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CHINESE PROCESSION.
See Yip Company Hold a Lion Parade.

town is in a flare this afternoon. Being jealous of the procession and the fighting band held by the Young Wo Society on the 2nd, the See Yip Company held a demonstration to-day. Desiring to be the best, they had two, with a fighting band, and as the show-boys, numerous other attractions, Chinaman representing Li Hung Chang and wearing large spectacles like the Viceroy marched, proudly escorted of Chinese soldiers, proudly in the streets. Many flags, both Chinese and Chinese, were carried by processions, and at all the stores, windows were suspended from the doors, majority of which had \$5 bills attached to them. As the lion arrived at residences, he threw off the flag he was carrying and swelled the procession. The fire crackers were not so plentiful as of yore. The company did not use them, but the mayor refused them permission. The Chinese Society and the majority of merchants, it is understood, were against using fire-crackers. The fire crackers were used, and as all a considerable ill-feeling has been awakened on both sides. The societies are exceedingly jealous of their display made, and it is feared trouble will arise as a result in the near future. The breach has been wider between the rival companies.

Bless of the notification that fireworks would not be allowed, when processions started to parade, Chinese then in front of the lions. They got the names of the offenders, they will all be asked to appear and in the police court. Some of these defied the police and continued to explode the crackers, among Quong Wah and Chin Long, who arrested and brought to the city by Officers Fisher and Carson. Charge laid against both was that they were guilty of an infraction of the by-law. A number of other summons will be issued to-morrow.

ert Paterson, an Edinburgh whole-merchant, who is returning home a business trip to China, is at the

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PEACE ENDANGERED

War May Result Unless Powers Compel Sultan to Execute Cretan Reforms.

Uprising Has Attracted Great Attention in London—Crete Always Troublesome.

Muslimans Beheading Women and Children—Pacific Solution Impossible.

London, Feb. 12.—The Times this morning says a Vienna newspaper contains an interview with Minister Delannoy, the Cretan representative at Paris, to the effect that unless the powers compel the sultan to execute reforms in Crete, affairs may take a turn which would endanger the peace of Europe. The Cretan government, according to Minister Delannoy, has done, and will do nothing to complicate affairs, but he claims that the sultan is seriously embarrassed by the course of his interview. Minister Delannoy asserted that the sultan would not consent to a conference of so-called plenipotentiaries at Constantinople, but that the European ambassadors at Constantinople are determined to decide to rescue the Christians from their intolerable positions.

London, Feb. 11.—The uprising in Crete is attracting no little attention in London. Since the massacre of Solo in 1882, none of the Greek islands has given so much trouble to the British government as Crete. After many insurrections, Crete got a constitution in 1886, but this did not stop the insurrection because the Turkish subjects were continually violating it and the Turkish authorities failing to enforce it. In the meantime the Christians of the island have been continually longing for annexation to Greece, and they have been continually demanding that the British government should be asked to take the island.

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Paris, Feb. 12.—Le Temps prints a reservation telegram from Athens giving certain evidence received there, tending to show that the sultan sent his aide-de-camp to Crete with instructions for the Turkish troops to act in concert with the Mussulmans for the purpose of provoking a massacre before the informant reforms could be undertaken. This is given in explanation of the causes of his recent disorders and, it is said, this incensed Greece to retaliate by sending Prince George to Crete to command the torpedo flotilla.

Athens, Feb. 12.—The warlike excitement in this city and province continues, increasing with the departure of the troops for the frontier and the equipping of additional war vessels for service in Cretan waters. Nobody seems to doubt that a clash of arms will occur between Greece and Turkey unless the powers intervene, but here it is believed that Greece will be given a free hand in Crete, and if she succeeds in "annexing" the island her right to do so will not be questioned by the rest of Europe. The report that Great Britain will, if necessary, take the initiative in preventing Greece's war vessels from actively interfering in Crete is not believed here. It is thought that any action which may be taken will be by Great Britain, France and Russia in combination. It is confidentially reported that those powers have decided to allow Greece to have her own way in the matter.

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MATTERS POLITICAL

Premier Laurier At Mayor Bingham's Banquet—Transmission Through Mails.

Question of Commercial Treaty Between Canada and the United States.

Premier Flynn Banquet—Opening of the Legislature in Ontario.

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—At Mayor Bingham's luncheon yesterday, about 300 of Ottawa's leading citizens being present, the premier said the government was full and replete with good will and good intentions towards Canada generally and the city of Ottawa in particular. "We intend," he said, "to do our best for the city. We mean, in as far as we can speak for the house of commons, to do everything possible to make the country prosperous and the capital of Canada worthy what its capital should be."

The statement is made that the postmaster-general has restricted free transmission through the mails. Ontario government publications authorized by the legislature will still be transmitted free, but the class of publication on which the department requires postage to be paid, as advised by the minister of justice, is blank forms sent out by the departments asking for information.

It is believed that a joint commission, consisting of two Canadians and two congressmen, will be appointed by President McKinley, will be formed to investigate and report on the subject of a commercial treaty between Canada and the United States. This, it is said, will be the result of the presence in Washington for the past few days of Richard Cartwright and Hon. L. H. Davies. During their stay in Washington the two gentlemen have had numerous conferences with many public men prominently identified with the Republican and Democratic parties, principally, however, with Republicans, as they are led to believe that President McKinley will accept the invitation which the Canadian government will extend for such a commission for the purpose of considering reports favorably, and they have little doubt that it will do so, that it will result in such a treaty.

Quebec, Feb. 12.—The Chateau Frontenac was crowded last evening with a hundred of Quebec's citizens, assembled to do honor to Premier Flynn. Mr. Flynn made one of the best speeches he ever delivered in response to the toast of the night.

An order-in-council has been passed for the superannuation of Thomas Fuller, chief architect of the public works department.

Hon. Mr. Sifton has appointed an immigration agent in Scotland, and another in England. Mr. Greer, ex-M.P., will work in the Western States, also David Caven, formerly of the C.P.R., who is engaged by the minister. Messrs. Van Horne, Shaughnessy and Wainwright are here to-day with Hon. Mr. Blair. The Crow's Nest Pass railway was discussed.

The bill passed by the Quebec government to permit the province to take back land from the railway company, because the latter cannot dispose of the same, may be disallowed by the Dominion in the public interests.

