

### Canadians Wanted

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Returned Soldiers Were Warmly Welcomed by the Citizens of Halifax.

### RECRUITS WANTED.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Lord Minto has received a cable from Mr. Chamberlain asking for one thousand recruits from Canada for Baden-Powell's Transvaal force at five shillings per day.

If this number is recruited in the Dominion, then ten captains and fifteen lieutenants in the Imperial army will go to the Dominion militia.

(Associated Press.)  
Halifax, Dec. 23.—The Lake Champlain arrived at 3 o'clock this morning, all well. The men received hearty greetings.

There was a lot of delay in disembarking and unloading, and it was not until 2 o'clock that the train got under way. It is expected to reach Montreal about 2 o'clock to-morrow.

(The Western Section.)  
Halifax, Dec. 24.—The western section of the first contingent who arrived on the Lake Champlain early yesterday morning left for Montreal last night, and will go direct from there by the Canadian Pacific to their destination.

Will Government Send Money?  
Montreal, Dec. 24.—The Star's London cable says:  
"London, Dec. 24.—Lord Kitchener has evidently made earnest appeals to the British government to dispatch immediately large drafts of mounted infantry to hasten the end of guerilla warfare."

Some say he has asked for 40,000 men. "New Zealand is sending another contingent, and the Canadians are wondering whether, as Canada has no national force in South Africa, Strathcona's being the result of private munificence, Canadians may not wish to send a second force of five hundred mounted men from the Northwest, to be raised and equipped by the Canadian government."

Transportation From Canada.  
Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The militia department will shortly cause notices to be posted up throughout the country calling for recruits for General Baden-Powell's Transvaal constabulary force. The pay for the men will be five shillings per day from the date of landing at Capetown, with free transportation from Canada to South Africa.

Churchill's Opinion.  
Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Mr. Winston Spencer Churchill, M. P., arrived in the city from Boston yesterday and is staying with His Excellency the Governor-General, Mr. Churchill, in an interview, says the Boers will be troublesome for a long time yet, because many of them are the finest natural fighters extant, and they are too prejudiced and ignorant of outside affairs to see beyond immediate results, while only the quieter ones have gone back to their farms. Those now in the field are the most daring and reckless of the army, and the strictest measures possible will be the only way of bringing them into subjection. Mr. Churchill expressed himself in very high terms of the work done by the Canadians.

London, Dec. 23.—Nothing official concerning events in Africa has reached the public since Lord Kitchener's dispatch of Wednesday last, reporting the crossing of the Orange river into Cape Colony of two bands of Boers. Last night the news was most meagre. Reports were received from Capetown that the railway had been torn up three miles north of De Aar.

A column of 500 of all arms, under command of Major Shute, left Colerberg on December 18th by the Philippstown road to relieve a post of 20 Yeomanry who were invested on a farm at Hamelstein. The Boers had been beaten off by the Yeomanry before the relieving column arrived. Two mounted Boers were captured. They stated that their party had lost two killed and twelve wounded.

A Standard's dispatch, dated December 18th, says a sharp encounter took place with two parties of Boers near Kamekopp, ten miles south of the railway. The Boer party numbered 300. Both were routed after obstinate resistance. One was killed in the direction of "Hobbesaar's Drift" and the other towards "Willersdorp." It is supposed that they met severely. The British force lost two wounded, and captured a quantity of live stock and baggage.

Many people of all classes gathered about the war office last evening, anxious for the welfare of friends engaged in the war, and especially for that of those connected with the regiments which were engaged in the Noodledacht battle. At a late hour a list of casualties was posted, showing that 60 had been killed and 162 wounded.

did welcome home to-night. The Manitoba and British Columbia members stop on the car to-night and spend to-morrow in the city as the guests of the citizens' committee, and leave for home at 1:25 p.m.

Winnipeg on Thursday.  
Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—It is said that the western soldiers will arrive in Winnipeg on Thursday. The day will be observed as a public holiday.

Kitchener's Dispatches.  
London, Dec. 23.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, December 22nd:

"As far as it is possible for me to form an opinion from reports of officers on the spot, I think that the Boer movement into Cape Colony has been checked. Of the two forces that entered the Colony, the eastern is still north of the Zoutpansburg range, while the one that entered west appears to have been turned in the direction of Breitsdorp and Prieska.

"Our troops are getting around both bodies, and a special column is also being organized which will be dispatched immediately when I know where its services are most wanted.

"The Boers have not received much assistance in Cape Colony, as far as my information goes. We have armed some of the colonists, who are assisting our forces. Railway and telegraphic communication has been interrupted by the very bad weather.

"Dewet is in the neighborhood of Zeneke. General French, in conjunction with General Clements, attacked a force under Beyer, south of Mageraberg. The Boers broke away in a northwesterly direction toward Potchefstroom, and were followed by General Gordon with a column of French's force.

"Yesterday evening about 5 o'clock Clements's force was engaged south of Oliphant's Nek, but I do not yet know the result."

A later dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, December 22nd, says: "The western column of Boers occupied Breitsdorp and cut the railway south of De Aar Junction. The enemy is being followed up.

"General Colville engaged two companies on December 21st, near Valdekfontein, with slight losses, the enemy retreating."

More Horses for Africa.  
Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23.—Captain Heygate, of the British army, is buying 30,000 cavalry horses and mules for the British army in South Africa. He came here more than a year ago to buy horses and mules for the British army, but he was ordered home a short time ago because he was thought to be a spy.

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JAMES HILL IN NEW YORK.  
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New York, Dec. 24.—The Journal of Commerce says: "The presence in this city of Jas. J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railroad, and one of the largest stockholders of the Northern Pacific, is regarded as indicative of important action of the directors of the last named road this week. Persons connected with the Northern Pacific management say that arrangements have been practically completed for the retirement of the \$75,000,000 of preferred stock of that company."

### Terrible Experiences

Steamer Charles D. Lane Was Within a Mile of the Rocks When Rescued.

Engineer and Assistants Worked Twenty-Nine Hours With Water Up to Waists.

Steering Gear Gave—Several Vessels Were Driven Ashore in Recent Gale.

(Associated Press.)

Thosoma, Dec. 24.—Details are coming in of a shipping disaster on the north Pacific coast during the recent storms. The storm played havoc at Astoria, where the French bark General Millenet was stranded on a sandy shore. The steamer Oswego was swamped at her moorings, and lies in ten feet of water; the bark Muskoka dragged her anchor and struck the shore stern on, and the government lightship at McKenzie Head was driven high on the beach.

The steamer Charles D. Lane was towed into Puget Sound last night after terrible experiences, which threatened several times to send her to the bottom. When rescued, her furnace fires were flooded, her steering apparatus gone and she was lying helpless within a mile of the rocks just outside Cape Flattery. The Lane sailed on Tuesday, with a cargo of lumber for Gonzaguil. On Wednesday a terrific storm was encountered, and that evening the sea broke over the saloon and extinguished the lights. Chief Engineer Knox and his men worked 29 hours in water up to their knees and waists to keep the pumps working. The Lane sent up signals of distress, and was eventually rescued by tugs.

Seven Men Drowned.  
London, Dec. 24.—Dense fogs on the coast are greatly interfering with navigation, and several wrecks have occurred. The British steamer Brunwick grounded in the channel, keeled over and sank. Seven of the crew were drowned.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The state department has decided to send the amendment to the Hay-Panacote treaty to the British government through two channels, one by the British ambassador, and the other to Ambassador Cheate in London, who will present it to the foreign office. It is the understanding that the state department will make no representations whatever as to the changes made in the treaty.

The Nicaraguan minister, Mr. Corea, was asked to-day as to the report that he had protested in behalf of Nicaragua against the amended form of the treaty. He said he did not care to discuss the matter in its present stage. But he pointed out that later on, if it assumed the concrete form of a proposition to be submitted to Nicaragua and Costa Rica, it would be for them to say whether it was acceptable or not. In the meantime, it was hardly likely that there would be any protest or other action concerning the subject still in its creative stages in this country and in Great Britain, and not yet before Nicaragua and Costa Rica.

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Toronto, Dec. 24.—Aid. Spence secretary of the Dominion alliance, announced himself as a mayoralty candidate this morning. This makes five candidates in the field, namely: Messrs. Shaw, O. A. Howland, Mayor Macdonald, F. S. Spence and Woodley. Nominations take place next Monday.

Joseph Hazleton, druggist, was this morning committed for trial at the police court on the charge of murder. He is alleged to have caused the death of Mrs. Martha Milne by abortion.

Henry Litcho was burned to death, and his mother severely injured by jumping from a window, during a fire in the store and dwelling of Robert Litchoy Queen street, this morning. The mother's life is despaired of. Other members of the family escaped without injury.

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Port Townsend, Dec. 23.—Each tugboat arriving from Cape Flattery brings fresh news of marine disasters along the coast, and when full returns are in, the damage by recent sales will be the largest in the history of shipping along the Pacific coast.

DISABLED STEAMER.  
Queenstown, Dec. 22.—The British steamer Hadden Hall was towed into the harbor this morning with her propeller gone. The Hadden Hall sailed from Seabees for Baltimore on November 28th, and had been in tow of the Springwill, bound from Galveston for Bremen, since December 15th.

### Christians Burned

According to the Chinese the Boxers Have Killed Nineteen Catholic Converts.

French Troops Disperse Large Force of Native Soldiers, Inflicting Heavy Losses.

Five Standards and Four Cannon Captured—Dispatch From Count von Waldersee.

(Associated Press.)

Pekin, Dec. 23.—The French report encountering twenty-five thousand Chinese and capturing five flags and a number of guns and inflicting a great loss, thirty-five miles south of here. The report is generally discredited.

According to the rumor the French did not suffer any losses themselves. It is believed, however, that the French probably met a roving band, which was dispersed, a number of the Chinese being butchered.

Li Hung Chang says that he is satisfied the story is false.

Rev. Mr. Kelly, a Presbyterian missionary, has reported to Minister Conger the burning by Boxers of nineteen Catholic Christians. He says, however, that this information has been derived chiefly from Chinese sources. The Japanese, who have jurisdiction over that territory, will investigate the report.

Official Confirmation.  
Berlin, Dec. 23.—Field Marshal Count von Waldersee says in a dispatch from Peking, dated Monday, December 24th: "The French troops encountered on December 23rd, east of Chocai, between Peking and Pao Ping Fu, a Chinese force numbering 2,500 men with artillery. The Chinese fled in the direction of Kuah Hsien. They suffered losses and left behind them five standards and four cannon. The Chinese probably consisted of the united remnants of a body already dispersed."

China's Last Appeal.  
Paris, Dec. 24.—A dispatch to the Havas agency from Peking dated December 23rd, says the detachment of French troops, commanded by Gen. Baillon, was recently attacked by Chinese regulars and Boxers south of Pao Ping Fu. The punitive expedition took the village after a lively combat. Many cannon and a quantity of provisions and ammunition were secured.

On account of the hostile attitude of the population Gen. Baillon burned the village and other villages in the neighborhood. The Chinese loss was 1,000 men. Gen. Baillon's force sustained no loss. Christian Chinese families have been maltreated by the Chinese regulars.

Note Delivered.  
Pekin, Dec. 24.—The preliminary joint note was delivered to-day to the Chinese. Received by Prince Chung.

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Prince Chung said: "I have the honor to accept the note concerning the re-establishment of good relations and will transmit it immediately to the Emperor and communicate to you his reply as soon as received."

Another Story Denied.  
London, Dec. 26.—A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Peking, dated Monday, December 24th, says much irritation has been caused by the activity of the German troops in the districts under British protection. So acute has been the feeling that there has been a question of the British seceding from the allied command.

The foreign office informed a representative of the Associated Press to-day that there was no truth in the Pall Mall Gazette Peking dispatch which said there had been a question of the British seceding from the allied command owing to the activity of the Germans in the districts under British protection.

