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NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Collapse of the Three Cent Policy Causing Much Laughter for Mr. Mulock.

Application for a Yukon Railway— Judge Appointed—Parliament Formally Called.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—It is not likely that until parliament meets will the true inwardness of the communications which have taken place between the Postmaster-General and the Imperial government in reference to the 3-cent letter rate to England be known. Everybody here is laughing at Mr. Mulock's fiasco. Without question he exceeded his powers when he decided upon a reduction of postage without consulting the home government or the different colonial governments. The Postmaster-General's contention that this is a purely domestic matter with Canada is knocked on the head. One of the principles underlying the work of the postal union is that no action may be taken by one member of the union which is calculated to embarrass another, as Mr. Mulock's action is calculated to do, without a thorough understanding among the different colonial governments. There was a possibility of considerable friction. Canadian letters might under Mr. Mulock's hasty action be charged with deficit postage simply because the Postmaster-General had disregarded the postal union's regulations. A proclamation was issued this afternoon calling parliament for the despatch of business on February 3.

City merchants state that this has been the best week's business in twenty years.

Col. White, late Deputy Postmaster-General, was to-day presented with a magnificent gold watch and other articles of value by the inside and outside branches of the Association.

D. B. McTavish, city solicitor, has been appointed senior judge of Carleton county.

Hunter & Oliver, of Victoria, give notice of application for a bill to incorporate a company to build a railway from Portland inlet to Telegraph Creek, thence to Teslin lake and Dawson. Application will also be made for a charter to build from Arrowhead, on Arrow lake, via Trout lake to Kootenay lake.

SURVEY'S HOLIDAY.

At the school closing and festive Christmas Entertainments.

SURVEY CENTRE, Dec. 20.—The semi-annual examination of the Survey Centre public school took place on Friday, the 17th, in the presence of parents and friends of the pupils. In addition to the ordinary review examination in history, geography, mathematics, reading and spelling, the scholars in the different grades gave several recitations of their own work, and a humorous piece entitled "The New Church Organ," by Will Martin, and "Miss Mabel Starr and the Farmer's wish," by Miss Starr, were given. The school was closed with vocal and instrumental music. After a few remarks from Mr. Geo. Day, the school was adjourned to meet on Monday, the 21st, at 8 o'clock.

On the evening of the 17th inst. the pupils and associates of Cloverdale school gave an entertainment consisting of music, reading, dialogues and drill exercises in the hall, Cloverdale. The attendance was good and the execution of the different pieces on the programme was creditable and well performed. The proceeds of the concert amounted to over \$18, which amount the teacher, Mr. N. E. H. wishes to be applied for the purpose of buying a bell for the school.

The young people of the neighboring school, in Mud Bay, will treat their friends to a social on Tuesday, 21st, and another social is announced for Christmas evening in connection with the Presbyterian church, Cloverdale. A Sunday school festival will be held on Wednesday, 22nd, in the Church of St. Mary, in the presence of the order of the day in Surrey and the people are prepared to wish each other a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

PRESENTS BY THE TON.

Six Hundred Packages From England Arrive in Vancouver in One Day—The Music Hall Issue.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24.—[Special]—The music hall people are hunting around in all directions and writing any number of letters to the press in their efforts to get candidates to champion music halls in the next municipal campaign. But Mayor Templeton is a fighter, politically speaking, and there is no advocate of music halls strong enough and anxious enough to oppose him for the position.

There arrived from England yesterday a Vancouver one ton and a half of Christmas presents, comprising 600 packages. In previous years the Christmas packages had been 200 to 250. The next English mail will, it is expected, contain some 800 more. The staff is increased at the postoffice, they are all overworked and have been hard at it every day this week, from morning until late into the night. The service, however, is excellent.

ORANGEMEN CANNOT PARADE.

The Governor of Newfoundland Has Forbidden a Projected Procession.

St. John's, Dec. 24.—The supporters of the White Star party in the Harbor Grace are hoping to embarrass the government of Sir James Winter in connection with the projected parade of the Loyal Orange Association next Sunday. Sir Herbert Murray, the governor, has issued a proclamation forbidding the procession. The clergy of all denominations are denouncing this attempt to revive sectarian discord.

CHIPPWEAS FOR KLONDIKE.

A Large Band Booked to Start From Victoria in January.

SOLOX SERVICES, Wis., Dec. 24.—A queer expedition will leave here in January for the Klondike gold fields. It will consist of about 150 Chippewa Indians, all of whom live in this neighborhood. They will go under the leadership of a veteran warrior, Redwing Wolf, who has already been over the overland route which the expedition will take.

TO BE MADE IN GERMANY.

Stearns Bicycle Patents Secured by a Manufacturer of Berlin.

SYRACUSE, N.Y., Dec. 24.—Richard Schwartz, Kof. of Berlin, Germany, has completed negotiations with E. C. Stearns & Co. of this city by which he secures the use of their patents, patterns, machinery, etc., with which to start a factory in Berlin and dispose of Stearns' wheels to the German and Australian trade. The business will be conducted on a license basis and several Syracuse men will go to Berlin and become heads of departments in the factory.