The announcement made some time ago that a bill for the branding of cheese and the registration of cheese factories and creameries which was submitted last session, and which had taken effect on Jan. 1st, 1897, is not a correct bill and will be presented a second time this session.

Toronto, Feb. 12.—The legislative assembly having elected as Speaker Mr. E. V. Rieu, the first French member to fill that position, the session was formally opened by the reading of the following speech from the throne:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly: It is a subject of congratulation that since your last meeting Her Most Gracious Majesty has entered upon and is now approaching the completion of the 60th year of her illustrious reign. Our

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Western Departmental Building Partially Destroyed—Plans and Records Burned.

No Insurance on the Buildings—Loss About a Quarter of a Million.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—The worst fire which the capital has had for many a long day is raging to-night, and as a result thereof the taxpayers of the Dominion will eventually have to meet about a quarter of a million dollars. At midnight the entire roof of the western departmental building and offices on the fourth story are in flames. The efforts of the Ottawa brigade are directed towards keeping the flames from descending to the lower stories of the building—the only portion of the building which has escaped with the exception of some of the offices in the Mackenzie wing from the big tower northerly. In this portion of the building are the offices of the departments of railways and canals and inland revenue. The rooms burnt out were those occupied by the engineering and architects' staff of the public works department, including hundreds of valuable plans and records; certain offices occupied by some of the clerks of the railway and fishery department, and the entire offices of the mounted police department. All the offices below, occupied by the departments of public works, marine and fisheries, militia, trade and commerce and customs are deluged with water. The fire was first discovered in the fourth flat of the public works department, and it is supposed to have been caused by the carelessness of one of the clerks who had been smoking. For a long time the smell of smoke could be detected before its origin was discovered. Unfortunately happened that the conflagration broke out in the most vulnerable part of the building, as the whole top story was a veritable fire trap. The roof was of wood, the partitions were of wood, the floors of wood. To add to the disaster, this portion of the building is with the exception of the tower part situated on the highest level of the parliament buildings, and the entire supply of water was cut off. As soon as two steamers got to work, however, there was good pressure, but owing to the inflammable nature of this portion of the building, it was impossible to get any progress of the flames, which worked around to the northern facade, found their way along the eastern front, and then moving around the east side facing parliament buildings, they were cut short at the tower over Hon. Mr. Davies' office, which is at the extreme northeast end of the building. One hundred thousand dollars may cover actual loss, but the general opinion is that the roof of iron and copper similar to the Langevin block will be necessary, the figures already mentioned will be largely increased.

There is no insurance on the buildings. The loss will be about \$150,000, but this amount will not put up a proper roof. It will take more than twice that amount to do so. The next put up by the Mackenzie government will be still remains untouched in any way. All the old papers and records before confederation were stored away here and are burned. The place was never intended originally for offices, but has been used. The stationery office of the department of public works and the photographic gallery were burned. The fire broke out in a vacant room used by the railways and canals department in the upper story of the Western departmental block, at ten minutes to five o'clock this afternoon. All the hydrants on all sides here that were frozen. The government fire brigade could do nothing with it, and when the city brigade arrived the lack of pressure prevented the water from covering it. This was not until the three-quarters of an hour. Then the fire engine was obtained, which gave an additional supply of water, and later on a second engine was on the scene.

PROBABLY FOUNDERED.

All Search for Steamer State of Georgia is Abandoned.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 12.—The steamer Nimrod succeeded in getting free from the ice floe last night, reaching here about yesterday morning. Captain Richardson, her commander, and Captain Ash, representing the owners of the missing steamship State of Georgia, agree that the latter must have foundered. The steamer Nimrod went 200 miles north, ice floes. Nothing was sighted. The Nimrod then steamed south. Again nothing was visible within range of the most powerful telescope used from the crew's nest. It is agreed on all sides here that the steamship State of Georgia must have been lost. The State of Georgia left Dartmouth on Dec. 23 for Halifax, N.S., and St. John, N.B. She passed Donnet Head, Scotland, on Dec. 29, and has not been heard from since. Her cargo consisted of 2,000 tons of beet sugar.

DOWN IN CUBA.

Insurgents Active—Big Battle Near Mariel.

Havana, via Key West, Fla., Feb. 11.—Advices from Matanzas show extraordinary activity on the part of the large number of the insurgents in that district. It is thought there are more insurgents in that section than ever before, among them being many Cubans who were with Antonio Maceo in the province of Pinar del Rio. Insurgents from Havana province are concentrated on the heights in the vicinity of San Jose de Las Juntas. Insurgents from the provinces of Matanzas and Santa Clara are also concentrated in the mountains since March. Captain General Weyler yesterday continued his movements through Santa Clara his column marching about Piacetas, Calbarien and Remedios.

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 11.—Two couriers from Rivera's army passed through here today en route for New York. They brought news of great importance to the

JOY UNCONFINED

New York Butterflies Much Excited Over the Bradley-Martin Bal Masque.

Wonderful Floral Display—Exquisite Costumes—Hundreds of Thousands Spent.

New York, Feb. 10.—Beautiful beyond description was the bal masque of Mrs. Bradley-Martin last night. Columns have been written about the affair and pictures drawn, but the fancy of the reporter and the artist did not picture scenes one-half as lovely as were presented in the Waldorf.

MUCH NEEDED LEGISLATION.

Bill Passed Against the Carrying of Obscene Literature.

Washington, Feb. 12.—The house has passed the senate bill relating to the carrying of obscene matter by express companies, and it has gone to the president for signature. It is entitled: "An act to prevent the carrying of obscene literature and articles designed for indecent and immoral use from one state or territory into another state or territory," and is as follows: "Be it enacted, that it shall be unlawful for any person to deposit with any express company or other common carrier for carriage from one state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, or any other state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, any obscene, lewd or lascivious book, pamphlet, paper, writing, print, picture or other matter of indecent character, or any article of thing designed or intended for the prevention of conception or procuring abortion, or any written or printed card, letter, circular, book, pamphlet, advertisement, notice of any kind giving information, directly or indirectly, where, how, or by whom, or by what means any of the hereinbefore mentioned articles, matters or things may be obtained or procured, or any person who shall knowingly deposit or cause to be deposited with any express company or other common carrier for carriage from one state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, or who shall take from such express company or other common carrier, with intent to sell, distribute or circulate, any matter or thing hereinbefore prohibited from conveyance therefor, for each offence, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$5000 or imprisonment for not more than five years, or both, at the discretion of the court."