REVIEWED EGYPTIAN TROOPS.  
(Associated Press.)  
Khartoum, Egyptian Sudan, Dec. 23.—Lord Cromer, the British diplomatic agent, reviewed to-day the Egyptian troops of the Sudan under the Sudan Major-General Sir Francis E. Wingate. He assured a deputation from the Great Dinka tribe, which formerly suffered severely from slave raids, that the British and Egyptian flags guaranteed them against a recurrence of such raids and insured respect for their ancient customs.

The chiefs departed expressing gratitude.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.  
Washington, Dec. 22.—According to late reports Auditor Morcia, of the war department, who was shot to-day, received a bullet in the heart, and died almost instantly. McDonald, who did the shooting, then cut his own throat and shot himself.

### Treaty Amendments

Will Be Presented to British Foreign Office by Ambassador Choate.

Imperial Government Has Not Yet Considered Any of the Changes.

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CONDITIONS OF SURRENDER

Rumors That Dewet, Steyn and Haasbroeck Have Decided to Give Up the Unequal Contest.

KNOX ENGAGES THE WILY LEADER.

Boer Force Holds a Position Near Lew Kop and Hopes to Break Away to the South—Chasing the Invaders.

(Associated Press.) Bloemfontein, Orange River Colony, Dec. 26.—There are renewed but unconfirmed rumors here that Gen. Dewet, President Steyn and Gen. Haasbroeck have had a conference and decided to offer to surrender, provided the colonial rebels shall not be punished, and the leaders, including themselves, are not deported.

Engaging Dewet. London, Dec. 27.—The following dispatch has been received from Lord Kitchener:

Pretoria, Dec. 26.—Knox, with Barker, Plicher and White, is engaged with Dewet's forces, holding a position in the neighborhood of Lew Kop. Dewet hopes to break through and get south again.

The Boers' eastern column in Cape Colony is apparently headed by our troops about Reitspoortpruit.

The Boers' western column is reported to have gone north in two portions, one towards Prieska and the other through Steynburg. They are being followed up.

The following dispatch from General Kitchener was received from Pretoria under to-day's (Thursday) date:

Yesterday 200 Boers attacked a small police post near Botsburg. The police gallantly drove them off before reinforcements from Johannesburg arrived. The Boers damaged the mining machinery in the neighborhood.

The Boers attacked Utrecht at 2 o'clock this morning. They were driven off. The Boers held up a train three miles west of Paarl and were driven off.

The eastern force of the Boers in Cape Colony was headed yesterday and today in the direction of Ventersdorp.

The western force is still being driven south through Steynburg.

Skirmishes Reported. Capetown, Dec. 27.—A small party of Boers attacked Burgersdorp on December 25th. They were repulsed after heavy fighting.

The Boers are active, and skirmishes in several places have been reported.

Charged by Lancers. Burgersdorp, Cape Colony, Dec. 26.—Col. Greenfell continues in touch with Krutzinger's command of 700 men who are carrying off the British prisoners.

Krutzinger has abandoned his Maxim and carts.

An attempt of the 9th Lancers to turn Krutzinger's flank at Plaisierbeuvel on December 24th resulted in eight casualties among the Lancers, including Lord Frederick Blackwood, who was wounded.

Yeomanry Released. London, Dec. 27.—The Evening Standard today says it understands that the squadron of Yeomanry which, as announced in a dispatch from Capetown yesterday, was entrapped and captured by the Boers whom they were following from Britstown, were released after the men had been relieved of their horses and other equipments.

Ten of the Yeomanry, the paper adds, were wounded.

Soldiers Reach Winnipeg. Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—The members of "A" Company, first Canadian contingent, who reached Halifax on the Lake Champlain on Sunday, reached here shortly after noon today. They were accorded a warm civic welcome. The British Columbia members will remain here until to-morrow.

main optimistic, but the condition of affairs brings home the enormous difficulties that will face Lord Kitchener in paroling and policing such immense tracts of country, even when the Boers shall have been finally subdued.

The Daily Mail, which makes a strong appeal to the government to face the facts and send Lord Kitchener more troops, says, "There is a real risk in being lulled to sleep by carefully censoring messages."

According to a dispatch from Johannesburg, Lord Kitchener has issued a proclamation dated Pretoria, December 20th, announcing that burghers who voluntarily surrendered will be allowed to live with their families in the government laagers until such time as guerilla warfare has sufficiently abated to admit of their returning in safety to their homes.

The proclamation also promises that all property and stock brought in at the time of surrender will be respected and paid for if requisitioned by the military authorities.

Canadians at Toronto. Toronto, Dec. 26.—In London the entire city turned out to greet Colonel Bucker and returning volunteers.

The Toronto members of the Royal Canadian legion who returned with Colonel Otter, reached home in ample time for the Christmas dinner and festivities, as did in fact those from all save the most distant parts of Ontario.

The reception given them in Toronto was hearty, but largely informal, no attempt being made to devote the day to it as in the case of the men first returning.

There were however, many thousands at and about Union station between 9 and 10 o'clock. Colonel Otter received a warm welcome. Large crowds had gathered in armories awaiting the arrival of the soldiers, where they were to receive a formal welcome and dismissal.

The short route march was thickly lined with spectators and the growing throngs were in a joyous mood and cheered enthusiastically when Otter and his men entered.

The mayor read a civic address of congratulation to Otter. Colonel Otter was not present, having gone to London.

Colonel Otter, interviewed to-day regarding charges made against him of too strict discipline while in Africa, said: "I did what I thought to be my duty without fear and without hesitancy, and the regiment came through in a very high state of efficiency and with a splendid record."

Eyesight Destroyed. Montreal, Dec. 26.—Word has been received in this city that Wilfrid Douglass, nephew of John Douglass, editor of the Witness, has been seriously wounded in South Africa, having had his eyesight destroyed and nose injured. He went to Africa with the second contingent.

New Zealand's Contingent. Wellington, N. Z., Dec. 27.—The sixth contingent of New Zealanders, 200 strong, half being Maoris, will sail for South Africa in three weeks.

BOY CHARGED WITH MURDER. New York, Dec. 24.—Eight-year-old Joseph Bunsby is a prisoner at police headquarters at Jersey City, accused of the murder of five-year-old Maggie Faleria.

The specific charge against the child is manslaughter, and the police say that the little boy deliberately committed the murder.

The tiny prisoner lived with his parents at No. 920 Henderson street, Jersey City. Maggie Faleria lived next door. Little Bunsby was the leader of a crowd of children who built a big bonfire opposite his home on Saturday night.

Little Maggie seemed particularly delighted with the play that went on there. According to the police, young Bunsby seized the girl by the waist and pushed her into the blaze by a vicious shove. The little girl fell on top of a blazing barrel and screamed in agony.

Her dress immediately took fire, and her clothing was quickly burned away. She was taken to a hospital, where she died during the night, without recovering consciousness. As soon as the death was reported to the police they arrested little Bunsby and took him, screaming and crying from fear, to police headquarters, where he was locked in a cell.

HOW TO CURE COROUP. Mr. R. Gray, who lives near Amenia, Dutchess county, N. Y., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine I have ever used. It is a fine children's remedy for croup, and never fails to cure. When given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough has developed, it will prevent the attack. This should be borne in mind and a bottle of the Cough Remedy kept at hand ready for instant use as soon as these symptoms appear. For sale by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents."

CENTENARIAN DEAD. Montrose, Pa., Dec. 27.—Michael McHugh, former of Lecon township, is dead at his home at the age of 107 years. Mr. McHugh was a native of Ireland.

ANOTHER KIDNAPPING. But in This Case Mrs. Miller Has Run Away With Her Own Son.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 27.—A sensational kidnapping, involving the family of ex-Senator W. H. Miller, occurred this afternoon and led to a hot chase a few minutes later across the state to overtake the wife of Samuel D. Miller, son of W. H. Miller, who was supposed to be flying to New York with her stolen son.

Miller and his wife have lived in New York for several years, and last summer he came west to go into his father's office. His wife stayed in New York. Last Friday she came here to demand possession of her seven-year-old son, whom the father had brought west with him.

Miller and his wife were living with the grandfather's house. The husband and wife had a consultation at the wife's apartments in the Denison and she agreed that if the boy was allowed to be sent to her daily with the nurse, she would not attempt to kidnap him.

This afternoon the boy and the nurse called on Mrs. Miller at the Denison. She sent the nurse out to get a check cashed, and while the governess was gone, ordered a carriage and made arrangements to leave with her son.

The governess returned Mrs. Miller announced that they were going for a drive, and they started in a closed carriage toward the depot. The German governess suspected something was wrong, and the carriage ran to a telephone to notify the father.

Mrs. Miller immediately ordered the carriage driven to Brightwood, and when the two Millers arrived at the Union station, she was met by a man in a carriage, ran to a telephone to notify the father.

Mrs. Miller was Miss Helen Gray, of Pottstown, Pa. Samuel Miller first met her nine years ago at Washington, when his father was President Harrison's attorney-general. They married a year later.

ATROCIOUS MURDER. Filipinos Kill a Woman They Think a Witch.

Washington, Dec. 26.—News has been received at the war department of a Filipina atrocious murder in the Philippines, the circumstances of which were developed at the trial of six natives, before a military commission, at Capiz, Panay, P. I.

It appeared from the testimony that two of the prisoners were responsible for the death of the wife of one of their neighbors. With seven or eight other men, they went to the house of a native, named Victor Pere, and forcibly took him and his wife to the Panay river, where they bound their hands behind their backs, and laid them on their backs, and had them thrown into the river.

Her husband witnessed her murder and anticipated similar treatment. Notwithstanding, his arms were pinioned, he managed to reach the opposite shore.

According to the witnesses the motive for the crime was a superstitious belief that the murdered woman was a witch, possessed of occult powers, whereby she had, in some mysterious way, brought about the death of a neighbor's child.

The two men were sentenced to be hanged, but General MacArthur mitigated the sentence in each case to confinement at hard labor, for 20 years, out of consideration for the exceedingly low order of intelligence, and blind superstition of the accused.

FOUR YEARS FOR SWINDLING. Paris, Dec. 26.—The appeal court has confirmed the sentence of four years' imprisonment imposed on a swindler named Goffray, who posed in clerical robes here in April last as the "Cardinal Bishop of Washington," soliciting funds to convert the young Indians of New Mexico.

Several times Goffray succeeded in celebrating mass at Strasburg. Finally he appeared at the death of a neighbor's child, and the two men were sentenced to be hanged, but General MacArthur mitigated the sentence in each case to confinement at hard labor, for 20 years, out of consideration for the exceedingly low order of intelligence, and blind superstition of the accused.

ARBITRATORS' DECISION. Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 26.—The board of arbitration, consisting of T. D. Nichols, representing the miners; Cornelius Cronin, representing the company; and Prof. Griffith, superintendent of public schools of Nanticoke, have arbitrated the differences existing between the Coal Company and the miners, 1,500 employees, and both sides have signed a paper to abide by the result.

The arbitrators decided that in future each car of coal mined should consist of 108 cubic feet of coal. The petition of the men that Thomas Morgan, one of the foremen, be discharged, will be arbitrated to-morrow.

THE CUP RAOES. New York Yacht Club Will Invite Prince of Wales and the Kaiser.

London, Dec. 26.—The New York Yacht Club, says the Daily Express, will invite Emperor William and the Prince of Wales to witness the Cup races, and President McKinley will send notes expressing the pleasure their visits would give.

Sir Thomas Lipton, who has been interviewed on the subject by the Daily Express, says: "I would welcome the Prince of Wales, possibly that the Prince of Wales would accept such an invitation."

POLAR EXPEDITIONS. London, Dec. 23.—Mr. Evelyn Baldwin, the Arctic explorer who is arranging for the Baldwin-Ziegler expedition, has purchased the Esquimaux, the largest and staunchest of the whaleback fleet fitted her with modern appliances, and named her the America. The rival bidder was the British Antarctic expedition, whose organizers desired to secure the Esquimaux as a substitute ship.

Outrages On Christians

Villagers East of Peking Are Plotting to Exterminate Native Converts.

