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# RUSSIANS RETREAT BEFORE JAPANESE

## Will Probably Be Unable to Offer Any Resistance at Haicheng--Cruise of Vladivostock Squadron.

London, Aug. 1.—A dispatch to a news agency from Tokyo, says there is reason to believe that after two days' fighting the Japanese have occupied Simoucheung, thus cutting off General Stakeberg from General Kouropatkin.

POSITIONS CARRIED BY THE JAPANESE.

London, Aug. 2.—British correspondents with General Kuroki in the field, in brief dispatches dated July 31st, concur in the statement that the Japanese have carried positions leaving only one defensive position between them and capturing the enemy's northeastern positions. The left advanced and occupied a position jeopardizing the Russian right. The Japanese right carried the position against superior numbers. There was tremendous artillery firing throughout the day and the infantry finished with a brilliant march under the enemy's shrapnel. I believe that the Russian position will be untenable tomorrow.

It will be noted that the foregoing dispatch does not name the town captured by the Japanese. It may refer to Simoucheung, reports of the capture of which have been sent out from Tokyo.

ANXIETY AT THE RUSSIAN CAPITAL.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—2:30 a. m.—The greatest anxiety prevails here for the general advance against the southern and eastern divisions of General Kouropatkin's army. The public believes that the decisive battle of the campaign is being fought. Keen military observation, however, declares that several days the main body of the Russian army has been moving north towards Mukden, and that when the present line of the southeast is forced the Japanese will find that they have created only the shell. Should this prove to be so, General Kouropatkin will doubtless be obliged to destroy the immense quantities of stores accumulated at Liao Yang.

Shrewd military critics, however, do not believe that Gen. Kouropatkin can escape a general engagement. His army forms a wedge, and Kuroki is operating with driving movements of great force against the side. If one of the latter should break through, the southern force would be doomed, and the Russian general staff seems amazed at the immense strength of these co-operating armies. The Japanese evidently have succeeded in capturing the real number of their men and guns, which the general staff now believes must be over 300,000 men with between 200 and 400 guns.

While Gen. Oku is holding the Russian army at Haicheng in check, Gen. Nodzu is evidently trying to work around the vital positions at Simoucheung. At the same time Gen. Kuroki is trying to flank the first Siberian army, which is commanded by the late Lieut. General Count Keller at Yanzulin on the main Feng Huang Cheng road, which is also passing a strong column through direct towards Liao Yang on the Saimatza road. There is a road leading north from Simoucheung, which strikes the Feng Huang Cheng-Liao Yang road west of Yanzulin. If Simoucheung should be forced a rapid advance along this road would pocket the first Siberian army corps.

If the report from Tokyo that Simoucheung has been actually forced is true, it leaves the Russian forces in an exceedingly serious position.

JAP CAPTAIN PREVENTED LOSS OF GUNBOAT.

Tokyo, Aug. 1.—Admiral Togo reports that while engaged recently in sweeping for Russian mines near Tungwangtso, a mine became fastened to the sweeping machine of a Japanese gunboat. This rendered the gunboat helpless and it drifted to Simoucheung, where it was exposed to a heavy Russian cannonade. Captain Hirose, on board another gunboat, then went to the rescue of the vessel. He succeeded in getting her away, when he was suddenly attacked by Russian torpedo boat destroyers. After a fight, which lasted one hour, Captain Hirose succeeded in extricating both gunboats.

The vessel under the command of Captain Hirose, was hit twice and three men

on board of her were killed. Captain Hirose and ten men were wounded. The funnels of the Russian torpedo boat destroyer which was sunk on Sunday, July 24th, are visible off Simoucheung point.

REPORTED THAT MAIN FORCE IS RETIRING.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—4:05 a. m.—A report from an apparently reliable source late to-night was to the effect that Gen. Kouropatkin's main force had been rapidly moving north for several days.

According to the report no troops proceeded to the front from Russia had gone past Harbin Pass this three days. They will be detained there and every available piece of rolling stock will be rushed south for the removing of troops from Liao Yang and other points, to the northward, leaving a skeleton force to contain the Japanese advance on these positions.

BEZOBRAZOFF ALLEGED TO BE IN COMMAND.

Paris, Aug. 2.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris says that Vice-Admiral Bezobrazoff entered Port Arthur two weeks ago on the torpedo boat destroyer "Burkoff," which has since been sunk with all on board, except three persons. Admiral Bezobrazoff is now commanding the Russian Port Arthur squadron.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—1:02 p. m.—The feeling at the war office here was distinctly gloomy this morning. No official telegrams had been received by the general staff from General Kouropatkin, who was communicating direct with the Emperor, but from private sources at the front it already was apparent that Simoucheung, 15 miles southeast of Haicheng, at the junction of Feng Huang Cheng-Suiyen road had been lost. Gen. Stakeberg's outposts having fallen to Haicheng.

No word was received enabling the staff to either confirm or deny the report of the capture of the late Gen. Keller's position at Ikhuven (east of Liao Yang) and Yungse Pass (30 miles east of Liao Yang), but heavy fighting continues on both the southern and eastern fronts, the object of the Japanese in the east being to flank Gen. Keller's corps from the south and north, which is easily possible. The progress of the enveloping movement may have forced the corps to retire to Liao Dan Shan, which is the next position in the direction of Liao Yang.

Official dispatches detailing the engagements are hardly expected till the evening.

The failure of the garrison of Simoucheung to retreat along the northern road was due to the presence of a Japanese column flanking the Gen. Keller's corps from the south.

In view of the inability of the Russians to hold Simoucheung, it is considered unlikely that General Zaremboff and Stakeberg will attempt to offer stubborn resistance at Haicheng. It is possible that they are already retiring on Anshanshan (also written Anshanchan), half way between Haicheng and Liao Yang, as indicated in these dispatches last night.

There is reason to believe that Gen. Oku's divisions are advancing from Newchwang with a view of flanking and cutting off Gen. Stakeberg's retreat, but this movement is not likely to succeed on account of Stakeberg's ability to retire northward on Anshanshan.

An interesting detail evidencing the fierceness of the artillery duel south of Haicheng on July 31st, is the fact that the Russian batteries on the left of the flank fired 4,842 shots in four hours.

Later—Gen. Kouropatkin reports that the Japanese have occupied Ikhuven (east of Liao Yang) and the Yungse Pass (30 miles east of Liao Yang). It is officially announced that the Russians have fallen back from Yungse pass and were holding their positions on the Saimatza road and at Haicheng yesterday.

JAP ASSAULTS WERE REPULSED ON SUNDAY.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—All the newspapers were late in publishing this morning the edition presently having been held back in hope of receipt of later advices from the front.

The only special dispatch published was one appearing in the Official Messenger under date of Haicheng, August 1st, referring to events of the previous day. According to this dispatch numer-

ous assaults were made upon the positions of Lt.-Gen. Count Keller and Lt.-Gen. Zaremboff, all of which were repulsed.

The Japanese on July 20th, the dispatch says, fired upon a supply train running south of Haicheng and a car was wrecked but no-one was killed.

DECISIVE MOMENT OF CAMPAIGN ARRIVES.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—All the military critics this morning take the view that the decisive moment of the campaign has arrived.

The army organ says that Gen. Kuroki prepared for his advance by drawing his forces which were scattered over a front of forty miles. The paper says it is evident that a large Japanese force is working along the Saimatza-Liao Yang line. It expresses doubt, however, that advance the enemy will push home, and whether it is Kuroki's intention to try to flank Kouropatkin north or south of Liao Yang.

The Russian says: "The decisive moment has arrived, but judging from the latest reports the Russians have retained their positions, and this time it will not be an ordinary retreat."

RUSSIAN RETREAT AN UNORGANIZED ROUT.

Tokyo, Aug. 1.—Another detailed report of the fighting at Taichengiao has been received from Gen. Oku, in which he emphasizes the enormous advantage which the entrenched position held by the Russians gave them. Their first and second lines of defence were established along the twin chains of hills and commanded every foot of the road leading from the south. Moreover, their batteries were so well masked that they could not be reached by the Japanese siege guns, while at the same time they fully commanded all of the territory which the Japanese were compelled to vacate in their attack upon the Russian position. So fearful was their position and so difficult of approach that although Gen. Oku made his plans carefully and was fully confident that his losses would be enormous, he found it absolutely impossible to force the Russian defence at a single point during daylight.

Bravery such as was displayed by the Japanese was of a character seldom seen, and one which actually penetrated up to the very walls of the Russian position, being compelled to retreat in the face of a counter attack by a vastly superior force. After this experience Gen. Oku decided that his only hope lay in a night attack, and he made his plans accordingly.

About 10 o'clock, when darkness had fully set in, a general assault was ordered, and although a complete surprise to the rank and file, it was carried out by the entire Japanese army moved on the Russian position. Not a shot was fired until the first picket of the Russians was encountered, but the first alarm the Russian Japanese artillery opened on the Russian position at the range which had been secured during the day, and for more than an hour a terrific fire was kept up.

