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MILLIONS OF FEET OF LUMBER BURNED

SIX STEAMERS HAVE ALSO BEEN DESTROYED

Grand Trunk Officials on Way to Edmonton—Branch Line to Calgary.

Rat Portage, Nov. 28.—The most disastrous conflagration that has ever visited this district for years started about 3.30 this morning in the Rat Portage Lumber Company's lumber yard near Norman, and has been raging ever since. At the present writing 25,000,000 feet of lumber have gone up in smoke as well as Lemay's ship yard and six steamers, two barges, eleven dwellings and one stable. The steamer Rambler was hauled up on the slip for the winter, and would have been burned had not Capt. Kendal hitched a line to her propeller, and with her sister boat, the Clipper, pulled her back into the water with the cabin burning, which was soon extinguished with the Clipper's hose. The boats burned were the Daystar, belonging to the Presbyterian Indian mission, valued at \$600; Phantom, owned by Capt. Lewis, valued at \$2,000; Kenina, owned by L. R. MacKay, valued at \$2,000; Spray, owned by B. Knight, valued at \$1,000; Pease, owned by Gardner & Co., valued at \$700; Midge, owned by the Dominion Fish Co., valued at \$500. There is no insurance on the steamboats. Lemay's house and shipyard are a total loss. They are insured in the Hartford Insurance Co. The other buildings consumed are: L. DeMaris, loss \$2,000; house owned by J. H. Snider, occupied by J. Easterbrook, loss \$1,000; E. L. Huereux, \$700; S. Lavary, \$200. The balance were vacant houses; insurance small. The lumber company's insurance is said to be from \$8 to \$10 per thousand. From present appearances it would remind one of the Hull fire, a roaring mass of flames shooting skyward and across the streets, kicking up everything in its path, and children hurried away to places of safety. Daylads of household goods were going in every direction, and half-dazed multitudes of men endeavoring to herd off the devouring elements. Up to midnight there has been no further damage. If the wind changes to-night the mill and more lumber piles may go, but a close watch is being kept. The total loss is estimated at \$900,000.

Grand Trunk Officials. Winnipeg, Nov. 28.—Messrs. Morse and Wainwright, of the Grand Trunk, reached Calgary yesterday and left for Edmonton to-night. Mr. Morse said Calgary would probably be reached by a branch of the Grand Trunk from the proposed Pacific line.

Scalded. Engineer Staples of the C. P. R. was badly scalded at Varcoe station, the crown sheet of the locomotive blowing out.

Write Issued. Toronto, Nov. 28.—George R. Moran & Co. have issued a writ against J. Castell Hopkins claiming the latter has left their employment after a year's employ, taking with him some of plaintiff's documents.

Toronto Coal Supply. Leading coal dealers have ceased booking orders for hard coal. The stock is practically exhausted and the supply coming in is so slowly that they cannot bank on anything for the future. Customers along the line were met this morning with the reply that the dealers were not selling hard coal. The city did a hard office business with its Wash coal. When the city treasurer's office opened at 9 o'clock this morning, people lined up five deep in front of the wickets, and in a few minutes bills and silver were piled up on either side of the receivers in great heaps. These were kept too busy taking orders to total up sales, but they were very large.

SETTLEMENT EXPECTED. Venezuela Preparing to Satisfy Financial and Diplomatic Claims of Powers.

London, Nov. 28.—The Associated Press learns that important steps were taken in London with the view of settling all the financial and diplomatic claims of foreign powers and bondholders against Venezuela. It is maintained that if the contemplated action meets with approval, Germany and Britain will have no cause to take the vigorous steps now contemplated. The details of the suggested settlements were not yet communicated to European governments; their gist will first be made known to the United States government, possibly to-morrow. Venezuela's proposals were mentioned to United States Ambassador Choate today, but pending the result of direct representations at Washington, no action will be taken by the United States suggesting that Venezuela be given time to submit her proposals. New developments in the crisis, which is regarded as hourly growing more serious, is due to the arrival in Europe of a secret delegation from the Venezuelan government,

empowered to deal with the outstanding liabilities of that republic.

It is explained that President Castro has hitherto had no opportunity of taking up the question of national finances, but while he was himself engaged in suppressing the revolution, he sent to Europe the secret delegation referred to with a view of accomplishing what was regarded as impossible at Caracas. Severe was also reported to be the imperative view of President Castro's belief that if it had been known that Venezuela contemplated a new financial settlement, he would have been inundated with claims of every description, and the dealings with the bondholders would become twice as difficult.

The details of the plan are carefully guarded, but the Associated Press is in a position to announce that the main feature is a unification of all the outstanding government loans, upon a basis of security much greater than has been hitherto offered.

It is strenuously denied that the present movement is due to any desire on the part of Venezuela to "spar for time" with Great Britain and Germany, and in proof of this, it is pointed out that the secret mission left Venezuela before her relations with Great Britain and Germany had assumed the present acute aspect. Should the United States government give its moral support, the plan will be submitted to the bankers. The Venezuelan delegation believes that it is able to secure the necessary facilities from Europe to bring about a settlement mutually satisfactory to all parties concerned.

Invasion Defeated.

Chambon, Venezuela, Nov. 28.—The Colombian invaders under Gen. S. Garzon, with Gen. Espinosa and others, after several defeats, were obliged to recross the frontier. They left numerous prisoners in the hands of the Venezuelan troops, among them Chief of Staff Briceno, who was abandoned in a wounded condition, and a quantity of ammunition.

THE SELECTION OF LIBERAL CANDIDATE

CONVENTION WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH

Dominion Government Asked to Arrange For Holding Election in Burrard on January 15th.

Vancouver, Nov. 28.—Five hundred Liberals attended the meeting last night, when a convention was called for December 17th, and a resolution was passed calling on the government to arrange for the election on January 15th. The meeting was most successful. R. G. Macpherson was in the chair, and all the resolutions carried unanimously. A hundred new members were enrolled. The only discussion which occurred was regarding the arrangement of the date of the election, several members urging that the time intervening was not enough to have delegates from the entire district. Representatives from Atlin and the Skeena assured the meeting that the time suggested was sufficient, and it was finally agreed upon. The feeling of the meeting seemed to be very strongly in favor of Mr. Macpherson as the probable choice of the convention.

Among the resolutions passed was one condemning the proposed action of the provincial government to hand over the Westminster bridge to a private corporation.

THANKSGIVING DINNER. Five Hundred Guests Enjoyed Hospitality of the United States Society in London.

London, Nov. 27.—Nearly 500 United States citizens and a sprinkling of distinguished British men and women participated in the annual thanksgiving dinner held at the Cecil hotel under the auspices of the United States Society in London. The company included United States Ambassador Choate and Mrs. Choate, all the members of the embassy staff now here, Robert McCormick, United States ambassador to Russia; Consul-General Evans, the Right Hon. H. H. Asquith, Lord Reid, Field Marshal Lord Roberts and Sir Henry North. The speeches were numerous and abounded in good feeling and reciprocal compliments. Toasts in honor of King Edward and President Roosevelt were drunk with equal enthusiasm.

KRUGER'S REQUEST. Has Written to Mr. Chamberlain Asking to Be Allowed to Return to Africa.

London, Nov. 29.—Gen. Schalkbarger and Messrs. Wessels and Wolmarans, the former Boer delegates, sailed today for South Africa. The general is the bearer of a letter from Mr. Kruger to Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, asking that Mr. Kruger be allowed to return to South Africa. Messrs. Wessels and Wolmarans had been refused permits to proceed to the Transvaal colony, but they hope the prohibition will be rescinded after their arrival in Cape Colony.

SEIZURE OF UNITED STATES SEALERS

THE ARBITRATOR HAS GIVEN HIS DECISION

Russia Must Pay Damages—Question of Jurisdiction—The Claims of Victorians.

The Hague, Nov. 29.—Professor Asser, the Dutch jurist who has been arbitrating the claims of American sealers for the seizures of their vessels by the Russian government about ten years ago, has delivered his award in favor of the United States.

He appraises the damage in the case of the American schooner C. H. White at \$32,444, in the case of the James Hamilton Lewis at \$28,588, the Kate and Anna at \$1,488, and the Cape Horn Pigeon at \$38,750.

Professor Asser delivered his judgment in the arbitration court in the presence of the representatives of the United States and of Russia and others, including the foreign minister of the Netherlands, Dr. Van Lynden. In giving his reasons for the award, Professor Asser held that the schooner C. H. White was seized outside Russian territorial waters, and that the Russian contention that a warship of one nation was privileged to pursue beyond the boundaries of its territorial seas a ship of another nation guilty of illegal action within these waters was untenable. The arbitrator declared that the jurisdiction of the state could not extend beyond its territorial waters, except by special treaty. The seizure and confiscation of the C. H. White and the imprisonment of her crew were therefore illegal, and Russia was condemned to pay the C. H. White \$32,444, with interest at 6 per cent.

The dispute was the subject of protracted negotiations resulting in an agreement in 1900 between Count Lamdorff, acting minister of foreign affairs for Russia, and Herbert H. D. Peire, United States charge d'affaires at St. Petersburg, designating Professor Asser, a member of the Council of State at the Netherlands, as arbitrator.

Professor Asser, at the Hague where the case was heard, decided on June 30th, 1902, that the average annual catch should form the basis on which damages should be awarded, which was upheld by the contention advanced by Mr. Peire, who was the advocate for the United States government. The decision carried with it the opinion of the court that Russia must pay damages, and only left for further argument the sum due in each case.