HERRING FISHERY GOOD.

Great Success of the Gloucester Fleet in Newfoundland Waters.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 24.—The latest news from the herring fishery in Placentia bay shows great success for the American fishing fleet. Seventeen Gloucester vessels have sailed with full cargoes and 37 are now loading. It will only require another night's frost to complete the loading of frozen herring. About 3,000 men are engaged in the fishery.

THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Invited to Gather at Montreal From All Over Canada.

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—[Special]—All the Catholic bishops of Canada have been invited to attend the anniversary service for the repose of the soul of Archbishop Fabre on January 4. It is the general impression that Mr. Broche will take advantage of the gathering to promulgate the Pope's encyclical on the Manitoba school question.

PROMINENT ORANGEMAN DEAD.

Ex-Grand Treasurer Anderson Found Lifeless on the Road.

BELLEVILLE, Dec. 24.—[Special]—Wm. Anderson, ex-M.P.P. for Prince Edward, was found dead last night on the road near the home of a Mr. Laaburg. He had attended a Christmas party near here. He was grand treasurer of the Orange lodge of British North America.

A HOSPITAL ABLAZE.

Wilkins Wing at Kingston Sustains Ten Thousand Dollars' Damage.

KINGSTON, Dec. 24.—[Special]—Fire broke out in Wilkins wing at the General hospital and did great damage before it was subdued. Loss, \$10,000. The building was a gift from the late John Wilkins. The fire originated in the St. George's (children's) ward by the blazing up of a pot of hot beer.

Obituary.

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—[Special]—Marmaduke Pearson, formerly a prominent dry goods merchant, is dead.

Newspapers Quarrel.

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—[Special]—Mr. Berthiaume, proprietor of La Presse, has entered an action for \$30,000 damages against Mr. Graham, proprietor of the Star. The action is based on alleged false representations made by the Star concerning the circulation of La Presse.

Cleveland Scorch.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Fire broke out in the business part of the city to-day and fanned by a high north-west wind destroyed property worth more than half a million dollars.

Division Superintendent Killed.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 24.—Assistant Division Superintendent Marshall Newell, of the Boston & Albany, was found out almost to pieces on the tracks near the switch tower here to-night. He was formerly a well known Harvard football player and came here from Great Barrington, Vt.

TWO MILLIONS IN WHEAT.

St. Paul Operator Who Has Suddenly Made Enough to Retire Upon.

A HOST OF RUSSIANS!

Quarters for Ten Thousand in Course of Preparation at Port Arthur.

Conflict Not Looked for but British and Japan to Make a Demonstration.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Russia, according to a special despatch from Shanghai, is preparing temporary headquarters for 10,000 troops at Port Arthur. She obtained a half portion from the grand council at Peking to dismiss Sir Robert Hart, director of Chinese Imperial maritime customs, and other high customs officials in addition to the British rail-roads and instructors. Fifty of the latter received notice to-day that they would be paid off at the termination of their contracts.

Contrary to general report the despatch asserts that there is good reason to believe that Great Britain will actively oppose the Russian operations in Corea and Northern China.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The Daily Mail publishes a despatch this afternoon from Tokio which, it claims, evaded active censorship. The despatch says: "England and Japan, without entering upon an actual alliance, have arrived at a complete understanding which will probably result in a joint naval demonstration at the entrance of the Gulf of Pechi Li."

"In diplomatic circles at Tokio the probability of a conflict is regarded as extremely distant."

JAPAN'S DEBT TO GERMANY.

It is Increased by Recent Sale of Chinese Territory—Integrates of the Russian.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Commenting on the strained relations between Japan and Russia over Corea, the Chinese press reports that the Japanese army is full of Russian spies, disguised as Japanese, and that the Russian army is being tampered with by Japanese emissaries, who are doing all they can to stir up dissatisfaction among the soldiers.

"Japan is indebted to Germany in many ways," says the Chung-Chung. "The military organizations have been supplied from Germany's, and her conscription and local legislatures are modeled on the German system; besides, in framing the laws and adopting medical science, etc., Japan owes a debt of gratitude to Germany. Lastly, Germany has now shown Japan another instance of her kindness. That is the seizure of Kiao Chau Bay. We need not dwell upon the particulars of her kindness here, but the seizure of Kiao Chau may give Japan the right of a permanent possession of Wei-Hai-Wei."

CARDINAL VAUGHAN.

The Duke of Norfolk Has Not Urged His Admission to the House of Lords.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Lord Salisbury, in reply to an inquiry in Manchester, has written that he had not heard the report that the Duke of Norfolk, postmaster-general, had approached him with the view of obtaining the admission of Cardinal Vaughan to the House of Lords. Lord Salisbury adds that the report is absolutely unfounded.

PARIS PORTS TO DISAPPEAR.

Present Sites to Be Sold and Money Spent on Ramparts Further Out.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The initial step has been taken in the long-projected demolition of the fortifications of the city. General Billot, minister of war, has introduced in the chamber of deputies a bill providing for the razing of part of the forts on the west side of the city and for selling the sites. It is estimated that the land will realize 150,000,000 francs, 30,000,000 francs of which will be devoted to the construction of a short rampart further out. The remainder of the proceeds will be expended on artillery.