Word was then passed for the left wing of the Japanese army to advance, and at the same time the "cease firing" order was given to the artillery.

The Japanese found the Russians badly confused at the heavy shells, and drove them from the first and then from the second line of rifle pits. Before the Russian commanders could reassume any steady their commands the Japanese right wing charged and drove them out of their last line of defence.

The Russian retreat was an unorganized rout, men and officers abandoning their guns and arms in order to be able to be the first to get the news to Alexieff at Mukden, many miles to the northward.

Officers who were captured declare that Gen. Kouropatkin commended in person, and that he did all in his power to save his men, but they were too badly demoralized by the accurate Japanese shell fire to obey any orders.

All accounts agree that the Russian loss exceeded 2,000 in killed and wounded.

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garded by us as contraband. It was also declared that the military and the maritime authorities agreed to restore to themselves the right of rightly executing the decisions contained in the regulations for naval prizes sanctioned by the Emperor on March 27th, 1905, and in the instructions confirmed by the council of the admiralty on September 20th, 1900, regarding the procedure for stopping, visiting and seizing as well as for carrying off and delivery over of vessels and cargoes seized.

"The volunteer fleet vessels, St. Petersburg and Smolensk, having received a special commission, the crew of which has now expired, on proceeding to their destinations acted in accordance with the above decision, and while passing through the Red Sea stopped and visited all suspected vessels encountered in these waters.

"It was under these conditions that the commander of the St. Petersburg stopped among others the British steamer Malacca, the captain of which refused to show his ship's papers relating to the cargo, a refusal which led to the seizure of the vessel and the decision to send her to Libau with the view of throwing light on the matter. Nevertheless, in view of the solemn statement of the British government that the Malacca was carrying British state cargo, the Imperial government, acting in agreement with the British government, decided that a fresh visit should be paid to the vessel at the nearest port on its route in the presence of the British consul. This visit occurred at Algiers. The British consul-general officially certified that the Malacca's cargo contained the property of the British government, and that the rest of her cargo was not contraband of war.

"Taking this statement into consideration, the Imperial government decided to liberate the cargo and vessel.

"This decision must not, however, be interpreted as a renunciation by the Imperial government of its intention to dispatch cruisers and warships in general to prevent the carrying of contraband for the enemy."

VLADIVOSTOCK SHIPS RETURN TO PORT.

Vladivostok, Aug. 2.—The Vladivostok cruiser division returned to port at four o'clock yesterday afternoon. The cruiser "Vostok" is in perfect condition.

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Russians with robbing Japanese wounded and with mutilating Japanese dead. They assert that the bodies of wounded and dead soldiers are stripped of their watches and valuables and that the dead have been beheaded and baroneted and their eyes have been gouged out.

RUSSIAN SHIPS MAY COAL AT CHERBOURG.

Cherbourg, France, Aug. 2.—A trustworthy report is circulated here that six Russian warships are expected to coal at this port shortly.

FRENCH OPTIMISTIC REGARDING FORTRESS.

Paris, Aug. 2.—It is believed in well-informed quarters here that the position of Port Arthur is much less critical than generally supposed, the Japanese efforts being directed towards strengthening their positions round Port Dalny rather than advance to the attack. As a matter of fact it is said that advance has not made serious progress during the past three weeks.

THE ENGAGEMENT OF JAP MOSQUITO FLEET.

Tokyo, July 31.—A belated report from Admiral Togo stating an engagement of the mosquito fleets off Port Arthur last Sunday was made public here to-day.

A Japanese flotilla composed of torpedo boats, gunboats and the victor Mikasa attacked the Russian torpedo boat destroyers off Shinsen point at 3 o'clock in the morning. Three fish torpedoes fired by the Japanese were seen to explode, but the Japanese could not tell with what result because of the fog.

This report from Admiral Togo tends to confirm the reports received from Chinese quarters that three Russian torpedo boat destroyers were sunk last Sunday. The Japanese suffered no loss in the engagement in question.

STOESSSEL'S REPLY TO DEMAND FOR SURRENDER.

Tokyo, Aug. 1.—A few days ago the Japanese made a formal demand upon General Stoessel to surrender Port Arthur, and he replied in a bombastic proclamation which would have been worthy of Admiral Alexieff himself. In it he declared that he knew that Field Marshal Oyama and his staff, together with siege trains and guns destined for service at Port Arthur, were sent to the bottom in the transport "Hitchi Maru," sunk by the Vladivostok squadron.

TRIBUTES TO THE LATE GEN. COUNT KELLER.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—The Russian press to-day is filled with the eulogies of late Lieut. General Keller, who was considered to be one of the dashing commanders in the Russian army.

TWO FIGHTS WON BY THE JAPANESE.

Tokyo, Aug. 2.—General Kuroki has ordered a severe defence of the Russian forces which defended the Russian east flank at Liao Yang, warring separate actions at Yushuliku and Yungse pass. These two places are 20 miles apart, but the two actions were fought at the same time. The Russians held strong positions. The thermometer registered over 110 degrees Fahrenheit, and the soldiers suffered cruelly from heat and exhaustion. At Yushuliku the Russians had two divisions of infantry and some artillery, and they resisted the Japanese assault vigorously.

Both attacks were begun at dawn Sunday, July 31st. At Yushuliku the Japanese carried the Russian right and left flanks, but of account of the strength of the main Russian position they were unable to press the attack. The two armies rested on Sunday night, facing each other. At dawn on Monday the Japanese resumed the attack, and by noon they had dislodged the enemy and had driven him four miles to Liao-haling.

At Yungse pass also the Japanese were successful. The artillery opened on the enemy, and the infantry moved forward from Maknema. The attack on this place was made at 1 o'clock on Sunday, and by nightfall the Japanese were in possession of a majority of the Russian positions. Although the enemy had resisted with determination, the Japanese passed the night in battle formation, and another assault was made on Monday at dawn. By 8 o'clock Monday morning Yungse pass and the surrounding heights had been captured.

General Kuroki explains the slowness of these actions by saying that the difficult topography of the battle fields made it impossible to secure good artillery positions, and that the great heat fatigued his troops.

The Russian force at Yungse pass was estimated at two and one-half divisions and four batteries of artillery. The enemy retired toward Tangshoyen.

General Kuroki reports the capture of some field guns, but the number is not given. The Japanese casualties are being investigated.

OFFICIAL DISPATCHES FROM KOUROPATKIN.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—The Emperor has received the following dispatch from General Kouropatkin, dated August 1st:

"According to the report of the officer commanding the eastern part of the army, his troops, after abandoning advanced positions in the Yungse pass, re-

tired in the direction of Liandiansian, towards Saimatze and Liao Yang.

"Yesterday our troops, after a stubborn fight, retired from their advanced positions to their principal positions, but although our troops held their advanced positions well for a time, they sustained heavy losses. I hope that in their main positions they will maintain the numerically superior enemy."

"According to reports received during the last few days General Kuroki has effected a concentration of his forces in order to strike in the direction of Saimatze and Liao Yang."

"All the Japanese troops which were posted in the direction of Bensikon and near Sasey seemed to be intended to operate on the right bank of the Taitse river."

"To-day the enemy acted undecidedly on the southern front, but a reconnaissance has just ascertained the beginning of a stirring movement of the left wing of our troops posted at Haicheng by at least three divisions. Our eastern detachment was engaged until noon to-day in the direction of Saimatze and Liao Yang. It was seen that the enemy was advancing apparently in small bodies against the right flank of our rear guard."

General Sakharoff, under date of Aug. 1st, reports obstinate fighting in the direction of Saimatze, Liao Yang road, July 30th and July 31st, the Russian guard retaining its positions until August 1st, when it retired to Yungse pass. During a reconnaissance in the direction of Feng Huang Cheng, July 31st, General Sakharoff reports that two officers and 34 men were wounded, and on July 31st, during a reconnaissance in the direction of Tachkuatsia, two officers were killed and one officer and 40 men wounded. The same day, when the Japanese occupied the pass between Yanshan and Houtsiatze (25 miles from Liao Yang) five officers and 40 men were wounded. General Sakharoff also says: "The enemy is acting undecidedly on our south front."

REPORTED CAPTURE OF HAICHENG BY JAPS.

Newchwang, Aug. 2.—A large depot of army supplies has been captured by the Japanese at the old Russian railroad station. Two thousand troops are kept on guard there. Japanese transports and hospital ships are expected here hourly.

Rumors are current in Chinese quarters that General Oku captured Haicheng yesterday afternoon. They cannot, however, be verified.

General Fukushima arrived here this morning, having marched up from Port Dalny. The Japanese here are confident that the reported capture of Haicheng by General Oku is true. They say the Russians there probably were outflanked by General Nodzu.