Victoria Claims Unsettled.

The above, while it does not directly affect local sealers, will for all be taken as good news, indicating that the claims of the sealers are fair and deserving of settlement. None of the vessels mentioned above sailed from this port, but there were a number of Canadian vessels which were seized at the same time, which have like claims against the Russian government still unpaid. Only two of the British schooners taken prisoner in 1892 received any compensation, these being the Willis, MacGowan and the Ariel. The former was awarded a little over \$21,000. The Carmelite was a third schooner which was taken the same year. She belonged to Captain Chas. Hackett & Company, of this city, and was seized 25 miles east of Copper Island. She was overhauled by a Russian cruiser on the 25th of August, and had 630 skins on board at the time. The other of the seized fleet were the Maria, the Olsen, Vancouver Belle and the Arannah. All but the Vancouver Belle were owned in this city. The Belle was owned in Vancouver. The Olsen belonged to Alex Munro & Company. She had 377 skins on board, while the Arannah also had a good number of pelts captured and placed in charge of a prize crew.

All the schooners were taken to Vladivostok or Petropavlovsk, where their crews were subjected to the roughest kind of treatment. They were imprisoned in places unfit for persons to enter, let alone stay in, and during their confinement were fed on nothing but hard bread. The vessels were confiscated, and only the Rosie Olsen ever returned. She was sent back with the crews of all, in charge of Captain Copp.

For these hardships and severe losses which the sealers represented the owners of the schooners at once sought redress. The cases were taken up by Collector Milne and exhaustively gone into. Months of painstaking work were spent by that official in preparing the statement of the claims. They were forwarded to Ottawa and in turn sent on to London and thence to St. Petersburg. All applied for damages aggregating in each case from fifty to sixty thousand dollars. The claims of the Willis MacGowan and Ariel, as stated, were settled, the money after some years of delay having been sent on to Collector Milne for distribution, but beyond this nothing has ever been done. Two years ago Mr. Milne was advised of the death of the arbitrator appointed to report on

the claims, and it is supposed that some delay was occasioned in consequence.

The American claims now settled, however, give reasonable assurance that something will be done by the Russian government in compensating local sealers for the unwarranted arrest and confiscation of their vessels. The Americans pressed their claims with the utmost vigor. These were claims identical with those of the Canadians. The schooners named were from the Sound and San Francisco.

A COMPROMISE.

Rumor of Agreement on the German Tariff Bill.

Berlin, Nov. 28.—The compromise, said to have been agreed upon on November 25th at a conference held between Chancellor Von Buelow, and the leaders of the majority parties in the Reichstag, on the tariff bill, is, according to the Germania, generally accepted as correct, and is as follows:

The minimum duty on malted barley is raised to \$1, the minimum duty on cattle and meat is abandoned under conditions to be hereafter announced, and certain duties on manufactured articles are reduced.

The motion of the members of the Centre party apply the surplus derived from the duties on food stuffs to the insurance fund for widows and orphans, and the abolition of widow octroi duties, were agreed to. Apart from these, the most noteworthy point is that the increases in duties decided on by the tariff committee shall be the basis of the next general tariff.

UNDER SEALED ORDERS.

British Warship Thought to Have Gone to Venezuela.

Hull, N. S., Nov. 28.—The British warship Chelyuska yesterday arrived at this port under sealed orders, presumably for Venezuela.

AUSTRIAN'S FATAL LEAP FROM WINDOW

THOUGHT HE HAD COMMITTED MURDER

Shot Young Woman Who Refused to Elope—A Series of Fatalities.

New York, Nov. 28.—Believing the shot from his revolver had killed Mrs. Julia Gerber, who refused to elope with him, Max Sukawatski, an Austrian, leaped through the window of her apartment in East Seventy-Fourth street, he fell seven stories to the sidewalk, and was killed instantly. Before jumping to his death, the man shot the young woman through the arm and shoulders.

Drowned While Skating.

Duluth, Minn., Nov. 28.—Eddie Anderson and Joseph Stevenson, each 11 years old, were drowned by breaking through thin ice on the bay while skating. Albert Olsen, a 9-year-old companion, heroically plunged into the water in an endeavor to save them, but became exhausted and was himself rescued with difficulty.

Two Dead.

New York, Nov. 28.—John McLaughlin was instantly killed by a southbound Harlem express train on the Ninth avenue elevated road at 72nd street today, and a witness of the accident dropped dead from shock.

SCHOONER ABANDONED.

Crew of the Lucy A. Davis Landed at Liverpool.

Liverpool, Nov. 27.—The British steamer Brinkburn, Captain Edmunds, New Orleans, October 30th, for Manchester, has arrived here bringing the crew of the American three-masted schooner Lucy A. Davis, Capt. McKown, Brunswick, October 28th, for Boston, which sprung a leak and was abandoned in a waterlogged condition off Cape Hatteras, on November 11th. The Brinkburn rescued all the schooner's crew when her bows were beneath the water. The men have lost all their belongings. The Lucy A. Davis was sighted by the steamer Sicilia, which arrived at New York from Genoa, November 20th, on November 18th, lat. 42.22, long. not given. The Sicilia reported that the schooner was waterlogged and abandoned, and constituted a very dangerous obstruction to navigation.

NORTHERN RAILWAY.

Another Application for Incorporation of Company to Build Road.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Nov. 28.—Application will be made next sitting to incorporate the "Coast Yukon Railway Company" to construct and operate a railway from a point on the near Kitimat Inlet, Douglas Channel, B. C., thence to Atlin Lake, then to the Yukon River, thence to the international boundary line between Alaska and the Yukon territory, via Dawson City.

HON. MR. MURPHY RESIGNS POSITION

PLACES RESIGNATION IN HANDS OF PREMIER

West Yale is Now Vacant—Hon. Mr. Munnis Probably Takes His Place.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The greatest surprise of the present political situation was given by the publication of the cabinet list, when Hon. Denis Murphy, the cabinet minister of two or three days, returned to Victoria, and lodged his resignation with Premier Prior. Not knowing of the altered attitude of the member for West Yale, many of his friends crowded about to learn of the progress of the campaign, and his announcement that his presence in Victoria was for the purpose of placing his portfolio at the disposal of the Premier was received with incredulity.

"What are you trying to give us, Denis?" said a well known railway man who has been in the city ever since the cabinet crisis took place, when the provincial secretary intimated his intention of resigning.

The provincial secretary solemnly assured his friend that he was most serious, and by this time the group had been joined by two newspaper men, who laughed incredulously when told the object of Mr. Murphy's mission. Later in the evening Messrs. Prior, Wells and Munnis joined Mr. Murphy, and spent some time together. Mr. Murphy, in announcing to the Premier his decision advanced no reasons excepting personal and private ones for his step. He was seen by few before he went on by last night's boat to the Mainland to visit a friend in the hospital at Vancouver.

Asked regarding his resignation, he said: "I have resigned for personal reasons and I'm going back to school, not to attend to my law practice, but to go to leave politics alone as a matter of politics for good. It is not fair to the government for me to discuss the question further. I have no idea who my successor will be, either in the cabinet or in representing West Yale."

The reporter suggested that his resignation, unaccompanied by any explanation, caused a general idea to prevail that it was caused by "cold feet. I'm quite aware of that inference being drawn, but it's not true and I can't help what people think," replied Mr. Murphy.

"It wasn't because the fear of election made me quit, that at all. In Ashcroft I had an overwhelming majority, secured thirty or forty pledges there immediately upon my arrival, and having no other places cannot say what they felt. Mr. Semlin promised not to run against me, but he may now take the field."

This morning Mr. Murphy's former colleagues entered no reason for his act beyond the unsatisfactory one which was advanced when he placed his resignation (which has been accepted) in the Premier's hands. His altered position is ascribed to an attack of a trouble which is vulgarly known as "funk," and from the baneful effects of which even politicians and cabinet ministers are not exempt.

R. F. Green, the tireless whip of a opposition, came over from the Mainland last night on the same boat as Mr. Murphy, and he is jubilant over what he regards as the first blood for the opposition. "What was the matter with Murphy?" he replied when asked this morning: "Why we had him licked before he ever started the campaign, and I suppose he found that out when he got to Ashcroft, and discovered that ex-Premier Semlin would be in the field against him."

Stuart Henderson, of Ashcroft, paid a flying visit to the Capital last night, and while he was not interviewed, his friends state that either himself or Semlin would have taken the field against Mr. Murphy had he persisted in running.

Premier Prior the whole affair must be annoying, but the Colonel is disposed to accept it in the cheerful mood with which he has faced equally trying political crises in the past. He thinks that if Mr. Murphy was not disposed to resign with the government it is a good thing that he has thrown up the sponge at this stage rather than at a later one in the game.

What the government will do to meet the situation can only be conjectured. The readiest solution of the difficulty will lie in transferring Hon. Mr. McInnes from the presidency of the council to the position of provincial secretary. His prospects for re-election would be bright, in the opinion of the politicians, in the North Nanaimo particularly, as it is said that he has been in the great city, P. N., much more cordial relations exist than for some time past.

The presidency of the council could be readjusted, and as its occupant does not require re-election, this step would entail no further call on the government's campaign resources. West Yale occupies, through Mr. Murphy's resignation, a peculiar position. It is not only without a cabinet minister; it has not even a member. The seat is now vacant, and the day for the election of a successor to Mr. Murphy is set for December 20th. By this turn of affairs the early date for a by-election

will work out disastrously for the ministry, should they be compelled to get a candidate in the field before that time.

