upon trust for the promoters of the company (and for the shareholders thereof upon incorporation subject as hereinafter expressed), that is to say:

(2) By assignment from Clarence H. Mackay and J. M. Munro, of the rights and privileges possessed by them under and by virtue of two certain contracts entered into on the 19th of August, 1891, and made by them with the B.C. Plant, of the city, county and state of New York, and J. M. Munro, of the city, county and state of New York.

(3) By assignment from J. Maitland Kersey, of all his right, title and interest in and to the shares of the company (and for the shareholders thereof) standing in his name in course of construction at the Star shipyard, Victoria, B. C. and the materials and plant and fixtures of the carrying out of such construction.

(4) In consideration thereof to reimburse the said B. C. Plant with the several sums, aggregating \$85,000, disbursed by him in the premises; to assume all obligations arising under the said contracts, and to pay and discharge the same.

(5) To pay and discharge the same and to make good and to issue to the said Clarence H. Mackay and J. M. Munro, of the city, county and state of New York, and to J. Maitland Kersey, of the city, county and state of New York, the amount of \$212,000 sterling, or the equivalent of said sum in dollars.

(6) The new company will carry on a general transportation business, and will be incorporated in Canada, and will be a public utility company.

(7) The Columbia Lumber & Trading Company, capital \$50,000, head office at Nelson; Grand Forks Merchants Company Ltd., capital \$20,000, head office at Grand Forks; and the Gypsy Queen Mining Company, Ltd., capital \$50,000, head office at Victoria, are also to be incorporated.

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THE IRONWORKS COMPANY

Manager Seabrook of the Albion States the Case for the Company. The Wages Asked by the Men Are Conceded—Minor Points Only Remain.

From Friday's Daily. The statement published in last evening's Times of the condition of affairs existing in the dispute between the Albion Iron Works Co., and the boilermakers employed by them, was as intimate as it is true.

To PREVENT ACCIDENTS. There is a long string of notices of motions on the bulletin board at the city hall, pertaining to the prevention of accidents.

SALVATION ARMY. Work of Food and Shelter Department During the Past Half Year. The records of the past six months show that the Salvation Army food and shelter department has done a splendid work.

CARTER'S LIVER PILLS. Headache and relieve all the troubles that attend a bilious state of the system, such as constipation, indigestion, and heartburn.

CURE FOR BACKACHE

Headache and relieve all the troubles that attend a bilious state of the system, such as constipation, indigestion, and heartburn.

SCREW-DRIVER'S PERIL

Canadian Vessel in Danger of Being Seized by the United States. San Francisco, Feb. 17.—Information has been received by Collector Jackson that a Canadian sailing vessel was seen on Monday off Drake's Bay, and that she was violating the sealing regulations.

A Running Shoe Pronounced Incurable

By Eight Doctors—Cured by Dr. Chase. Mr. R. D. Robbins, of 148 Cowan Ave., Toronto, says: "I had a bad leg which was simply unsalvageable."

ACHES

Small Pills, Small Dose, Small Price. For Table and Dairy, Purest and Best.

PROVINCIAL

Messrs. Turner and Pooley Dubbed Deceitful and Dishonest. Pooley Challenges Cotton. It Outside and Cotton presses Willingness.

Discussion Buled Out of It Is Continued on of Privilege.

Macpherson's Opinion of the Agent General. London. The speaker took the chair Prayers by the Rev. Canon The following petitions were read:

By Mr. Hunter, from Le and others, for a private bill, "The Kootenay and Notway Company."

By Mr. Kellie, from E. and others, for a private bill, "The Arrowhead and Kootenay Company."

By Major Muttter, from the Arrowhead and Kootenay Company, Limited, for a private bill for power to construct and erect dam in Cowichan River, British Columbia.

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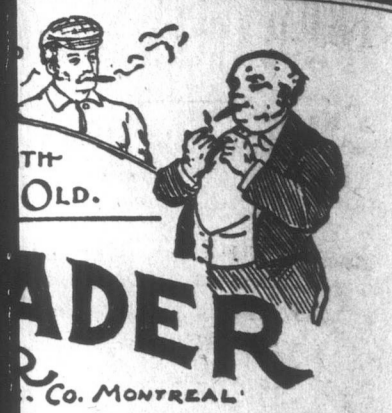
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 knows where she can get the most ad-  
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 Humphrey Proposes to Do the  
 Work Under the Local Improve-  
 ment System.