RUSSIANS AGAIN FORCED TO RETIRE.

Liao Yang, Aug. 2.—After a fierce battle the eastern Russian force has evacuated Liao Yang, retreating six miles west of Motien pass.

CLAIM RUSSIAN LOSSES WERE SLIGHT.

Haicheng, Aug. 1.—9:40 p. m.—(Dahyeu in transmission).—The battle raged the whole day, July 31st, along the southern and eastern fronts. The Japanese advanced with overwhelming forces, outflanking the Russians on their right. The losses of the Russians, however, were slight. The 17th Siberian regiment drove their troops back near the shore. The Japanese out of 100 positions.

IMPORTANT POSITION TAKEN BY JAPANESE.

Tokyo, Aug. 2.—1 p. m.—It is reported here that after three days of desperate fighting the Japanese have captured Shantalkow, one of the important defences of Port Arthur.

In the Japanese-Chinese war, when the Japanese besieged Port Arthur, Shantalkow, probably identical with the Shantalkow referred to in the above dispatch from Tokyo, was used by the Japanese as the mustering place of the various battalions of the first division, who gathered together on the south side of the Shantalkow or Talkow mountain, situated north of Port Arthur previous to the assault of the fortress. Shantalkow is situated on the railroad leading from Port Arthur to Kinchow, and is between Ingentai bay and Victoria bay, but closer to the former than to the latter. Roughly speaking, Shantalkow is about twenty miles from the actual fortress of Port Arthur. It is a position of great tactical importance, commanding a broad plain leading to Wuchuan, another strong position on a hill about four miles from the fortress.

THE CRUISE OF THE VLADIVOSTOCK FLEET.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 3.—In a lengthy telegram, the Emperor, Vice-Admiral Skrydloff relates the doings of the Vladivostok squadron under Rear-Admiral Jessen. With the cruisers Rossia, Gromool and Burek, Admiral Skrydloff, Vladivostok on July 29th, after sinking a small Japanese vessel the cruisers held up a British steamer, but let her go. A Japanese coasting steamer was next met, but as most of her passengers were women we determined to release her. Two Japanese steamers were sunk. The Admiral Jessen fell in, in quick succession, with the British steamers Agalia and Knight Commander.

1,500 RUSSIANS LEFT DEAD ON THE FIELD.

Tokyo, Aug. 3.—10 a. m.—The Japanese defeated the Russians at Tomoucheung (Simoucheung) and drove them towards Haicheng in a sharp fight, which began last Saturday and ended on Sunday. The Russians left 1,500 dead on the field and lost six guns.

The Russians occupied a range of high hills north of Tomoucheung (Simoucheung), which were strongly defended with cov-

er the fourth shot," the admiral reports. Her cargo, being railroad material, "unmistakably contraband for the belligerent party, and not being able to bring her to the nearest Russian port owing to her not having enough coal, without manifest danger to the squadron, we sunk the Knight Commander after taking off all her crew and removing her papers." Two more Japanese schooners, laden with salt, were taken. The steamer Schinua, from Australia for Yokohama, was inspected and released. On July 24th the Then, a German vessel of 354 tons register, "with a full cargo of fish from America to Yokohama, was stopped. She was regarded a legal prize and her crew was taken off and the vessel sunk owing to the impossibility of bringing her to a Russian port."

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PREPARING FOR THE SACRIFICE.

What we have to say in reference to the above in addition to what has already been said in previous columns...

The above is from the Colonist. As a sample of brazen effrontery we do not think its equal can be found even in the columns of our contemporary itself...

As a matter of incontestable fact, the announcement that the government of the Dominion had made arrangements with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company for the construction of a new transcontinental line was received with words of approval in all parts of the province...

But the organs of the McBride government were instructed to put a damper upon their enthusiasm. The political bosses who have charge of affairs in Victoria had begun to "see through a glass darkly"...

The Times makes the assertion, and can prove that it is something more than a mere assertion, that the Grand Trunk Pacific Company was approached by emissaries of the McBride government with the suggestion of a handsome land grant...

Of course it was necessary to prepare an excuse for the unsolicited munificence of the extraordinarily open-handed policy of this government. The contract as ratified by Parliament penalizes the province, we are told with due solemnity...

Common gratitude for a princely gift of land will compel them to do that much. But the fact will still remain that the programme of the Grand Trunk Pacific Company was prepared months before McBride sent his emissaries to offer the land bonus...

HISTORY OF A PLOT.

There is one thing particularly noticeable about the conduct of the agitation commenced a short time ago in order to prepare the public mind for an announcement that the McBride government had decided to bestow a land grant upon the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company...

It is true the News-Advertiser has contended that provision should have been made for the simultaneous commencement of the work of construction on all parts of the line. It would have been unreasonable, we suppose, to expect whole-hearted and complete commendation of the course of a government to which the Vancouver newspaper is politically opposed...

All fair-minded critics must admit that selecting a route for a railway through the mountainous regions of British Columbia is quite a different matter from laying parallel lines of rails through a prairie-country. The Grand Trunk Pacific's original proposition contemplated merely a connection with the grain fields of the Northwest...

The contract with the Grand Trunk Pacific Company calls for water connections as well as for connections with the present inaccessible portions of British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia. Steamship lines as well as land routes are to be established...

The settlers of the Northwest are calling for transportation facilities. The continuance of the present rush to the fat lands of Canada depends to a large extent upon the prospect of increasing the means of communication with the markets of the world...

Whether the President of the Council in the British Columbia government is at variance with his colleagues on the question of bonussing the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company or not we do not know. We can but draw certain conclusions from certain facts. One fact is that when it became necessary to prepare the public mind for the startling announcement that the McBride government contemplated assisting the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company...

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PARADING DUNDONALD.

Lord Dundonald has been sent off with great enthusiasm to Toronto and Ottawa and Montreal to special plead to his honor. His Lordship was carried around "shoulder high" and generally hurled about by the mob with as little ceremony as if he had been a common "pleb"...

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LADYSMITH NOTES.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.) H. M. S. Flora arrived in the harbor yesterday. A number of the blue-jackets and marines were ashore in the evening.

The residents of Chinatown have been given a month or two to enable them to remove to their new location outside the city boundary, on the Chemainus road.

INUNCTION CONTINUED.

Affairs relating to Hydraulic Mining Properties in Cariboo Before Court. An application was made before Mr. Justice Martin Wednesday for the dissolving of an injunction restraining R. T. Ward from working a river lease in Cariboo.

This morning Denis Murphy appeared on behalf of the defendant, R. T. Ward, to have the injunction dissolved. E. V. Bodwell opposed it for the Hornedy Company.

Mr. Murphy held that the company had allowed their claims to lapse by not renewing their miners' licenses. An irregularity was pointed out in the application.

Mr. Justice Martin allowed the injunction to continue ten days, at the end of which time \$2,500 was to be put up by the plaintiff company, otherwise it would be dissolved.

THE PROPER COURSE.

To the Editor:—In reference to the letter appearing in last evening's Times regarding the life-preservers on the City of Nanaimo, it would seem to me to have been a wise and more commendable course for Mr. Best, if he found such life-preservers as he described, to have carried his complaint to the owners or the officers of the ship, and have ascertained whether the preserver in question was typical of all or was but an isolated exception.

LIFE PRESERVERS.

To the Editor:—The public would not be interested in a newspaper controversy between the secretary of the Y. M. C. A. and myself, so I will make no comments on Mr. Fisher's epistle.

W. F. FISHER.

Paris, Aug. 3.—The condition of former Premier Waldeck-Rousseau came serious anxiety. It is feared that the operation for stomach trouble of four months back has not resulted in a permanent cure.

THERE WILL BE NO AMALGAMATION

STRONG OPPOSITION DEFEATS THE SCHEME

Vancouver Island Board of Fire Underwriters Retains Its Separate Identity.

At a well-attended meeting of the council of the board of trade on Tuesday the principal business transacted was the adoption of the report of the special committee appointed to inform the various insurance companies interested in the proposed amalgamation of the Vancouver Island and Mainland board of underwriters.

One of the first matters to be dealt with was a communication complaining that the car service to the outer wharf was not satisfactory. The writer contended, should meet the steamer when it was possible. Visitors had often had to wait twenty minutes or longer.

The subject was discussed, and the committee was appointed to write to the manager of the steamer to ascertain whether anything could be done to arrange a better service.

Another Victorian wrote stating that in purchasing a railway ticket from Victoria to Washington through to Victoria he had been told it would be impossible under such circumstances to travel by the C. P. R. steamer from Seattle to this coast.

In the brief discussion which followed the reading of this communication, it was announced that the Great Northern railway had made arrangements to give passengers from any point to Victoria the choice of the C. P. R. or Alaska Steamship Company steamers in the trip from Seattle to Victoria.