PORTUGUESE MASSACRED.

Natives Make It Interesting for a Colony on the Guinea Coast.

LISBON, Dec. 24.—An official despatch from St. Paul de Loanda, in Portuguese Lower Guinea, says that the natives of the Hume plateau in the Portuguese colony of Angola have massacred a Portuguese officer, a sergeant and twelve men. Reinforcements have been sent from St. Paul de Loanda.

Further advices announce that the officer is Count Alimoster, a grandson of the Duke of Saldanha. The Portuguese killed and missing number twenty-one persons. The murderers were Herodes and Ovanpos tribesmen.

KRUGER FEARS RHODES.

The Transvaal President Apprehensive as to the Destiny of Delagoa Bay.

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 24.—President Kruger, in the course of a speech at Krugersdorp, on Tuesday, dwelt on the importance of the so-called constitutional methods of Hon. Cecil Rhodes, and upon the importance of keeping out of Mr. Rhodes' clutches Delagoa Bay, which the President characterized as "the Transvaal's only gateway to the sea."

Fallen From Grace.

New York, Dec. 24.—William H. Kent, a well-known man of Brooklyn and prominent in Sunday schools and the organizer of the penny savings banks, is in jail in Brooklyn, having been arrested on a warrant charging him with forgery. Assistant District Attorney Caldwell stated that Kent had taken no less than \$40,000 from his clients.

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

Conference Proposed to Avoid Dangerous Rivalry as to Interests in China.

The British to Give Japan Only Moral Support at Present—United States Position.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A despatch to the Daily Chronicle from Rome says it is rumored there that owing to her obligations to Germany, Italy has declined England's proposal for common action in the Far East, including a joint occupation of Chusan. It is also asserted that England has proposed to Russia a conference on the Chinese question with a view of avoiding dangerous rivalry.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The Chinese government is helpless. It is mobilizing a few troops under the command of general who conducted the campaign against Japan. The British fleet is at present at sea."

The Daily Chronicle says this morning it has good reason to believe that the government has decided upon a warring policy and will refrain from occupying any Chinese territory, but it will give its moral support to Japan and distinct warnings to China concerning England's action in certain contingencies. It is understood, says the Daily Chronicle, that Japan will protest in the strongest manner against Germany's action; while diplomatic circles ridicule the idea of a Russo-German entente cordiale in China.

A special despatch from Paris says: "The French cruiser Potheau has been ordered to prepare for service in Chinese waters. The Potheau is a first-class cruiser of over 5,000 tons displacement and 10,000 indicated horse power. She is classed as having a speed of 19 knots, and carries two capable general 5 inch quick-firing guns and eight small quick-firing guns."

BRITAIN, Dec. 23.—The press is evidently deeply interested as to whether Great Britain and the United States are likely to adopt in the Chinese affair. Every attempt is being made to get the two men in England and to represent her as isolated.

The official newspapers pretend that Japan has acquiesced in the German and Russian moves, and will take no aggressive action. Everything indicates, however, that the anxiety that hinges upon the ultimate grouping of the powers. Japan's action in withdrawing her protest with reference to the Russo-German entente cordiale is interpreted as showing a desire to be uncommitted abroad, and to have her hands free to deal with the Chinese question.

The Berliner Tageblatt ridicules the idea of an Anglo-Japanese-American alliance, and yet seems to fear it. The Kolon and Zeitung think that America will side with Russia, leaving England in "splendid isolation." The National Zeitung says that it is easy to be bold when the heat of the moment is active steps on the part of the United States, but hard to believe that the United States would adopt a policy of friendly neutrality towards Russia, contrary to all its traditions, for the sake either of England or China.

THE MANITOBA SCHOOLS.

The Pope Advises the Catholics to Make the Best of a Bad Job.

ROME, Dec. 24.—The Pope's encyclical on the Manitoba school question is published here this evening. After reviewing the religious history of Canada and eulogizing its scholastic institutions, his Holiness expresses regret at the position taken by the province of Manitoba relative to the Roman Catholic schools, and specifies the rights of Roman Catholics according to federal agreement. Continuing, the Pope condemns the school systems based on religious neutrality, praises the zeal the bishops have displayed on the question, and regrets that all Roman Catholics are not equally devoted to the cause. He declares that the authorities have done something to diminish the inconveniences in school legislation, but declares that the board of appraisers should provide their own schools, and adopt Catholics to persist in claiming all their rights, though they must not refuse any partial reparations obtainable, with a view to reduce the perils in the way of the education of youth.

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DERIVISHES OUT OF LUCK.

Ports Surprised by the Kassala Garrison and Many Sails.

SUAKIM, Dec. 24.—The native levies of the Kassala garrison surprised a derivish post at El Faheer, on the Atbara, on Wednesday, and drove out the derivish with great loss, capturing the post, a number of camels, a quantity of stores and many cattle. Two derivish were killed. The derivish post at Asrah has also been invaded.