It is held by some, however, that the writ has not yet actually issued, and that therefore the date can be postponed to any time the government wish to name. If this is done it will give the ministry time at least to get their bearings.

TOWN THREATENED.

Big Fire Raging at Norman, Near Rat Portage—Winnipeg Asked to Send Assistance.

Rat Portage, Ont., Nov. 28.—The worst fire that has visited this community for a long time visited the town of Norman, two miles from here. The fire started in the lumber yards of the Rat Portage Lumber Co. There is 25,000,000 feet in the yard at present, and the fire still rages. One-half has already been destroyed. Telegraphic messages have been sent to Winnipeg for aid. Fears are entertained that the whole town will be destroyed.

The mill of the company on the south side of the lumber yard has not yet burned, as the wind is from that quarter. The fire started at 3.30 this morning. Capt. Kendall, owner of the steamers Clipper and Rambler, has set out for the scene of the fire. Mr. Lemay, who owns the slip, had his house and boat-house burned. Several houses adjoining are now burned, and the fire is extending over the settlement for a quarter of a mile up the Keweenaw road.

Louis Demaris and family had a narrow escape from their house, which was destroyed.

The insurance on the lumber is from \$8,000 to \$10,000. The origin of the fire was a spark from the planer.

PUNISHING THE REBEL TRIBESMEN

SEVENTY-FIVE KILLED AND MANY CAPTURED

British Expedition Destroyed Fifty-Nine Towers and Three Villages—Six Hundred Guns Taken.

Peshawar, British India, Nov. 29.—Twenty-five Waziris killed, 202 taken prisoners, two wounded, 59 towers and three villages destroyed, and 6,000 head of cattle and 680 guns captured, is the result of the British expedition recently sent against the rebellious tribesmen.

The effect of this punishment upon the offending tribesmen is said to have been salutary.

A dispatch from Simla, dated November 19th, reported that Col. Tonnochy, commanding the fourth column of the British expedition engaged in putting down the uprising of the Waziri tribesmen on the Afghan frontier, found a strong tower at Gumatti, held by six outlaws, who refused to surrender. The shells from the British guns made little impression on the fort till evening, when the tower was stormed, and all of its defenders were killed. The British losses were comparatively heavy. Colonel Tonnochy was mortally wounded and has since died. Capt. White, of the Third Sikhs, was killed while leading the storming party, and Captains Davies and Houston and Lieut. Airey and eight of the native troops were wounded. The tower was razed. Gen. Egerton arrived at Simla on November 18th and captured the headman and several of the villagers, Col. McRea, commanding the first column, signalled from Spinwan on Monday that he had surprised and captured the village and had taken 250 prisoners. Some war munitions also fell into the hands of the first column.

REV. DR. PARKER DEAD.

Minister of the City Temple, London, Passed Away To-Day.

London, Nov. 28.—Dr. Joseph Parker, minister of the City Temple, who has been seriously ill for some time past, died this morning.

Rev. Dr. Joseph Parker was the leading Congregational minister in England. Dr. Parker established the City Temple in 1869, and during the years that have passed since then he has developed an important work among the poor and the great city. Few pulpit orators were more eloquent, more outspoken, or more fearless than the celebrated British divine. Dr. Parker made a tour of the United States in 1887. He was 72 years old. In 1900 he edited the London Sun for a week. Dr. Parker received his degree of Doctor of Divinity from the University of Chicago.

St. Thomas, D. W. I., Nov. 28.—The Royal mail steamer Yara, which arrived here today, passed Mount Pelee, Island of Martinique, on Wednesday morning, and reports that the volcano was then erupting violently.

SIGNS OF THE COMING POLITICAL CONFLICT

Polling Places Established in West Yale and Returning Officer Appointed—Gazette Notices.

The electors of West Yale when they exercise the franchise in the bye-election which takes place on December 20th, will cast their ballots at the following polling places, which have just been established: Odd Fellows hall, Agassiz court house, Hope school house, Yale school house, Spuzzum school house, North Bend school house, Keefe school house, Lytton old post office, Spence's Bridge government office, Ashcroft school house, Savona; Marcus Woodward's store, Lower Nicola; J. G. Thymne's house, Otter Valley; F. P. Cook's store, Granite Creek; court house, Princeton.

Nominations will take place on the 10th.

The following companies have been incorporated: Bonanza Gold Mines, Rossland, Ltd., capital, \$1,000,000, divided into 10 shares Vancouver Japanese Club, with the following objects: social intercourse, mutual helpfulness, mental and moral improvement, rational recreation, and the promotion of good fellowship among its members.

Messrs. Cornwall & Rogers give notice that they will apply to the legislature for an act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the Pacific Northern & Queen's Highway Company, for an extension of time for the commencement of the construction of the company's line of railway and for the expenditure of 10 per cent of the capital, and for the completion of the said railway as limited by sub-section (5) of section 44 of the British Columbia Railway Act.

The following circular has been published by the colonial office: "The following circular, Oct. 22nd, 1902, has reference to my circular of the 2nd December, 1901. I have the honor to inform you that, owing to the abolition of martial law in the Cape Colony and Natal, persons named in these notices are no longer required to be provided with permits. It is, however, still required for those wishing to proceed to the Transvaal or Orange River Colony, and that in the note at the end of the form the words 'martial law' should be omitted, and the following clause added at the end of the note: 'It is to be clearly understood that this permit will not be valid unless endorsed by the representative of the Transvaal or Orange River Colony at the port of embarkation.' It is understood that the Transvaal and Orange River Colony representatives at the Cape ports and at Durban will in all ordinary cases take the signature of the officer issuing a permit as a sufficient guarantee for its endorsement, but that they will be required to suspend or to refuse such endorsement in special cases, should there be any doubt as to the bona fides of the applicant. I have the honor to be, sir, Your most obedient, humble servant, J. CHAMBERLAIN, N. To the Officer Administering the Government of Canada, Provincial Secretary's Office, 21st November, 1902.

The Kamloops Irrigation & Power Co., Ltd., specially incorporated, has submitted the following undertaking to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, by whom it is approved: "The construction of a dam in Jamie Creek, an affluent of the North Thompson river, in the district of Yale, about one and one-half miles from the said river; the construction of a main canal approximately eighteen miles in length from such dam along the valleys of the North Thompson and Thompson rivers, at a fall of one hundred and sixty feet from the intakes to the point of discharge; the construction of certain lateral ditches with a view to the irrigation of the lands along the route of the canal in the district within which the company propose to operate; the acquisition of seven thousand acres, more or less, and their division into small holdings to induce settlement and the cultivation of small fruits, vegetables and crops as can be profitably produced."

Placer mining claims in the Kettle River mining division are laid over until May 1st, 1903.

The following appointments are gazetted: William Dodd, of Yale, mining recorder, to be a stipendiary magistrate in and for the counties of Westminster and Yale.

Reginald B. Anderson, of Atlin, to be acting mining recorder of the Bennett Lake mining division during the absence on leave of D. DesBrisay.

Joseph William Burr of Ashcroft, government agent, to be returning officer for the West Riding of the Yale electoral district.

The new members of the cabinet are likewise gazetted.

London, Nov. 28.—At a joint meeting of the Swansea tin plate manufacturers and representatives of their workmen just held, arrangements were made for stoppages of a week each month in December, January, February and March. This action is owing to the depression in the trade, and in accordance with a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Tinmakers' Association held at Swansea on Tuesday.

WILL WELCOME THE GRAND TRUNK ROAD

STATEMENT BY A MANITOBA MINISTER

Three Boys Drowned Near Bathurst, N. B.—Poverty Drives a Man to Suicide.

Winnipeg, Nov. 27.—In connection with the proposed Grand Trunk Pacific, Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of public works, said today: "It does not matter to this government who owns the road, so long as we control the rates. The larger and stronger the company, the better for the province. In any case the coming of the Grand Trunk railway is a grand thing for Manitoba and the West."

Dauphin Fire. At Dauphin last night, the large block owned by William Murray and occupied by Sutherland & Steele, hardware merchants, McKinnon's implement warehouse, and Mathias' photograph gallery, were entirely destroyed by fire. Most of the hardware stock was, however, saved. The loss will be between \$7,000 and \$8,000.

Charged With Murder. Fort William, Nov. 27.—Seven Gallicians were placed under arrest tonight charged with the brutal murder of Steven Roebek, a Poleander. The fight occurred last night in the foreigner's district, near the river. Roebek was found this morning with his head and neck frightfully cut, caused from injury by clubs and pieces of iron, and died about noon.

Not Guilty. Sorel, Que., Nov. 27.—About 11 a.m. today the petit jury in the case of Aimé Lussier, charged with an attempt to kill his father, were ordered to withdraw, which they did, returning almost immediately with a verdict of "not guilty," on account of the accused having at the time been laboring under mental aberration. The judge ordered that Lussier be kept in the common jail of the district until the good pleasure of the Governor-General be known.

Suicide. Proton, Station, Ont., Nov. 27.—James Douglas, dependent over poverty, committed suicide by cutting his throat today. He left a widow and two children, the youngest six days old.

Three Boys Drowned. Bathurst, N. B., Nov. 27.—Two brothers named Bertin and another boy named Odome, were drowned at Barnes & Adams's mill at the mouth of Nepisicott river, not far from this place, last evening.