Sheng Has Been Appointed to Assist in the Peace Negotiations.

London, Dec. 23.—"Mr. Conger takes a hopeful view of the situation," says the Peking correspondent of the Morning Post writing Monday, "and thinks that a settlement will be effected, but he declares that no one of the envoys will recognize the Empress Dowager officially, although all are aware that she has long exercised the supreme power. He believes that the crisis will result in the initiation of the reforms in China."

"Senior Decologan, the Spanish minister, fears that the discussion of the joint note after general acceptance will extend for a year or more."

"It is rumored that numerous villagers east of Peking are combining to exterminate native Christians, several of whom have been burned in a local temple, Li Hung Chang is a trifle better."

It is asserted in Shanghai, according to a dispatch to the Times, that Sheng is going to Peking, having been appointed to assist in the negotiations.

Troops Will Investigate. Peking, Dec. 26.—Rev. Mr. Kelly, the Presbyterian minister, who, as cabled to the Associated Press, has reported the burning of nineteen Catholic Christians, now says the number burned is 24, and adds that thousands of armed Chinese have been seen in the San Ho country. Mr. Conger has sent a copy of the communication to Field Marshal Count von Waldersee, and Japanese and German troops have been sent to investigate the reports.

The troops of the various nations celebrated Christmas in their own fashion, each force being interested in the doings of the others.

The Germans to-day were reviewed on the occasion of the presentation of flags to two regiments.

No answer has been received to the joint note of the powers.

Peking, Dec. 27.—Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, Chinese peace commissioners, have heard from the Emperor, Kwang Hsu.

Prince Ching called on the former for consultation, remaining over an hour. The court objects strenuously to reducing the forts, and also to allowing permanent legation guards, which it seems to think could be made sufficiently large at any time it was desired to menace the court itself.

After the conference it was decided to hold further communication with the court before leaving the ministers.

To Take Over Railway. St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—The Novos Vremya's Vladivostok correspondents stand by the story that the Russian government is about to take over the Manchurian railway. He says Commander Keller has left Vladivostok to deliver the bonds to the government's representatives.

The correspondent also says the Chinese caused losses amounting to only four million roubles.

The arrival of larger or smaller bodies of soldiers from China is announced almost daily from southern ports.

INDIAN FIGHTER'S SUICIDE. Honolulu, Dec. 17, via San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Frank P. Bennett, the well-known United States scout, committed suicide here by shooting himself in the head last Thursday, his suicide following the death by poisoning of Miss Clara Schneider, an Indian friend.

Bennett was an Indian fighter of national reputation, having been one of three survivors of the famous party of which Buffalo Bill is the best known, and having taken a prominent part in running the Apache, Geronimo, to earth.

Miss Schneider was a domestic in the family of Paul Neumann. A post-mortem examination showed that her death had been due to morphine poisoning. Bennett shot himself the day after the girl's death, but his body was not found until three days later.

THE FEDERAL MINISTRY. Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 24.—Sir William John Lyne, premier of New South Wales, who was recently requested by the Earl of Hopetoun, governor-general of the commonwealth of Australia, to form the first Federal ministry, has declined the task. He has advised Lord Hopetoun to summon Mr. Edmund Barton, who was leader of the Federal convention during its sessions in Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne in 1897 and 1898.

Mr. Barton was formerly attorney-general of New South Wales.

KILLED GOING TO DANCE. Bryan, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Wayne Corwell, aged 45, and Charles Conan, aged 21, left here last night for Lakeside, where they were to attend a Christmas dance. In crossing the Wahash railway track near that place they were struck by a passenger train, and both instantly killed. The shock caused the death of Mrs. Conan.

OSAR'S HEALTH. St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—The Russian minister of the interior, M. Sipiagin, who arrived to-day from Lerdia, where Emperor Nicholas is convalescing, asserts that the Czar is now completely restored.

STRIKE STILL ON. Scranton, Pa., Dec. 26.—The fourth day of the strike of the motorman and conductors of the Scranton Railway Company shows the tie-up just as complete as the first day. There is not a car in operation carrying passengers.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY. The Pope Officiated at Closing of Holy Door at St. Peter's Cathedral.

Rome, Dec. 24.—The Pope performed to-day the ceremony of closing the Holy Door of St. Peter's Cathedral, with the gorgeous ceremonial usual to great functions of this kind.

His Holiness descended to St. Peter's Cathedral at 11 a.m., and the ceremonies lasted until 1 p.m. The Pope then returned to his apartments, apparently not fatigued. He intoned the Te Deum in congratulatory applause throughout gave evidence of being in excellent health and spirits. He used the artistic golden trowel subscribed for by the Roman Catholics of the world in mortaring the three golden bricks which he placed as a first layer on the threshold of St. Peter's Door. The entire Pontifical court participated in the ceremonies.

The spectacle inside the vast Basilica was superb. On the left of the Holy Door was erected the Pontifical throne, covered with red and gold. On the right hand side of the door stood the thrones for royal personages, princes, Knights of Malta, prelates, representatives of the Roman nobility, and other distinguished persons. Inside the church every inch of space was occupied by a throng, which gathered early in the morning.

A strong detachment of troops was stationed in the square in front of the cathedral, to keep the crowds in check.

The Pope left his apartments at 10.45 a.m., borne in the sacred chair, and preceded by the clergy with lighted candles, bishops, archbishops and cardinals, and escorted by the Pontifical Noble Guards.

On his arrival at the portal of St. Peter's, he alighted and entered the church through the Holy Door. As he appeared on the threshold, the solemn and silver tones of the trumpet echoed through the edifice. The Chapter of the Vatican met him, and presented to him holy water, which he sprinkled upon the congregation. Applause being forbidden, a religious silence was observed, which heightened the grandeur and impressiveness of the moment.

Borne now on the Sedia Gestatoria, to the high altar, His Holiness stepped to the ground, and knelt before the most precious relics of the Roman Catholic church, which were displayed on the altar. Then the procession reformed, and proceeded to the Chapel of the Sacrament, where the Pontiff again knelt for some time, while the choir of the Sistine chapel chanted psalms.

The Pope was then borne to the Holy throne, Cardinal-Bishop Serafino Vandoni, where he alighted from the Sedia Gestatoria, and waited until the entire procession had passed out through the door, he leaving the church last and walking to the throne, where the Papal choir was, after which Leo rose, and blessed all the material employed in closing the door. Then he descended from the throne, knelt before the door, and laid with the golden trowel a layer of cement on which he placed three gilt bricks, bearing commemorative inscriptions. Beside the bricks, he placed a casket, containing gold, silver and bronze medals, and bearing the head of Leo, and inscriptions recording the opening and closing of the Holy Door.

The Pope having re-ascended the antelli, Great Plenipotentiary, and four other Cardinals, performed a similar ceremony of laying cement and three bricks, after which the masons employed by the Vatican closed the door-way with a canvas screen, painted to represent marble, with a cross in the centre. The candles borne by the clergy were extinguished, the Te Deum was sung, and the Pontiff, having given the solemn benediction, was immediately carried back to his apartments.

It is estimated that 80,000 persons were spectators of the ceremony.

AMBUSHED BY INDIANS. Four Mexican Officers and About Thirty Men Killed by a Band of Yaquis.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 26.—Mexican troops in Sonora Mexico were recently attacked from ambush by a band of Yaqui Indians and four officers and about thirty men were killed outright.

Colonel Francis Poinado, one of the most popular officers in the army, was among the killed.

AGAIN BROKE INTO A HOPE. Secretary Hay Has Slighted the Gull.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—Secretary Hay has received a cable from Minister Conger at Peking announcing that he has signed the agreement reached by the foreign ministers, with a written explanatory statement setting forth the exact position of his government.

The statement is now forwarded by Mr. Conger, but it is understood to be based upon the last instructions he received from the department which, while disapproving the inclusion in the agreement of some of the more severe language, accepted as the best arrangement that could be made at this time.

BARON DORMER DEAD. (Associated Press.) London, Dec. 24.—John Baptiste Desjardins, twelfth Baron Dormer, is dead in the seventy-first year of his age.

TOURTURE. Broke Into a Hope Couple and Wife, both overboard, tortured at their home as a negro, left his country, all remaining totally paralyzed, husband is badly.

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Safe. The little child is safe from ordinary dangers in the care of the faithful dog. But neither the dog's fidelity, nor the mother's love can guard a child from those invisible foes that lurk in air, water and food—the germs of disease. Children need to be specially watched and cared for. When there is loss of appetite, lassitude and listlessness in a child, an attempt should be made to revive the appetite and rally the spirits. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery parents have found an invaluable medicine for children. Its purely vegetable character and absolute freedom from alcohol and narcotics commend it to every thoughtful parent. It is pleasant to the taste, unlike the foul oils and their emulsions offered for children's use. "Golden Medical Discovery" makes pure blood and sound flesh, and absolutely eliminates from the system the poisons which feed disease.

Mrs. Ella Gardner, of Waterville, Middlesex Co., Va., whose daughter suffered from marasmus, writes: "My little daughter is enjoying splendid health. I am glad to find a doctor who could cure my child. She took twelve bottles of the 'Golden Medical Discovery,' eight bottles of 'Pelle's,' and one bottle of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy, and she is well. We thank God for your medicines."

Give the little ones Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets when laxative is needed. They're easy to take and don't grip.

Dominion News Notes

Deal for Consolidation of Stove Foundry Business in Hamilton and Western Ontario.

You May Doubt It, But Near Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—The Manitoba cabinet has been in session in the Manitoba cabinet members of the province with portfolios. Mr. D. H. has given place to Mr. Rogers, sworn in yesterday as minister of works. Mr. McEldan becomes vicinal secretary and municipal commissioner.

A bye-election in Manitoba will be necessary in consequence of the change in the cabinet. The writ has been issued, fixing December 31st for nomination, and election the following Monday.

Frank Luce, a Swan river settler, was drowned in Cedar lake while trapping. He had been missing several weeks. His parents reside at Komoka, Ont.

Belleville, Dec. 22.—Henry Corby, M. P. (Con.), in a letter published this evening announces that in consequence of ill-health he will resign from political life and will place his resignation in the hands of the Speaker as soon as the house has been organized.

Port William, Dec. 22.—The family of Mr. Daniel Campbell, five in number, living on May street, were all overthrown in a critical condition as a result.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 22.—On the last day of December the Anglo-French modus vivendi respecting the Newfoundland land treaty ceased to exist, and this it is expected will create serious complications between the two powers. It is highly unlikely that the Newfoundland legislature will consent to re-legislate the arrangements, in which case grave mischief will ensue, unless Great Britain makes another agreement with the French. The colony's position, however, is so strong with the British public that such an arrangement must be decidedly favorable to the colony.

Halifax, Dec. 24.—The building occupied by the Daily Chronicle was badly damaged by fire and a considerable part of the plant destroyed this morning. The loss, roughly estimated, is between \$9,000 and \$12,000, and is covered by insurance.

Charlottetown, Dec. 24.—Dr. James McLeod, one of the foremost physicians of Prince Edward Island, died on Saturday night after a long illness.

Kingston, Dec. 24.—Three Napanee bank robbers, who had left leg amputated above the knee. A running score made the operation necessary.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Fire did \$10,000 damages to the branch furniture store of H. A. Willet, of St. Catharines street. The loss is covered by insurance.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Three hundred and forty-five persons have passed the lower grade civil examinations during the past month, of whom 19 are from Vancouver and four from Victoria. In the higher grade, of which there are 214, ten are from Vancouver and two from Victoria. A noticeable feature of the lists is the large number of ladies, the number having passed in the last year were 13, in higher 49, and as optional subjects 13.

Hamilton, Dec. 26.—The big deal for the consolidation of the stove foundry business in Hamilton and Western Ontario is likely to be closed this week. Dr. McCaulay, of Chicago, is the prime mover for the American syndicate. The amount required to take over the concern is \$7,000,000. The centre of operations will be in this city, with John H. Tilden, of Gurney, Tilden & Co., as general manager.