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CHICAGO FIRE HORROR.

The Great Coliseum Building and Contents Reduced to Cinders in Twenty Minutes.

Occupied by an Exposition and Side Shows and Many Lives Assuredly Lost.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The Coliseum, the great building at Sixty-third street and Stony Island avenue, in which W. J. Bryan was nominated, was totally destroyed by fire to-night. The exhibits of the Illinois Manufacturers' Exposition, which was opened in the building recently, were totally destroyed. Two "Midway" dancers are reported to have been burned to death. While responding to the alarm engine No. 19 was struck by a train on the Lake Shore road and several firemen were badly hurt.

The fire was the quickest ever seen in Chicago. From the time it originated, by the crossing of two electric wires, until the Coliseum was a pile of fused iron and hot brick was not more than 20 minutes.

The building was filled from end to end with booths, all of which were destroyed with all their contents. It is supposed that a number of persons were lost in the flames, and although no bodies have been recovered, the following are missing and have undoubtedly perished:

A girl named Pauline, surname not known, seen to enter the burning building in search of her mother, who she said was imprisoned by the flames. The girl and her mother were employed in the Irish village, the former as a dancer and the latter doing chores.

Two women in the Midway exhibit, seen in the building before it collapsed. Two men seen in the center of the building by firemen during the fire.

L. Ladavne and his son, who conducted a sausage booth in the building. Ladavne entered the structure during the fire in search of his son, whom he feared was perished in the flames, and neither has since been seen.

The number of injured is large. Many people have been severely burned. The fire originated in a booth which was used for an exhibition of X-rays, and both being managed by M. J. Morley and William Robertson. The two men were examining their Roentgen machine, when they were startled by a sizzling noise behind them, and upon turning saw a part of the machine exhibit ablaze. Crossed arc light wires which were over the exhibit, were the cause of the fire.

The flames, they say, passed from one booth to another, but before they had secured water the fire had spread throughout the entire booth. Morley, realizing the danger, tried to get the machine to cope with the flames, made an endeavor to save some of the X-ray paraphernalia. Running to the machine, he grasped two Crookes tubes, and then, with Robertson, began fighting his way out of the building. Before he reached an exit the flames, which he held in his hands, exploded from the heat, severely burning him about the head. Robertson was burned about the face.

About 300 persons were present in the building at the time of the fire and a first alarm there was a rush for safety. Fortunately the aisles were wide and owing to the comparatively small number of people in the building there was little difficulty in reaching the doors.

Within ten minutes after the fire began the roof was ablaze, and in a very short time the fire had appeared on the top of the building one of the large arches that spanned the building gave way with a tremendous report, and then another, each one with the sound like the report of a cannon. The building fell very quickly after the first arch went down, the weight being too great for the arches next to it, so that all collapsed.

DUTY ON FISH LIVERS.

United States Board of Appraisers Decides that the Canadian Article is Taxable.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—General Wilkinson, of the board of general appraisers, handed down an opinion to-day in the case of fish livers that establishes a precedent in favor of the American product against the Canadian output.

The case on which the decision was based was that of B. F. Pike and W. A. Colby of Eastport, Maine. They imported a lot of fish livers and under the Dingley bill, which proscribes that intestines, integuments and sounds of fish are admitted free, claimed exemption from duty.

The collector of the port assessed the livers 2 1/2 per cent, and the firm appealed. The board of appraisers upheld the collector, holding that fish livers do not come under the construction of intestines, integuments and sounds. This decision, it is understood, will be apt to raise the price of cod liver oil.

Mr. Booth's Illness.

New York, Dec. 23.—Commander Booth has published the following bulletin, issued by the doctors at the Presbyterian hospital, regarding his wife's condition this afternoon: "Mrs. Booth passed a somewhat quiet night, and responded well to the treatment given her. Her splendid constitution is much in her favor, and therefore her physicians hope to insure restoration. Her condition continues serious."

Leather coats with sheepskin lining, made specially for the Yukon country. B. Williams & Co.

CONGRESS AND THE AWARD.

Suggestion That Prompt Payment May Be Made to Further Other Negotiations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A despatch to the Tribune from London says: Officials at the foreign office do not consider their gratification over the result of the sealing award since the amount of the indemnity awarded exceeds that which congress refused to pay. The English press has been constantly reproaching the Americans for not paying the bill of damages after the general decision of the Paris tribunal had gone against them. The charge of bad faith will be again revived if congress refuses to sanction the agreement reached by the sealing commissioners. Neglect on the part of congress to appropriate the money required in settling the compensation for the seizure of Canadian sealers would naturally increase the difficulty of adjusting the Behring sea question, and this is already serious enough.

The foreign office, which is now exposed to merciless criticism at home as abroad because of Britain's position of isolation and helplessness in dealing with the now mysterious Chinese question, would be glad to have the precise source of contention with America removed, but cannot act without the support of Canada, which is not willing to agree to the suspension of pelagic sealing and the preservation of the fur seal herd, unless a series of other contentious questions are taken up by the United States and disposed of. What is to be apprehended is diplomatic warfare with increased bitterness between two nations as a result.