CANADIAN NEWS.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee—Storm in Toronto.

Montreal, Feb. 12.—The Protestant school commissioners have adopted a plan for a grand celebration of the Queen's diamond jubilee. The plan was submitted to a special committee of the board, composed of Principal Shaw, Archdeacon Evans and Alderman Cosigan. The principal features of the celebration are: a grand parade, a musical festival, a fireworks display, and a grand ball. The parade will be held on June 10th on the A. A. grounds. The programme will consist of a grand march, singing the national anthem and other patriotic songs, music by the military band and saluting the flag, at the termination of which there will be a presentation of a medal to each soldier.

Toronto, Feb. 12.—The worst snow storm of the season is prevailing this morning, with a high wind blowing, which causes the snow to drift badly, and in places it has accumulated to a depth of several feet.

Windsor, Feb. 12.—At a special meeting of the city council last night \$500 was voted to the India famine fund.

London, Feb. 12.—Mr. George A. Kirkpatrick, Lieut.-Governor of Ontario, who underwent an operation at the South Street Hospital about a month ago, is still confined to that institution, but progressing favorably.

Montreal, Feb. 12.—It is learned here that the Stantons, who are said to have kidnapped the United States millionaire Richardson, alias Underhill, alias Dunstons, are under surveillance in England, and they are under surveillance for the necessary papers.

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COVICHEAN RESIDENTS

Hold a Meeting and Discuss Public Questions.

A public meeting of the electors of Cowichan-Alberni, summoned by the reverend Mr. T. A. Wood, was held in the Agricultural Hall, Duncan, on Tuesday night last, for the purpose of discussing the public questions affecting the interests, with a view to advising and strengthening the hands of their representatives. Mr. W. C. Duncan was elected chairman and Mr. J. Norcross secretary. The following resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas, it is to the best interests of the whole of the province that the trade springing from the immense mining development at taking place in the Kootenay and other parts should be retained for the benefit of our own citizens; and whereas, this trade is being rapidly diverted into the towns lying south of the boundary line, owing principally to the want of railway communication between the mining centres in the Kootenay and our sea coast cities; and whereas, the provincial government will not so collateral for the sum advanced; also that they should endeavor to secure the abolition of the mortgage tax."

The reverend said, as the political part of the business seemed completed, he would ask the meeting to consider whether something might not be done to develop the wealth of coal which he believed lay under our feet. He read a letter from Mr. Robins, manager of the Vancouver Coal Company, in answer to an inquiry on the cost of boring, and pictured the advantages to the whole community which would arise from the establishment of a coal mine in our midst. He thought a public subscription to meet the cost of tests might be the best way to advance the matter, and expressed his readiness, if the meeting endorsed the scheme, to head the list with \$10.

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THE LUMBER DUTIES.

Michigan Men Protest Against Higher Rates—McKinley's Schedule.

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San Francisco, Feb. 12.—The new complaint filed by the British consul-general J. W. Wainwright, charging the alleged Australian cut-throat with the murder of Arthur Preston in Australia, was taken as an extreme precaution against the result of failure to make out a case in the present extradition proceedings before United States Commissioner Heacock.

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The examination on the second accusation will begin when the pending examination is concluded, and even if the decision of the commissioner goes against Butler it will be necessary to hold another examination. This will delay Butler's extradition. Attorney Pilwell, one of Butler's counsel, has filed a suit in replevin in the justice's court here to recover possession of Butler's effects. Pilwell claims to be the owner under a bill of sale from his client. The United States marshal is sued for the personal property. The police charge that by this action Pilwell lays himself open to the accusation of being a purchaser of stolen goods, many of Butler's effects being supposed to be the property of the murdered Captain Lee Weller.

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received numerous signatures for a petition from Cowichan lake to Alberni. At the close of the meeting the petition was signed by almost all present.

Mr. C. Bazett drew attention to the unsatisfactory state of the law on mortgages and moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. A. McKinnon, and carried: "That this meeting draw the attention of our members to the present mortgage law, and impress upon them the necessity of some alteration which shall protect the mortgagee from the present unjust statute, by which the property mortgaged is not so collateral for the sum advanced; also that they should endeavor to secure the abolition of the mortgage tax."

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THE RUSH TO ALASKA. Searchers of Fortune Getting Ready for the Gold Regions. Seattle, Feb. 12.—Once again miners and searchers of fortune are getting ready to enter the gold regions of Alaska. The news brought down on the Topeka by a party of men who had made the dangerous journey out from the Upper Yukon, of a new discovery, and a marvelous one, on Cloudey creek, has touched the match to the excitement, carrying passengers who are anxious to get near the gold districts as early as possible, and by March it is expected that the rush will begin, greater than ever.

Transportation and mail facilities will be greatly improved this year, as the Pacific Coast Steamship Company is expected to give a five days' service during the summer, having the steamers on the route. The Willapa will make a fifth steamer on the route. The Alaska Commercial Company is preparing to give an improved service between Juneau and Cook Inlet, the westward port, and the Aleutian Islands. The North West Trading Company's steamers will make two trips between the Sound, Juneau and St. Michael's, at the mouth of the Yukon, connecting there with the company's steamer to Circle City, 2500 miles up the Yukon to Circle City and Forty-Mile. Steamers of the Northern American Transportation and Trading Company will give a similar service between San Francisco, Puget Sound and St. Michael's, connecting with the company's Yukon river steamers P. B. Wear and J. J. Healy.

It is likely that the greater number of gold hunters will this year go into the Yukon country, but reports of gold near Cook Inlet late last season will undoubtedly attract a great many people. J. P. Hopkins, a mining engineer of San Francisco, and others who are said to be reliable and experienced miners, say they found rich deposits of gravel in different localities near the inlet in panning quantities, and early in the spring they expect to ship in hydraulic machinery to work their claims. It is expected that one steamer, billed to leave on March 15, has already engaged a full cargo of freight for the inlet.

There is no stamp mill working in Alaska now that is making big returns on the quartz handled. The number of mills will be largely increased this year, and their output, together with the output of the placer mines, is confidently expected to make a good record for 1897.