Windsor, Dec. 26.—Hector Finnie, a Wabash railway conductor, was probably fatally injured by the caboose in which he was sleeping while on duty being run into by the engine of another train. Finnie's train being stalled in a siding awaiting orders.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 26.—Smallpox is reported to prevail on the Gulf coast of Westmorland, in this province.

Chatham, Dec. 26.—Johnston Macaulay, a well known Chatham young man, was found dead just west of the Grand Trunk station here yesterday morning. He is supposed to have been struck by a train.

Collingwood, Dec. 26.—Police Magistrate Wm. J. Frame died here yesterday, aged sixty-three years.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Wm. London was last night lodged in jail for having stabbed his father in the left eye and nose, inflicting severe wounds, as the result of a quarrel.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—The dismissals and reductions of other civic employees' salaries contemplated by the city council got a setback to-day by the decision of the city attorney, who declares the council has not power to take this action unless the clauses in the charter governing the employment of civic employees by the year is changed.

TRIOUBLE. (Associated Press.) Phenix, Arizona, Chihuahua, Mexico.

Chihuahua, Mexico, has been a state, and that Granada have on skins. The tribes are robbing isolated cattle. It is like part of the tribe the White River years ago.

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(Special to Vancouver, Dec. 26.)

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# Big Mining Deal

## Van Andia Copper and Gold Company's Interest Sold to English Syndicate.

### Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars to Be Spent in Development.

(Special to the Times.)  
Vancouver, Dec. 27.—The sale of the entire interest on Texada Island of the Van Andia Copper and Gold Company was completed today. Eighty-five per cent. of the stock was transferred to an English syndicate, headed by John Lowles, ex-M.P. of the British House of Commons, who has large interests in Kootenay.

The deal is the largest ever made on the coast, the basis of the consideration being half a million in cash. All the bondholders will be paid, and a small dividend given to shareholders. Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars will at once be spent in development, \$100,000 of this being for a tramway from Cornell shaft to the smelter, new hoisting plants, etc. Six hundred thousand dollars have been spent on the property to date.

H. W. Treat, formerly principal owner, will retire from the management on February 1st, when he will leave for New York.

### ELECTION COMMISSION.

North Ontario Case Is to Be Heard on January 2nd.

(Associated Press.)  
Montreal, Dec. 27.—Five thousand dollars damage was done to stock and building occupied by Messrs. Watt, Scott & Goodacre, commission merchants, 81, 83 and 85, St. James street, this morning. The fire was caused by an overheated stove.

The Canadian Pacific was the leading stock on the local stock exchange this morning, being quoted at 92 1/2 on heavy sales.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—The royal election commission will hold its first sitting on January 2nd at Uxbridge for the hearing of evidence in the North Ontario election case, the only one as yet brought before the commission.

A subpoena has been issued for the examination of J. B. Block, Conservative candidate, who petitions, claiming the Nipissing seat in the Commons owing to the alleged wrongful postponement of the election.

M. Klemm Has Been Appointed Consul at Bombay.

(Associated Press.)  
St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—To occupy the post of first Russian consul at Bombay, the government has appointed M. Klemm, for many years in the foreign office service in Central Asia and latterly secretary of the Russian political agency at Bokhara. Russia secured the right of consular representation at Bombay after long and difficult negotiations.

THE PRINCE AND RAJES.

(Associated Press.)  
New York, Dec. 27.—The English people will be delighted if the Prince of Wales can see his way to accept the invitation, which is reported to be extended to him by the New York Yacht Club, to be present at the races for the American cup, says the London correspondent of the Tribune.

The Prince is an enthusiastic yachtsman, and he has more than once expressed a desire to see one of the great yachting matches between England and America, but circumstances may arise to prevent him leaving this country next autumn.

AGAIN AT WORK.

(Associated Press.)  
Secretary Hay Has Recovered From His Slight Indisposition.

(Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 27.—Secretary Hay has recovered from his indisposition and was again at his desk in the state department today. This being his day he had many callers, the Chinese minister being the first. Neither the secretary nor the minister had any late news from Pekin.

TRoublesome INDIANS.

(Associated Press.)  
Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 27.—A message from Chihuahua, capital of the state of Chihuahua, Mexico, states that the Apache Indians in that state have organized to meet the residents of the state in the mountains, robbing isolated ranches and stealing cattle. It is likely that they belong to a part of the tribe which escaped from the White River reservation several years ago.

CRUISE OF TORPEDO KLEITER.

(Associated Press.)  
New York, Dec. 27.—The United States torpedo boat Kleiter sailed from Hampton Roads today. She will be one of the torpedo boats which, accompanied by the battleship Alabama, will shortly sail to join the North Atlantic squadron on its annual winter cruise in the tropics. The flagship Kearsage and the Massachusetts started from Hampton Roads on Saturday for Pensacola and the rendezvous will be made somewhere in the Gulf.

EXECUTION POSTPONED.

(Associated Press.)  
Spokane, Wn., Dec. 27.—Edward Rice, who brutally murdered old Matt May at Wallace, Idaho, will live till another century. He was sentenced to be hanged December 31st, 1900, but a stay of execution has been granted because of an appeal to the Supreme court.

# Shot By A Woman

## Grand Secretary of the Masonic Order of Indians Probably Fatally Wounded.

### Attempt to Murder Chief of Barro Police—Mysterious Case Near St. Louis.

(Associated Press.)  
Indianapolis, Dec. 27.—Wm. H. Smythe, grand secretary of the Masonic order of Indians, was shot and probably fatally wounded at noon today in his office in the Masonic temple in this city. The shooting is a mystery. Mr. Smythe said a blonde woman had entered his office and asked to use the telephone. He was busy, and told her he could not be bothered. Without further words she leveled a revolver at him and fired three times. The woman reached the scene only a few minutes after the tragedy but no trace of the woman was found. Mr. Smythe was discovered by Lewis A. Coleman, an attorney. The wounded man was lying on the floor in a pool of blood. Coleman called the police, Smythe's car was the only one to imagine who fired the shots. An examination revealed that three shots had been fired. Three bullets were removed from the wounded man's head.

Chief of Police Shot.

Barre, Vt., Dec. 27.—After quelling a disturbance that had arisen at a meeting held by the Italian anarchists to-day, chief of police Brow was shot as he was leaving the hall, and probably mortally wounded. Otto Bernacchi and Luigi Sassi have been arrested and identified as being connected with the attempted assassination.

# Colville Declines

## To Send in His Resignation, Which Was Demanded By War Office.

### Sir Henry is in Command of Infantry Brigade Stationed at Gibraltar.

(Associated Press.)  
London, Dec. 27.—The war office has begun the promised reform of the army in a sensational manner. It has demanded the resignation of Major-General Sir Henry Colville, commanding an infantry brigade at Gibraltar, and recently commanding the ninth division of the South Africa field force. General Colville refuses to resign, and is now on his way to England.

The news is all the more startling as the question of Colville's responsibility for the Yeomanry disaster at Lindley last May was fully investigated by the authorities when General Colville returned from South Africa last summer. After the inquiry General Colville was reinstated in his command at Gibraltar in September last.

The attitude of the war office indicates that a new regime in Pall Mall will reverse the decisions of Lord Lansdowne and Lord Wodehouse in regard to some of the recent commanders in South Africa.

General Colville, like General Methuen, has always been a great social personage in London and a prominent club man. He has had a most distinguished military career, has been repeatedly mentioned in despatches, and is familiarly known as "Oldgers." He is also known as an author, and on the occasion of his marriage created a sensation by going on his honeymoon in a balloon.

THE RESULT OF THE OFFICIAL RECOUNT IN YALE CARIBBO ANNOUNCED TO-DAY.

(Special to the Times.)  
Kamloops, Dec. 27.—The result of the official recount in Yale-Caribbo is as follows: Gallinger, 3,106; Foley, 2,644; McKane, 2,681. There were rejected 42 ballots; 83 spoiled.

Older Valley poll was thrown out, the deputy having failed to make a return. The ballot boxes have not been received from Gladstone and Deer Park. Unofficial returns from these points were: Otter Valley—Gallinger, 3; Foley, 9; McKane, 3. Gladstone—Gallinger, 27; Foley, 8; McKane, 0. Deer Park—Gallinger, 4; Foley, 0; McKane, 2.

DIED IN VANCOUVER.

(Special to the Times.)  
Vancouver, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Bolla Brinkman, whose letters and belongings show her to have come from Victoria, died to-day at the city hospital of consumption. She entered the hospital only two days ago. Nothing further is known of her home.

LORD ARMSTRONG DEAD.

(Associated Press.)  
London, Dec. 27.—Lord Wm. Geo. Armstrong, inventor of the Armstrong gun and a writer upon scientific and scientific topics, died this morning at his home at Craigside.

SEARCHING FOR CROWLEY.

(Associated Press.)  
Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 27.—This morning, Detective Shaunessey, of Omaha, arrived in the city looking for traces of Ed Crowley, who occupied the residence at 222 1/2 East Lyon street, here, for some time. Crowley is said to have been intimate with Chas. Prince, who was shot dead while trying to rob a store in Quincy, Ill., a year ago. The detective believes that Mrs. Prince's widow of the dead robber, will locate Crowley. He does not credit the report that Crowley is in jail at Laramie, for he was seen in Omaha only a few days before the Crowley shooting.

TO NEW DEAR.—A rich lady, cured of her deafness and noises in the head by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, writes: "I had been deaf for many years, so that deaf people cannot hear the best of the best. I have been cured free. Address No. 2008 E. The Nicholson Institute, Longcott, Gussersburg, London, W."

LORD WM. BEEBESFORD ILL.

(Associated Press.)  
London, Dec. 27.—Lord Wm. Beebeshford, who has been suffering from peritonitis, passed a very bad night, and was reported worse this morning.

DESTRUCTIVE DOCK FIRE.

(Associated Press.)  
London, Dec. 27.—One of the most serious fires which has ever occurred in the east end of London during the last ten years broke out in India dock. Five immense sheds filled with goods, including 10,000 bales of hemp and quantities of jute, were consumed. The shipping in the neighborhood and other warehouses were only saved by the greatest exertions of firemen.

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Kamloops reports rain, .04 inch; highest temperature, 48 on 19th, 20th; lowest, 24 on 24th.

Local News.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) The remains of the late Annie M. Morrissey, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Morrissey, were laid at rest yesterday afternoon in the family residence, Cedar Hill road, and later from St. Luke's church. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Filston. The following acted as pallbearers: E. Anderson, L. Anderson, J. Norman and O. Gilmaster.

The funeral of the late Chas. W. S. Christie took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of deceased brother north Chatham street. The religious services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Fraser. The Oddfellows turned out in a body and Past Grand A. Graham and J. Wilby conducted services for the lodge at the graveside. The following acted as pallbearers: J. E. Smith, P. A. Babington, T. R. Mitchell, Geo. McCann, J. Bell and J. Wilby.

W. M. Brewer, M. E., has returned from an examination of the coal deposits of Salt Spring island, and gives it as his opinion that the northern portion of the island is undoubtedly within the coal measures. He reports that the drilling operations in the island, which were referred to at some length in the Times a short time ago, will be undertaken in one of J. P. Booth's fields near one of the salt springs from which the island derived its name. The entire area covered by the coal deposits, he thinks, about three by nine miles.

The funeral of the late Joseph Wm. Mackay took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, 207 Johnson street, at 2.30 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. Canon Beauland. A large number of friends attended, and many floral pieces were presented. The following acted as pallbearers: Hon. Mr. Justice, Hon. Senator McDonald, E. W. Pearse, Hon. D. M. Eberts, J. A. Mara, Alex. Munro, James R. Anderson and D. McLachlan.