Superior Dead. Montreal, Nov. 27.—Rev. Abbe Calan, aged 81, Superior of one of the best known Roman Catholic priests in America, died in this city today. He was born in France in 1826, came to Canada in 1852, and in the following year was named superior of the Sulpicians in Canada in 1881.

In Need of Repairs. City Surveyor Barlow made a report today to the road committee that \$2,057,000 would be required to put the city streets in first class condition.

Funeral of M. P. Toronto, Nov. 27.—The remains of Angus McLeod, M.P., who died at Vancouver, were buried today at Braeside bridge. Several members of parliament paid a tribute to the departed.

THE KAISER'S SPEECH. Socialist Paper Says He Has Placed Judges in an Awkward Position.

Berlin, Nov. 28.—The Socialist Vortworks today, commenting on Emperor William's speech at Essen on Wednesday, the day of the funeral of Herr Krupp, says: "While prosecution is still pending against us and the truth is not yet judicially ascertained, the Emperor anticipates the court's findings by pronouncing us guilty out of hand, as if allowed that the crown at the initiatory stage of a pending case can utter a verdict and thereby place the judges in the painful dilemma of either contradicting His Majesty or subjecting themselves to the suspicion that their judgment was influenced by him? Justice stands above everybody, even above the Emperor, and the freedom of the courts is the life and nerve of every state."

NEARING THE END. Union Telephone Operators at Vancouver Will Probably Resume Work on Monday.

Another Bribery Case. An Ex-Senator Held For Trial Charged With Attempting to Corrupt a Juror.

Lansing, Mich., Nov. 28.—Ex-State Senator John Holbrook has been held for trial on a charge of attempting to corrupt a juror, in the case of Col. E. H. R. Sutton, who two years ago was acquitted of the charge of conspiracy in the military board scandal through which the state was robbed of nearly \$50,000 worth of military clothing and supplies by means of a false statement and a purchase of the goods. Sutton is now a fugitive from justice in Mexico City, having fled the state when a warrant was recently issued charging him with perjury. Holbrook is alleged to have suggested to Arthur Phillips, who was called as a juror, that it would be worth \$300 to him to sit on the jury and vote for Sutton's acquittal.

THE GERMAN NAVY.

Plect Society Points Out Necessity For Additional Cruisers.

Berlin, Nov. 28.—The German Fleet Society, which Emperor Wilhelm and nearly all the cabinet ministers, naval officers and others in the government service belong, has sent its monthly publication, a statement of the conditions which make necessary the building of more cruisers for service abroad, especially in Central and South American waters. The communication deals with German trade relations there, and goes seriously into the amounts of the present capital invested and the future possibilities. It does not contain the least trace of jingoism, but concludes with a carefully phrased paragraph saying that "Germans must make up their minds whether the business already created shall be protected and extended or permitted to languish. If the former alternative is accepted the navy must be increased by sufficient cruisers to adequately protect trade."

Concerning the extent of German interests in Venezuela, the communication says they amount to an aggregate of \$70,000,000, of which, roughly speaking, \$15,000,000 is invested in railroads and \$12,000,000 in plantations, the remainder is engaged in trade and in the handling of German goods. With the German cruisers Amazon and Niobe going Arctic about December 10th, Germany will have seven vessels in the West, according to present arrangements. So far as can be learned, the stay of all the vessels in these waters is indefinite. The marine minister does not indicate what disposition will be made of the squadron after the settlement of the Venezuelan controversy, but it is not unlikely that two cruisers will be sent to the Pacific coast, where the German flag has not been seen for some time.

THE GREATEST RACE.

Explorer Peary Says North Pole is the Biggest Prize the World Has to Offer.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Lieut. Robert E. Peary, the Arctic explorer, delivered an address to-night before the National Geographical Society on the subject of Arctic exploration. After discussing the Arctic, explorations of the past, Mr. Peary, speaking of the future, said: "In spite of the amount of work which has been done in the North Polar regions during the past few years, the work is not complete. The head of the Smith Sound gateway to the Pole is a central point from which to close this work. It is the point from which can be reached and determined that stretch of unknown coast on the extreme point of Greenland reaching from Cape Bismarck to Cape Parish, the interior ramifications of the great fjord systems of Northern Greenland, the gap in the coast line on the west coast of Grinnell Land between Idria firth and Sverdrup's farthest point, from which the practically unknown land along the eastern side of Kennedy and Robeson channel can be reached, and the point from which the Pole itself can be reached. It may seem to indicate overconfidence to state boldly that the Pole can be reached; and yet it is a fact. Even though the struggle for it has been going on unsuccessfully for years, each time we have learned a little more. The man who has the proper party, the proper equipment, and the proper experience, and can start fresh from the northern coast of Grinnell Land with the earliest returning light in February, will hold within his grasp the last great geographical prize that the earth has to offer. The North Pole is the highest prize the world has yet to offer; the race for it the greatest race on earth."

FRENCH SEAMEN'S STRIKE.

More Workers Will Probably Be Called Out Shortly.

Marseilles, Nov. 29.—The strikers and shipowners both steadfastly refuse to make any concessions. At a meeting of strikers held this afternoon it was decided to call out 112 seamen's unions and all the crews of the towing company, unless a settlement shall be reached before December 12th. A number of tug boat crews have already come out voluntarily. Thirty-nine steamers have deserted the docks. The minister of marine has been forced to send naval 1,500 conscripts bound for Algeria. Two torpedo boat destroyers have been ordered to carry on the mail service with Algeria and Corsica. Detachments of troops are arriving here from various points for the purpose of maintaining order. The dock laborers at Cette and Port Louis have refused to unload steamers arriving at these places from Marseilles, and the dockmen at Cherbourg have struck owing to a dispute regarding wages. No disorder has been reported so far.

NEARING THE END.

Union Telephone Operators at Vancouver Will Probably Resume Work on Monday.

Vancouver, Nov. 29.—The telephone workers probably will resume operation again on Monday morning. Conferences were held last night and today between the business men and the parties concerned, which will probably result in the union operators returning to work under the control of a committee of business men, not for the company, the latter taking part until all questions are permanently settled.

SCHEINER ELECTED.

Returned to House of Assembly For Colesburg, Cape Colony.

Capetown, Nov. 29.—Crownweight Schreiner, husband of Olive Schreiner, the candidate of the Afrikaner Bond, has been elected member of the House of Assembly for Colesburg, Cape Colony.

IMPORTATIONS PROHIBITED.

No Cattle Allowed to Enter Canada From New England States.

Ottawa, Nov. 29.—An order has been passed preventing the importation of cattle into Canada from New England states on account of foot and mouth disease there.

FOREIGN POWERS AND VENEZUELA

TRYING TO AVOID SEIZURE OF CUSTOMS

Action by Great Britain and Germany Might Lead to Serious Friction.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The appearance in Washington of I. Seligman, a member of a New York financial house, which is engaged in extensive international syndicates, taken in connection with the dispatch printed from London relative to Venezuela finances, was viewed in official circles here to-day as indicating the existence of a syndicate with the purpose of assisting all of Venezuela's many debts and thus avoid a seizure of her customs houses by foreign powers. The assumption is that the prospective syndicate wishes to ascertain before closing a bargain with Venezuela, whether or not the United States will insure the meeting by Venezuela of the obligations which would assume in the matter of the payment of the loans.

The United States government, it can be stated on authority, is extremely desirous that Venezuela settle her troubles with Great Britain, Germany and other countries without incurring the seizure of any Venezuelan ports, even temporarily, for it is realized that the United States could not consistently object to the seizure of Venezuelan customs houses by a foreign power, as a means of collecting just debts, this is regarded as a contingency to be avoided if possible, because it is realized that serious friction might follow between the foreigners and the Venezuelans, and which, in the beginning, might be declared to be merely temporary occupation, might end by a claim of permanent possession on the part of the United States, and which it must contest. Therefore, if any responsible financial body is willing to pay off Venezuela's foreign claims, and so relieve the country from the burden of occupation, such a move would be welcomed by the United States. But it is known in official circles that the guarantee by the United States government of the syndicate's Venezuelan loan would be unfavorably considered. The department of state objects very strongly to giving any guarantee of this kind, and the official practice has been to extend to a United States citizen holding foreign bonds such protection as it would accord to any other citizen, but to allow him to bear the risk of his bonds if the foreign government should in the vicissitudes of that government, end cannot expect the United States to act his collector in the event that his speculation does not turn out as well as expected.

OUTBREAK OF DISEASE.

Most Stringent Measures Necessary to Prevent Serious Scourge.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 28.—The cattle bureau of the state board of agriculture has received about 100 individual reports regarding the presence of the disease in the state, which has caused the secretary of agriculture to prohibit the exportation of cattle from Boston, and to establish a quarantine of cattle, sheep and swine in New England.

WILL WELCOME THE GRAND TRUNK ROAD

STATEMENT BY A MANITOBA MINISTER

Winnipeg, Nov. 27.—In connection with the proposed Grand Trunk Pacific, Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of public works, said today: "It does not matter to this government who owns the road, so long as we control the rates. The larger and stronger the company, the better for the province. In any case the coming of the Grand Trunk railway is a grand thing for Manitoba and the West."

Dauphin Fire. At Dauphin last night, the large block owned by William Murray and occupied by Sutherland & Steele, hardware merchants, McKinnon's implement warehouse, and Mathias' photograph gallery, were entirely destroyed by fire. Most of the hardware stock was, however, saved. The loss will be between \$7,000 and \$8,000.