The President and Council, Victoria, British Columbia, Board of Trade: Gentlemen:—Your committee begs to report that in accordance with your instructions the following telegram was sent to the general agents of the 24 fire insurance companies mentioned in the accompanying schedule:

"Council Victoria Board Trade strongly protests against Vancouver Island Board Underwriters amalgamating with Mainland board, and pledges itself support those companies who are opposed to such amalgamation."

The following cable was sent to the head office in England of the fire insurance companies mentioned in the accompanying schedule: "Council Victoria Board Trade strongly protests against Vancouver Island Board Underwriters amalgamating with Mainland board, and pledges support those companies opposing amalgamation."

The following replies have been received by the secretary: The Liverpool, London & Globe Insurance Company, Liverpool, cable: "Have already several agents protesting against amalgamation."

The London Assurance Corporation, Montreal, sent a "collect" message as follows: "British Columbia is managed by W. J. Landers, San Francisco."

The following message was received from the Home Insurance Company, New York: "cannot decide unless Board of Trade option is fully stated."

A combination telegram was received from San Francisco reading as follows: "Evidently your council has not been properly advised as to the merits of the amalgamation. It will in no way subordinate Victoria; on the contrary, it will give her a voice in matters over the whole province. We support amalgamation because we believe it for the best interests of all concerned."

"Hartford, Commercial Union Insurance Co. of North America, Phoenix of Hartford, Connecticut, Aetna." To this telegram the following reply was sent by direction of the council: "Replying to your telegram, this board believes itself to be properly advised on merits of amalgamation. It asks for no voice on matters over whole province, but it strongly insists that Vancouver Island board shall remain as at present. Further, companies' local agents almost without exception opposed to amalgamation."

Letters have been received from the Victoria agents next mentioned stating in effect that they opposed the proposal to amalgamate when it was brought before the Board of Fire Underwriters, and that they will continue to oppose it. Mr. P. R. Brown, agent British America Assurance Co. Messrs. Hindley, Durham & Brodie, agents Northern Assurance Co. Messrs. Grant & Conyers, agents The Canadian Fire Insurance Co. of Winnipeg.

Mr. Richard Hall, agent Liverpool, London & Globe Insurance Co. Mr. J. E. Kinnaman, agent Aetna Insurance Co. Messrs. Pemberton & Son, agents Ship Insurance Co. Messrs. Swinerton & Oddy, agents Manchester Assurance Co.

Your committee is informed that Mr. J. A. Mitten also opposed and voted against the proposal to amalgamate. Mr. P. R. Brown states that his company, the British America Assurance Co., were at first in favor of the amalgamation, but that they have since withdrawn from the amalgamation, as you think best.

The B. C. Land & Investment Agency, agents for the Phoenix, of London, state that they, as agents, are very much opposed to the amalgamation, and that they have made representations to that effect which they hope will lead to abandonment of the proposal.

Messrs. Heisterman & Co., agents for the Western Assurance Co. and the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Co., state that they have referred the Board of Trade's resolution to the same office, adding that personally they are not in favor of the amalgamation. They have since written stating that they have received a telegram from the Western Assurance Co. "to use discretion, and that they will do their best to see that no change is made in the stand of the Victoria Board of Fire Underwriters."

Mr. E. M. Johnson, agent for the Union Assurance Society, states that he has forwarded the resolution to the Canadian head office of his company. He states that although he was voted for the resolution, owing to instructions, yet he did not under protest, and that personally he is strongly opposed to the attempt to force amalgamation. He has every hope that when his company is aware of local conditions it will not support amalgamation.

Messrs. Stuart Robertson Co., Ltd., agents for the Atlas Assurance Co., write that they have forwarded the resolution and requested their company to give it favorable consideration, and that their vote was only given in compliance with explicit instructions.

Mr. R. S. Day writes that he will gladly communicate the wishes of the board to his general manager, and will request him to give them favorable consideration, and he adds that any action taken by him was under definite instructions.

Messrs. R. P. Ribbet & Co., Ltd., acknowledge receipt of resolution, and state: "We have no doubt the strong opinion taken by your council in opposition to the movement will receive the careful consideration of the company we represent."

Mr. W. W. Jones, agent Canadian Insurance Co., acknowledges receipt of the resolution of the council, and states that he has forwarded it to the general manager of the company for Canada. In a few copies have not yet been received from the Victoria agents of fire insurance companies, but your committee has no doubt that this is due to an oversight.

All correspondence received is attached to the report. All of which is respectfully submitted. After a general discussion this was adopted and the secretary instructed to forward copies to all insurance companies engaged in business here. The meeting then adjourned.

FOR SEAL PROTECTION.

British Man-of-War Will Leave Hakodate Shortly For Russian Islands. The deputy minister of marine and fisheries has forwarded to the acting collector of customs of this city the following copy of a telegram sent to Lord Minto by the right honorable the principal secretary of state of the colonies:

"H. M. S. Algerine is about to leave Hakodate to patrol the waters of the Russian government will enforce provisions of the North Pacific seal fisheries orders-in-council, 1895, on British vessels in those waters, as well as in portions of prohibited zones lying outside the three-mile limit. Any vessel within Russian territorial waters will be justiciable in British courts. The United States government are also sending a gunboat to prevent poaching by United States vessels, and they have arranged that Japanese vessels, observed poaching in those waters, should be dealt with by the Japanese government, and will be dealt with by themselves."

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

A Station to be Established in Victoria in the Near Future. "Some months ago the Times announced on the authority of Capt. Toster, of the United States revenue cutter Grant, that a wireless telegraph station was to be established here in connection with the report, the Port Townsend Call has the following: "After a considerable period of inactivity, the Pacific Wireless Telegraph Company is now turning its attention to the extension of its system on Puget Sound. The plans for extension include the erection of stations at Victoria, Port Angeles, Cape Flattery and possibly other points."

TWO FIRES.

Winnipeg, Aug. 3.—Fire in Harry's laundry did \$1,500 damage last evening. The fire broke out in the laundry, and it was extinguished by the fire department. The loss is covered by insurance.

ADVENTURE WITH CHINESE PIRATES

SWARMED ON BOARD GOVERNMENT LAUNCH

Captain and Crew Had an Interesting Time—Budget of News From the Orient.

The Kobe Herald, copies of which arrived on the Empress of Japan yesterday, contains the following interesting account of an exciting adventure with pirates near the coast of Japan, on Friday and Saturday. The launch, the name of which is not given, was on its way to the N. W. side of that island and found good anchorage for a small vessel in four fathoms of water off the coast of Japan.

At about 6.30 p. m. June 8th, the weather setting in thick and rainy, I decided to anchor for the night at Nanki Island. I therefore entered an inlet on the N. W. side of that island and found good anchorage for a small vessel in four fathoms of water off the coast of Japan.

At a first thought that the men had boarded the launch simply out of curiosity, but as they were armed with revolvers and pistols, it became evident that they were there for loot, for they began to hustle my men about and handle everything that was movable. At last the brass helmet was taken and a good deal of steam.

After a discussion on the question of finances and general business the meeting adjourned. Running Well. Salmon Plentiful in Skeena—The New Hatchery—Chilouten-Cattle Reach Bella Coola.

The Skeena District News, issued at Port Essington, has the following interesting paragraphs: "Notwithstanding the cheerful weather of the past week the salmon catch has been a great quantity of fish in the river, but they have a disposition to keep to the bottom owing to cold weather. The fish are in the canneries increasing to such an extent that the fishermen are three or four more weeks fishing yet, and all are sanguine that the season of 1904 will prove itself a highly profitable one on the Skeena river."

Our Bella Coola correspondent reports that Messrs. Sutherland & Johnson have purchased a fine lot of cattle, which they disposed of there to good advantage. This indicates that stock-raising in the interior is being revived.

Mr. Whittell will begin next Monday (August 8th) the work of getting in 6,000,000 salmon eggs to be hatched out this season. The sockeyes are already plentiful in the lake. I guarantee the sum of \$25,000 is to be paid to the family of the deceased. This basis of settlement is said to have been proposed by the Chinese government and accepted by the British authorities.

The Chinese who killed Mr. Etzel, war correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph at Denshohai, has been sentenced to imprisonment for five years, and the sum of \$25,000 is to be paid to the family of the deceased. This basis of settlement is said to have been proposed by the Chinese government and accepted by the British authorities.

The late Mr. Etzel, it will be remembered, was with Mr. Brindle (Daily Mail) in a junk on Sunday, June 5th, and had started down the Shaung'atze river, upstream for Kaichau. At 6 o'clock on the afternoon of June 6th the junk was sailing some ten miles out on the open sea when it met four other junks having on board some 80 Chinese soldiers. The four junks at once started to surround the junk, and although the Chinese crew made a gallant fight, they were unable, and soon a fusillade began from the rifles of the soldiers. At that moment Mr. Brindle

was inside the cabin of the junk, and so escaped being shot at, but Mr. Etzel happened at the time to be standing right in view of the other junks, and so got killed by rifle balls from the Chinese soldiers fired in all about 100 shots, mistaking the junk for a piratical craft. But when Mr. Brindle brought the other junk to anchor, and the Chinese soldiers, and the four junks sailed off immediately.

TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

Meeting of the Executive Considers Several Proposals Brought Before It. The executive of the Tourist Association met Tuesday afternoon. There were present His Worship Mayor Bernard, W. T. Oliver, T. M. Henderson, A. Henderson, Ald. Vincent, Ald. Beckwith, T. E. Wilson and Secretary Herbert Culbert.

Secretary Culbert reported that efforts had been made to induce transportation companies to run excursions to Canada to be held on Friday and Saturday. He also reported that E. A. Wagner, of Berlin, Germany, who was seeking to interest settlers to come to British Columbia, had been very successful in his newspaper articles and lectures throughout Germany.

A letter was read from the general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Bellingham, Washington, relative to the excursion to Victoria. The date, it was explained, would likely be changed from August 4th to August 10th or 17th. About 900 excursionists were expected. They will arrive in Victoria about noon. Those who wish to disembark may do so and spend the day in Victoria. The remainder will steam out the straits, returning to Victoria about 7 p. m.

Referring to the statistics showing the number of emigrants leaving Germany, Austria and Italy annually, Mr. Wagner explained that the number leaving the former country was small compared to the exodus from the two latter. The figures were: Germany, 15,000; Austria, 150,000; and Italy and neighboring countries, 250,000. The reason for the tremendous difference was the German emigration was not only inconvenient, but an exceedingly expensive undertaking.

Of the millions who left European countries annually comparatively few found their way to the Dominion. "This is a country," Mr. Wagner remarked, "where they can settle down and become prosperous. I have noticed that when some of the existing ignorance on Canada's resources is dispelled the flow of emigrants will be turned in this direction. You are probably not aware that the Dominion is generally considered a dreary waste, the land being unfruitful and the climate execrable."

Mr. Wagner approached the Tourist Association while here, and was greeted with every courtesy. He was given a number of handsome photos, including some of pastoral scenes, the Gorge, and other local attractions.

DOMINION CONSTABLE HAD A WARM TIME Got Into Mix-Up With Japanese at Steveston and Had to Draw a Gun. Dominion Constable Deasy had an interesting time at Steveston early Sunday morning. He got into a mix-up with a crowd of infuriated Japs, and had to be dispersed from the docks.

In company with Constable Kipp, of Steveston, he was keeping his eye on the Indians, shortly after midnight, and had sent a number to their homes, when they heard the noise of a racket in a saloon near by. Entering they found a white man named Scott and a stalwart Japanese in a hot argument on a wrestling match. Finally the Jap said: "All right; let's have a drink, and the disputants proceeded to drown their differences in the cup that cheers."

In the meantime a number of Japanese had entered the saloon, but at that time they did not appear to be troublesome. Suddenly the altercation between the wrestler and Scott was resumed. A Jap cursed one of the white men, and the latter landed on his jaw. This was the spark that started the explosion. The Japanese in the crowd took a hand in the fray, and the bar room was soon filled with a noisy blow in the region of his eyes. He thereupon drew his baton, and used it, but was unable to keep off his assailants, who pushed him behind the swinging doors. Somebody threw a cut glass pitcher at him, and he thought it a better plan to return to the bar room.

There he saw Constable Kipp standing in a dazed condition, having been hit on the head with a whiskey bottle. A couple of Japs advanced towards them, one of them was armed with a hatchet. Constable Deasy then drew his revolver, and presented the head of the first Jap, who extended his arms and dared the constable to shoot. The other Jap, the one with the hatchet—crossed his arms, and patiently waited developments. As the men had ceased to threaten when they saw the weapon, Constable Deasy did not shoot, but with the constable left the head of the first Jap.

They returned shortly afterwards with the chief of police, and found Scott, the white man whose hot debate was probably the origin of the battle, lying down a number of feet from the door. Dixon was discovered in the yard with four Japs in the back. Four Japanese were arrested. During the action many bottles and hatchets were flung about freely.

MANUFACTURER DEAD.

J. M. Jones, Credited With Having Made First Typewriter in States, Passes Away. Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 3.—John M. Jones, the oldest printing press manufacturer in the United States, died today at his home in Palmyra. He is credited with having made the first typewriter in this country, receiving his patent on his machine in 1868. This pioneer typewriter was exhibited at the World's Fair in 1868. He was 85 years old.

GERMAN EDITOR ON EMIGRATION QUESTION

A Wagner Believes Vancouver Island is Splendid Country for Settlers—Will Lecture in Austria.

On Wednesday A. Wagner, of the editorial staff of the Berlin Tageblatt, left for Vancouver, from where he intends making a leisurely tour of interior British Columbia points. Leaving the West, he will spend some time in the southern parts of the Northwest Territories, afterwards visiting all the Eastern provinces. Mr. Wagner, as mentioned in these columns some time ago, is studying the economic conditions prevailing in Canada, and intends writing illustrated articles for German and Austrian journals, besides delivering lectures before various industrial societies on the advantages of the Dominion for the emigrant. Since arriving in Victoria he has made several lectures on the subject, and it presses him highly delighted with what he has seen.

Interviewed yesterday, he said: "I have made three trips to the interior of the island, and am convinced that there is a great future in store for this country. A careful investigation has confirmed my previous expression of opinion. That British Columbia is an ideal place for settlers. Here on Vancouver Island the conditions favor mixed farming, while the industrial possibilities are illimitable."

While in the city Mr. Wagner made an excellent collection of photographs selected for the purpose of illustrating his articles and lectures on British Columbia. All addresses will be featured by views thrown on the canvas by a powerful lantern. It is Mr. Wagner's intention in all his discourses to go fully into the social and economical conditions prevailing in every portion of the Dominion of Canada, and to give his own impressions of the districts most suitable for the settler. He expects to leave for Europe about the 1st of October, and after reporting to the Tageblatt, will make a lecturing tour of Austria.

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Of the millions who left European countries annually comparatively few found their way to the Dominion. "This is a country," Mr. Wagner remarked, "where they can settle down and become prosperous. I have noticed that when some of the existing ignorance on Canada's resources is dispelled the flow of emigrants will be turned in this direction. You are probably not aware that the Dominion is generally considered a dreary waste, the land being unfruitful and the climate execrable."

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THE SALMON RUN.

Good on Rivers Inlet and the Fraser—Fair Catches at the Sooke and Otter Point Traps.

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On the Fraser last Sunday night there was a very good catch, some of the boats taking as many as three hundred and thirty, and the average being 80. On Monday the general average was about fifty, which, however, is supposed to be very good. The purse pelges down the Straits are doing nothing. Another lift of the Sooke and Otter Point traps was made yesterday and a fair catch was made. Fish are reported pretty scarce, a report that applies particularly to the United States side, where there are very few.

ARE ISSUING COAL AND OIL LICENSES

The First for Southeast Kootenay Lands Will Probably Be Delivered Tomorrow. The government is preparing the prospecting licenses for coal and oil lands in Southeast Kootenay. The first of these will be issued, it is expected, from the department tomorrow.

The syndicate is said to be backed by capital, and already are negotiating for railway connections. The Flathead Coal Company, with headquarters in Victoria, will also get their licenses at once.

John Watt, the veteran oil prospector, will, it is believed, have a good clear title to claims in the southern part, and he will thus be enabled to proceed at once with the work of boring which has been delayed in his case for years owing to the inability to get licenses.

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SALMON TRAPS IN B. C. WATERS

THE SUBJECT AGAIN UNDER DISCUSSION

A. Morrison Wants Clause for Their Adoption Struck Out of Minister's Bill.

Ottawa, Aug. 2.—In the House to-day A. Morrison moved that the clause for the adoption of fish net traps be struck out of Hon. R. Prefontaine's bill. He said that the fishermen of British Columbia opposed the use of traps. He accused the commissioner of fisheries of bungling everything he touched in British Columbia. It was the commissioner that advised the use of traps, and in Mr. Morrison's opinion he did so wrongly.

On the advice of this official the government took a wrong, atrocious and serious step. Traps were adopted at the instance of some capitalists in Montreal and Toronto, men who never saw a British Columbia salmon trap and river industry. He moved that the clause be struck out as there was not sufficient evidence before the minister to have it adopted.

R. Smith, of Nanaimo, said that traps were in existence now in United States waters, and he thought Canadians should have the same right to use them as Americans. If the traps were going to exterminate the fish, he wanted Canadians to have a share, and not leave them all to Americans.

The Election Act. The election act was discussed in the House this forenoon, and passed. It provides that the returning officer shall fix the date for voting in the counties of Gaspe and Chateaufort and Saguenay in Quebec, and in Conox-Atlin, Yale-Cariboo and Kootenay in British Columbia.