Humphrey has a proposition to  
 property owners, whereby good  
 roads will be provided in the business  
 portion of the city at least. He will  
 forward a bill to introduce pro-  
 viding that Broad street from  
 Fort, and Fort street from Good-  
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 chips, set firm on foundations. The  
 city borrows the money on  
 30-year mortgages, and the  
 amount is spread over at least  
 25 years, making the annual tax very  
 small. The cost for 35 years, the  
 lot with a 30-foot frontage would  
 be \$15 a year for ten years, and  
 would be a permanent road-way.  
 Humphrey has the assurance of  
 sort of most of the property hold-  
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not often that a physician recom-  
 mend medicine, when he does  
 know that it is a good one.  
**P. Cleveland, Glasgow, Va.**  
 "I have used Chamberlain's  
 Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy  
 practice, and it has proven to be  
 the best remedy where a thorough  
 of medicine had failed with me.  
 I recommend it to my patients every  
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 progressive physicians recommend  
 this remedy, because it always  
 cures quickly. Get a bottle  
 will have an excellent doctor  
 house for all bowel complaints,  
 children and adults.

**AS TORIA**  
 for Infants and Children.  
*Robt. H. Hutchins*

**PROVINCIAL HOUSE**

Messrs. Turner and Pooley Are  
 Dubbed Decey Ducks in  
 the House.

Pooley Challenges Cotton to Repeat  
 It Outside and Cotton Ex-  
 presses Willingness.

Discussion Ruled Out of Order but  
 It is Continued on Questions  
 of Privilege.

Macpherson's Opinion of the Office  
 of the Agent General in  
 London.

The speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock  
 Prayers by the Rev. Canon Beaudin.  
 The following petitions were presented:  
 By Mr. Hunter, from Leopold Hirsch  
 and others, for a private bill to incorpo-  
 rate "The Kootenay and North-West rail-  
 way Company."  
 By Mr. Kellie, from E. T. Galt and  
 others, for a private bill to incorporate  
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 private bill for power to construct trans-  
 fer and erect dam on the Kowichan river.  
 The following petitions were received:  
 From Moses McGregor and others, for  
 a private bill to incorporate "The Alice  
 Ann Railway Company."  
 From H. Mackintosh-Kersey and others,  
 for a private bill to incorporate "The  
 Kitimat Railway Company," in substitu-  
 tion of the petition presented at the  
 same railway, which was withdrawn.

Debate Upon Address.