Notwithstanding the fact that two sealing conferences have been held, and that British and Canadian representatives have been compelled to recognize the sealers' right to hunt for the seal herd, the preservation of the fur seal herd, hardly fall to be helpful to the Americans in the negotiations next year for a new modern treaty under the Paris award. The prompt settlement of the damages agreed upon by Justices Putnam and King will protect the chances of reasonable adjustment of the chief question at issue. Otherwise the regulations will remain in force indefinitely under the Paris award, or until experience shows that they will be inadequate for the protection of the seal.

BEST IN FIVE YEARS.

That is the Report on the Holiday Trade—The Reductions in Cotton.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—R. G. Dinn & Co.'s weekly report shows a remarkably large holiday trade at many points, the largest for five years. Instead of decreasing the demand for products shows an unexpected increase in several important categories. Foreign trade continues satisfactory.

Cotton goods have further declined in price of bleached which meet active Southern competition, and the Fall stock of goods placed upon a reduction of one-ninth in wages, other New England mills joining. Out of 101 New England works 48 have passed dividends. Courts at Fall River, with 15 others, are paying one per cent. for the last quarter. The fall in the price of cotton when the mills were holding a heavy stock of goods placed upon a reduction of one-ninth in wages, other New England mills joining. Out of 101 New England works 48 have passed dividends. Courts at Fall River, with 15 others, are paying one per cent. for the last quarter. The fall in the price of cotton when the mills were holding a heavy stock of goods placed upon a reduction of one-ninth in wages, other New England mills joining. Out of 101 New England works 48 have passed dividends. Courts at Fall River, with 15 others, are paying one per cent. for the last quarter. 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CRIMINAL LABEL CASES.

Most of the Third Day Taken Up in Hearing Evidence for the Accused.

Some Interesting Features Develop as the Result of the Cross-Examination.

The proceedings at the continuation of the preliminary hearing of the criminal label case against Mr. Ian Coltart, proved decidedly interesting yesterday. By a number of questions put to Mr. Coltart in cross-examination it was indicated that the statements of accused and those of Mr. Coltart were directly contradictory.

Mr. Coltart, the accused, was called to give evidence and was cross-examined by Mr. A. H. Scalfie, the prosecuting counsel, and by Mr. Coltart's own counsel, Mr. J. G. Macdonald.

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THE OPINIONS DIFFER.

Widely Varying Statements as to the Probable Food Situation at Dawson City.

Report of Rich Discoveries on Quartz Creek—Major Walsh's Progress Very Slow.

W. J. Gardner, of Wisconsin; D. P. Queenland, of Seattle; A. Smallenberg, a Californian; and J. W. Denney, from Eastern Washington, form a party direct to Dawson City.

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TELLS ANOTHER STORY.

A Still Later Arrival from the Klondyke Capital Who Views the Situation Through Different Spectacles.

Very different from Mr. Queenland's is the report brought from Dawson by Mr. John Lindsay of Olympia, who followed four days behind the Queenland party and remained at Skagway.

Mr. Lindsay arrived at Dawson October 15, and left November 15, in company with Frank Ballaine, Tom Story and Robert Glynn.

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THE SCALCH CONCERT.

A Bare Opportunity Afforded Local Musicians to Study Perfected Method.

Music lovers in this city have learned by a somewhat varied experience to beware of the seductive tale given out in advance notices, and generally speaking performance has proved to be in inverse ratio to promise.

Madame Scalchi's concert that the principal singer was "the greatest contralto on the face of the earth"; that she was to be supported by a wonderful soprano, a renowned tenor, a remarkable baritone, also (without qualification) a mezzo soprano and a pianist.

Again, for those who have had the privilege of listening to Madame Scalchi in years gone by, there was the interesting question as to the quality of her voice and method which were then a source of delight and satisfaction had been maintained.

It may be said at once that the very excellent claims made on behalf of Madame Scalchi and her company were not borne out in their entirety; that were hardly possible. Nevertheless the performance was a fairly enjoyable one, and local musicians are to be congratulated on being afforded the opportunity of making acquaintance, be it ever so brief, with singers of some calibre.

There can be no doubt that the principal artist was a disappointment, and that her voice shows decided signs of wear, not to be wondered at, after all, she must remember the hard and constant work she has done for so long.

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TRIAL OF THE INDIANS.

Participants in the Looting of the "Cleveland" to Serve Varying Short Terms of Imprisonment.

COLONIST readers may like to know something of the final chapter in the recent story of the wreck and looting of the Cleveland, so here is a brief summary.

The Quadra, on her return from Hesquott with the rescued boats' crews, went up to Alberni Sunday, taking to that place Mr. S. W. Smith, the United States vice-consul, who procured the services of a medical man to attend the suffering crew on their journey to Victoria.

The Quadra left Alberni early on Monday morning last, proceeding down the coast to Dodge's Cove, where the Indian agent and provincial constable McKenna landed to search the Indian village.