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Hon. Mr. Pooley, who had moved the adjournment of the debate, made way for Mr. McGreggor, of Nanaimo, who, after further addressing the house, said: "Mr. McGreggor had been opposed to the mortgage tax, but after listening to the able explanation by Mr. Pooley, he was inclined to think that those lending the money might be made to pay the tax. In connection with railway matters, he urged the government to not carried away by the halo of romance, which has been thrown around the Kootenay district. Other sections of the province were equally worthy of consideration. Mr. McGreggor also mentioned that coal-mining companies and coal-miners were being taxed sufficiently at present. He referred to the need to have a Queen's speech which did not tie the hands of the government. He dealt with the agricultural interest and said irrigation should be assisted as much as possible. He believed that the railway to Alberni side might be a thoroughly independent and competent. Agriculture, he maintained, paid a much higher rate of taxation than did the mining industry. He considered that the railway to Alberni side might be from Cowichan and not from Nanaimo as a Scotsman he strongly objected to calling Her Majesty, the Queen of Scotland, Ireland and the other nations of the empire as well."

Hon. Mr. Martin replied to Mr. Macpherson. He characterized Mr. Macpherson's statement as unbecomingly untruthful. Mr. Bell Irving had purchased the land at Rivers Inlet. He had only made application to purchase this lease, which was at 10 cents per acre and not 25 cents, has not yet been cancelled. Even if the price were cancelled, if out at interest at 4 per cent would turn twice as much revenue as received from the lease. Respecting the island near Steveston, it was formed by the Fraser river, which is a very progressive character. The change in the river was because he had come from home for a summer and breathes the free air of Cariboo. (Laughter.) Mr. Kennedy—He went from Victoria. (Laughter.)

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Mr. Huff believed that if Alberta received the same assistance from the government as other mining districts it would yet give a good account of itself. He could not agree with Mr. Pooley regarding the mortgage tax, and he believed the amount of the mortgage should be deducted from the assessed value of the land. The dual feature of the taxation would thus be abolished.

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Dr. Walker, referring to the tax sale advertisement, pointed out that the Vancouver World had circulated the list on a fly-sheet enclosed in that paper. The same work could have been done on the government printing press and the enormous cost of the advertisement saved to the province. He criticized the government for having paid the wages of the men employed on the roads in North and South Nainimo. It was by such work that the struggling small farmers often secured the necessary ready money by which they could purchase many things required that their farms did not produce, and he considered it a very small piece of economy on the part of the government. He was also opposed to the mortgage tax.

Mr. Rogers was pleased to see a reference to a vigorous railway policy in the speech, and believed his own district should receive a fair share of assistance in getting railways constructed. Cashflow was only in the infancy of its prospectivity. The Dominion government should materially assist in constructing railways. He moved the adjournment of the debate.

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Hon. Mr. Baker felt very sorry for the opposition for they had the impossible task before them of criticizing what was beyond criticism. (Laughter.) The leader of the opposition had asked the government to bring down a redoubtable bill to regulate the railways. The opposition press had been saying that the government was tottering for the last ten years, and they would probably say the same for the next ten years. He hoped the government would be strong enough to stand up to the opposition. The grant time to bring down a redistribution bill was before dissolution of the house, and when that time came the government would be prepared to introduce such a bill. Col. Baker had been told that the miners were not taxed more than farmers. In answer to Dr. Walker, who pointed out the necessity for an inspector of mines in Kootenay and elsewhere, Mr. Baker stated that no such principal mines of the province had been made last year with a view to protecting the miners working therein. It would be a difficult matter to make a general inspection of the mines of the province, and it would be better to have different regulations for different mining localities, as the conditions were not the same in all sections. Mr. Cotton's question as to the government's interests of the people in respect to water rights, and it was for the members to say what should be done with each and every one of the private rights. Col. Baker praised the finance minister for the good financial standing of the province, and the attorney-general for the good law and order which prevailed in the mining towns of the province. The commissioner of lands and works had a trying time in connection with the new parliament buildings, but when the members had an opportunity of examining into the accounts they would find that the building was constructed at the least possible cost. The education department had also met with creditable promptitude the need for schools in growing mining towns. It was knowledge that Mr. Carlyle had done his work well and that the province had well and greatly benefited from the work he had accomplished. Mr. Carlyle made no attempt to boom the mines of the province and only gave the facts.

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BRIEF LOCALS.

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A meeting of the trustees of the International Milling and Mining Company was held yesterday in the Oriental hotel. All the trustees, with the exception of Mr. R. A. Brown, of Grand Forks, were present. Mr. J. L. Brown, of Shortreed, occupied the chair, and J. A. Wilson acted as secretary. The property of this company includes the famous Volcanic on the north fork of Kettle river.

Several residents of Mount Tomlinson reported to the provincial police yesterday afternoon that they were being annoyed by a Chinaman who, either drunk or demented, was wandering around that locality in his nether garments. Officer McKenna yesterday evening drove out, and after a short search found the Chinaman wandering around near Oaklands, lacking his boots and stockings and several other articles of his apparel. He was taken to the city lock-up, where he was examined by Dr. Fraser and found to be insane.

Mrs. C. Cameron, of 46 Dallas road, an old and respected resident of the city, died this morning after a long illness. She was a native of Nova Scotia and within a few months would have been 79 years of age. She came to Victoria in 1875 with her family, of whom two sons, Edwin, of the government printing office, and Howard, the contractor, and one daughter, Mrs. Jas. Pontinger, survive her. They have the sympathy of their many friends in their bereavement. The funeral will take place on Monday afternoon at 2:30 from the family residence, Dallas road.

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A Vancouver dispatch states that L. H. Jenks has commenced an action against Col. Henry Landes of Port Townsend asking \$5,000 damages for libel, and has applied for an injunction to restrain the defendant from writing further libelous productions of and concerning the defendant. The suit is the outcome of various troubles between Jenks and the Landes family, following the secret marriage of the plaintiff's daughter to Col. Landes, which took place in Victoria last spring, notwithstanding the objections of her father. Col. Landes was greatly incensed and refused to forgive the young couple, but it is asserted that, through friends, he has been constantly advised of his daughter's welfare and has indirectly supplied her with funds. The present action is directly due to letters said to have been written to Col. Landes to people in Vancouver referring to his son-in-law in very uncompromising terms.

News was received here today of the death at Northfield of Robert McManus, the postmaster at that place, from the effects of an accident, he having been thrown from the mail cart several months ago. Some time ago the deceased wrote for the Times under the pen name of "The Towa Major," his writings on local matters being very popular. After severing his connection with the Times he went to Wellington, where he was connected with a number of newspaper enterprises. About three years ago he was appointed postmaster at Northfield. The deceased served in Her Majesty's First Life Guards. He was 57 years of age.