Mr. Rogers resumed the debate upon  
 the address in reply. He dwelt upon the  
 great resources of the province and the  
 wisdom of the government in pursuing  
 a policy whereby the development  
 by railroads and the construction  
 of wagon roads and trails. He also  
 commended the government's policy of  
 encouraging the creamery business. He  
 expressed the opinion that the tax upon  
 mines should be done away with. He was  
 also opposed to the proposed amend-  
 ment to the land act. He thought it was an am-  
 biguous and vexatious tax, and that the gov-  
 ernment might make the mistake of  
 killing the goose that laid the golden  
 egg. The government was in the habit  
 of passing laws which were in the  
 interest of one particular party, and  
 he was prepared to say that the abuse of  
 the order-in-council should be stopped.  
 (Applause.) The policy of the govern-  
 ment to borrow money at a cheap rate  
 of interest, and by spending the money  
 among the people upon public works, re-  
 lieved their depressed circumstances, and  
 that the result had been entirely satisfac-  
 tory. Just what consideration the gov-  
 ernment had shown for the workmen in  
 the matter of the construction of the  
 parliament buildings. The govern-  
 ment made the mistake in the first place  
 of awarding the contract without any  
 condition as to the labor which should be  
 employed upon the work, with the re-  
 sult that aliens were given work instead  
 of British subjects. When the govern-  
 ment was forced to let the contract over  
 again it made the same mistake. With  
 the debate before them, the speaker  
 justice which an oversight had wrought  
 to Canadian workmen, the government  
 made the same mistake a second time.  
 He wished to see the contract with  
 local workmen. The workmen went  
 before the executive and the executive  
 went before the contractor. The contractor  
 said that he had taken the contract just  
 as he chose without respect to the claims  
 of local men for preference. When the  
 contract was afterwards let for the  
 stone work in front of the building there  
 was the same disregard for the rights  
 of British workmen. There was no clause  
 in the contract requiring local help.  
 In touching upon the boast of the premier  
 that all the honorable men in the country  
 pointed out that the honorable men of  
 the province did not have any monopoly  
 of supporting the government. He  
 reminded the house that during a  
 recent election the government had  
 libeled criminals from New Westminster  
 for the support of the premier. Mr.  
 Macpherson then gave his attention to  
 Mr. Smith. He said that as he might  
 not have another chance of equating ac-  
 counts with Mr. Smith he would do so  
 now. He informed the house that during  
 a former session when the question of  
 building a trail to Pemberton Meadows  
 had been under discussion Mr. Smith had  
 written to a man named Nelson and  
 informed him that he was doing his best  
 to get the government to build a trail  
 into Pemberton Meadows, but that the  
 matter was opposed by himself (Macpherson),  
 and Mr. Smith enclosed a receipt of  
 money by him which he construed into  
 a speech against the building of the trail.  
 Mr. Macpherson said that he had not op-  
 posed the building of the trail but that  
 he had made the statement respecting  
 the disposal of the best lands in the  
 meadows. With respect to Mr. Smith's  
 statement he had called upon the chief  
 commissioner of lands and works and  
 made enquiries as to what applications  
 had been made for a trail to Pemberton  
 Meadows, and had by the commissioner  
 been referred to the deputy commissioner  
 to ascertain what applications for ap-  
 propriations for such a trail had been made.  
 The reply of the deputy commissioner  
 had been made, that the members re-  
 sponding to the question of the trail had  
 not mentioned it. In the face of this  
 statement Mr. Macpherson asked how  
 the statement of Mr. Smith, that he was  
 doing his best to secure the appropria-  
 tion, could be reconciled with the re-  
 sponse of the deputy commissioner that  
 no application had been made for  
 an appropriation. He would leave it to  
 the house to say which one was telling  
 the truth.

Mr. Kennedy—The hon. premier did  
 say so.  
 Premier Turner endeavored to explain  
 he had said that the Statist was a  
 paper which would give a wrong im-  
 pression of any responsibility.

Mr. Kennedy—I asked the premier  
 whether he could say that the Statist  
 was a scurrilous paper, and he replied  
 that it certainly was not.

Hon. Mr. Turner—I beg to deny it.  
 Mr. Graham then proceeded to read  
 the report of the Statist upon the  
 Premier's address. Mr. Turner,  
 responding from the report of Mr. Ken-  
 nedy's speech he quoted:

"The member for the Royal City de-

clared himself to the connection of the  
 premier and hon. president of the council  
 with the directors of the mining com-  
 panies. He was surprised that the premier  
 had not defended his course in this  
 matter, and proposed to quote the con-  
 tents of the London Statist, a paper  
 which he felt sure the premier would not  
 class as a scurrilous sheet, in regard to  
 the principle involved.

Premier Turner (interjecting)—It is  
 well known as such. At the time that  
 the British Columbia loan was floated it  
 was quite ready to raise up that loan  
 in the event of receiving a £100 invest-  
 ment. This advertisement the Statist  
 did not get, and so it did not  
 praise the loan.

When Mr. Graham had finished read-  
 ing there was opposition applause, and  
 Premier Turner admitted that the report  
 was exactly what he had said. Taking up  
 the question of redistribution Mr.  
 Graham said that from the remarks  
 made by supporters of the government it  
 was easy to see that the redistribution  
 measure to be offered by the government  
 would not be satisfactory. The district of  
 Kootenay had been mentioned as the  
 only one the population of which had in-  
 creased representation. He  
 hoped that the omission of East Yale was  
 unintentional. East Yale was certainly  
 one of the best of the districts with over  
 already 1,600 voters upon the lists and  
 the revenue from the district showed a  
 most gratifying increase. He could not  
 see how the government could pass on to  
 the claims of East Yale in considering  
 any measure of redistribution. In the  
 matter of encouraging dairying Mr. Gra-  
 ham said that the government could pro-  
 fitably follow the example of the Domini-  
 on government in this respect. It was  
 but eight years since the federal govern-  
 ment had adopted the policy of encourag-  
 ing the dairying business. At this time  
 the exports of the Dominion for dairy pro-  
 ducts did not exceed \$1,000,000 per an-  
 num, and at present it amounted to al-  
 most as much per month. Mr. Graham  
 condemned the government for failing to  
 put the cattle act amendment in force.  
 He recorded himself as being of the opinion  
 that the taxation of mining companies  
 was a discriminating tax.