Arrived there early in the afternoon, Captain Walbran in due time secured a court for the trial of the Indians and a white man, charged with concealing, or having in their possession, stolen property of the steamer Cleveland.

Rev. Mr. Swartout, the Presbyterian missionary, acted officially in that capacity, and carefully protected the interests of the Indians, and Mr. Guilloid, Indian agent, acted officially in that capacity, and carefully protected the interests of the Indians.

The white man (McCarthy) charged was allowed to give his own statement, but he had not attempted concealment so far as is known but he was nevertheless censured by the magistrate, and shown how he had injured himself by his conduct.

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ADVISES FROM THE ORIENT.

Japan Decides Not to Meddle With the Perversity—A Wise Chinese Victory.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The following Oriental advice has just been received per steamship China from Yokohama via Honolulu:

As an extraordinary meeting of the Japanese cabinet Baron Nishii, foreign minister, laid before the ministers all the reports he had received from Japanese ministers in foreign countries relative to the seizure of Kiao Chan by Germany.

It was decided after a prolonged discussion not to meddle with the affair at the present time but to wait further developments since nothing had so far transpired in Germany's action calculated to disturb the peace of the Far East and justify the interference of a third power.

According to the Chinese papers vice-roy Chan Chitking has issued a proclamation exhorting his people to be more friendly to foreigners and warning them that any ill-will manifested will be severely punished.

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Arbitrators Assess a Victoria Sealers' United States Int

Suggestion That the Sealers Compromised Award With Intention

Washington Declares Sealers Get Into Prospective

From Our Own Correspondent

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—S. J. Julian, minister of fisheries, received from Sir Julian Pauncefote the award of claims commissioners for the year from 1888 to 1896.

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FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, December 24. copy of the issue of "The Province" of November 27, 1897, and asking Mr. Coltart to recognize an article in it criticizing Mr. Turner and Mr. Pooley.

Mr. Martin objected to the copy being published in evidence unless it was proved beyond doubt that there was anything in it that was libelous.

Mr. Cassidy, on the other hand, held that he was quite entitled to show that the articles written in issues previous to the one complained of and which led up to the culminating article complained of, were libelous.

The paper was admitted as an exhibit, and then Mr. Cassidy produced a copy of "The Province" of December 1, 1897, and showed to the witness an article referring to Mr. Turner and Mr. Pooley.

Mr. Martin thought there might be some mistake, as it was not mentioned in the position newspaper no mention had been made of the names of the Premier and Mr. Turner.

Mr. Coltart remembered having read generally an article pointed out to him in that paper by Mr. Cassidy, though he could not remember any particular paragraph.

Mr. Cassidy—I am instructed by Mr. Coltart that that is not so; and that while he was there you constantly revised his articles and in particular—

Mr. Martin—"That is too broad. Let him give particular instances."

Mr. Cassidy—Do you deny that you objected to the use by Mr. Coltart of the personal name of the witness in the article published in the Province on the ground that you did not approve of it and without being asked to do so?

FROM THE ORIENT.

Not to Meddle With the Poy-Wise Chinese Vicery. San Francisco, Dec. 23.—The following advices have just been received from the Chinese vicery...

AWARD BUT ONE-HALF.

Arbitrators Assess at \$464,000 the Victoria Sealers' Loss Through United States Interest. Suggestion That the Commissioners Compromise on the Paris Award With Interest Since.

WASHINGTON DECLARES THAT THE SEALERS GET INTEREST BUT NO PROSPECTIVE DAMAGES.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—Sir Louis Davies, minister of fisheries, received a dispatch from Sir James Macdonald to-day stating that the award of the Behring sea claims commissioners is \$464,000. This sum covers all items, including interest...

TO LADIES.

One lady in each town or village of the case of L.V.K.D.R. The only one in the world that will develop the part of the female form...

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THE OLD RELIABLE. & B. The Navy 3's. STILL BEING MANUFACTURED.

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THREE CENT SCHEME FAILS.

And Letters to Great Britain and the Colonies Will Be Charged the Usual Postage. OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—The new link of empire in the shape of three cent postage to Great Britain and the colonies...

THE CITY.

MR. TARTE CORNERED. His Defiance Promptly Accepted by Prominent Liberals of Quebec. Many Members of Parliament and Senators Quite Reconciled to His Departure.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

List of Those at the Victoria Post Office on the Evening of December 22. A.—Mrs. M. Adams, H. A. Adams, Capt. J. F. Armstrong, H. Ashby...

TORONTO INTERESTED.

Board of Trade There at Last Arrived on Importance of Yukon Trade. TORONTO, Dec. 22.—The Toronto Board of Trade has taken up the complaint of the British Columbia and Yukon trade...

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST.

Teamster Frenz to Death—A Shortage of Oats—Grain Staking for the Klondike. WINNIPEG, Dec. 23.—(Special)—A man named Pugh was found frozen to death near Lake Winnipeg on Saturday last...

DIVINES AT ISSUE.

Principal's Views on Attempted Prohibition Cause a Challenge From Dr. Lucas. TORONTO, Dec. 23.—(Special)—Rev. D. V. Lucas has challenged Principal Grant to debate with him the 'merits and demerits of the liquor traffic...