Messrs. Dabry and Pierson, justices of the peace, had a long list of cases to deal with in the police court this morning. J. Medram and Peter Toussaint were charged with fighting on Government street. As it was proved the former did nearly all the fighting he was fined \$5 and \$2 costs in default of appearance. Blanche Stewart, accused of being a keeper and J. Wilson, accused of being a frequenter of a house of ill-fame, did not appear, and warrants were accordingly issued for their arrest. The wedding of the vagrants still continues, two more blue rappers being married, inviting two of them to appear in the police court on Monday.

Donald Graham, M.P.P. for East Yale, has presented the board of trade with a number of specimens from the mines in his constituency, many of which are very rich, although Mr. Graham has not taken them from the dumps. The list includes specimens from the Gladstone, Okanagan Lake, Jumbo, 28th Creek, near Vernon; Cariboo, Camp McKinney, King Solomon, Wintipex, Granite, Big Copper, Last Chance, Golden Crown and Steamroller, Boundary Creek, Silver Queen, near Vernon; Seattle, Kettle River, and Morning Glory, near Vernon. The specimens are a welcome addition to the museum which was early Tuesday morning, when he was in the Delmonico museum hall. He was under the influence of liquor at the time. He had only \$30 when he started out the preceding evening, but he was so drunk that he met with four foul play. Mr. McKnight went over to Vancouver to make inquiries there, but could hear nothing of the missing man. The Victoria police have been making inquiries, but so far without success.

The following is a list of the Victoria dogs which were prizes in the third annual exhibition of the Vancouver Poultry, Dog and Pet Stock Association, being held at Vancouver during the present week: "For" 1st in open class; Mr. W. Rendell's "Grouse," 1st in puppy class; Mr. F. Turner's Irish setter dog "Paddy Own," 1st in open class; Mr. G. Geiger's Irish setter dog "Milk," 1st in puppy class; Mr. Fairfield's Irish setter dog "Laddie," 2nd in open class; Mr. Fairfield's Irish setter bitch "Kate," 1st in puppy class; Mr. H. Wright's cocker spaniel dog "Prince," 1st in open class; Mr. F. Turner's Airedale terrier bitch "Baloo," 1st in puppy class; Miss Wild's Irish terrier dog "Boots," 1st in puppy class; Rev. Flinn's fox-terrier dog "Trump," 1st in open class. Mr. F. Turner had charges of the Victoria dogs and deserves much praise for the many best prizes coming to Victoria.

From Monday's Daily. The steamer Miowera, of the Canadian-Australian line, which left Sydney on Wednesday, has 50,000 pounds of overland freight and 50 tons for Victoria. She has a number of first-class and ten steerage passengers.

On Saturday the Beaudette Mining Co., of Sandon, was registered with a capital of \$600,000. The trustees are Messrs. C. M. Macpherson, C. M. Macpherson, H. Thomas and D. McD. Hunter, secretary-treasurer. The company's property is in Sandon district.

George McL. Brown is increasing his office force at Vancouver. He has brought Harry McGregor, Canadian Pacific agent at Whistler, across the line, and has secured P. A. Valentin, ticket agent in Thompson's office, in Tacoma, to the Whistler office. Ex-Purveyor Balch, of the Kinross, takes Mr. Valentin's place in the Tacoma office.

over 100 went on, via the C.P.R., for New York, Boston, and Havana. For their accommodation, an extra car of Express, which, with the Oriental freight passengers and mails, was a long train.

In connection with the visit of Lord Rosebery to Australia, he having started off there on the first of the present month, the Canadian Gazette suggests that he return to England via the Canadian-Australian line and the Canadian Pacific railway. Lord Rosebery last visited Canada twenty years ago.

Henry Walter Doscher, for many years a resident of the city, died this morning at his residence, Yates street. The deceased was a native of London, aged 70 years. For some years he kept a laundry on a Pembroke street, near the corner of Quadra, but for the past fifteen years has been an invalid. He leaves a widow and two daughters, Mrs. W. Adams and Miss Doscher.

The funeral of the late Mrs. D. Cameron took place today at 2:30 p.m. from the family residence, Dallas road. There was a large attendance and many assisted by Rev. Dr. Wilson. The pallbearers were: Messrs. Hepworth, J. H. Medram, James Doughty, Allan Graham, George Haynes and W. H. Huxtable.

Sergt. Langley left yesterday morning for Rossland, having in charge Bert Scriber, arrested here on Saturday for several charges of forgery committed in Rossland. Scriber was taken before Magistrate Macrae Saturday evening for a preliminary hearing and elected to return to Rossland. His recent escapee Scriber was a very good reputation. He was in business at Rossland, Trail, Spokane and Portland, and was always looked upon as an honorable business man.

On Thursday morning Captain Black, manager of the Omineca Hydraulic, will leave for the Omineca district property in the Omineca district. The Skeena river route being impassable at this time of the year. The captain takes with him a party of twenty men, who will work on the property during the summer. The trip from Quesnelle to Omineca will be a most trying one, as the men will have to haul in the supplies from Chinery on and they are taking in a merrill, hydraulic plant and an electric plant. Captain Black expects that the trip from Quesnelle to Omineca will occupy about 40 days.

Mr. J. Tretway was recently offered by a syndicate of English capitalists, will leave for the Providence claim on Harrison Lake. However, he refused the offer, and the party is not for sale. The claim has been partially developed, a carload of ore having been sent to the Everitt smelter. Average assays of the ore gave \$25.88 of gold and silver to the ton, the gold being much in excess of the silver. At a depth of only six feet below the surface, the ore yielded \$14 to the ton—News-Advertiser.

The provincial land surveyors held a meeting at the city hall this afternoon. A great number of surveyors, including Mr. G. W. G. Knight, and several cities, were present. Papers were read dealing with technical matters by Messrs. T. Kains, surveyor-general, and W. A. Carlyle, provincial mineralogist. Mr. Knight's paper dealt with a survey of that of Mr. Carlyle with "Mines and Mine Surveying." A discussion followed, in which a large number of the surveyors took part. This evening they had their annual dinner at the Poodle Dog.

