

HELP TO HIDE CRIME.

Deplorable Result of Attorney-General's Recent Intimidation of Coroners.

Wm. Pollock's Body About to Be Interred When Bullet Holes Were Found.

Coroner Had Declined to Hold Inquest in Default of a Martin Affidavit.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vanouver, Jan. 6.—Owing to recent intimidation of coroners by the Attorney-General, the late Wm. Pollock, J.P., whose body was found on the beach up the coast, was about to be buried without an investigation into the circumstances surrounding his death and without the discovery of two bullet holes in his head. The remains had been prepared for burial, the coroner saying that he would not hold an inquest, because there is a bullet hole behind each ear. In the first instance the body had been only very superficially examined, and as there was no one prepared to swear that he thought there was foul play, no inquest was to have been held. There were no marks of powder about the bullet wounds and appearances now indicate that a foul murder has been committed.

Mr. Pollock's body was found on the beach at Blind Channel. The remains were taken in charge by Constable Jones who in writing to the authorities here about the matter, conveyed the impression that Pollock had been drowned. The query is now offered "Why was an inquest not held up north, and why did Constable Jones go out of his way to express himself as to Pollock's death under the circumstances?" It is suggested that the constable took the course he did to divert attention from what he did and thus the easier get on the track of the murderer or murderers.

TERRIBLY FATAL BOILER TEST. Explosion in English Shipbuilding Yard Kills Eight and Maims Forty.

London, Jan. 6.—A big boiler, while being tested in Hawatt's shipbuilding yard at Barkingside, exploded to-day, killing eight men and maiming forty others.

The bodies of the dead were frightfully mutilated. The whole shipbuilding works were wrecked. About 40 persons were injured, some fatally.

The windows in houses half a mile away were shattered. Windows were shattered a mile away, and telegraph and telephone wires were blown down on all sides. Distressing scenes were witnessed among the moulder's wives and other relatives of the employees.

BISHOP SULLIVAN DEAD. One of the Ablest and Best Known Members of the Anglican Clergy in Canada.

Toronto, Jan. 6.—(Special)—Bishop Sullivan, rector of St. James' cathedral, died this morning of kidney trouble.

The funeral will take place on Monday afternoon, when the body will lie in state during Monday morning in the cathedral, which will be draped.

Bishop Sullivan was one of the most cultivated and eloquent of the English clergy in Canada. He preached for years in Montreal and for a year in Chicago as rector of Trinity church there, and thus had an international reputation. His labors in the diocese of Algoma, as bishop from 1882 to 1894, when his active connection with that diocese completely broke down his health and for a couple of years he lived in Europe acting as chaplain of an English mission church at Mentone, France.

1896 on the elevation of Canon Dumoulin to the bishopric of Niagara, he succeeded to the rectorship of St. James' cathedral, which he held till his death.

NO CHANCE FOR TREATY. Their Friend Ned Farrer Says Liberal Ministers Kootinging Will Gain Nothing for Canada.

Montreal, Jan. 6.—(Special)—A correspondent learns to-day that Edward Farrer, the well-known journalist, who has been in Washington since the signing of the commission, and who has had ample occasion to size up events, stated to an intimate friend here that there is no possible chance for Canada to get an acceptable treaty from the Americans.

MISSISSIPPI UNDER WATER. Heavy Rains Causing the Worst Flood in Years—All Traffic Delayed.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 6.—Heavy rains have caused extensive washouts on railroads in central Mississippi and the general condition to-day is the worst in years. Several hundred feet of track is completely submerged on the Illinois Central railway two miles north of this city and all traffic on the system has been indefinitely delayed. On the Alabama & Vicksburg railway, between Vicksburg and Edwards, seven miles of track is eight feet under water.

WHEN HE CAME HOME. "When he comes home we'll fill the place with flowers and guests, from gate to gate."

"Musie and dance," we said, "shall greet the merry day that he comes home!"

"The place was hushed from gate to dome; We laid white roses on his breast; All wet with tears, when he came home!"

Try them.

FRENCH SHORE RIGHTS.

Paris, Jan. 6.—From well-informed quarters here it is regarded as probable that France and Great Britain will reach an agreement on the Newfoundland shore question, which will be satisfactory to Great Britain.

St. John's, Jan. 6.—General satisfaction is expressed by the colonial press at French utterances indicating a willingness to settle the French shore question for monetary compensation. When the report of the British royal commission is published it will show that the French fishery operations on the west shore of Newfoundland are extremely profitable, while the St. Pierre archipelago owes its prosperity mainly to the smuggling traffic of which it is the headquarters.

The colonial newspapers anticipate that an adjustment of the difficulties will be accomplished within a year. France's dread of a repetition of the Fishboat backdown will prevent her from putting forward unreasonable demands.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Venerable Senator From Manitoba Forfeits His Seat by Non-Attendance for Two Sessions.

Western Extension of Intercolonial Railway—Another Jaunt for Mr. Tarte.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—The Supreme court will sit on the 14th for the delivery of judgments.