Whale Fishing. When Hon. R. Prefontaine took up his bill to regulate fishing for whales in Canadian waters he said that he had received 22 applications for whaling licenses from Quebec, 17 from Nova Scotia, 1 from New Brunswick and 11 from British Columbia. In reply to Mr. Huggart, he said that there were no applications for whale fishing in Hudson Bay. There was no question as to the control of Canada waters, but there was some correspondence over some portions with the Imperial government.

Prorogation. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and R. L. Borden have just had a conference, and it was decided that prorogation will take place on Saturday or Monday.

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WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS

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As the day of the opening of the annual exhibition under the auspices of the B. C. Agricultural Association approaches the executive committee grows more active in preparing for the event...

FRESH BUTTER AND EGGS. Dixie H. Ross & Co., The Independent Cash Grocers. GOVERNMENT CREAMERY, 1 lb. 25c. GOVERNMENT CREAMERY, 14-lb. Box 33.40.

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Local News

The names of the two young ladies who passed the University of Toronto musical examination. The names are Miss Merriman and Miss May Rowland.

Rev. J. P. Vichert united in marriage at his residence Tuesday Mr. Alfred Krueger, of Aberdeen, Wash., and Miss Nellie Mabel Cox, of Ballard, Wash. Mr. and Mrs. Krueger left for the Sound this morning.

The C. P. R. Company has arranged for regular week-end excursions to Vancouver on Sunday. Tickets good for travelling on the steamer leaving here at 7:30 o'clock, and returning the same day will be sold at the rate of \$2.50 for the round trip.

Through the courtesy of W. B. Christopher, member of the Times staff were regaled with a feast of peaches grown at his place on the Gorge road. They are of the Crawford variety and in quality and color are hard to beat.

A rough element has invaded the camp at Cariboo Bay. A few nights ago a disgraceful fight occurred on the beach and the following night a buggy robe was stolen from a vehicle that had been left standing on the embankment above the water while the occupants were paying a visit to friends on the beach.

The tour throughout the province of Prof. Shurt, chemist of the Central Experimental Farm, at Ottawa, is likely to prove of great value to the farming community of British Columbia. Deputy Minister Anderson accompanied Prof. Shurt on the trip.

The old powder magazine at Beacon Hill, which for many years has been the cause of considerable controversy in various city councils, is at last a thing of the past. The park committee some time ago decided on its removal, not because of the powder or other explosive stored within its walls, but because of its brick walls giving way, making it dangerous for anyone coming within close proximity.

The public library returns for July are as follows: Books issued, 1,212; to ladies 535; to gentlemen, 676; highest number issued in one day, 95; average number, 60; new members, 22; ladies, 11; gentlemen, 11; books added: "My Schools and Schoolmasters," by Miller; "Casting of Nets," Bagot; "Childhood, Boyhood, Youth," Tolstol; "Practical Poultry Keeping," Wright; "History of France," Smith, and others.

The police returns for the past month show the following charges: Drunkenness, 27; theft, 41; possession of drink, 11; infraction of bicycle law, 2; indecent exposure, 1; breach of health by-law, 1; breach of thistle by-law, 2; possession of stolen property, 1; assault, 3; cruelty to animals, 1; inmates of houses of ill-fame, 2; vagrants, 2. There were 41 convictions, 10 were discharged, 1 sent to the lunatic asylum and 9 detained for safe-keeping.

Active preparations are being made for the erection of the new C. P. R. wharf on Belleville street. For some time past the piles to be used have been undergoing a preserving treatment at Sebi's Point. Already a number have been prepared and are ready to be put in position.

The park committee of the city council is desirous of dealing fairly with the two local bands. Both have applied for a share of the city's patronage, but naturally both cannot be accommodated.

Preparations for the Native Sons' excursion, to be held on Thursday, the 11th inst. at Strathcona hotel, Shavnigan Lake, are proceeding apace. The following programme of sports has been prepared by Chief Thomas Watson: Baseball match, Victoria v. Nanaimo, 1:30 p.m.; foot race, 100 yards; foot race, boys under 15; foot race, girls, three to five; canoe race, single, with lady passenger; canoe race, tandem; open race; swimming race, 100 yards; swimming race, 200 yards; swimming race for boys.

Mr. John Morgridge, of the engineering staff of the steamer Empire Grace, and Miss Grace Wilson, fourth daughter of Mr. James Wilson, sanitary inspector, were united in marriage at the manse on Monday by Rev. W. Leslie Gray. The ceremony was a quiet one, only relatives and immediate friends of the contracting parties being present.

Although the new patrol wagon was received by the police from Mable's carriage factory only Monday afternoon, before midnight it had been used several times. Its first occupant was T. P. Young, who was conveyed to the provincial jail, where he will serve a sentence of three months for stealing a quantity of paint brushes from the Melrose Company.

The theatre season in Victoria will be reopened on the 31st of this month by a company headed by L. R. Stockwell. Just what play will be presented and what support the star will have, it is impossible to say at present. The manager of the Victoria theatre, as far as known, has not yet received the list of bookings for the season. It is quite certain, however, that Stockwell will have a good account of himself. He is almost too well-known to require advertisement.

Considerable enterprise is being displayed by the Telephone Company in the improvement and extension of the system. After having installed a thoroughly up-to-date switch board here, steps have been taken toward bringing the citizens of Victoria and residents of Ladysmith, Duncan and Extension into closer social and commercial relationship. The long distance system is being modernized by the establishment of district centres at the first two points, and almost as direct communication with the latter, also. About forty subscribers have been received from Ladysmith, and the system is already in operation. Work will start immediately in placing a similar centre at Duncan.

A quiet wedding took place Wednesday in the Wallace street Methodist parsonage, Nanaimo, when Rev. A. M. Sanford united in marriage Mr. Archibald E. McEachern and Mary Louise Barrett, both of Victoria. Mr. and Mrs. McEachern returned to Victoria this morning.

The seventeenth annual report of the Vancouver Board of Trade has been issued. It contained the financial statement, the business dealt with by the board during the past year, the progress made by the city of Vancouver, and the conditions of the province generally. The report is illustrated by pictures of public buildings in the Terminal City, the New Westminster bridge and other views.

Workers have commenced and have well under way the construction of a sidewalk across the eastern side of the James Bay causeway. The proposal to build the walk was vigorously opposed by a section of the city council last Monday evening, but a majority of one decided in favor of the improvement. It is certainly no time has been lost in carrying out the undertaking.

The Commercial News of San Francisco has issued a handsome special number in the form of its 20th annual review. The leading topics of the Pacific Coast are written up in the present W. C. T. U. home will be opened on the 14th following the convention.

The importance of the building stone so plentiful on this island and on the smaller islands of the Gulf has, as a commercial asset, never been emphasized to a great extent. With a view to thoroughly examining into these resources the provincial assessor, H. H. Okemichal, will leave next week on a tour of all the points where this material is obtainable. He will make a report on them.

D. McHarg, the commercial man whose name is prominently connected with the abortion proceeding in Vancouver, arrived from Portland, Ore., Tuesday evening in company with Sgt. Murray, of the provincial police. He went over to Vancouver on Wednesday morning to give evidence at the preliminary hearing of the case against the medical practitioner charged with the offence.

R. M. Palmer, of the department of agriculture, who is in charge of the fruit exhibit from this province at the exposition to the minister of agriculture, Hon. R. G. Tatlow, that the fruit is arriving in excellent form. There is a very creditable showing, he says, including the preserved and raw forms. Brandon exhibition has also made application to have the British Columbia fruit displayed there. The exhibit will be taken to Brandon.

The hot weather that has been experienced during the past several weeks has resulted in the usual number of devastating bush fires. They are burning in all directions, and are doing much damage. The fire in the vicinity of the Victoria and Nanaimo roads, which has been burning since Monday, has not yet been extinguished. It is feared that it will spread to the Victoria and Nanaimo roads, which have been burning since Monday.

Among the other passengers who arrived on the Empress of Japan on Tuesday were Hon. T. Miyako, Japanese minister at the Hague, and his secretary, Mr. Miyako. He has also been appointed Japan's representative at the House Tax Arbitration Tribunal, which will convene in Ottawa on August 10th. The Hon. Mr. Miyako did not care to express an opinion as regards the progress of outcome of the war in the East, but expressed sympathy for the sympathy which has been extended to his country by the world in general, and particularly by Canada.

The concert to be given by the Fifth Regiment band at Beacon Hill next Sunday promises to be a musical treat, the programme selected being a judicious mixture of the best grade of music, classic, intermediate and popular. It will include, among others, Dan Godfrey's famous arrangement of Scottish folk-songs, introducing solos for cornet, piccolo, clarinet, bass and euphonium, and giving the band ample scope in which to display its capabilities in ensemble playing. Chief among the classic numbers to be presented are Mozart's "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," from his renowned "Welfth Mass," and the "Pilgrims Chorus," from "Tannhauser," by the immortal Richard Wagner.