Mr. Huff made a short speech.  
 speaking upon the question of alien labor  
 he said he felt like asking the legis-  
 lature to pass a resolution requesting the  
 Dominion government to restrict aliens  
 from the enjoyment of the privileges of  
 free miners in the Canadian Northwest,  
 unless British subjects were accorded the  
 same privileges in their respective coun-  
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 tions of the government, He thought  
 the policy whereby the development  
 by railroads and the construction  
 of wagon roads and trails. He also  
 commended the government's policy of  
 encouraging the creamery business. He  
 expressed the opinion that the tax upon  
 mines should be done away with. He was  
 also opposed to the proposed amend-  
 ment to the land act. He thought it was an am-  
 biguous and vexatious tax, and that the gov-  
 ernment might make the mistake of  
 killing the goose that laid the golden  
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 of passing laws which were in the  
 interest of one particular party, and  
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 the difference in the treatment meted  
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 and Johnson were travelling together  
 was rather rough on E. M. Johnson,  
 and Hon. Mr. Martin replied that he  
 had not had any conversation with Mr. Johnson  
 had simply met him in the Boundary  
 district.

Mr. Macpherson, continuing, said that  
 although the chief commissioner had  
 whitewashed the chief commissioner for  
 his part in the land squabble, this act  
 had not wiped out the stain.  
 Messrs. Luff, Bryden and Booth ob-  
 jected to the statement that the commit-  
 tee had whitewashed the commissioner,  
 but Mr. Williams said that it was cor-  
 rect.

Mr. Macpherson in discussing the  
 question of public works, called the at-  
 tention of the house to the fact that in  
 East Kootenay, Col. Baker's constitu-  
 ency, one wagon road had been built  
 paralleling another for a distance of half  
 a mile. He also mentioned an interview  
 of Col. Baker's in which the provincial  
 secretary stated that he had secured  
 a concession for the construction of a  
 trail to East Kootenay that his col-  
 leagues in Victoria had told him that he  
 wanted everything for East Kootenay.  
 In discussing the question of the gov-  
 ernment Mr. Macpherson said that  
 the government had allowed the C.P.R.  
 to take the best of the line in fixing a  
 cent. of the gross earnings of the Na-  
 kusp & Slocan railway as the working  
 expenses of the road. He stated that  
 he had seen the government accounts  
 for the earnings. He also charged the gov-  
 ernment with the action of the C.P.R.  
 Dr. Watt for medical services in Port  
 Steele when there were other doctors in  
 the place, and the government's action  
 of that practice. He intimated that  
 the fact that Dr. Watt had once sat in  
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 had made no such statement that the doors  
 of the face of this statement, Mr. Cotton  
 asked whether the house was to be allowed  
 to discuss the question of a minister or not.

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How long was such promise to be in... Did such promise provide that it... apply to any... the railway?

Williams asked the Hon. the Chief... Commissioner of Lands and Works... the questions... Dominion Territory...

WITNESS AT SKAGWAY.

From Governor Brady Describing... the Conditions There. Skagway, Feb. 18.—Secretary Bliss... receipt of a letter from Governor...

Lost and Found

STORY OF A YOUNG BOY'S TRIALS.

Growing Too Rapidly and His... Health Gave Way—Several Months... to his Did Him No Good—Parents... most Discouraged.

is truly pitiable to see boys just... ing to realize the possibilities of... ricken down with disease, from... from which is sometimes thought...

AN IMPERIAL VIEW.

Respecting Rights and Privileges in... Alaskan Waters.

London, Feb. 17.—The Parliamentary... Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Lord... George N. Curzon, in the House of...