Magistrate Macrae had another long list of offenders to deal with this morning, the drunks, as usual, being in the majority. George Furnell, who was brought in on Saturday evening by Constable Walker, who found him in a very indecent condition on Douglas street, denied that he was the man. This morning, notwithstanding the fact that he succeeded while inebriated in smashing a storekeeper's window on Douglas street, he was fined \$10 and costs. He was found yesterday morning in a similar condition indulging in a bath in the gutter on Yates street. He was fined \$25 and costs for 21 days. Alfred Dines, who was found on Broad street, was disposed of in the same way. Alex. D. McDonald, accused of vagrancy, was dismissed.

In Macdonald vs. the Trustees of the Pandora Street Methodist Church, Mr. Justice Walker is today hearing the plaintiff's motion for judgment. A week ago the jury returned a verdict and on the jury's finding the plaintiff is now asking for judgment. Mr. A. E. McPhillips for plaintiff and Mr. Thornton Fell for defendant. In Koksilah vs. the Queen, the defendants this morning applied to Mr. Justice Drake for an extension of the time for appealing from the judgment of Mr. Justice Walker given some time ago in favor of the plaintiffs. The judgment was signed on the 31st of December last, and on the 5th January the defendants obtained a stay of proceedings for ten days pending an appeal; on the 12th January Mr. Justice Walker gave his written reasons for judgment; and on the 15th January the defendants obtained from the stenographer the notes of the evidence, he not having then ready until then, and under the rule fourteen days' notice, setting out the grounds of appeal, had to be given for the full court sitting of 1st February. On these special circumstances the defendants make the application for an extension of time. Since obtaining the grounds of appeal, the plaintiff has signed it over to the Bank of B. N. A. His Lordship reserved his judgment. A. G. Smith, D. A.-G., for the application, and P. A. E. Irving for plaintiffs.

HORNETS VICTORIOUS

Nanaimo's Crack Football Players Again Vanquished the Victorians.

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At the grounds of the Vancouver Coal Company on Saturday the Victoria Rugby team suffered another defeat by the Nanaimo Hornets, the score being 20 points to 5, thus demonstrating their superiority over the home team.

THE SING. AT CARSON. Carson, Feb. 15.—But little has developed in the basic carnival save that Stuart received a telegram from Al Smith to the effect that Fitzsimmons had posted all his money. This made Stuart feel pleased, although he says, there was never any doubt but that it would go up in time.

JIM IN TRAINING. San Francisco, Feb. 15.—Jim Corbett spent a busy day with his trainer, McVey, and a few friends. After a light breakfast he posed for two hours before a camera and then spent two hours in a handball court. After luncheon he went for a long walk, returning late in the afternoon for another game of handball. After the handball exercise was over Corbett and his trainer, McVey, boxed for a time, following this up with a wrestling match.

SHARKEY'S BOAST. Vallejo, Cal., Feb. 15.—Tom Sharkey says he will be in the front row when Corbett and Fitzsimmons step in the ring at Carson and that he will challenge the winner to fight for any amount up to \$20,000. He does not care where the fight comes off, and will be ready at any time within three weeks after the fight takes place. He does not suppose either of the two men has any particular love for him, but that he has no difference, nor does he care which man wins, as he will be equally well pleased to meet one man as the other.

FITZ'S MONEY UP. Pueblo, Col., Feb. 15.—Bob Fitzsimmons and party have arrived. Martin Julian deposited \$5,000 cash in the First National bank here and wired Al Smith at New York, completing Fitzsimmons' deposit of \$7,500 as a side bet on the fight with Corbett.

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T. M. Gibson, who has charge of the... Diamond property at Ainsworth, is... pushing the development rapidly. The... owners only got down to work... all the week ago, but they have al... ready made a shipment of one car to... Little Donald were acquired by the... Eastern syndicate which is represent... in this section by F. Steele.

A dicker is on, if it has not already... completed, for the bonding of the... large mineral claim adjoining the town... of Sandon, for \$25,000. The No... 2 tunnel, in 175 feet, has ore in... the No. 1 tunnel, in 40 feet, has... ore all the way. A winze sunk from... No. 1 to No. 2 level, a distance of 50... feet, has ore all the way. The Argo is... close to the Kaslo & Slovan Railway... company's tracks.

ROSSLAND. Rossland, Feb. 11.—The ore shipments... from Rossland last week as gathered by... the Miner were 1,209 tons. From Jan... 1 to Feb. 7 inclusive the shipments to... all ports. The average value of... Rossland ore is \$35 per ton, or about... \$100,000 so far this year.

BOSTON. Bostwick, M.P., addressed a... mass meeting of citizens here tonight... in and accompanied him. He declared himself... in favor of the government ownership... of the Crow's Nest railway and the... total exclusion of the Chinese from Can... also reform in the tariff, and retaliatory... the majority interest in the old War... and all uncharitable feelings... ed in wickedness and wickedness... is a room for the exercise of God's... isant purposes, and until all these... imitated his mercies and loving... ness cannot be consolidated. Charity... is only can be filled; and unless... are emptied of all that is evil... race of God cannot be implanted... The widow went to work, and... tells us to go to work also. The... fearing business man in difficulties... get up and work. Parents with... ured children must get to work in... by their homes more attractive and... eeping their young people off the... is at unseasonable hours, and when... ee done in this direction that they... o, then they may with confidence... for God's blessing on their ende... Only a pot of oil, but it paid the... eary debts and cleared the family... want; and so God's gifts will... if, as appropriated by his followers... rove an irresistible power in amelior... the wretchedness and miseries of... DE TOOK THE JEWELLERY.

BOUNDARY CREEK. On Wednesday night a fine body of... was struck in the tunnel of the Vic... at Camp Victoria. The tunnel... the bond held by the British-Canadian... Exploration Company on the Lewellan... claim in Greenwood camp, has been... taken in a three foot vein of sulphide ore... has been worked at a depth of 100 feet on... the C. O. D., in Deadwood camp.

Mr. W. T. Thompson was exhibiting... rock a very beautiful specimen of... Black Creek cannel ore, which was great... than any ever before made.

The prospectors living in the vicinity... of the Black Creek have adopted the plan of... felling the deer by felling moss-covered... upon the trails. The animals in... consequence are exceedingly tame... and are hence being replenished... by very short notice.

Word has been received that the... Shaft in order to open up a body... of ore that would keep 10 teams... ing continuously. A mill has al... been ordered for the company.

Bar claims have been sold within the... few days by Mr. Otto Diller, all... of which were for the London and... of the San Bernard, in Prov... camp, to Mr. C. S. Galloway; the... to Messrs. Rendell and Bert... of the Arion to Mr. W. B. Paton...