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Somebody recently entered Pemberton extension, and in departing carried away a number of calendars, which had been hanging on the walls for the closing exercises. They were obtained for the purpose by the firemen of the Yates and Cameron streets, the hall, and consist principally of reproductions of the photographs of the famous generals who participated in the South African war. It would be a regrettable act on the part of the party appropriating the calendars to either smother them or burn them to their places in the granary. The fire hall, where they originally belonged, is quite probable that no difficulty would be encountered in entering the former building, where they were hanging, and two doors.

The death occurred yesterday of Jas. Williams at his residence, Esquimalt. Deceased was very suddenly and the cause of his death is not yet known. An inquest is to be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon. He was 56 years of age and a native of Cheltenham, England. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2 p.m. from the family residence, Admiral's road.

The funeral of the late Capt. John Steels, the lamented master of the Tees, who died in Vancouver on Sunday last, took place this morning from the family residence, No. 2 Market street, at 9.30 o'clock, and from the Roman Catholic cathedral at 10 o'clock. Requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Laterne, while Rev. Father Althoff con-

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Yesterday morning the Victoria & Sidney train was brought to a rather abrupt standstill, the rails appearing nearly milk lake, causing the engine wheels to drop down on the ties. The wheels of the tender and the coach remained in their places, and no damage resulted. Mr. Paterson and some workmen immediately undertook to raise the wheels, but owing to the soft nature of the road-bed, caused by the large quantity of water from the hillsides the past few days, great difficulty was experienced. Ultimately the wheels were raised, traffic being only delayed a few hours. This is the spot where the mishap occurred a few days ago, when a coach left the track.

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W. H. Hayward, M. P. P., who is at present in London, writes to friends here stating that he was at Lord Strathcona's banquet at the Imperial Hotel, together with A. E. McPhillips, M. P. P., Forbes George Vernon and Pte. Brethour, of the First Canadian contingent. The funeral of the late Joseph E. Williams took place this afternoon from the family residence, Admiral's road, Esquimalt, at 2 p. m. Rev. E. Sharp conducted the services. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. H. Cook, Geo. Morrison, Thos. Astell, E. Russell, B. Pauline and A. Mesher.

The holiday season was made pleasant for one family through the energy and assistance of Victoria Lodge of the United Workmen. As the result of a concert and through private donations over \$170 was presented to Mrs. Wendt, of Victoria West, whose husband has been confined to his bed for some years by reason of an accident to his spine while attending to his duties as a marine engineer.

In connection with the request of Mayor Hayward for a captured German gun for this city it is interesting to note that over thirty similar applications have been received at the department of militia, most of the requests emanating from Victoria. The government has not yet received a reply from the war office in response to an inquiry as to the disposition of the captured cannon and the expressed hope that Canada would not be forgotten when the spoils of war were distributed.

Messrs. Oliver and Wood, of the Skidegate Oil Works, are down from the North with the first consignment of the Queen Charlotte Islands, consisting of 170 cases of the fish. The canning and preparing of the clams for the market is a new industry, and Messrs. Oliver and Wood hope to make it a remunerative one. The fish for the shipment now here were caught, they say, on the beach during one ebb tide.

A coroner's inquest was held at the Naval hospital yesterday afternoon to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the death of James Williams, which occurred on Monday. A number of witnesses were examined, and the jury returned a verdict of death from alcoholic poisoning. Williams was a native of Cheltenham, Eng., and was 40 years of age. He resided for many years on Admiral's road, and was well known in the vicinity. He leaves a widow and large family. The funeral is taking place this afternoon.

One of the most thoughtful of the many kind acts of the Christmas season was that of Mrs. (Capt.) Wm. Grant of this city, who remembered every member of A. Gompertz, 3rd R.C.R., each of the men, women, and children, which, in addition to the necessities, had been associated with such articles, had a marked edition of the New Testament. The little articles were made of red and black, the regulation colors of the service. The men, many of whom are strangers to Whistler, appreciated very highly the consideration of the day mentioned.

At the residence of the bride's parents this street on Tuesday afternoon, Miss Ethel A. Y. Manson was united in marriage to Augustus J. Baynton, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. F. Barraclough. The bride was most becomingly attired in white, and was silk-trimmed with lace and chiffon. A bridal veil of lace, fastened by orange blossoms in the form of a crown, adorned her head. She carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums presented by the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Miss Violet Marion and Mona Evelyn Grant, pieces of the bride, who were very becomingly gowned in white cashmere, with pale blue silk. J. A. Grant was groomsmen. The ceremony was performed in the presence of relatives and intimate friends. Mr. and Mrs. Baynton were the recipients of many handsome and useful presents. They will make their residence in the city.

Along the Waterfront.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Steamers and sailing vessels arriving at San Francisco from British Columbia ports report very trying experiences. The Undaunted, thirty days from Comox, B. C., and twenty-two days from Clallam Bay, was one of the fleet. She caught the gale off the coast of Mendocino and was in the straits of the network, a time without steerage-way, but the stout old ship managed to weather the gale and is good for many another voyage.

On December 10th she sprung her rudder head and that made it extra hard to weather the storm. The Undaunted, which arrived on Friday, reported that the voyage was one of the worst the vessel had since she first went on the Puget Sound route. She got her rough weather as soon as she got out her nose beyond Flattery and had big seas and strong gales to contend with until she crossed in at San Francisco. The Umatilla was nearly 30 hours late on her trip. For eight hours she was held up off Destruction Island, where she was forced to anchor. The Umatilla had big seas and strong gales to contend with until she crossed in at San Francisco. The Umatilla was nearly 30 hours late on her trip. For eight hours she was held up off Destruction Island, where she was forced to anchor. The Umatilla had big seas and strong gales to contend with until she crossed in at San Francisco.

Regarding the damages to the ship Yosemite, reported in Monday's Times as having put into Port Angeles in distress, a Port Townsend dispatch says: "The Yosemite, Captain Anderson sailed from Ludlow on the 1st inst., after being damaged by a fire on board. She was carrying a lumber cargo for Australia. On Sunday night, with bulwarks stove in, all her boats either gone or crushed, the water tanks gone by the board, and the vessel in a perilous condition, she came back from sea. It was the intention to bring the Yosemite here, but she was leaking so badly that it was deemed dangerous to continue on up the Straits, and she was immediately taken into safe anchorage at Angeles, where she will await orders."

A dispatch from Hoquiam says H. E. Pennell, of San Francisco, secretary of the Northwest Lumber Company, has recently visited the scene of the wrecked schooner Pioneer, near Tillamook, Or. He reports the vessel having lost her rudder three days previous to going on the beach. No lives were lost, although some of the crew were badly bruised in reaching shore. Farmers on the beach assisted the crew in reaching shore. The vessel, parted when she struck the rocky beach and is a total loss, together with 600,000 feet of lumber which she carried. There was no insurance.

The steamer State of California, which has been located in Neah Bay, where she took refuge when she broke adrift from her moorings. It will be a week or more before the new moorings can be made ready, and meantime the perilous stretch of coast is being kept under the most vigilant watch. The vessel is in a perilous condition, and the crew is being kept on the beach during one ebb tide.

The Western Commercial Company has bought the British bark Dumagrac, now on the beach, and has arranged to take her with a cargo of coal for the British naval vessels. The vessel is in a perilous condition, and the crew is being kept on the beach during one ebb tide.

H. M. S. Lequiam, Captain Knowlton, which is on the beach, has arrived safely at Hilo. The vessel is in a perilous condition, and the crew is being kept on the beach during one ebb tide.

(From Thursday's Daily.) British ship Falkland, Capt. Gracie, reports on the 19th, speaking to a vessel flying the numbers J. S. K. D. 150 miles southwest of the Columbia river, says a Port Townsend dispatch. She was making good headway in mountainous seas, but the vessel was in a perilous condition, and the crew is being kept on the beach during one ebb tide.

A direct line of steamers between Portland and Manila will be in operation by February 20th. The Oregon & Orient company, of which Mr. Allan Cameron, late of this city, is the Hongkong manager, has decided to put into commission a new steamer, the Marmora, and the Carmathenshire. The steamers will be placed exclusively in the service and make regular trips.

German ship Carl, which sailed from Tacoma December 15th, with cargo of wheat for Queenstown, has been towed to Port Angeles. She was wrecked off Cape Flattery by one of the Puget Sound Tugboat Company's tugs. In the recent storm off Cape Flattery she sprung a leak, taking in several feet of water. The Carl will await orders at Port Angeles.

Barkentine Amelia, which is at Block, is reported to be taking quite a heavy load and will have to go on the dry dock before she can return to the coast. The Amelia had a very long trip from the coast and encountered terrible weather, and it is supposed that she was strained. She is now on the coast, making one of the longest trips on record.

The department of marine and fisheries of Canada invite tenders in and for January 5th, 1901, for provisions, coal, and ship chandlery for the steamers of the department for lighthouse and buoy service. Particulars may be learned by applying to the agent of marine, Capt. Gaudin.

The bark Mermaid, reported yesterday as off Point Wilson, is now in Esquimalt, having arrived last evening in tow of the American tug Dolphin. The vessel is in a perilous condition, and the crew is being kept on the beach during one ebb tide.

The last of the sealing fleet to sail this season that will carry a full white crew cleared yesterday. She was the Aurora, Captain Cole. She will cruise down off the California coast, crossing later to the Japan and then to the Copper River coast. In all ten of the all but two or three are intending to "take in" the Asiatic coast sealing grounds. In all they carry over two hundred men and a full complement of provisions for a six-month expedition. Only one of the schooners, which will carry Indians, has sailed, she being the Umbria; the others will leave immediately after New Year's.

O. L. Willoughby, local Associated Press correspondent, had a narrow escape from drowning Christmas afternoon by having his boat capsized. Mr. Willoughby was attempting to leave the schooner Reporter, which he had boarded, and was just about to have his boat's painter cast off from the vessel when the tug started ahead with the vessel. Willoughby's boat collided with the schooner Reporter, and he was thrown overboard. Willoughby, who is an expert swimmer, was picked up by a boatman, after being in the icy water fully fifteen minutes.

Capt. McCroskie, master of the steamer Queen City, reports that the vessel scraped lightly over the ground at low water of a long run out, when exactly in mid-channel between the buoy marking Isabel rock on the north side of the channel and the island on the south side of the channel in Metlakahla harbor, north coast of British Columbia. The steamer was drawing between 13 and 14 feet. The spot where she touched is thought to be that marked 3 1/2 fathoms on Admiralty chart No. 364 one cable west from Isabel island.

The case of the Victoria Machinery Depot vs. the ship Mabel was heard in the Supreme Court yesterday before Mr. Justice Martin. Mr. Lawson appeared for the company and the case was undefended, the owner having disappeared shortly after the vessel was brought to Victoria for repairs. Judgment was given in favor of the plaintiff for the sum of \$325 and costs. The ship is to be sold without appraisal after one week's advertisement of the sale.

Capt. J. T. Walbran, master of the D. G. S. Quadra, reports that no buoy is maintained in Metlakahla harbor where shown on Admiralty chart No. 364, 1 1/2 cables eastward of the buoy on Kelp rock. Black buoys were placed on top of Kelp rock and Isabel rock, on the north side of the narrow navigable channel.

A London dispatch of the 5th says: "Rear-Admiral Lewis Anthony Beesmont (late commander-in-chief on the Pacific naval station), who succeeds Rear-Admiral Hugo Lewis Pearson, the present commander-in-chief on the Australian station, is conferring with the admiralty in connection with his departure for Australia. He sails for Sydney in the middle of the present month."

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is not here to go on the ways, but has simply come to pay off her crew and await orders. She comes from Port Valdez, which port she left on September 29th with supplies for the United States militia on the Copper river. The trip was a terribly rough one, and the vessel was rescued once from going ashore by the steamer Bertha, which afterwards labelled her. Her owner Capt. Frank M. White, of Seattle, who is now in the city, is a well known navigator in these waters. Ten years ago he was in the C. P. N. company's employ. He says that the C. D. Lane, which returned to Port Angeles the other day in a supposedly leaking condition, will probably not have to discharge her lumber cargo, it being found that all the water in the hold was taken in through her hatchways when the vessel was being tossed about by the storms of a few weeks ago.