THE RELIEF EXPEDITION.

Sir Julian Pannocette Writes the Wash... ton Authorities in Relation to... the Matter.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The secretary of... Sir Julian Pannocette has received a... communication from the Hon. Secy...

MUNHALL MEETING

The Doctor Draws on His Military... Experience in the Civil War... for Illustrations.

He Declares That Sensible Americans... and English Will Never Fight... as Nations

Mr. Munhall announced as follows:—... A mass meeting of young people of ages... from 12 to 25, on Sunday at 3 p. m.

Hon. Mr. Martin replied as fol... lowing:—No. 3. No. 4. Hon. Mr. Martin... asked the Hon. the Chief...

Following is a copy of the letter... from Skagway by the steamer... in port is serious. The United...

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United States territory should pass through... Canadian territory under the same regulations...

MINING LAW AMENDMENTS. Kaslo, Feb. 14.—The most largely attended... public meeting ever convened in Kaslo...

Resolved, that it is the sense of this meeting... that the proposed amendment of Provincial...

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She and she lunched with Mrs. Y... And when the dainty feast was over...

She stayed and danced till after four... "Another day," she gasped, is bent...

With those that down the highway went... I hope I will survive till Lent!"

—Cleveland Plaindealer.

Governor Altgeld is so quiet nowadays... that Illinois politicians are tempted...

to follow the example of the mother who... said, "Jane, go look in the nursery and...

see what your sister is doing and tell her... to stop?"

The Memphis Commercial-Appeal... says: "We were glad to welcome the...

sunshine in our midst yesterday." This... is the first time we ever knew a man...

to be grateful for having daylight let into... him.

Frayed Edgins—So do we want... "Welcome" an' yer waltzes—right in...

Chewet Chauncey (groaning)—I did... an' 'de Lord! Welcome wasn't a thing...

judged. I can nearly always borrow \$5... from him."—Chicago Record.

FREE BOOK FOR WEAK MEN!

"THREE CLASSES OF MEN" is the title of a neat little pocket volume I... plain language what I have learned from 30 years' experience as a specialist in weaknesses of young, middle-aged...

It also Shows Why Medicines Can Never Cure. I know the action of every drug that was ever prescribed, but let me say as physician...

MEN OF CANADA let me present my claim With my Latest Improved Galvanic Electric Belt

ELECTRIC SUPPORTING SUSPENSORY (Fully Covered by Patents) I combine the efforts of my life-long study and present in it the true principles, the only perfect and scientific Self-Treatment for Weak Men. It gen-

erates a soothing current of electricity instantly felt by wearer or I FORFEIT \$5,000.

Applied as I apply it, with the positive pole over Kidneys at small of back, the negative in front by means of the Electro-Suspensory, the current courses for eight hours a day through the weakened parts, giving strength and courage and STOPS THE DRAINS IN ONE MONTH.

I have the Electric Belt trade of the world. I am the Weak Man's Doctor. Can you trust your case to me? Do you wish my opinion and advice? It will cost you nothing.

If You Have VARICOCELE

I apply the current directly to the congested veins with the clip attachment of my Belt. It causes a free circulation of blood through the parts, dissolves the clot, gives development and permanently cures Belt worn at night. IT CURES YOU WHILE YOU SLEEP.

DR. SANDEN, No. 156 St. James Street, MONTREAL, QUEBEC

to their wants on their prospecting tour. Russell then sang "The Bonnie Wee Window."

RAYISHING BEAUTY OF PARIS. "I never dreamed of such clothes, even in my dreams of heaven," writes Miss Edith Bell in a Paris letter to the February Ladies' Home Journal.

DROWNED IN THE NARROWS. Vancouver, Feb. 18.—A seaman named Adolf Carlson jumped overboard as the lumber ship Magallanes was going out of the Narrows.

SWALLOWING WRONG WAY. A most alarming accident, and one which is often as serious as it looks, is the sucking into the windpipe of a morsel of food or some other substance.

SCOTTISH-AUSTRALIANS. Sir William Wallace Meeting Invaded Brawny Antipodean Scots. A pleasing feature of the open meeting of Sir William Wallace Society last night was the presence of a sturdy company of gold seekers who have come to outfit in Victoria, from the Antipodes.