George Doyle, who will be remembered long on the Pacific Coast because of the way he conducted himself when the ill-fated steamer Islander sank while on her way to Alaska with a large number of passengers, died Tuesday morning at Providence hospital of heart disease, says a dispatch from Seattle. When the accident of the Islander happened Doyle was on his way to Forty-Mile. Since that he has been moping at that place. Last week he came to Seattle to be treated for heart disease. The ailment had to strong a hold on his constitution, and he succumbed. It is believed that the exposure which he suffered when the Islander was wrecked hastened his death. Doyle was a native of Missouri and was 30 years old.

Wednesday a communication was received from the Vancouver Rowing Club by Phil Austin, secretary of the J. B. latter, B.C. A rowing meeting will be held at the club on Wednesday night. The banner won by James Bay "Big Four" in the N. P. A. A. regatta of 1903 had been forwarded. The Terminal City association apologized for the delay in sending the report, but explained that this was not altogether the club's fault...

In washing woollens and flannels, Levey's Dry Soap is powder will be found very satisfactory.

The time for the receipt of tenders for the construction of the foundations for the C. P. R. hotel has been indefinitely extended. Originally it was intended that the tenders should be in by the 1st inst., but they were not received until August 1st. The reason for the delay is that the plans are not yet available. It will be some time before the company commissioned F. C. Shankland, the Chicago expert, to examine the site and prepare his report. It was necessary that this should be done before the tenders could be opened. The tenders are expected to be on hand at any time. Quite a number of local contractors have expressed their intention of figuring on the big undertaking.

The death occurred at Nanaimo Wednesday of David Jenner, who for the past several years has been residing with his daughter, Mrs. Geo. Davis, in that city. Mr. Jenner was a native of Germany, and came out to Vancouver while still a young man. He was in the Islander in 1849, and spent several years there during the gold excitement. From there he came up the coast and gradually drifted to the Victoria and Nanaimo roads, where he resided "there ever since, being chiefly employed as carpenter for the New Vancouver Coal Company, in which capacity he was engaged for many years. He was 75 years of age, and leaves two daughters, Mrs. George Davis, of Nanaimo, and Mrs. William Cameron, of Victoria.

To-morrow the annual show under the auspices of the Victoria Horticultural Association will open at the Drill hall. Entries closed last evening, and those in charge announced that a larger number has been received than on any previous occasion. The available space will be taxed to its utmost, but every flower plan will be given a position where it may easily be seen by visitors. Members of the management committee state that judging will commence as soon as possible. The show will be held by the Victoria Horticultural Association, which has been holding a show since 1882, and is now in its 32nd year. The show will be held at the Drill hall, and will be open from 10 o'clock in the morning until late in the evening. Each day will be featured, one being set aside as American day, another as Children's day, and so on. The race track is being put into thorough repair by the Victoria Driving Club, and the contests to take place on the last three days of the fair. The Victoria Horticultural Association will next week have an opportunity of witnessing the Japanese methods of wrestling. As mentioned in the Times a few days ago, efforts were being made to have an exhibition put on here by a band of noted athletes from Japan, which country is famed for its wrestlers. These men are on their way to this city now awaiting the arrival of about fifteen or sixteen more on the next steamer, which is expected early in the week.

Arrangements have been made by the Victoria Lacrosse Club to have this wrestling carried out under their auspices on the Caledonia grounds. It is arranged that beginning Wednesday afternoon wrestling competitions will take place on the grounds each afternoon of Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The first three evenings exhibitions will also be given. The grounds will be lighted up each evening by electric light, and the athletes will appear directly in front of the grand stand.

Several of the contestants weigh over three hundred pounds, counting for a great deal under the Japanese system of wrestling. These exhibitions will give a splendid opportunity to residents of this city to witness what will be one of the chief attractions of the St. Louis fair.

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TEACHERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED

TRUSTEES SELECTED ADDITIONS TO STAFF

E. A. Lewis Wants the British Flag Hoisted Every Day Over City Schools.

The board of school trustees met on Tuesday and appointed five teachers on the public school staff for the coming year. These were J. W. H. King, Misses McGill, Sweet, Johnson and Redfern. Mr. King has had considerable experience in the schools of the province. Miss McGill was formerly on the city school staff, and has been teaching at Grand Forks since that time. The remaining three teachers were present at the meeting. Chairman Jay, Trustees Dr. Hall, Mowat, Hargrett, Lewis and Boggs, and Superintendent Eaton.

The superintendent of education wrote stating that the council of public instruction had found it impossible to sanction the holding of half day sessions in any of the city schools. Permission had been granted in cases which differed materially from this, that is where school buildings were under course of construction. In the case of the Victoria schools nothing of this kind existed, and to allow of half day sessions would mean a long continuation of the system.

Trustee Boggs reported that the alterations of the old high school building were about completed. He asked permission to procure a stove for Victoria West school.

"And part of a stove," suggested Chairman Jay.

With this suggestion Trustee Boggs concurred.

Trustee Hall, in moving that a letter of condolence be sent to Trustee Mrs. Jenkins referred to the afflictions which had befallen Mrs. Jenkins in the loss of her husband.

The superintendent was instructed to prepare a suitable letter to be sent.

Trustee Hall suggested, in view of the letter received from the department of education, that the additional teachers who had been in service last term should be re-engaged to continue work, as it would be necessary to have three rooms opened temporarily. He pointed out that there was a large room at the old high school building in which they might place about 80 primary pupils, providing two teachers for it. One of the rooms in the high school might also be utilized in connection with the girls' central.

Trustee Boggs thought that while the large room was being fitted up it might be a wise thing to bring the pupils down to the lower floor.

Superintendent Eaton was of the opinion that they would be able to accommodate the high school pupils with the seven teachers as during last term. A class of girls could be moved up to the high school and put boys in the old high school. If this did not accommodate them two rooms would have to be utilized at the high school. He thought there would be no undue difficulty in accommodating the pupils in the South Ward school. He did not know yet how it would be at the North Ward school.

Trustee Mowat suggested getting another room somewhere to be utilized for Chinese pupils, or moving them over to South Park school.

Miss Sweet and Miss Johnson were appointed permanent teachers at the recent high school examinations. He hoped that Victoria would continue to lead in the examinations.

Chairman Jay suggested paying the teachers the four-fifths of the salary due them for the fall term in five installments. It was somewhat of a hardship to some of the teachers to receive nothing from the end of June until the end of September.

Trustee Lewis did not see why the British flag should not fly over the school house during the session of the school. He thought the janitors should be instructed to raise and lower the flag. Schools that had not flags should be furnished with them.

This was greeted with applause, and the superintendent instructed to see if provisions could not be made for this.

Trustee Lewis also wanted dry land swimming taught in the schools, as it was in Germany.

In reply to him, Trustee Boggs and others said this was already done, and in addition the pupils were taught swimming in the water.

The meeting then adjourned.

NERVOUS HEADACHE AND NEURALGIA

In mild forms afflict people upon the least excitement, travel or exposure—only a little consequence now that Nervine is available to sufferers. Take 20 drops in sweetened water and bathe the parts and pain disappears almost immediately. Though Nervine is five times stronger than other liniments, more penetrating and more pain subduing it is very pleasant to take in this form. Nervine is so quick and so certain that nobody ought to have it at hand for the minor ailments that almost every day brings forth. Pleasant, pain subduing, penetrating, Nervine is a safe and reliable healer of pain. Nervine, certain always, has no equal for all purposes.

FIRE AT CRANBROOK.

Large Block of Buildings Swept Away—Loss is \$5,000.

Fire was kind to Cranbrook on Friday. It was only by the happiest luck, coupled with the most strenuous efforts on the part of her citizens, that the city was saved from a disastrous conflagration similar to that which overtook Erie. As it was, a large block of buildings, fronting the depot and consisting of the Victoria House, the restaurant in connection therewith, a dry goods store were wiped out in the short space of 45 minutes, involving a loss of \$5,000, half of which is only covered by insurance. At the time of the outbreak there were between 25 and 30 people asleep in the rooms of the Victoria. Some of the sleepers had very narrow escapes. A carpenter named Simpson awoke to the flames in his room. But meantime the stairs had collapsed, and Smith, finding all other egress barred, leaped from his window to the ground, a distance of 30 feet. In his fall he suffered serious internal injuries and a broken arm. Meanwhile the whole town had been aroused and the primitive fire appliances promptly hauled out. It was seen that to save the burning building would be an impossible task and the self-constituted fire fighters devoted their energies to the extinguishing of the adjoining properties. In the end their efforts met with success and this plan undoubtedly saved the greater portion of the town. This the second narrow escape from the fire fiend that Cranbrook has had in three months.

ATTACH PROPERTY.