While up North on his trip of exploitation of Northern waters Capt. Walbran took the following soundings off Rose spit, the north extremity of Queen Charlotte islands, at the junction of Lewis street and Dixon entrance: Lat. N. 54 deg. 16 min. 25 sec, long. W. 131 deg. 29 min. 50 sec. No bottom at 20 fathoms. One mile W. from next sounding: lat. N. 54 deg. 16 min., long. W. 131 deg. 28 min. 30 sec. 70 fathoms. Tow hill bears S. 33 deg. W.; lat. N. 54 deg. 13 min. 35 sec, long. W. 131 deg. 27 min. 10 sec. No bottom at 20 fathoms. One mile E. from sounding next above: lat. N. 54 deg. 14 min. 10 sec, long. W. 131 deg. 23 min. 25 sec.; 15 fathoms, S. 57 deg. E., 2 1/2 miles from 70-fathom sounding: lat. N. 54 deg. 14 min. 40 sec, long. W. 131 deg. 15 min.; 15 fathoms, sandy. N. 56 deg. E., 5 miles from sounding next above.

PURCHASING ANNUITIES.

How Executive of Patriotic Fund Will Provide for Deceased Soldiers' Dependents. As already announced, the executive of the patriotic fund will purchase annuities for the children of Canadian soldiers who have died or been killed in South Africa. This money, says the Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto Globe, will be paid over quarterly until the beneficiaries reach the age of eighteen years. In the case of widows they will receive a gratuity of one thousand dollars, and the best way of making the money over to them is now occupying consideration. Dependents of deceased soldiers are receiving from the fund weekly allowances according to the merits of each case may warrant. Soldiers who are totally incapacitated from work are receiving \$1 a day, but those who are able to partially make a living receive fifty cents. The likelihood is that Pte. Mulloy of Winchester, the blind veteran, whose case has aroused deep sympathy, will be given \$1 a day from the fund. The executive cannot lay down a definite policy for the administration of the fund until it is known what amount will be granted by the British government in the form of pensions to disabled colonials, and also whether the Dominion government will vote any money for the same purpose.

THE RETAIL MARKETS.

Bran Advances Another Dollar Per Ton - Fresh Eggs on the Decline. When comparing the Christmas rush with that of a year ago, retailers are convinced that the volume of business is on the increase. Wholesalers also are gratified at the encouraging aspect business is assuming, and they attribute it in no small degree to the war in the Philippines. This, they say, is responsible for a special stir in all the cities of the Coast, and is just now the cause of another advance on bran. Fresh eggs are reported this week to be on the decline. They had reached the 60 cent mark, but were more plentiful now have dropped to 45 and 50 cents. Eastern apples have not their appearance, but on the whole are not of a very pleasing variety, being both high in price and poor in quality. Current quotations are as follows:

Table listing market prices for various goods including Flour, Oats, Potatoes, and other commodities with their respective prices per unit.

THE BEST PLASTER.

A piece of Rimmel's Compound with Chambrin's Bala Bala, and bound to the affected part is superior to any plaster. When troubled with lame back or painful side on chest, give it a trial, and you will be surprised to find how pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. Rimmel's Compound is a specific for Rheumatism, Gout, and all other forms of neuralgia. For sale by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents.

The Case Remanded

Charge Against the Savoy Will Come up Later - Other Items.

John Hanley Makes Spirited Protest Against Being Considered a Vagrant.

There was quite a crowd at the police court this morning, the general expectation being, probably, that the case of Messrs. McDonnell & Jackson, of the Savoy, charged with conducting gaming on their premises, would be heard. Owing to Mr. Jackson's absence in the north the summons could not be served on R. J. McDonnell through his manager, B. Chaffee, at the Savoy, yesterday. E. A. Powell appeared as counsel for Mr. McDonnell this morning and accepted the service on behalf of his client, who is a well known contractor. The case was then remanded until Wednesday next. The informant, Rev. Mr. Hughes, was present during the proceedings. Dick Penketh was charged with drunkenness, and pleading guilty was fined \$7.50, or fifteen days' imprisonment with hard labor. Another culprit was fined \$5 or ten days for a similar offence. The cases of the Germania saloon, W. Thomson, proprietor, and the London, Mrs. Maria Thiel, proprietress, charged with retelling liquor on Sunday evening last, were disposed of in short order. Both the accused pleaded guilty and were fined \$50 or three months' imprisonment with hard labor. They paid their fines.

The case of Jeff Thornton, who was remanded several days ago on the charge of vagrancy, was further laid over until to-morrow. The greater portion of this morning's proceedings, however, was occupied by the hearing of John Hanley, charged with vagrancy. It was not concluded, as the accused intends procuring witnesses to show that he has visible means of support. He was a very loquacious prisoner and was given very few opportunities to speak by without giving his opinion on things in general. His demeanor in the box was that of outraged innocence, and had he kept in subjection his temper and was less garrulous he might have created a more favorable impression.

The first witness was Detective Palmer, who stated that he had known the accused three months, and in that time he had never known the accused to work. He then detailed an incident which occurred in the Jubilee saloon on Christmas morning, when Hanley used insulting language to him and continued the use of Billingsgate from that place until he reached the police station. When there the accused struck him. Hanley, the detective said, lived at No. 2 Harbor cottage, and consorted considerably with vagrants.

The accused, who, during the evidence of the detective, listened with ill-suppressed impatience, then undertook cross-examination. He wanted details, and remarked that he had witnesses to prove that he had worked in the past three months. He also grew sarcastic occasionally. Constable Carson corroborated the evidence of the detective, and he also was subjected to a miniature bombardment of questions.

The last witness was Sergeant Redgrave, who had known the accused a year, and as far as he was aware he stated the latter did not work but spent most of his time in saloons. The sergeant also went through the gauntlet of cross-examination. The accused was desirous of securing witnesses, and he gave the names of three of them, who will be subpoenaed. He then took the stand himself, and said that he had arrived in Atlin in September, and since then had worked on the steamer Douglas at Esquimalt, and on a salmon ship which was loading here. He admitted having been arrested for drunkenness not long after his return from Atlin. As Esquimalt he said he earned from \$14 to \$10.20 per week for three weeks, and then \$8.

"How much do you pay for your whiskey?" queried the chief. "I don't pay anything," "Get it free gratis," replied the accused. He subsequently admitted that he spent about five cents a day on liquor, mostly, for his introduction. He further stated that he only got drunk on Saturday, which was pay day. When he did not have the money his comrades had it for him. The accused also said that he brought \$100 from Atlin, but this finally disappeared down 12.25, and might have gone down still further when the chief switched his question to another track.

After giving his evidence, a witness for the defence was called. His evidence was corroborative of the evidence of the accused, and he stated that he had seen the accused working with him at Esquimalt. This elicited from the accused a somewhat indignant reply. The latter replied indignantly that he was telling the truth, and he was doing so to the magistrate, and he was doing so for his unbecoming conduct. He characterized him as a cantankerous ugly person to deal with. The court then adjourned.

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GREENWOOD.

On Wednesday evening, in the parlour of the Hotel Windsor, H. E. Poulmier was united in marriage to Miss Emma Nelson, of Ephraim, Utah. Rev. H. B. Balderson, pastor of the Methodist church, officiated at the ceremony.

ROSSLAND.

Matthew Stewart died at the Sisters' hospital, on Saturday, of cancer of the stomach, from which he had been suffering a long time past. He was one of the pioneers of the camp, and was a member of the Methodist church. He has two brothers in Dakota.

OLIVIA.

late of Fairfield island, near the woods, near a razor. A search party found a body on Tuesday morning. The man was 49 years of age. J. Pelly, coroner, held an inquest and a jury brought in a verdict that the deceased came to his death by cutting his throat. He leaves a widow to mourn his untimely end.

GREENWOOD.

On Wednesday evening, December 10th, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Palmer, Rev. Mr. Anderson, minister of the Gospel, officiated at the thirty-fifth anniversary of the arrival of the first regiment of Canadian volunteers, and the fifth anniversary of the arrival of the first Canadian miner, both now residing in Greenwood, from the town of Pine Grove, York county, Ont., where until six weeks ago Captain Hicks has been doing business as a miller and general merchant.

PERNIE.

A man named Hudson met with a terrible accident at Coal creek on Tuesday, December 21st. He was employed in the blast, P. R. mill there by cutting his foot off, which was taken out and shipped away. Hudson was on the third floor and stepped backwards into a hole, his head striking a beam on the second floor. He then fell to the ground. When picked up he was unconscious, and remained so for about twenty-four hours. He was at once brought to the hospital at Fernie and given every attention by Dr. Bonnell, who now has hopes of his ultimate recovery as the skull does not seem to be fractured, the unconsciousness being caused by a severe concussion of the brain.

PRINCETON.

The following letter has been received from the superintendent of education by George Murdoch: "I am directed to inform you that an 'assisted' school will be granted to the residents of Princeton. I am further directed to ask you to call a meeting of the parents and others interested to select three persons to act as temporary trustees. These, when appointed, should immediately choose one of their number to act as secretary of the board, and the trustees should communicate with the department, giving the names of the trustees, and stating what arrangements have been made for the opening of the school. By an 'assisted' school is meant that the government pays the salary of the teacher and makes a small grant for incidental expenses, parents and others interested supply a suitable school room, furnishing the same and meeting all other expenses connected with the maintenance of the school. As soon as preparations are completed authority will be given for the opening of a school at Princeton."

KAMLOOPS.

W. C. Myers, a native of Nova Scotia, died here of consumption last Tuesday evening, aged 41 years. The deceased, who was a seafaring man, had been suffering from the malady.

Another well known old resident of this province passed away at an early hour on Friday morning in the person of Chas. H. Heath, popularly known as Judge Heath, who was an inmate of the provincial home for the past two years. He was a native of New Jersey and at one time a county judge in California. Judge Heath was well known throughout British Columbia, having resided in the Kamloops district for a considerable time following the mining business.

Tom Paul and Donald Lesh were on Thursday committed to stand their trial at the next sitting of the court of assize for the murder of Geo. Roth, trader of Little Fort, which occurred on October 12th last. On Wednesday the prisoners appeared before W. P. Wood, J. P., and underwent a preliminary hearing which lasted all day and was concluded on Thursday morning.

CHILWICK.

Lumber continues to be the staple article of export from Chemainus. At present there are about half a dozen vessels being loaded here. Early in the present month the Women's Auxiliary held a bazaar in aid of the Chemainus hospital, which proved a financial and social success, as \$475 was obtained for the praiseworthy object.

Rev. Mr. McEwen, superintendent of Baptist missions, preached acceptably to the Baptist congregation on Sunday morning; and Rev. F. Evans preached in the evening to the Presbyterian people.

PLASTER.

On Sunday next Rev. W. B. Allan is expected to conduct divine service in the Church of England. The semi-annual review examination (oral and written) of the Chemainus school took place on the 21st instant. The proceedings were brought to a close by the teacher, S. Moore, distributing Christmas cards. The closing exercises in the Chemainus Landing public school, on the same date, were conducted by John W. King, B. A. The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist congregation gave a supper and sale of

fancy articles in the hall on the evening of the 21st.

NELSON.

Rev. J. H. White, pastor of the Methodist church, has returned from Sandon, where he preached the dedication sermon for the new Methodist church. It will be remembered that the old church and parsonage was destroyed in the big fire last summer and since then the congregation has been rustling to provide funds for a new edifice. They met with marked success, and the new and comfortable church just opened stands as a monument to their enterprise and zeal.

Thomas Couch, for the past six months employed at Mr. E. J. Robie's merchant tailoring establishment, died at his residence in Victoria street on Wednesday afternoon after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Couch, who was 34 years of age, was born at St. Petersburg, Ontario, coming to Nelson last February. His wife and a six-year-old son survive him. He leaves a father and mother at St. Petersburg.

VERNON.