SHAVING RULES IN PARIS. The sanitary authorities of Paris have issued stringent instructions as to barbers, informing them that all metal instruments must be plunged directly after use into boiling soapy water.

YOUNG PILOT FOR THE YUKON. St. Louis is about to lose the youngest pilot that ever sailed on the Mississippi river as the Republic, W. D. Couper, who enjoys that distinction, is negotiating with the Yukon Transportation Co.

THE SOCIETY GIRL. She sighed a little nervous sigh, She said, "I'll rest me by and by." And then she gazed up at the stars And sought again those devious ways That mark to such a large extent The hours that lead us on to Lent.

THE SOCIETY GIRL. She went to luncheon at the B's, She played at euche on the O's, She spilled the "tea" at Mrs. A's, She dined in state at Mrs. J's, She shed the box at Mrs. J's, She and she lunched with Mrs. Y, And when the dainty feast was over...

Governor Altgeld is so quiet nowadays that Illinois politicians are tempted to follow the example of the mother who said, "Jane, go look in the nursery and see what your sister is doing and tell her to stop?"

The Memphis Commercial-Appeal says: "We were glad to welcome the sunshine in our midst yesterday." This is the first time we ever knew a man to be grateful for having daylight let into him.

Frayed Edgins—So do we want "Welcome" an' yer waltzes—right in Chewet Chauncey (groaning)—I did an' 'de Lord! Welcome wasn't a thing judged. I can nearly always borrow \$5 from him."—Chicago Record.

RUTHVEN ARRESTED

Chief Justice Davis Orders His Commitment on Charge of Perjury in County Court.

Outcome of the Action Brought by Messrs. Schultz and Powell Against the Ex-Priest.

When the County court met this morning there was a fair crowd in attendance...

Ruthven rose and was proceeding to say something when his lordship told the sheriff to remove him.

The judgment of the Chief Justice in the civil action follows.

An action on an attorney's bill for services performed for the defendant Ruthven, who describes himself as an ex-Roman Catholic priest...

Understand that the plaintiff is a man of high standing in the County court...

They Ask That the Wages Paid in Good Times Be Given Now.

Men From the Sound Return Refusing the Present Rate of Pay.

From Thursday's Daily. Rumors of trouble having arisen between the boilermakers of the Albion Iron Works Company were freely current in the city...

NOT ONE SURVIVED

Further Particulars of the Burning of the Clara Nevada Off Berners Bay.

Relief Steamer Unable to Find Even the Bodies of the Unfortunate Men.

The steamer Queen, Capt. Wallace, reached Nanaimo yesterday bringing additional particulars of the burning of the steamer Clara Nevada.

In some manner or another one of the Nevada's lifeboats was tangled to the wreck, and it is estimated that all a mistake, as Mr. Geo. Bach, of Seaward City, who saw the burning vessel...

Among the passengers on the Queen were Thomas O'Brien and his five year old son, who arrived from Nanaimo...

Mr. J. M. Dement of Owatonna, a passenger from Skagway on the steamer Queen, who arrived from Nanaimo...

Mr. Dement says that of late few people have gone over the trails. The weather has been so severe that it has been impossible to get on the coast...

The Queen was delayed on the downward trip by the heavy weather, having been compelled to stop one night in Dixon...

Defence Will Attempt to Prove That Another Steamer Was Responsible.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best cough syrup we have ever used ourselves or in our families.

CHAMBER OF MINES

Duly Organized at Vancouver—Articles of the Association and Constitution Adopted.

Twenty-Five Sign as Representative Members and Five as Associate Members.

The British Columbia Chamber of Mines was duly organized yesterday after a final preliminary meeting lasting from 3 p.m. till 6, says the News-Advertiser.

The election was duly confirmed when Dr. Bell-Irving remarked that he wished to see the committee as representative of the province as possible...

Before reading the constitution the secretary stated that letters cordially endorsing the formation of the proposed organization had been received from Mr. A. H. Hazen, Golden; Mr. Thompson, Kamloops; and Mr. Peter Burnett, Lillooet.

The proposed constitution and articles of association for the proposed organization were next read by the secretary.

The secretary stated that if the executive committee allowed any liability to be incurred by the members of that body...

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