Charged With Murder. Fort William, Nov. 27.—Seven Gallicians were placed under arrest tonight charged with the brutal murder of Steven Roebek, a Poleander. The fight occurred last night in the foreigner's district, near the river. Roebek was found this morning with his head and neck frightfully cut, caused from injury by clubs and pieces of iron, and died about noon.

Not Guilty. Sorel, Que., Nov. 27.—About 11 a.m. today the petit jury in the case of Aimé Lussier, charged with an attempt to kill his father, were ordered to withdraw, which they did, returning almost immediately with a verdict of "not guilty," on account of the accused having at the time been laboring under mental aberration. The judge ordered that Lussier be kept in the common jail of the district until the good pleasure of the Governor-General be known.

Suicide. Proton, Station, Ont., Nov. 27.—James Douglas, dependent over poverty, committed suicide by cutting his throat today. He left a widow and two children, the youngest six days old.

Three Boys Drowned. Bathurst, N. B., Nov. 27.—Two brothers named Bertin and another boy named Odome, were drowned at Barnes & Adams's mill at the mouth of Nepisicott river, not far from this place, last evening.

Superior Dead. Montreal, Nov. 27.—Rev. Abbe Calan, aged 81, Superior of one of the best known Roman Catholic priests in America, died in this city today. He was born in France in 1826, came to Canada in 1852, and in the following year was named superior of the Sulpicians in Canada in 1881.

In Need of Repairs. City Surveyor Barlow made a report today to the road committee that \$2,057,000 would be required to put the city streets in first class condition.

Funeral of M. P. Toronto, Nov. 27.—The remains of Angus McLeod, M.P., who died at Vancouver, were buried today at Braeside bridge. Several members of parliament paid a tribute to the departed.

A Serial Story.

COMMENCING ON THE ISSUE, THE TWICE-A-WEEK

Commencing on the issue, the TWICE-A-WEEK TIMES, of December 5th, a new serial story will be started by Silas K. Hocking, entitled "The Conquering Will." This author's novels are declared by the publishers to be among the most widely read in the world, and "The Conquering Will" is in Mr. Hocking's happiest vein, being an engrossing story of English life. New subscribers will receive the Times from now till the close of 1903 for \$1, and the time is therefore opportune for subscribing and thus securing the first chapters of this interesting story.

THE PREMIER WILL RETURN SHORTLY

SIR WILFRID LAURIER IN EXCELLENT HEALTH

Death of Principal of Ottawa Normal School—Was Married Two Weeks Ago.

Ottawa, Dec. 1.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir William Mulock are expected to return home about the 20th inst. The Premier is in excellent health.

Wm. MacKey, 85 Years Old, a Pioneer in the Lumber Trade and a Millionaire, Died Here This Morning.

Wm. MacKey, 85 years old, a pioneer in the lumber trade and a millionaire, died here this morning. He leaves a son and two daughters. He was married to Mrs. Le Moine, wife of J. de St. D. Le Moine, sergeant-at-arms of the Senate.

THE BONDING OF CANADIAN CATTLE THROUGH MAINE HAS BEEN STOPPED ON ACCOUNT OF THE FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN THE BASTARD STATES.

The bonding of Canadian cattle through Maine has been stopped on account of the foot and mouth disease in the Bastard States. All shipments to Halifax and St. John must go by the government road.

TWO GRAND TRUNK OFFICIALS ON WAY HERE

Will Seek Subsidies From Government For the New Line to the Coast.

Vancouver, Dec. 1.—Messrs. Morse and Wainwright, of the Grand Trunk, arrived today and passed through to Victoria. Mr. Morse said: "The purpose of our visit to the Coast is to see the government and people regarding the proposed Grand Trunk Pacific, and we shall ask for subsidies similar to other transcontinental lines. The railway will surely be built, and will be north of the C. P. R. all the way from North Bay, reaching the Coast at or near Port Simpson, which is the place now proposed, although our engineers have not been over the route."

NOTES FROM OTTAWA.

Report of Destitution Among Patagonians Welsh at Saltcoats Denied—Editor of Globe Resigns.

Ottawa, Nov. 28.—The report sent from Winnipeg that destitution existed among Patagonians Welsh at Saltcoats is denied by the interior department. There is some dissatisfaction with the report, but not receiving their bonus instead of it going to the Welsh committee in the Old Country.

Sickness steals more savings than the burglar. Slowly, coin by coin, the money that has been so hard earned is paid out for drugs and doctors. Sickness is the worst enemy of the working man, and the common cause of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It cures diseases of heart, liver, lungs, kidneys, etc., when these diseases are caused by the diseased condition of the stomach and its allied organs.

MRS. JOHN DILLON Summoned to Chicago, Where Her Husband is Lying Ill.

London, Nov. 29.—Among the passengers who will sail on the Cunard steamer Umbria from Liverpool to-day is Mrs. Dillon, wife of John Dillon, the Irish leader.

ANSWER TO STATES.

Berlin, Nov. 28.—The Kreuz Zeitung, discussing United States Ambassador White's recent letter to Henry Seligman, in London, regarding the treatment of Hebrews in Roumania, says it is recommended that the ambassador remove the beam from his eye before removing the mote from his neighbor's. He says that he is not a Jew, but a Jew's friend, and that he is not a Jew, but a Jew's friend.

A ROYAL VISITOR IS ENTERTAINED

SIAM'S FUTURE KING ARRIVES TO-DAY

He Will Dine at Government House Before Boarding Steamer For Home.

(From Monday's Daily.)

H. R. H. the Crown Prince of Siam arrived in the city last evening by the Charner, having come overland from San Francisco to Vancouver. To-night he goes on board the Empress of China, which will be held until half-past one for the convenience of the Prince and his party. The Crown Prince's party includes the following: His Excellency Phya Akang Varadhara, the Siamese minister at Washington; His Excellency Col. Phya Rajavallabh, first aide-camp; Capt. Luang Sarasiddhi, second aide-camp; Mon, R. Anuvatra, private secretary to the Prince; E. H. Softus, secretary of the Siamese legation; Prof. J. H. Gore, of the Columbian University, Washington.

In addition to the members of his suite there are also along with the party the following: Y. H. Darnell, of the Pennsylvania railroad, who has charge of the special train service; S. C. Wheeler and R. H. Taylor, of the secret service.



THE CROWN PRINCE OF SIAM.

The Prince, on account of his absence from his native land for so many years, has not the definite knowledge of his country that would be expected of a monarch who has been in the way of trade and commerce. This trip across the continent has, with the exception of the day spent in Victoria and a few hours in Vancouver, been confined to visiting cities of the United States. He has therefore been privileged to look more fully into the American conditions. The Prince points out that there is an opportunity for the development of trade between the United States and Siam in many lines. He would advocate in this connection the establishment of a commercial museum at Bangkok on the part of the United States, and further favors the appointment of American commercial agents in the capital city of Bangkok. By this means he thinks the two countries, and that the United States trade which now ranks only sixth or seventh in volume might be increased.

With the development of the industries of Siam there has been an increasing demand for machinery. The Prince would like to see the great bulk of the export trade from the United States, and would also apply similar control to the United States of the foreign trade of Siam.

The Prince having never seen a sawmill in operation, Mayor Hayward invited a visit to Hayward's large mills this afternoon, where the Prince was shown the working of a modern mill in all its departments. He will also visit the parliament building and the city police drawn from the provincial and city forces will attend him during his tour of the buildings. During his stay in the city members of the city police force have been kept in attendance at the Diarrid night and day, in addition to the secret service representatives who accompany the party.

This evening the Prince will dine at the Hotel Vancouver. The list of guests at Government House will include H. R. H. the Crown Prince of Siam and the members of his suite, Hon. Senator Pampaloni, Hon. E. Dewdney, Hon. Col. Prior, Hon. J. M. Eberhart, Hon. J. D. Prentice, Hon. W. C. Wells, Hon. W. W. B. McInnes, Hon. Senator Macdonald, Chief Justice Hunter, Hon. O. E. Pooley, Major Gordon, R. G. A., Capt. Simpson, R. N., Canon Beaulac, Capt. Byron Drake, A. D. C., to the Lieutenant-Governor, and R. Powell.

The Prince is the heir to the throne of Siam, a country which, under his father, Chulalongkorn I., has made wonderful advancement in the way of adopting the ideas of the modern world. Since ascending the throne in 1888, he has carried into effect many improvements learned by visits to various parts of Europe and Asia. He shows a wonderfully democratic spirit, and is ready at all times to consider propositions looking to the betterment of conditions in Siam, and will cheerfully lend his aid to those that promise success. While the King is an absolute sovereign, he has introduced not only a privy council but a cabinet, but also a legislative council, and in no instance has he exercised his autocratic powers. It can be truly said that no sovereign now reigning has of his own volition and of his own initiative done so much for his own country.

Appreciating the benefits of foreign travel and study, he sent his sons abroad in order that they might become the better fitted for their high duties. In addition, the government maintains about 30 young men abroad while they prosecute their advanced or professional studies.

Possessed of a studious mind, the King has made the only complete collection of the Buddhist scriptures. Several sets of these were presented to libraries in Britain and the United States. In appreciation of their scholarly production, the University of Oxford conferred upon the King the degree of D. C. L. But while Buddhism is the religion of the country, there is the greatest liberality granted with respect to religion. Any sect or creed is free to seek converts so long as no interference with political conditions is threatened. There are several Protestant establishments in Siam that are built on ground given for that purpose by the present King and his father, and in more than one instance their principals have been taken into government service.