Mrs. W. F. Cameron died on Monday from the effects of a quantity of carbolic acid administered by her own hands, when in a condition of mental derangement. An inquest was held on Monday night, when the following facts were elicited. For several weeks she had been suffering from illness of a nervous nature, and on the day before her death, her physician informed her husband that he had grave fears that her mind would be afflicted. On Monday afternoon she purchased for disinfecting purposes, a three ounce bottle of carbolic acid, half of the contents of which she swallowed a few hours later. She had dinner as usual at 6 o'clock, then she came out again to the room in which her step-daughter, Mrs. Keating, was seated, and summoning the servant girl told her to go quickly for Mr. Cameron, who was in the stable. He came in at once, but she never spoke again, and expired almost immediately. At the inquest two letters which she left were read. One was to her husband. It was written on Sunday, and betrayed a very despondent condition of mind. A postscript added in pencil, on Monday, was as follows: "I am much worse to-day. Good-bye." The jury brought in the following verdict: "That the deceased Mrs. Cameron came to her death from a dose of carbolic acid administered by her own hand, while temporarily insane."

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The funeral of Edith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bradberry, took place at 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon to the Odd Fellows' cemetery, the Salvation Army conducting the services. At 9.30 on Monday, the last rites were also performed for the mortal remains of the late Mrs. Williams, deceased, wife of J. H. Williams, contractor. The funeral was delayed for the arrival of a son from the East, and he arrived on Saturday evening. The funeral services were conducted at St. Peter's Cathedral by the Rev. Father Bonning. The interment took place in the Roman Catholic cemetery.

Patsy O'Hannon, who stole a bicycle from A. Speck's store last summer, and was arrested on the charge just after coming out of the provincial jail from serving a sentence for another offence, was sentenced by Magistrate Pittendigh in the provincial police court, on Friday to nine months in jail for the offence. On Monday morning, in the court house, Coroner Pittendigh held an inquest on the remains of James Elue, who was shot in the provincial jail on Friday evening. The man was only in a few days and had been brought from South Vancouver by the provincial police, on the charge of being a dangerous lunatic, the charge having been made by the constable of South Vancouver. When he was brought over to the jail, the man took ill and complained of pains in his head. Dr. Walker was called in on December 20th, and found the man unable to give a very connected account of himself. He had a convulsion and these continued until he died. An inquest was begun on Saturday, and the officials, thinking a post mortem was desirable, the inquest was adjourned till Monday morning. Dr. Walker made a post mortem with the result that it was found that the man's brain had been attached to the skull. The jury gave a verdict of death from natural causes, adding a rider that they thought he should have been sent to the hospital, instead of the jail.

VANCOUVER.

The death occurred on Wednesday morning of Isolina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scrinia, aged 21 years after a short illness. Deceased was married on January 17th, 1895, to Francesco Gasparotto, in the Roman Catholic church in Victoria. He represented himself to be 28 years of age when actually he was 23 years. This was the first step toward a breach of the relations of the couple. She leaves a son about three years of age. She was an employee of the Hotel Vancouver and held in high esteem by all connected therewith, which is shown by the beautiful wreath sent and a purse containing \$35 for the child.

At a special meeting of the city council on Friday night Ald. Neelds introduced a by-law for the enforcement of the closing of barbers' shops on Sunday, which passed through the various stages and was finally adopted. This by-law is similar to the one now in force with the exception that it eliminates the clause prohibiting a barber from carrying on his trade or occupation on a Sunday, upon which clause Mr. Justice Irving has based his recent decision, in allowing J. Lambert's appeal in the Supreme court. Ald. Baxter, seconded by Ald. McQueen moved that the city solicitor be instructed to appeal against the decision of Mr. Justice Irving. The city solicitor gave his opinion on the question, contending that if the court considered the case on the grounds of the first clause in

the by-law, the appeal would be allowed, but if it took the second clause into consideration, which from his point of view did not affect the case under consideration, it would be disallowed. After a general discussion, the motion was carried by a unanimous vote. Messrs. Wilson and Stankov offer to put on a line of steamers between Ross and Skagway, better than any running the same route on the coast, provided the city guaranteed 5 per cent. interest on \$200,000 for five years, was referred to a special meeting of the city council called for Friday next to further consider the matter. Messrs. Wilson, Stankov and Senkler offered to pay for the submission of the by-law.

Miss Jean Rae Jones, of Nanaimo, arrived on the steamer Joan on Saturday morning at 10.15 o'clock, and an hour later was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony to David MacBeth, of this city, principal of the Central school. The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. G. MacBeth at the manse. The arrangements in connection with the reception to the returning volunteers are rapidly assuming shape. A meeting of the reception committee was held on Friday afternoon, when the sub-committee reported the progress that had been made. The illumination will be one of the features of the celebration. A liberal amount of fireworks will be set off, and in addition to this display the line of parade will be brightly lit up by the light of torches. Col. Worsoy and Ald. McQueen reported that \$40 had already been collected in subscriptions. A draft for an arch, the design of which had been gratuitously prepared by William Blackmore, was presented for consideration. The arch will be erected near the city hall.

Upon arriving at Halifax on the steamer Lake Champlain, the Vancouver contingent telegraphed the following to the mayor on Sunday: "All the compliments of the season to you and the citizens, from the boys." This was signed by the boys who will return to Vancouver. In answer, the mayor wired: "We are all delighted at your return. Col. Worsoy and the regiment and the citizens send the compliments of the season. There will be a hot time when you arrive. Mayor Garden telegraphed also to Col. O'Connell as follows: "Please give probable time of arrival and names of the Vancouver boys. Compliments of the season to you." The C.P.R. telegraph kindly transmitted all the messages to the boys. This was signed by the boys who will return to Vancouver. In answer, the mayor wired: "We are all delighted at your return. Col. Worsoy and the regiment and the citizens send the compliments of the season. There will be a hot time when you arrive. Mayor Garden telegraphed also to Col. 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# From Scene Of Wreck

## D. G. S. Quadra Makes an Unsuccessful Search for Missing Bodies.

### Captain Walbran's Official Report on the Loss of the Steamer Alpha.

D. G. S. Quadra, Capt. Walbran, returned yesterday from the scene of the wreck of the Alpha at Yellow Rock, 130 miles from the mouth of the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The search for the missing bodies was unsuccessful, none having been recovered beyond those three already mentioned which were afterwards lost in making the landing at Denman island wharf.

Mr. Barrow and another officer of the Quadra walked nine miles along the beach, and the steam cutter made the trip twice in the hope of discovering bodies, but in vain. The ship's grindstones and parts of the piano were picked up about three miles from the wreck.

Capt. Walbran makes the statement that one of the men made a hazardous trip to shore and held on to the rock with one hand while he supported the end of the line along which the shipwrecked men came ashore with the other. This fact was that the rock was quite bare when the vessel struck, and the passing of the line ashore was made with comparative ease. A moment of two later, however, the ship swung round, and there was fifty feet of boiling water to negotiate between her and the land. The hull was submerged, and those who perished hesitated about committing themselves to it when covered in water and when not sure that it was secured at the other end. The first officer described the shrieks of those who perished when the rigging fell about midnight as terrible.

Capt. Walbran's report to the department of marine and fisheries is as follows:

"Upon arrival I found that the disaster had occurred on the east point of Yellow Rock, and that no communication had been possible with the wreck since it happened, owing to the heavy gales prevailing from the S. E. The wreck took place at 6.45 Saturday, December 15th. Twenty-six persons were saved by means of three ropes made fast between the fore rigging and the rock. Nine persons, including the captain, purser and the three engineers, were drowned, these unfortunate persons preferring to take their chances for life by staying on the ship, rather than by taking to the ropes.

"The hull is totally submerged, and her masts, broken off floating in the water and held by wreckage, are now the only indications of the disaster.

"The day after the disaster, the weather being modified somewhat, a sloop from Hornby island took all the survivors with the exception of the boat-swain, who is at present at Yellow Rock starting by the wreck on behalf of the owner, Mr. Gephale, of Vancouver, B. C., which plan they stayed at until an opportunity occurred of proceeding to Vancouver. As the sloop went up the Sound three bodies were found on the beach near Reef Bluff, Denman island, which proved to be those of Mr. Barrow, purser, Mr. Murray, 3rd engineer, and a stowaway named McKay. An inquest was held on the bodies next day on Denman island, the verdict, 'accidentally drowned,' being brought in by the jury. After the inquest the bodies were placed in a small boat and then covered by a small local steamer to Denman island wharf. The night had set in stormy, and darkness came on before the wharf was reached where, in the confusion of making a landing in the darkness, wind and rain, the small boat with its contents got under the counter of the steamer, capsized, and the bodies sank at once. They have not yet been recovered as the tide has evidently swept them from the vicinity of the accident.

"Upon my arrival at Union wharf, Messrs. Wilkinson and Steiner, first and second officers of the Alpha, were taken aboard the Quadra, and in the course landed at Vancouver. The remainder of the survivors had already left for Vancouver via Nanaimo. None of the survivors saved anything from the wreck, many of them not even the clothes they were wearing at the time of leaving the vessel.

"The afternoon of the day of my arrival being the first fine weather of any sort since the disaster, I placed my steam cutter at the disposal of the officers of the Alpha, who, with one of my officers and a party of seamen, carefully searched the coast line from Yellow Rock to Village Point, but no bodies were found. I also had a party patrol the Vancouver island shore, with like success. The next morning, Friday, I continued the search, but not finding any bodies, proceeded during the course of the day to Vancouver, where Mr. Wilkinson, with his brother officers and the papers and books, etc., picked up along the beach, were landed.

"The shore of Denman island is strewn with wreckage, principally dried fish in bulk, which can be of very little value now. The fittings of the ship which have been washed on shore are more or less matchwood.

"A mackerel, leather, handbag, etc., were picked up on the beach about three miles from the wreck, which had been open along the bottom by some person, and its contents abstracted. Mr. Wilkinson recognized it as a bag which had been in Mr. Barrow's possession, and he understood its contents were of value.

"I desire to bring before the department the meritorious conduct of Mr. McDonald, lighthouse keeper at Yellow Rock. All of the wrecked people speak most highly of the kindness and attention with which he treated them. Twenty-six hungry men made a sad inroad on his storeroom, which he placed unreservedly at their disposal. After making due inquiries on the subject I supplied him with a sum of money to purchase stores from the Quadra to keep him going for the present.

"I enclose the sworn testimony of the first officer of the late steamer Alpha and

the lighthouse keeper regarding the disaster and the sad loss of life at Yellow Rock. This testimony will be required, I think, by the receiver of wrecks for this district.

"I also enclosed Form W. (e) Stranding, which were supplied me with and which was filled up by the first officer of the lost steamer, and signed by him in my presence."

## CAUGHT IN THE ACT

### Chief and Sergeant of Police Cleverly Surprised Law Breakers—Skillful Coup.

Summonses have been served on the proprietors of the Germania and London saloons for retailing liquor on Sunday in contravention of the law. The offenses were committed in one case between 7 and 9 o'clock last evening, and in the other about 11 o'clock. As a rule it is a somewhat difficult matter to detect a contravention of this sort, as it is necessary to "cover the offenders in flagrante delicto." Last night, however, the chief and Sergeant Redgrave accomplished this at the London in a manner which would serve as a model for a drama novelist to delight the small boy with an immoderate taste for literature of this sort. They entered through a somewhat reconcealed passage and found all serene—not the faintest suspicious circumstance in evidence. Even the conversation itself was moderate, and the habitués bore themselves in a manner consonant with an apparent consciousness of sweet innocence.

The officers of the law retired, but not as was surmised by those present, into the open air. On the contrary they skillfully managed to secrete themselves in an advantageous niche, and from there witnessed the operations which resulted in the issuing of summonses. When the inspector central was at its height, and the deluded law breakers were congratulating themselves on their cleverness in pulling the wool over the eyes of the chief and officer of Victoria's police, the very gentlemen calmly strode into the room, and after nonchalantly satisfying themselves that there was no deception took the names. The coup was a clever one, and shows Victoria's police to be strictly on the qui vive.