Several claims, the Norfolk and... in Central camp, adjoining the... were sold this week at a good... by Mr. S. S. Fowler, consulting... agent for the London and... British Columbia Gold Fields, Ltd... company has large funds at its dis... as was evidenced the other day... through its agents \$900,000 was... for the War Eagle mine at Boss... On this account the deal is im... portant.

REVELSTOKE. (Revelstoke Herald.) A well known mining man, who was in... a day or two ago, has completed... of some property on Pool Creek... runs into Fish Creek, not far... from his mouth. He and the firm he... in Spokane have large interests... in the Spokane country.

J. D. Sibbald received a telegram... from the general manager of the In... bank, Toronto, yesterday morning... him to secure temporary... when their branch office here and... to be ready. He thinks he will... to have things for them to open... in ten days.

Black Bear group on Pool Creek, ... Eastern capitalists. The Kitzap claim... on the Lexington group has been bonded... Rossland parties. The Gladstone... has been bonded to parties in the... At these have been bonded during... the last week.

ROSSLAND. Rossland Miner. Word was received yesterday that a... of two foot ore had been struck at...

the Stenwinder, which adjoins the Im... tal on Lookout mountain. The tun... nel is in 30 feet, and nothing was... expected to be found until it was 90 feet... A contract was let yesterday for... \$3,500 worth of development work on... the Ethel group of mines. Up to the... present time very little work has been... done on the properties. After a little... prospecting this assay as high as \$10 in... gold was obtained from ore taken five... feet below the surface.

The drift from the bottom of the White... Bear shaft has now been sufficiently ad... vanced to prove the wealth of the vein... It is 15 feet between walls. On the... hanging wall side are fifteen feet of a... greenish quartz ore heavily seamed with... copper and carrying a little iron. The... other side consists of a coarse grey... rhyolite, which also assays well in copper... The gold values in both kinds of ore are... understood to be satisfactory.

The final payment on the Coxeey was... made yesterday. It consisted of \$21,000... and gives the syndicate organized by... J. McCraig, of Montreal, a clear title... to the property. Since it was bonded by... Mr. McCraig and his associates they... have continued the development work... begun by the original owners—John R... Cook and Elling Johnson—and the mine... is now in a very promising condition.

James McCreath, of Hamilton, Ont.,... has been in the city several days in the... interests of the Hamilton & Rossland... Gold Mining Company. Previous to... coming here Mr. McCreath visited the... Salmon river country and sought the... Iowa and Tennessee mineral claims... located on Salmon river, near Wild... Horse creek. These properties there... are being done. On these properties there... has been done about \$700 worth of work... consisting of a 35 foot tunnel and sev... eral crosscuts. Assays have been obtain... ed running from \$5 to \$25 in gold. The... same company also own the Mississipi... just south of Rossland.

The Roseland. A prospector named O'Connor, who was... in this week, reports having found a... ledge in the St. Mary's country between... Kaslo and Fort Steele, which assays 40... ounces in gold to the ton. He declines... to set a price on his find, saying he has... enough to keep him rich by packing it... out on horseback.

There has been a little more activity in... stocks this week than before. An evi... dence that the fame of the trail creek is... tending across the water is noted by an... order for 5,000 shares of Deer Park from... London, England. Heretofore most of... the stock sold in England has been... through personal solicitations of some... one on the scene.

A deal which has been hanging fire for... the last two months was closed yester... day by Barr & Jeffrey, of this city, for... company who bought the B.X. from... H. Goring, R. R. Christie, and General... Ashton, all of Tacoma. The property... adjoins the Elba, which is owned by the... same company. The claim is said to be... one of the best looking prospects on Lake... Mountain, and was turned over for... \$2,000.

VERNON. Vernon News. Mrs. Alexander Grant committed suicide... on Friday by taking laudanum. She... leaves a husband and a little child.

The Ben Dibble mining company are... working day and night on their claim... and are now down about 55 feet. The... proprietors appear to be well satisfied... with the character of the rock they are... getting out.

The Ruby Gold Mining Company have... a force of men working on their claim... the shaft of which is now down about... 15 feet, and it is the intention of the... company to steadily continue operations.

Two men named Wynes and Grassick... have commenced placer mining on... Short's creek, just below the falls. They... have not been working long enough to... form any certain idea as to the probable... results, but feel confident that there is... gold there, and that they will get it.

Some very encouraging assays were re... ceived this week by the Camp Hewitt... Mining Company from their claim, (the... Gladstone). One from Prof. Carlyle... Patterson, of New York, was 215... ounces per ton. Another from the... object of the trip is to build a dredge... near the junction of the Chibitwa river... This particular place has been long... known to miners as being very rich, and... has been more than once tested by com... assays of \$35 was also received. The... average of five assays so far made from... this rock runs over \$50 per ton in cop... per, silver and gold. The men at work... are now engaged in sacking up rock for... shipment to the Tacoma and Everett... smelters, and a ton, for test purposes... will be forwarded to each of these smel... ters in a few days.

A force of eleven men are at work at... Okanagan Landing building a new scow... for the C. P. R. to be run in connection... with the steamer Aberdeen. The scow... is 85x25 feet in size and will be used... for carrying mining machinery and oth... er heavy freight down the lake.

The directors of the Morning Glory... Mining Company have decided to re... sume work on that claim, and a force... of men will be put on next Monday... Since operations were discontinued in... this mine water has come into the shaft... and there is now about 85 feet to be... taken out. The shaft is about 100 feet... deep, and the company will continue... sinking.

We are informed that a movement is... on foot at Kelowna to establish a co... operative creamery in the Mission val... ley. The government will be asked to... assist on the basis laid down in the "Act... to Encourage Dairying," and there will... be no difficulty in obtaining the requisite... number of milch cows within a radius... of a few miles from Kelowna. There is... no better pasture country in the prov... ince than that of the Mission valley, which... also contains a lot of high grade... stock, and the success of such an in... dustry should be assured from the start... It affords us pleasure to note the in... auguration of this movement, which we... feel certain will prove a profitable in... vestment to all concerned therein. With... a creamery at Enderby and another at... Kelowna, this district will soon become... widely known as a butter producing sec... tion, and this marks another step to... wards the improved methods of farm... ing which we have always advocated.