The Crown Prince was born in 1881,

WRECKED ON THE BEACH.

Schooner Girlie Carried Ashore and Full of Water—The Captain Injured.

In trying to make the entrance to Sooke harbor in the darkness on Tuesday night, the little schooner Girlie, Capt. Jensen, was wrecked on the beach where she now lies with her keel gone and her hold full of water. The schooner was all day Tuesday waiting for a tide to take her to port. By 10 p.m. the tide was running in, but the darkness was intense, and there being a strong backward eddy at the narrow part of the channel, the little craft was caught and carried up on the beach outside the Spit. Here she lay pending in the surf until morning, when Capt. Jensen got some assistance and towed her into a safe place inside the bay.

Capt. Jensen was washed overboard and badly bruised, but managed to reach a dry place on the Spit, where he was obliged to spend the night exposed to the cold.

SCORED BY VICTORIANS.

Scholefeld and Gillespie Secured the Ties Which Won Match at Halifax.

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 29.—The all-Canadian football team, which will play a series of games in England, defeated Dalhousie college, the champions of the Maritime provinces, by a score of 9 to 0. The three tries which made this total were secured by two Victorian men, Scholefeld and Gillespie. The Canadians will play all-Halifax on Monday, and on Monday night sail by the Allan liner Bavarian for Liverpool.

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Local News.

CLEANINGS OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

At the next meeting of the mock parliament the eight-hour working day, which is one of the subjects mentioned in the speech from the throne, will be discussed. Mr. Galloway will again act as speaker this winter.

A Dawson correspondent of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer says: "The valuation of the gold exported during the season, that is from May 1st to November 1st, when considered worth \$10 an ounce, reaches \$12,741,000.

Evangelistic services are being held all this week and next, indefinitely, commencing at 8 o'clock, at the Metropolitan Methodist church, Saturdays excepted. The services are conducted by the pastor, Rev. Elliott S. Rowe in the auditorium of the church, with the choir in attendance. All are invited to attend.

An indoor basketball team has been formed in connection with the Victoria Athletic Club, and the team is open to receive challenges from any similar organization in the city.

The Sons of Scotland will give an entertainment in Sir William Wallace hall on Tuesday, December 2nd. A first class programme is being prepared, some of the best talent of the city having promised to contribute towards making the affair a success.

"Picturesque Victoria," an advance copy of which was referred to last Saturday, has now been published. It is a most attractive booklet, illustrated with half-tones specially prepared for the Tourist Association by the B. C. Photo-Engraving Company. The publication has been prepared by Manager Herbert Cuthbert.

On the recommendation of a number of the members of the Provincial Progressive party a change in the date of the annual meeting of the party is being considered. The adjourned debate on Compulsory Arbitration will therefore take place at Labor hall to-night. Members and other friends are requested to be on hand for the evening. All are welcome to the meeting.

The Imperial Bank of Canada has established another branch at Cranbrook. This is the seventh branch of this energetic bank, which has branches in British Columbia, and speaks volumes for its growth. A transfer has been made from the Vancouver branch. A. R. Green having gone over to fill the position of accountant.

The officers of H. M. S. Amphion gave a farewell dance Friday evening, leaving for their southern cruise. The dance was given in the Dallas hotel, and was one of the best held this season. The hall was decorated with flowers and garlands. The decorations of the room included many of the trophies belonging to the warship. Finn's orchestra provided the music to the satisfaction of all. There were present about 200.

The second annual ball of the Chemainus hospital will be held at Chemainus on Friday evening, December 12th. Extensive preparations have been made for the event. These include a special train service from Victoria in order to accommodate those attending from this city. A train will leave Victoria at 6:30 p.m., and returning will leave Chemainus at 2 a.m.

In connection with the paragraph in the Times the other evening regarding the departure of Mrs. Drossler's son Leo, an informant states that he has not been living in Victoria lately, and was only here on a visit to his mother. He intended to remain in this country, but employment, but failing in this he returned to Seattle, where he will resume work. He informed his relatives in this city of his whereabouts.

The announcement to the effect that it has been decided to add the teaching of stenography to the curriculum of the High school, Chairman Hall, of the school board, states to be entirely erroneous. Although there has been some agitation along this line, the question, has not yet been considered by the board, the only step yet taken towards the consummation of the project, being the appointment of a committee, which will report at the next meeting.

The Athens basketball team, which will play in this city on Wednesday and Thursday of next week with the James Bay and Fernwood teams, is being brought here through the instrumentality of Bandmaster Finn of the Fifth Regiment. The game will be played in conjunction with special band concerts to be given by the band, and will take place at the drill hall. As a great deal of expense has been incurred in providing these attractions, it is to be hoped they will be liberally patronized by Victorians.

The remains of the late A. J. McLellan were laid at rest on Saturday. The funeral took place from the family residence, George road, at 10 o'clock. Rev. F. P. Westman, assisted by Rev. Elliott S. Rowe and Rev. W. Leslie Clay, conducted the religious services at the house and grave. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends at the house, and many floral tributes were presented. The following acted as pallbearers: N. Shakespeare, D. Spencer, Sr., W. J. Dowler, F. Norris, D. W. Higgins and C. W. R. Thomson.

All the Chinamen but one of the batch who were ordered to pay the revenue tax a week ago have handed over the amount. When their time expired they neglected to call at the police station, so they were placed under arrest. With them it was a case of pay, or be imprisoned. They make the same demands in regard to wages as the Vancouver union, and are 40 cents an hour. The strike was day, the wages before the strike were 31 cents an hour for a nine hour day. So long as we remained working the same wages as the Vancouver people are protesting against our existence would be ignored. We are therefore also fighting for a recognition of the union." The meeting of the local union at which it was decided to call the men out was held on Thursday last. There are but five men affected in the decision of the local union.

Sitting placidly in his office chair, hat and overcoat on, Stephen T. Evans, a barrister of Burkes Falls, was found dead on Saturday.

1. Besides these there were 36 people detained at the police station for safe keeping.

Fully four hundred guests were present at a very enjoyable "At Home" given by His Honor the Lieut. Governor and Lady Joly at Government House last Friday evening. Music was furnished by the Fifth Regiment orchestra.

The steamer Queen City returned from the West Coast Monday afternoon after a stormy trip. She reports having sighted no vessels on the Coast, and having heard nothing of the overdue sailing schooner South Bend.

A new post office is to be opened at Sointula, the town which forms the headquarters for the Finnish colony on Malenon Island. Already the place has a regular steamboat connection, and the granting of a post office will be a matter of the greatest convenience to the colonists.

Capt. Ahlsvik, of the Russian ship Svifid, which arrived from San Francisco a few days ago, reports that the two schooners in the Straits are top-masted. The disposition of the rumor that the South Bend is in the immediate locality unless the favorable winds of today has brought her in from sea.

The past month has been extremely light for the firemen. There have been only two alarms. The first was at 6:30 p.m. on the 11th, when the department was called to a slight blaze in C. W. Mavor's store on Yates street. There was no loss. The second fire was on Saturday morning at the First Presbyterian church; loss, \$100. A fire drill was held on Saturday afternoon.

The funeral of the late Charles Birch took place yesterday afternoon from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral & Undertaking Company at 2:30 p.m. Members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles attended in a body. Religious services were conducted by the worthy president, G. W. Wood, assisted by W. Wachter, chaplain. The pall-bearers were: W. E. Theodor, W. Dempster, F. Christensen, S. A. Bandy, H. Pettierow and W. N. Tyson.

At St. John's church Sunday evening the first of the series of Advent organ recitals was given at the conclusion of the evening service, when, in addition to the four organ solos by the organist, A. Longfield, Mrs. Clyde sang a solo titled "O God, That I Know Where 'Thy Hand Find Him," in a very effective manner, and Mrs. Harry Young, who possesses a good soprano voice, gave the composition of Mendelssohn's "O God, in Thy Wings a Dove" in a most artistic manner. F. Waddington sang "Rock of Ages" by W. H. Jude, every word being clearly articulated, which added greatly to the effectiveness of the solo.

A Vancouver paper on Saturday announced that the British Columbia government had issued a report on the mining situation which was promising outlook for the British Columbia mines. The article then deals with the production of gold in the Boundary, the Yukon, the Similkameen, the Skeena, and the Similkameen. This is all very interesting, but it couldn't have been gleaned from any report from the provincial government simply because none has been issued. In fact the provincial mineralogist would like to get hold of the correct figures at present, as it would greatly assist him in the preparation of a report on which he is now engaged.

On Monday next at Sidney, Herbert Cuthbert, travelling representative of the Tourist Association, will deliver an illustrated lecture on "British Columbia and the Great West, or a Tour Through Western Canada With the British Journalists." This lecture will be practically a continuation of all those already given by him dealing with the grain producing areas of the Northwest, the mineral, fisheries and timber resources of the province and its immemorial past as a tourist country. Special attention will be devoted to Victoria and the Island.

A debate on "Compulsory Arbitration" was the principal feature of Saturday night's meeting of the Provincial Progressive party. A vote wasn't taken, but consensus of opinion favored compulsory arbitration provided a disinterested chairman of the arbitration board could be appointed. Ald. Yates will be invited to the next meeting Friday night, December 12th, when "Prize No. 10 Referendum" will be the subject of discussion. As will be remembered Ald. Yates was the father of the motion advocating the adoption of the referendum by the council, a motion which was adopted.