Claim Brought by Philadelphia Firm Against the San Leandro Farm.

News comes from Oakland, Cal., that Sheriff Bishop on the 21st of last month served an attachment on the Southern part of the beautiful San Leandro farm, the late Mrs. Josephine Dunsuir, now the property of her daughter, Edna Wallace Hopper, the actress.

The attachment served to secure a claim against the actress amounting to \$896.82 and held by George Barrie & Sons, of Philadelphia, for books, curios, etc., purchased by Mrs. Dunsuir shortly before her death. Suit now is pending before Judge Kerrigan in San Francisco. The Southern farm consists of a handsome residence, lavishly furnished, and 315 acres of grounds. The estate has been in constant litigation for some years owing to suits brought by art dealers, booksellers and curio merchants of New York, Chicago and other cities. An action is now pending against the estate, based on a claim of \$9,463.75, alleged to be due the plaintiffs for art and curios. The trustees are fighting the action on the ground that Mrs. Dunsuir was imbecile upon the day the debt was charged and imposed upon her.

Mrs. Dunsuir died December 25th, 1900, and Edna Wallace Hopper inherited the estate.

JAPANESE WRESTLING.

Party on the Way to St. Louis May Give Exhibition in This City.

There is a probability that an exhibition of Japanese wrestling may be put on in this city within a few days. There is in Victoria at present one of a large party of famous exponents of the Japanese style of wrestling who is on his way to St. Louis. The remaining members of the party will arrive by the next steamer, and will depart here for a few days.

Among the party coming is one fellow who is reputed to weigh over 800 pounds. The wrestler now here is comparatively young fellow, being only about 19 years of age. He has not yet attained the abnormal weight which counts for much in some of the Japanese styles of wrestling.

Some of the Japanese residents of this city are endeavoring to have an exhibition of the wrestling in this city. They explain that the wrestling is done in the open air, and have proposed the Caledonia grounds for the purpose. They explain that the method employed would be to put about seven or eight pairs of wrestlers at work at the same time directly in view of the grand stand.

The conclusion of the exhibition will be in the form of a native dance, accompanied by swinging on the part of the men. The exhibition would be a novel one for this city, and many will be glad if arrangements are made to put it on.

THE DRIARD FIRE.

New York Journal Has an Illustrated Article on It.

A recent issue of Fire and Water Engineering, a journal published in New York devoted to the protection of kindred perils, never once flinched from their task. As it happened, none of them paid for their heroism with their lives, although several were overcome by the smoke. The difficulties confronting them may be imagined when they had to fly sledgehammer and axe on the almost adamantine steel and concrete sidewalks before they could find a place of entrance for their nose nozzles, and had to face the volumes of smoke that poured in from the fuel room in which were piled cords of wood, all of which were ablaze, and soon became a steaming mass of water-soaked debris, sending forth a pungent, irritating, stifling and evil-smelling stench, blinding and choking those who were exposed to its fumes. The fire quickly got no higher than the floor on the street level, where the girders, pillars and ceiling will have to be removed."

STORES CLOSED.

Shopkeepers at Port as Prince Are Afraid to Resume Business.

Port as Prince, Hayti, Aug. 3.—The situation here is calm to-day, but the population is still excited, and all the fighting stores are closed, their proprietors not daring to open them owing to fear of the riotous soldiers and populace. The American consuls has advised all of those who have consulted with him to be calm, pointing them protection shortly.

COMPLAINTS OF A LACK OF WATER

ALD. VINCENT MAKES A FRANK STATEMENT

Reports Coming in From All Over the City—Routine at Council Meeting.

Monday night's regular meeting of the city council, though brief, was not devoid of interesting features. Two aldermen had the courage of their convictions to state openly that there was a need for more water in this city. Ald. Vincent was no apologist. He declared that the people were complaining of the want of water all over the city, and Ald. Elford in the same connection said that he himself was short of water.

The subject was introduced by a petition read from some five or six residents of Tolmie avenue and Oak street, living within a few blocks of the Douglas water works, who have for years been denied the use of city water unless bearing all the expenses of installation. It has been figured out by the water works officials in the city hall that the cost of laying a pipe up Tolmie avenue between Douglas and Fourth streets, would cost \$2,000, which would have to be borne by the residents because they lived outside the city limits. The present petition is from the residents nearest the pipe, and several of the aldermen seem to be disposed to granting the privilege. Others and His Worship the Mayor are opposed to allowing outsiders a service. Ald. Vincent, however, said that this water question was something which the sooner dealt with the better. Ald. Graham asked the city solicitor if the council had the legal right to absolutely deny residents in the district a water service. The latter said from memory he thought the city had a right to refuse. He will give his opinion at a subsequent meeting.

A vote was finally taken on how the petition should be dealt with, and it was decided to refer the matter to the city water commission with a favorable recommendation.

Another interesting detail of Monday evening's proceedings was that arising out of the report of the streets, sewers and bridges committee, which recommended the construction of a six-foot sidewalk on the east side of the James Bay causeway. When the item was read in open council Ald. Kinsman, Elford, Stewart and Beckwith opposed it, as it would be a waste of public money. When the C. P. R. Company started to build its hotel they said that part of the street would practically be abandoned for public travel. His Worship, however, favored the laying of the sidewalk as suggested, and a vote being taken the report of the committee was carried.

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LADYSMITH NEWS.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.) The excursion to Stevenson on Sunday, under the auspices of the local lodge of Eagles, was a great success. The party of about 200 was well attended, and the day was well spent. The excursion was very enjoyable, and it will not be long till the next batch of our will be shipped.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jenson are camped across the bay, and Mr. and Mrs. Holston near Brantford.

County court was held last Thursday. A few naturalization cases were dealt with, but the Small Debts court now takes most of the claims for debt.

The new Catholic church is nearly finished, and is quite handsome building, and in every way suitable for the purpose. It is in the finest part of the city, and reflects great credit on the congregation, the clergyman and the contractor. The old church will probably be used as a school house.

SALT SPRING ISLAND NOTES.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.) The extension of the steamer Iniquitous from Sidney to Vancouver on July 24th was thoroughly enjoyed by the passengers. The fare of \$150 for the party and the kindness of Capt. Sears in waiting at Vancouver for four hours instead of three were greatly appreciated by the passengers. Upon arriving at Vancouver a large number went out to Stanley Park, while others went to visit their friends. The steamer left Vancouver at 5 o'clock, and after leaving passed, and a vote being taken the report of the committee was carried.

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LITTLE PARTY BROKEN UP.

Runaways From Vancouver Arrested on Landing Here.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) The police broke up a little excursion party when the steamer arrived from Vancouver on Monday. The party consisted of Sarah and Violet Norton, aged fifteen and seventeen years respectively, and two young fellows named R. S. LADD, Fred Miller's Certificate No. 18967, issued sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

"LAND REGISTRY ACT." In the Matter of Lot 1,615, Victoria City, and in the Matter of an Application of Robert Charles Williams Ringer Plaintiff, against a Defendant, Title to Same.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to issue a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to the above land to Charles Williams Ringer, on the 26th day of September, 1904, unless in the meantime a valid objection thereto be made to me in writing by a person claiming an estate or interest therein, or in any part thereof.

S. Y. WOODTON, Registrar-General. Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., 21st June, 1904.

FOREST FIRES.

Great Damage Being Done in Southeast Kootenay, Near Fort Steele.

Forest fires are raging at various places in Southeast Kootenay, says a Cranbrook dispatch. Thousands of feet of timber have been destroyed west of Fort Steele, another on Wild Horse creek and the third southeast of Moyie. All have burned over many hundred acres of timber.

BANK HOLIDAY.

London, Aug. 5.—Bank holiday was celebrated to-day throughout the United Kingdom. In London none of the government offices were open, and here and in every other city the banks, stock exchanges and business houses were closed. Brilliant weather prevailed, and in consequence the river and seaside resorts were crowded.

At Cowes, Isle of Wight, King Edward, Queen Alexandra and a large assembly of fashionable people attended the opening of the regatta week. The weather was fine, but the wind light only enough to flutter the innumerable barges flying from the yachts which crowded the rostrated. The first race was a handicap for yachts of over 100 tons, in which Emperor William's Meteor III and the Jugoslav, owned by Morton Plant, of New York, among others participated. Jugoslav, which had first, but the White Feather won on allowance.

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It is becoming proverbial among infantry will go away will refuse to retire, and their losses may be heavy. Port Arthur could have held this time with its leaders are working to effect and capture of the minimum loss of life. It is evident that the Russian artillery has finished silencing the Russian gun. A story is current that the Japanese will be effect with the visible sacrifice of life, however taken by the Japanese. It is evident that the Japanese are working to effect and capture of the minimum loss of life. It is evident that the Russian artillery has finished silencing the Russian gun. A story is current that the Japanese will be effect with the visible sacrifice of life, however taken by the Japanese.

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