QUENKLE. B. C. Mining Journal. A special stage arrived to-night carry... ing a party of six miners to work for... Mr. Marsh, at the quartz mines near... Bearville. It seems strange that it... should be found necessary to import min... ers when there are so many old miners... in the neighborhood ready and willing... to go to work.

A few men are steadily working at... the Law claim and the tunnel is now... carried about 150 feet into the hill side...

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send reinforcements to the Island of... Crete. The insurgents of Crete, in... concert with the foreign consuls have declared... Halapa to be neutral territory, which... must not be infringed within 24 hours'... notice. The commanders of the foreign... warships have obtained the promise of... the Greek admiral that he will give 48... hours' notice of any attack which he... may determine to make upon Canea.

New York, Feb. 13.—A special to the... Herald from Vienna says: The Vienna cabinet has addressed a... most serious warning to Greece. It is... further learned from exclusive sources... that the powers have informed Turkey... that they cannot force Greece to with... draw her fleet, but will leave Turkey a... free hand.

Anarchy is reigning in Athens. The... ministry was only temporarily saved by... embarking in a mad enterprise. Eng... land is accused of secretly backing... Greece to force Russia's hand against... All the evening papers condemn in the... strongest terms Greece's action. Even... the ultra-liberal Tageblatt says: "If King George is deaf to earnest re... monstrances, his impolicy must be... drastically brought home to him."

The Neue Freie Presse warns Greece... that if provoked Turkey would be just... ified in attacking Thessaly, with disas... trous consequences to Greece. The... same journal publishes a telegram from... Constantinople showing that the... whole of the Cretan trouble was the... volente of a Cretan committee at Ath... ens, whose leaders are Deputy Roman... and Dr. Papsakis, which has sent nu... merous emissaries to Crete, honeycombing... the island with seditious pamphlets.

The majority of the Cretan population... remains passive, notwithstanding the ac... tivity of the Greek agents. The latest... coup was not entirely unexpected in di... plomatic circles here, since repeated sus... picious inquiries have been addressed by... the commander of the Greek fleet to the... commanders of the ships of other na... tions in Crete as to what action would... be taken in Crete eventually.

Tripoli, Feb. 13.—The Turkish officials... having withdrawn the guard from the... Jewish quarter here, a mob of Musul... mans have invaded it, pillaging and... destroying the school law. London, Feb. 13.—D. G. Metaxas, the... Greek charge d'affaires here, called at... the foreign office yesterday and presen... ed a note expressing his regret that... Greek government had decided to pre... vent Turkish troops from debarking in... Crete by all means in its power.

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EXIT BAYARD, ENTER DEPEW? The After Dinner Orator Would Likely Accept.

New York, Feb. 15.—"The man who... would say whether he would accept an... office such as that of ambassador to... the Court of St. James before it is of... fered to him is not fit to fill that or... any other," said Chauncey M. Depew to... day. "It is not true, however, that I... offered the position of ambassador to... England," he said, "and I may admit... that I have not received one word on... this subject from Canton. All I know... is that ex-Governor Morton has written... a letter to President-elect McKinley... proposing my name and suggesting that... my selection would be agreeable to the... Republicans of New York State. Of... course, having received no intimation... from Major McKinley, I can say nothing... further."

MURDER NEAR SEATTLE. Seattle, Feb. 15.—In the outskirts of... Elliott, a sparsely settled community... sixteen miles from Seattle, Edward... Folzke, a German farmer, was killed... with an axe Friday evening about seven... o'clock, the perpetrator of the crime... attempted to cover up his work by drag... ing his victim's body by the heels into... the house, to which he applied the torch... The cabin was entirely destroyed, and... the dead man's fate told by a large... pool of blood outside the door, and... the axe which shows blood stains and black... hair. The sheriff and coroner investi... gated the case this afternoon, with the... result that Andrew S. Kraus, Folzke's... partner, is locked up in the county jail... charged with murder and arson. No... one saw the crime committed, but cir... cumstantial evidence is strong against... Kraus. The two men had lived toge... ther for eight years, and were sober... were close friends, but when drunk they... frequently quarreled. Kraus denies all... knowledge of the crime, claiming he... slept in a cabin some distance from... the scene of the murder. Blood spots were... found on his overalls.

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DISAPPOINTED TUGS

The Collier Mackinaw Floats Last Night During the South-west Gale.

Victoria Flour Mills Reserve Twenty-Five Ton Space on Australian Steamers.

Last night's southwest gale, which it was feared would cause the destruction of at least serious injury to the collier Mackinaw, which was aground on Matthews Point, acted just contrary to expectations and in fact enabled the vessel to be floated without the assistance of the tugs.

Victoria is still to have morning and evening boats to the Sound. The owners of the Kingston having decided to place their vessel on the morning run, the Rosalie will, in all probability, be placed on the evening run.

The Victoria Flour Mills Company, who have been shipping small quantities of flour to Suva on the Canadian-Australian line steamers, have secured 25 tons space on all outgoing vessels of the line until further notice.

Although the Empress of China left here on Wednesday morning she did not tie up at Vancouver until Thursday morning. The captain preferred not to enter the narrows during the night.

MANY NEW COMPANIES

With an Aggregate Capital of Over Nineteen Million Dollars.

Twenty-one new companies give notice of incorporation in the current issue of the B. C. Gazette. The aggregate capital is over nineteen million dollars.

Table listing various mining and development companies with their respective capital amounts, such as Alberta and Kootenay Development Co., Golden, \$500,000.

RAILWAY TO YUKON

The Road the Interests of Which Mr. Packard is Furthering.

Mr. J. I. Packard, who on behalf of the Yukon Mining, Trading and Transportation Company, is applying for a charter to build a railway from Taku Inlet to Teslin Lake, is at the Driard.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair. DR. WHEAT'S BAKING POWDER.

Advertisement for Dr. Wheat's Baking Powder, highlighting its quality and awards.

AMONG THE SPORTS

The Progress of the International Chess Match at New York.

A Canadian Billiardist Breaks a Record—Skater McCulloch.

CRENS. SZEINZT LILL.

Berlin, Feb. 12.—Dr. Stenitz, the famous chess player, who defeated Pillsbury, the American champion, last year, and who was defeated by Lasker more recently, is now being treated in a private hospital at Moscow for weakness of the mind.

THE INDIAN FAMINE

The Lord Mayor of London Writes to Mayor Redfern Asking for Subscriptions.

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