More than eight hundred people enjoyed the concert given by the Fifth Regiment band in the drill hall on Saturday night. The programme, as usual, was an excellent one, all the numbers being heartily received. The extra attraction, the basketball match between the James Bay and Victoria West teams, aroused much enthusiasm. A description of the game appears in the sporting columns of this paper. A couple of special concerts will be given on Wednesday and Thursday evenings when the Athens team, of Oakland, will meet Victoria players, contesting first with the J. B. A. A. five and on Thursday with the Fernwood team.

All the Chinamen but one of the batch who were ordered to pay the revenue tax a week ago have handed over the amount. When their time expired they neglected to call at the police station, so they were placed under arrest. With them it was a case of pay, or be imprisoned. They make the same demands in regard to wages as the Vancouver union, and are 40 cents an hour. The strike was day, the wages before the strike were 31 cents an hour for a nine hour day. So long as we remained working the same wages as the Vancouver people are protesting against our existence would be ignored. We are therefore also fighting for a recognition of the union." The meeting of the local union at which it was decided to call the men out was held on Thursday last. There are but five men affected in the decision of the local union.

The Larrigan factory of J. S. Henderson, Parkside, N. S., was destroyed by fire on Friday, together with 20,000 pairs of larrigans. A hundred men are thrown out of work. The loss is \$40,000, partly covered by insurance.

Explains Position. E. C. Knight, secretary of Union, Gives Reasons for Strike of Linemen.

E. C. Knight, secretary of the Island Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Union 220, when asked for a statement regarding the strike of the linemen employed by the Telephone Company, said: "This action has been taken purely out of sympathy with the Vancouver union. It was 'up to' the local union to call out their men as hitherto the Vancouver union has been allowed to take the drastic measures while the local union reaped the benefits. We make the same demands in regard to wages as the Vancouver union, and are 40 cents an hour. The strike was day, the wages before the strike were 31 cents an hour for a nine hour day. So long as we remained working the same wages as the Vancouver people are protesting against our existence would be ignored. We are therefore also fighting for a recognition of the union." The meeting of the local union at which it was decided to call the men out was held on Thursday last. There are but five men affected in the decision of the local union.

Sitting placidly in his office chair, hat and overcoat on, Stephen T. Evans, a barrister of Burkes Falls, was found dead on Saturday.

SUPREME COURT SITTINGS.

First Case to Be Heard Will Be Action Against Owners of Tur.

Mr. Justice Irving will preside at the sittings of the Supreme court for trial of civil cases, which will begin at 11 a.m. to-morrow. The first case on the list will be tried with a special jury. It is brought by the Alaska Packers' Association, owners of the Laraine Santa Clara, which was wrecked on Trial Island last Christmas, against the owner of the tug Mystery, the claim being for damages on account of alleged negligence in attempting to get the Santa Clara across the rocks. Messrs. Bowdell & Duff act for the plaintiffs; Tupper, Peters & Griffin, for defendant.

Mr. Justice Drake disposed of the following cases in Chambers on Saturday morning: Bontiller vs. Lozan. Defendant was granted an order for particulars, defence to be delivered within five days from the date of the order. Plaintiff has a liberty to examine defendant. A. F. R. Martin for plaintiff, J. M. Bradburn contra.

Re Lenora, Mt. Sicker Co., winding-up. James Egan's petition for a winding-up order was dismissed with costs, without prejudice to his right to bring a further petition. The winding-up order granted on Hoffin & Co.'s petition still stands, and the company are appealing against it. W. E. Oliver, for company; J. H. Lawson, jr., contra.

McLaren vs. McLaughlin. F. Higgins, for plaintiff, obtained a garnishee order nisi. This morning His Lordship granted orders in: Evans vs. Miller. Security for costs was ordered, \$100 to be deposited. A. C. Stanton, for defendant; F. Higgins, contra.

Re W. A. Anderson, winding-up. An issue was directed, with claimants as plaintiffs. F. Higgins, for claimant C. B. Attefield, for Canadian Bank of Commerce, opposing, and A. D. Crease, for liquidator.

In the Admiralty court Mr. Justice Martin disposed of the following applications this morning: Waterhouse vs. Willie. Thornton Fell, for defendant, obtained an order for delivery to pleadings, costs of application in the cause, L. Crease, for plaintiffs.

Hackett vs. Blakeley. On motion for directions, L. Bond, for plaintiff, obtained leave to issue a motion returnable on 22nd inst. Costs reserved.

Mr. Justice Drake has handed down judgment in the famous "cow" case of Foster vs. Coideprairie, in the County court, deciding that as the agreement between the parties was that rent should be paid in service, Coideprairie had no right to distrain on the cow, and he therefore awards Foster \$110 as damages.

RETAIL MARKETS. Price of Eastern Turkeys Will Be Higher This Year.

From present indications it is likely that Victorians will have to pay a considerably higher price for turkeys this year than they have in the past. The local market is very meagerly supplied, and quotations are excessively high. The Island turkeys at present retail about 90 cents a pound, and Eastern birds, which are in great demand, are not fixed price for them. It is not expected that the supply of Eastern turkeys this year will be as large as in former seasons. Various opinions are given by local dealers as to the cause of the scarcity of Eastern turkeys this year. Some think that a more remunerative market is being found in the Old Country, while others believe that shipping agents are likely to be made there. A commodity, the retail price of which is steadily increasing, is flour. From about \$5 per barrel the price has risen to \$8, and promises to rise higher.

The market quotations are as follows: Farm Produce—Fresh Island Eggs, 60¢ 65¢; Butter (Delta Creamery), 35¢ 38¢; Best Dairy, 35¢ 38¢; Butter (Cowichan Creamery), 35¢ 38¢; Butter (Victoria Creamery), 35¢ 38¢; Cheese (Canadian), 20¢ 25¢; Lard, per lb., 10¢ 12¢.

Meats—Hams (American), per lb., 24¢ 25¢; Bacon (American), per lb., 25¢ 30¢; Bacon (rolled), per lb., 16¢ 20¢; Bacon (long cut), per lb., 18¢ 20¢; Shoulders, per lb., 18¢ 20¢; Beef, per lb., 8¢ 10¢; Veal, per lb., 12¢ 15¢; Pork, per lb., 10¢ 12¢; Mutton, per lb., 10¢ 12¢.

Fruit—Coconuts, each, 10¢ 15¢; Lemons (California), per box, 75¢ 125¢; Apples, per box, 75¢ 125¢; Oranges, per box, 75¢ 125¢; Bananas, per box, 35¢ 50¢; Pineapples, each, 25¢ 40¢; Japanese oranges, per box, 60¢ 80¢.

Dressed fowl, per pair, 1.50¢ 2.00¢; Ducks, per pair, 1.75¢ 2.00¢; Ducks (wild), per pair, 40¢ 50¢; Ducks (wild), Widgeon, brace, 1.25¢ 1.50¢; Ducks (wild), per lb., 28¢ 30¢; Eastern turkeys, per lb., 90¢ 100¢.

Ogitive's Hungarian, per bbl., 6.00¢; Lake of the Woods, per bbl., 6.00¢; Snowflake, per bbl., 5.00¢; XXX Enderby, per bbl., 5.00¢.

HE STOLE MONEY FROM BOMBARDIER

OFFICER'S SERVANT TO SERVE THREE MONTHS

Protested His Innocence to the Last, but Evidence Against Him Was Circumstantial.

Algernon Eccleston, servant of Lieut. Knox, of H. M. S. Grafton, was Monday morning sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labor for the theft of \$25 from John Sullivan, acting bombardier on the flagship. The accused protested his innocence to the last despite the overwhelming evidence that was adduced against him. Geo. Powell had been retained by Lieut. Knox to look after his employee's case, but during its progress formally withdrew. It is understood that Mr. Powell, observing that his client's chances of acquittal were extremely precarious, advised him to plead guilty, and the accused disregarded this advice.

In convicting him the magistrate pointed out that although no one saw him actually put his hands into Sullivan's pocket the evidence nevertheless was overwhelmingly against him, and the court had no other alternative than to find him guilty. He gave the prisoner an opportunity to make restitution by returning to Sullivan the money stolen from him if it was still in the prisoner's custody. As it wasn't proven that the money had belonged to the complainant the magistrate had no power to order the return of any of it to Sullivan.

The circumstances of the case are as follows: Sullivan, Eccleston, the accused, and a number of men were on, looking at the Coach and Horses saloon, Pseumitall road, on Friday night last. Sullivan, who had received \$28.45 in wages that day paid for the drinks, and took a drink out of the bar. The bar consisted of four five dollar gold pieces and four dollars in silver. The accused was standing near and saw him pay. During this period of convivial pleasure Sullivan was a victim of the Naval Hospital became involved in a row, and with the others went outside to settle the difference in a "square up." Before doing so he collected his money and put it in a service envelope, which he placed in one of his coat pockets. He then took off his overcoat and tunic and left them both on the bar.

While they were outside the bartender and Mrs. Simpson, proprietress of the Coach and Horses, saw Eccleston return and walk toward the coat. As their attention was diverted by the trouble outside they paid no attention to him, in fact their backs were turned toward him while he was standing near the coat. Eccleston was in the room several minutes, and left just as the others were coming in. Sullivan detected the loss of his money immediately on his return and reported it to the bartender.