The Germania was entered by Sergeant Redgrave and Constables O'Leary and Lowelyn later in the night, and summonses have been issued as a result of this instance also. They will probably appear in the police court on Wednesday.

## DIED AT VANCOUVER

### Capt. Steele, Formerly of Steamer Tees, Passes Away at Terminal City.

The death took place at St. Paul's hospital, Vancouver, yesterday morning of Capt. John Steele, one of the well known members of the group of navigators in the employ of the C. P. N. Co. Capt. Steele was sent to hospital a number of days ago suffering with pneumonia, from the effects of which he gradually sank, until death supervened yesterday morning.

Deceased was a native of Prince Edward Island, and was 42 years of age. For several years he has been connected with the C. P. N. Company, and during the last summer was in command of the steamer Tees. For some years previously he was captain of the old steamer Barbara Boscovitch, and was considered by all with whom he became known as a most capable navigator. He was an unmarried man. His remains were brought down from the city on Sunday, and will be interred on Wednesday, the funeral being announced to take place from the family residence at 9.30 a. m., and later from the Roman Catholic Cathedral.

Out of respect for the deceased, flags hung at half mast from all the steamers of the C. P. N. fleet in port to-day.

## SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

### List of Those to Be Admitted Into the Normal School.

The results of the examinations for entrance into the Normal school, which were held at Victoria, Vancouver and Kamloops, on December 17th and 18th, are now published. The Normal school will open in the Vancouver high school building on Wednesday, January 9th at 9.30 o'clock. In connection with the list of successful candidates, whose names are given below, it is interesting to note that the Kamloops representatives held the highest marks, Miss Bell being at the head of the province. The names of those successful in order of merit follow:

Kamloops—Ettie L. Bell, Mable Beattie, Victoria—Leonard E. Spragg, Laura E. Simpson, Fannie M. Strachan, Eleanor G. Loat, Marion E. Camp, Colina Black, Mabel R. Clarke, Mabel Holt, Ethel Robertson, Lena Sexsmith, Louisa J. Carter, A. Doan Crawford, Florence U. Nicholls.

Vancouver—Arthur McNeill, Roberta Stevenson, Margaret M. Frame, Annie Haney, Daisy M. Webb, Emily Bradley, John A. Melvor, Donald McVior, Grace E. Ross, Wilhelmina Murgatroyd, Andrew Tolmie, Isabel Harner, Annie Christie, Ethel E. Park, Marguerite McTavish, Laura J. Snowden, Janet Charman, Maggie E. McDowell, Norma E. C. McConnell, Margaret Ramsay.

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# Will Raise The Topeka

## Wrecking Crew Commences Operations on Stranded Steamer in Lynn Canal.

### Extensive Street Car System Proposed For Dawson—The Election in Atlin.

After a very rough passage the Alaskan mail ship Cottage City arrived from the North on Saturday night. She brought among her passengers for the city W. Grant, who for the past year or so has been following his legal profession in Atlin. Judge Henry States, the first commissioner from Juneau for Alaska, was another passenger by the steamer.

The ship brings news that an effort is being made to raise the wrecked steamer City of Topeka, which struck on the rocks in Lynn canal a week ago last Saturday night. The vessel can be floated, in the opinion of Capt. Wallace, of the Cottage City, and a successful rescue before he left Skagway.

Much anxiety was felt at the Lynn canal port for the safety of the steam schooner Tillamook, which plied between Juneau and Ouzia. She was two weeks overdue at the former port when the Cottage City sailed, and it was generally feared some accident had happened to her. She was a vessel of about 500 tons register, and was owned by the Alaska Mail Steamship Company.

E. J. Mulligan, an arrival from Atlin on the Cottage City, says that the election recently held in that city turned out to be a most spirited contest. Out of a total number of 115 voters, Mr. Maxwell, who, as previously announced, headed the election with a majority of 13.

The Skagway news says that there is an unpleasant rivalry between the Indians of the Lynn canal villages on account of the recent death of the chief of the coast tribes, Kodowet, of the Kluk-was, is the most favored candidate, but there are several other aspirants and trouble between the rival candidates.

The Alaska Commercial Co., spoke recently before the chamber of commerce at Skagway, the meeting being held for the purpose of urging upon the United States government the necessity of a road from Skagway to Dawson. The wrecks of the steamer Topeka and other vessels were given as reasons for such necessity.

News comes from Dawson of a sad accident occurring on Sulphur creek, where a child of the Lynn canal village, who was with the fumes from a quicksilver retort. The child, with its mother and Mr. Webber's sister, were out watching the mining operations, and they, as also the child, had been overcome by the fumes. The child died, however, by the time it was taken to the hospital, and the mother, at last account, was very low.

Dawson may soon have an electric street car system, with branch lines running out to the principal creeks. Recent advices state that the Alaska Commercial Company has presented a petition to the Yukon council for the necessary franchise. The company intends, if it is successful in securing the franchise, to build fifty miles of the road before spring. It will cost \$1,000,000 on the enterprise. The financial strength of the company is said to guarantee the completion of the road if the franchise is obtained. The construction of the system, it is stated, will mean the employment of much labor in Dawson during the next year.

## SCHOOL CLOSING

### Enjoyable Exercises at the Close of the Esquimaux School.

The Christmas closing examination was held on Friday afternoon, and was well attended by pupils and parents, and a goodly number of visitors. J. Oliver, chairman of the school board, occupied the chair at the examination, assisted by Mrs. M. O. Campbell, and the teacher, Miss Campbell. C. H. Hemmond, another trustee, was also in attendance. The teacher put the pupils through several exercises, in which they acquitted themselves very creditably, then began songs, dialogues and recitations, of which there was a large selection, all thoroughly patriotic and British, particularly "Jolly Boys," "Johnny" and "Land in Blue." The schoolroom was very neatly decorated with flags and bunting, and fine portraits of Her Majesty, our beloved Queen, and Lord Roberts. At the close of the examination, Rev. C. E. Sharpe, M. A., presented the beautiful lady's plush toilet set in the shape of a heart, the gift of the pupils to their teacher as a token of their esteem and appreciation of her painstaking in their many studies.

The scholars were all presented with nice books by the trustees and teacher, after which the pleasantest and most successful closing examination ever held in Esquimaux was brought to close by singing the National Anthem, led by Master Albert Case.

## GIRL ABDUCTED

### (Associated Press.)

Pueblo, Col., Dec. 24.—Maggie Noel, 18 years old, who lived with her sister, Mrs. Beattie, in a lonely spot about three miles west of the city, was abducted on Saturday afternoon, and it is feared was murdered. On Saturday Mrs. Beattie left Maggie in charge of a little child. Upon her return two hours later her sister was gone.

## CEREMONY AT ST. PETERS

### (Associated Press.)

Rome, Dec. 24.—The Pope performed to-day the ceremony of closing the Holy door of St. Peter's Cathedral with the gorgeous ceremonial usual on great religious occasions. It was a magnificent spectacle. There was a great gathering of the princes of the church, who participated in the ceremony which was witnessed by enormous crowds.

## BURGOYNE BAY SCHOOL

### Semi-Annual Examination Held on Friday—Entertainment in the Evening.

On Friday, 21st inst., the semi-annual examination of the pupils of Burgoyne Bay school was held. The examination was oral throughout, and the pupils acquitted themselves creditably.

The following visitors were present: Messrs. J. J. Akerman, E. Lee, J. Nightingale (trustees of the school), Rev. Mr. Irwin, J. C. Sparrow, and G. A. Hore.

The pupils were dismissed for their Christmas holidays, which will extend to January 7th, 1901.

In the evening an excellent tea was provided by the ladies of the district, in which the children and their friends participated.

A Christmas tree, well laden with pretty presents and good things for the little folks of the district, was conspicuous in the school room.

About 7 o'clock Rev. Mr. Irwin took the chair, after which an excellent programme was rendered.

The first part, performed by the pupils of the school, was as follows:

Recitation—"Bachelors' Hall"..... Michael Gyves  
Recitation—"A Little Bird Tells"..... Florence Lee, Lizzie Sparrow, May Baynes  
Recitation—"A Model Woman"..... Lillian Lee  
Song—"With Merry, Merry Hearts"..... Girls of School  
Recitation—"Tear and a Smile"..... Mary Gyves  
Recitation—"His Sunday Clothes"..... Arthur Raynes  
Recitation—"Bruce and the Spider"..... Florence Lee  
Dialogue—"Two Irish Boys"..... M. Kay Gyves and Arthur Raynes  
Recitation—"Down the Track"..... Florence Raynes  
Recitation—"The Little Kragger"..... James Akerman  
Recitation—"Speech for Small Boy"..... Newcombe Lee  
Song—"Come, Birdie, Come"..... Laura Lee, Florence Lee, Lizzie Sparrow  
Recitation—"Speech for Small Boy"..... Edward Lee  
Recitation—"Dolly's Lessons"..... May Baynes  
Dialogue—"The Quire"..... Florence Raynes and Ethel Fallow  
Recitation—"The Brothers"..... Walter Rogers  
Recitation—"The Little Man"..... James Akerman  
Closing Address..... A. Alvin Raynes

The second part of the programme was begun by a chorus, "Ring the Bell, Watchman." Solos were rendered by Mrs. Lee and Miss Bertha Lee; instrumental selections by Miss A. Furness and Miss Bertha Lee; recitations by Miss Maud Lee, G. A. Hore, and Miss Furness; and readings by Rev. Mr. Irwin, Mr. Edwards and Miss Furness.

The chorus, "Old Musician and His Harp," and "Some Day I'll Wander Back Again," sung by Mrs. Lee, the Misses Mollet, Bertha Lee, and Maud Lee, Rev. Mr. Irwin and C. Mollet, were excellently rendered.

A dialogue, entitled "Dr. Cure All," was one of the interesting features of the programme, and appeared to please the audience very much.

The last song, "Good Night," was sung by the girls of the school.

The tree being lighted, Santa Claus, at sight of whom the children were delighted, made his appearance and distributed the books and other presents to them.

The pupils of the school kindly presented their teacher, Miss Furness, with a beautiful handkerchief case. Mr. Ed. Hore then proposed that a vote of thanks be tendered the committee for providing the entertainment, and by eleven o'clock all had dispersed for home well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

## SCIENCE AND ART

### London School Board Cannot Spend Money for Preventing Classes.

London, Dec. 22.—The decision of the Court of Queen's Bench, declaring it to be illegal for the London school board to spend the ratepayers' money for teaching science and art at evening classes for adults, has created perturbation. Some 90,000 pupils are affected, and a whole of London's educational system must be reversed if the House of Lords upholds the verdict. The Speaker declares it is the most serious disaster which has befallen education for some time. Columns of comment appear on the subject in the daily papers.

Other large cities are seriously concerned, as they all have classes similar to those in London. The head masters of expensive schools appear to approve of the decision maintaining that the school board is endangering the existence of the secondary schools.

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## GROWING SERIOUS

### American Foreman on Ecuador Railroad Forced to Seek Refuge.

Kingston, Jan., Dec. 24.—Letters just received here from Ecuador report increasing trouble between the American foremen and the Jamaican laborers, who are constructing the railroad in that country under the concession obtained by Jas. McDonald & Co., of New York. As a result of the disturbances several Jamaicans have been shot, and one of the American foremen had to clear out and take refuge elsewhere. The laborers are now arming, and serious trouble is expected.

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## SULTAN ORDERS SHIP

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 25.—Details are not obtainable here of the placing of an order by the Sultan of the Champs for a ship, but it is understood that the statement to that effect from Constantinople is correct. From the character and size of the ship ordered it is believed that the contract will involve the payment by the Turkish government to the Grampis of about \$2,500,000, which would be ample margin for the settlement of any proper claims against the Turkish government.

## FISHING BOATS MISSING

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 24.—A dispatch from Aberdeen says that five Shetland fishing boats have been missing since the storm that raged last week, and it is feared that 27 fishermen have been drowned.

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