LORD DUFFERIN'S COMPANY.

Would Like the Le Roi but Bank at a Million Pounds Sterling. MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—The Star's special cable from London says: The affairs of the newly issued British America Corporation, of which Lord Dufferin is chairman, are widely discussed...

HOEK TAW IS FREE.

Mr. Justice Drake Dismisses the Charge of Forgery Against the Chinaman. The celebrated Hoek Taw forgery case finished yesterday and resulted in an acquittal for the accused, who smiled sweetly on the world when he was released from the prisoner's dock...

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GOLD STANDARD FOR INDIA. Bengal Chamber of Commerce Asks That the Currency Suspension Be Thus Terminated. CALCUTTA, Dec. 24.—The Bengal chamber of commerce has sent an address to the Viceroy, urging that the time has arrived to adopt the gold standard, pointing out that it is four years since the mints closed, leaving India without the means of exchange.

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LOTS AT AUCTION

Advantageously Disposes of the present Property There.

In sale of 270 government land at the court house on last and proved an unequalled Mr. Joshua Davies, well known and most expert in Canada, who is now on sale, and there seems to be no one that in every detail the property is being sold.

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A mystery hangs over the accident which is the cause of a young woman, Lou Ross, lying with a badly injured back in one of the rooms of the London hotel.

SIR ADOLPHE CHAPLEAU.

He is Willing to Help Sir Wilfrid Settle the Settlement.

MONTEAL, Dec. 24.—The Star of last night says: It is learned from undoubted sources that Sir Adolphe Chapleau, while occupying his official position, while declining to enter into a discussion of the situation, but it may be taken for granted that he will do so before long.

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THE RAID UPON CHINA.

Russian Money Providing for Defences of Port Arthur and Arms for Chinese Troops.

Great Britain and Japan Taking Lively Interest and United States Also Affected.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Pekin correspondent of the Times says: The Chinese are provisioning Port Arthur and will reconstruct the forts there, Russia supervising and furnishing the money.

The Russo-Chinese bank, which is the agent of the Russian government, has offered China 120,000,000 roubles, with payment five years hence.

According to a despatch to the Times from Kobe, Japan, the news from Port Arthur has greatly disturbed the Mikado's ministers.

The Vienna correspondent of the Standard says he has ascertained that the first news of the occupation of Port Arthur emanated from Tokio.

PETERSBURG, Dec. 23.—The greatest reticence is maintained in government circles. The censors have forbidden the press to attack Germany on account of the occupation of Kiao-Chow.

VIENNA, Dec. 23.—The Deutsche Zeitung says: The United States, which from its geographical position has a greater interest in the opening up of China than all the European powers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The reciprocity negotiations between the United States and Germany are practically suspended.

BOSSON, Dec. 23.—Hon. Charles S. Hamlin, ex-assistant secretary of the treasury, spoke before the members of the shoe and leather trade at the New England Shoe and Leather Association's rooms on the question of trade relations between the United States and Canada.

Mr. Hamlin said: The commercial convention that prompted that commercial convention then exist to-day, and even to a greater degree do we need cordial co-operation with our northern neighbors.

There are a good deal of trouble just now. Complaints of unhealthy overcrowding as usual take up a good deal of municipal attention.

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BLUNDERING IN INDIA.

Allegation that the Brave British Troops Have Been Very Badly Handled.

ALMAHABAD, Dec. 23.—The Pioneer publishes a scathing criticism of the recent fighting on the Indian frontier.

The operations have rained more than one reputation. The Pioneer asserts that the officers disappointed expectations and calls upon the commander-in-chief to weed out those who signally failed to prove their fitness to command or to perform their staff duties.

The paper asserts that the instances when the troops were well handled were but few, while serious blunders were numerous, and happy-go-lucky arrangements were as a rule resulting, the few hundred British troops and Sepoys forming the rear guard having again and again fought most desperately to save their skins while within two or three miles thousands of their comrades were doing absolutely nothing.

In conclusion the Pioneer says: "The whole campaign shows carelessness and indifference for the safety of the rear guard and had disposal of the fighting strength." While the fortified enclosures and homesteads of the Afridis have been destroyed, the latter have had their revenge in actual conflicts.

A MAGNETIC PUZZLE. Curious Deflection of the Needle Over an Immense Area in Central Russia.

MOSCOW, Dec. 22.—Experiments that have been made by Russian and French savants in connection with the remarkable deflection of the magnetic needle over an immense area in Central Russia, have given curious results.

The observations were confined to the strip of country between Moscow and Kharkov, a distance of about 850 miles. In the province of Kurask, in the north, the needle was deflected 20 degrees. One hundred and fifty miles further south the deflection exceeded 96 degrees.

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AN AFTER-DINNER IDEA.

Easterners' Views as to Importance of the West Illustrated by Senator Wolcott.

New England Territory Suggested as Fair Exchange for Western Canada Soil.

New York, Dec. 22.—The ninety-second annual festival of the New England society in the city of New York was held at Delmonico's to-night. Four hundred members of the society and their friends, including many distinguished men were present.