Suspicion fell on Eccleston, and next morning Constable Campbell, who was notified, told him that he was accused of the theft. The latter strenuously denied the accusation, and was very willing that they should search his room at Clayton's, where he has been lodging. While making the search Constable Campbell discovered in his trousers pocket the service envelope in which Sullivan had his money. The latter refused to let him at once asked Eccleston how the envelope happened to be there, and the latter faintly said that he had recovered the constable put him under arrest. Eccleston then got on his hands and knees and implored them to let him off offering Sullivan and the constable \$50 if they would do so. He subsequently said if they would give him a chance he would get the money.

They then proceeded toward the house of Eccleston's employer, Lieut. Knox, and on the way the prisoner made a dash for the woods. He was speedily caught, and had a number of fainting spells. When they arrived at the Victoria house, where Lieut. Knox is staying, the prisoner made another attempt to escape. He appeared particularly anxious to go up to the lieutenant's room in company with the officer, but would not accompany Constable Campbell there. The latter refused to let him out of his sight. Ultimately the constable took his prisoner to town in a hack.

On Saturday afternoon some money, including a number of gold pieces, was found in the lieutenant's room, where it had been concealed by Eccleston. He stoutly asserted that this money was his own. On the witness stand he protested his innocence. He admitted having been at the Coach and Horses on Friday night. He didn't remain with the party, because he didn't want to see a fight. As he was walking away from the place a man passed him dropping an envelope. He picked it up and called out to the man, but the latter did not hear. That was how the envelope happened to be in his pocket.

As before stated he was convicted and sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labor. Since his arrest he has told a number of different stories concerning the affair, and his version on the witness stand to-day varied considerably from all the others.

WHOLESALE MARKET. The following quotations are Victoria wholesale prices paid for farm produce this week:

Potatoes (new), per ton, 12.00¢; Carrots, per 100 lbs., 1.00¢; Turnip, per 100 lbs., 1.00¢; Parsnips, per 100 lbs., 1.00¢; Onions, per 100 lbs., 1.00¢; Butter (creamery), per lb., 25¢; Butter (dairy), per lb., 20¢; Eggs, per doz., 25¢; Chickens, per doz., 3.00¢; 6.00¢; Hens, per ton, 22.00¢; Oats, per ton, 22.00¢; Hay, per ton, 20.00¢; Peas, per lb., 8¢; 9¢; 10¢; 11¢; 12¢; 13¢; 14¢; 15¢; 16¢; 17¢; 18¢; 19¢; 20¢.

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DEATH OF PURSER AYRES.

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On leaving Dawson Ayres had several thousand dollars on his person. He was bound for Duncan creek, to be "made good" by a large mercantile store there for the winter. He had been serving as purser of the steamer Prosperator, of the Dawson-Duncan Landing route, on the Stewart river, during the summer.

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A Valuable Testimonial. To the Editor:—Now that the volume "Picturesque Victoria" is in the hands of the public, I wish to express my pleasure at the excellent work done by the B.C. Photo-Engraving Company in furnishing engravings for the work. I have long contended that we need not send to Chicago or New York to obtain first-class engravings, and the work just published is a complete vindication of that position. The work of the B. C. Photo-Engraving Company of Victoria, and of the famous Binner, of Chicago, is shown side by side, and I ask the public to form their own opinions as to which suffers by comparison. For the future engraving work should be kept at home, and in the hands of our own artists. A. B. FRASER, SR. Hon. Treas. Tourists' Association.

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BIRTHS.

BRADY—At Revelstoke, on Nov. 22nd, the wife of Ed. Brady, of a son.

MACEY—The first Presbyterian church—Manx, Vancouver, on Nov. 20th, the wife of Rev. R. G. Macleod, of a daughter.

MARRIED. BLOOMFIELD-PAVIER—At Vancouver on Nov. 27th, by Rev. H. G. F. Chalmers, C. E. Bloomfield and Evelyn Pavier.

HUTCHINSON-DAVIS—At Vancouver, on Nov. 27th, by Rev. J. H. White, W. E. Hutchinson and Mabel Maud Davis.

MCDONALD-LARSON—At Nelson, on Nov. 22nd, by Rev. J. H. White, W. E. McDonald and Miss Estelle Larson.

ADAMS-GAW—At Vernon, on Nov. 24th, by Rev. J. H. Lambert, Harold Adams and Mrs. Louise Gaw.

WILLIAMS-GRAHAM—At Fernie, on Nov. 24th, by Rev. R. F. Stillman, George W. Williams and Miss Nina Graham.

WHITAKER-GARINER—At Vancouver, on Nov. 26th, by Rev. H. L. Roy, Edith Whitaker and Miss Gariner.

DIED. TAYLOR—At Golden, on Nov. 25th, Gilbert D. Taylor, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Taylor, aged 4 years.

WEBSTER—At Vancouver, on Nov. 25th, Alexander Webster, son of John Webster, aged 70 years and 6 months.

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Mr. Chamberlain and THE PREFERENCE.

The speech of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain before the conference of Colonial and Imperial Ministers has had the opposite of a salutary effect upon Canadian public opinion on the question of trade within the Empire.

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The result of that tariff was that there set in a continuous and rapid decline in the importation of British goods into Canada.

But Mr. Chamberlain took care not to state all the facts of the case. We may assume that he was pleading the cause of his constituents and was desirous of making the best possible bargain for

them, because, despite the temporary fit of pessimism with which he was seized, we believe the Colonial Secretary feels he will live to see preferential trade established within the Empire.

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that the tide of public opinion has set so strongly against the government. The opposition will be greatly cheered by the defection of Mr. Murphy.

Now that the Tourist Association has laid the foundation for what promises to prove a large addition to the ordinary floating population of the city by the erection of which it has advertised the attractions of climate, scenery and facilities for the enjoyment of the sports in which the sons of men delight, it is clearly the duty of our citizens generally, who have it in their power to render assistance by moral or more substantial support, to see to it that the efforts thus put forth are not nullified by lack of proper hotel accommodation.

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Why did he do so if he then intended to oppose Prior now? Martin's chief lieutenant then was Mr. W. B. McInnes, who has joined the new government, and who will now be opposed by his former leader.

An artistic memorial tablet to Thomas Henry Huxley was unveiled in the public library at Ealing, his birthplace, a few days ago.

The lightning change artist of the stage does not move with the celerity with which the average British Columbian legislator throws off the old and puts on the new political coat.

The Times this evening presents to its readers the opinion of a number of citizens on live subjects of the present time.

As will be remembered, the ratepayers by ballot accepted Carnegie's offer, and the condition that the city provide the sum of \$5,000 annually for the maintenance of the library, but they refused to authorize the borrowing of any money for the purchase of a site.

The Point Ellice bridge question is now leaping on the road to final settlement, and the matter will probably award the contract for a riveted structure to the Victoria Machinery Depot next week.

Stephen Jones, proprietor of the Dominion, has expressed himself in opposition to the site proposed for the Carnegie library at the end of the James Bay bridge.

The northwest corner of Yates and Blanchard streets as a site would overcome that objection, and would, in his opinion, be the best in the city.

"I think it Capt. Bernier expends one hundred thousand dollars or more in Victoria in the building of his polar ship the city will be warranted in granting him the bonus of \$15,000 asked."

A BROOKLYN BELLE THREATENED WITH CONSUMPTION.

Pe-ru-na Promptly Saved Her Life.



Miss Alice O'Neil, 312 Adams street, Brooklyn, N. Y., writes: "I cannot say too much in favor of Peruna. About a year ago I was completely worn out, had a serious cold and a hard cough which seemed to be in danger of affecting my lungs."

That Peruna cures catarrh, coughs, colds, is well known to both the medical profession and the people generally. It is undoubtedly the most popular remedy for this class of diseases in existence.

George Riley, M.P., thinks the Bernier proposal a good one. He knows the captain quite intimately, and hopes he will be successful in his enterprise.

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Of the proposed cattle business with the Province of British Columbia an island known as T inhabited by what are to be cannibal Indian Mr. Meadows has in view to convert the island into a paradise. It consists of undulating country wild game of great watered by streams with famous Gulf have been No white man, it is said, has ever visited the interior alive. The people are a lot, and are credited with a number of unusual customs. It is said that no white man has ever been permitted to visit the island have never been heard of.

To remove these the mainland in a party is the modest Mr. Meadows from Mr. Meadows, but ever, going about by any fear, and with that he can carry it out distance. Should the friendly or of a warlike has a standing agreement of Sinalo, the latter bordering on the G greatly opposite the island shall provide him with sufficient to subdue the islanders. This country he does not think will be done in some forty American side he received island, and was surprised natives quite friendly. nick nacks, and in exchange of valuable goods. Members of his party took to venture inland, for along the coast showed a to the chief with whom some things, yet it was they were congregating for the purpose of taking captive.

The native are armed weapons, said Mr. Meadows. They carry bows and had no firearms on the are veins of silver, gold a story is told of a silver mine, and in some cases said \$6,000 to the ton, pearls in the waters all and even an occasional found. History records the fact that some forty years ago a Spaniard, named Juan de la Bodega, had had New York for \$30,000. splendid quality are also the members of the M found the bones of a mammoth for themselves. ryzsum. Altogether this Meadows believes, afford for the use of hunters not to speak of his mine has been in the hands of Guillermo Andrade, of Mexico, and partner will receive two-thirds of the stock fully company further agreed to deny or families on the before March 24th, 1905. Mr. Meadows does not story that Lieut. R. E. can be placed on the who completely disappeared 1894, after landing on the are held prisoners by the states that his party found a box of arsenic, but what became of the only he imagined.

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