In the course of his speech Senator Wolcott said: "The value of New England as a factor of our national greatness has long been universally recognized, and it would seem as if there could be no new illustrations of the fact."

"While the proposition was at first a trifling matter, yet it took but a moment to realize the character of the thing, and I am not wholly unprepared, when such a transfer might exceed upon the down East section of the country, and we are in danger of making the proposition a serious one."

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ADVERTISING RATES. SPECIAL COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENTS. A distinguished from everything else...

To all this delightful nonsense is added the intelligence that the United States War Department is considering the advisability of sending relief to Circle City...

We congratulate Spokane. But why? We ask our newspaper friends there why they do not advocate a bicycle-relief expedition?

THE SITUATION AT DAWSON.

It is satisfactory to learn by the latest news from Dawson City that no fears need be entertained of any serious suffering there...

Who may need assistance. The Colonist has steadily discouraged the sensationalism which planned all manner of Quixotic enterprises for the relief of the people of Dawson City.

THE STICKEN-TESLIN ROUTE.

The news which we print to-day concerning the Sticken-Teslin route will be read with great satisfaction by thousands of people.

A DEED OF HEROISM.

The story of Harry Morton's heroism, told in the Colonist to-day, is a splendid record of courage and fortitude.

THE SPOKANE ROUTE.

The Spokane papers are busily engaged in advocating what they call the Spokane route to the Yukon.

Spokane to Meyers Falls, 37 miles; Meyers Falls to Kettle Falls, 37 miles; Kettle Falls to Eureka, 30 miles; Eureka to Oro, 39 miles; Oro to Kerecum, 29 miles; Kerecum to Princeton, 45 miles; Princeton to Nicolai, 65 miles; Nicolai to Ashcroft, 50 miles; Ashcroft to Dawson, 100 miles.

A GREAT BATCH OF RUMORS comes from Quebec. One assigns the Lieutenant-Governorship to Senator Pelletier, another gives it to Mr. Tarte, and a third says Mr. Marchand is to have it.

READ carefully the Papal encyclical on the Manitoba school question; it will probably be found to be a practical acceptance of the situation under protest.

It is satisfactory to know that an arrangement has been reached with the Dominion government as to the administration of the mainland railway belt.

The distribution of the sealing award will be a very delicate piece of business.

A MARKED copy of the Kootenay Mail has come to hand. The marked article is Mr. Kellie's recent speech at Revelstoke.

How about those people who are struggling along the Yukon below Circle City? Most of them, probably all of them, have plenty to eat, but what an experience there has been.

Constable McKen was busy last week. A lot of the salmon revelry was overdone and the police were kept busy for a week.

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

Showman—This young lady has never heard a profane word in the whole course of her existence.

"Of course," observed Xerxes, the king, "my wife is a law."

"Why does Tolgers' typewriter girl always sit by an open window?"

"Colonel, do you think there is any more to be done in this case?"

"Excuse me," said the wife, "I didn't know it was you."

THE CANADIAN PRESS.

WE believe that both countries have much to gain from freer trade relations and from the utmost freedom of railway and water communication.

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He terrorized the Community, but at Last Was Betrayed by a Relative.

NOA died without a perceptible tremor. Half-supported by two guards on his journey to the gallows, he stepped with unflinching step upon the death trap.

mineral wealth of the country, the chairman went on to say. One of the businesses we have in hand is connected with a large going concern, one of the largest in British Columbia.

After the Coast Range on the Sticken River has been passed the expedition will go through a country where the snowfall is generally light and along the greater portion of which a white population has been living for some years.

THE BURNED "NAKUSP."

News was received yesterday, says the Revelstoke Mail, of the destruction of the steamer NakuSp, owned by the C.P.R.

This accident is the second to this boat since it only left a few months ago since she went aground on Kootenay rapids and was got off with considerable trouble and expense.

No one familiar with the part played by the steamer in the development of trade but will be sorry at her destruction.

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The expedition, which will be accompanied by eighty teams of horses, sleighs, and three trains of dogs, will be in charge of Hon. Edgar Dewdney, ex-Minister of the Interior of Canada and ex-Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia.

At Wrangell it is proposed to transfer to the Sticken River and continue the journey on the ice via Sticken River and the villages of Glenora and Telegraph Creek.

Early in January an advance party with horses will be sent up the Sticken River to build shelters with stoves for cooking and warmth and establish supply depots.

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The provisions included in the 400 pounds of personal baggage can be purchased from the Company before leaving Victoria.

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Swif justice has been visited upon the heads of Maui murderers. Within the victims of murder in the first degree and sentenced to death.

Victor Lord, of Dawson City, returned last evening from Montreal and is a guest at the Dominion.

H. J. Walton returned from California by the direct steamer arriving Christmas day.

MR. SIFTON'S MI

Secretary Alger Too Ill to Arrangements About Alaska.

From Our Own Correspondent OTTAWA, Dec. 25.—In official circles it is said that Mr. Sifton's visit to Ottawa is merely one of courtesy.

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