Mr. Tarte is going to inspect the leading Atlantic ports of the United States.

The Ottawa Free Press, a government organ, says the extension of the Intercolonial system to Parry Sound is almost a certainty.

A Manitoba senatorship will be declared vacant when parliament meets. Senator Sutherland, having failed to attend three consecutive sessions, has thereby, under the B. C. act, forfeited his seat. On three previous occasions have senatorships thus been vacated—by Sir Edward Kennoy in 1878, Col. Dickson in 1884, and Mr. Alexander in 1891.

Senator Sutherland was appointed in 1874. He is in his 78th year, having been born in the city of London, England, where he has spent his whole life, occupying many important mercantile and public positions.

DOUKHOVORS' CHAMPION. To Be Banished from Russia for His Share in Exporting Them to Canada.

London, Jan. 5.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily News mentions a rumor from St. Petersburg that Count Leo Tolstoy will be banished for championing the cause of the dissenters who are being persecuted in the Caucasus districts.

Mostly for Canada, whether one of Tolstoy's sons is going to inspect land that Sir Edouard has acquired for the emigrants.

DREYFUS ILL. London, Jan. 5.—The Daily Telegraph this morning publishes a dispatch from Cayenne, capital of French Guiana, saying that Captain Dreyfus, now on Devil's Island has had a serious attack of dysentery and a physician had been summoned from Cayenne to attend him.

ITALY'S NAVY. Rome, Jan. 5.—Next year's naval estimates, it is asserted, will provide for eight new battleships, two being of the first class.

GOMEZ IN THE WOODS. Havana, Jan. 6.—General Brooke has declined a proposal to send a special envoy into the woods to find General Gomez and to treat with him as an equal power in the island.

LIZZIE DAVENPORT DEAD. London, Jan. 4.—Mrs. Charles Matthews, the actress, formerly known as Miss Lizzie Davenport, died yesterday at Brighton.

THE ADAM'S POISONING. New York, Jan. 5.—Up to a late hour to-night the promised arrest in the Adam's poisoning case has not materialized.

OLYMPUS AGLOW. London, Jan. 5.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "A severe earthquake shook which was followed by another of a milder character. At the same time glow was distinctly observed over Mount Olympus on the Macedonian border."

NO COCAINE IN DR. A. W. CHASE'S CATARRH CURE. Prof. Heys, Ontario School of Chemistry and Pharmacy, says he has made an examination of Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure for cocaine, and in all its compounds, from samples purchased in the open market, and find none present.

We offer a reward of \$1,000, to be devoted to any charitable institution, if any druggist or doctor can find the least trace of that deadly drug, cocaine, contained in Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure. Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure is recommended by all dealers at 25 cents a box, blower included free.

FILIPINOS' SAD CASE.

After Lifelong Fight for Independence They Cannot Surrender to Strange Master.

Prolonged and Bloody War Promised Unless Americans Abandon Annexation.

Terrible Atrocities Marking the Closing Year of Spain's Cruel Sovereignty.

By Associated Press.

Manila, Jan. 6.—A despatch to the Independent, a native paper, from Malolos, the seat of the Philippine government, says the governors of all the provinces of Luzon have assembled at Malolos for the purpose of offering their lives and property in adhesion to the policy of the president and government.

Continuing, the despatch says: "They say they fought only for the independence of the Philippines and are now unwilling to surrender to strangers."

Commenting upon President McKinley's proclamation to the Filipinos issued on Wednesday by Major-General Otis, which is presented is most grave. It admits that there are only two solutions possible, namely, the Americans' abandonment of their annexation policy, realizing that the people here are not desirous of adoption into their nationality, or a prolonged and bloody war. It then cites the example of the "noble patriots" of Iloilo defying General Miles, and expresses hope for a pacific termination of the crisis, but with hints of trouble.

The official organ, the Republic, is less aggressive, but not disposed to accept the suggestions of General Otis in their entirety. The Spanish papers are evidently afraid to comment on the situation.

The California regiment is still on board the transports here awaiting orders.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The correspondence published officially in connection with the peace treaty contains much of interest from United States officials. Williams, who was stationed at Manila prior to the war. In one despatch Mr. Williams relates many atrocities on the parts of the Spaniards. One of these occurred on March 25, when a meeting of natives was broken up by force, many being wanted to death, and many taken prisoners. The next day the sixty-two prisoners were marched to the cemetery and shot down in a body. Many of these, Mr. Williams writes, were taken participants in the meeting. He also says that such horrors, though on a smaller scale, were of almost daily occurrence. He also reports that several hundred native prisoners were disposed of by being placed in low dungeons in the city walls, where they were drowned by the rise of the tide, adding: "Crucifixions too horrible for an official report are detailed to me every day, and it seems that the cry of outraged humanity would sound compell Spain to abolish middle age warfare." He speaks of the influence of the church as the greatest bar to progress in the islands.

VANCOUVER AND WESTMINSTER Record Cargo of Hallibut—Enough of the Cold Spell—Boys Rob Bank's Mail Box.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Jan. 6.—The steamer New England reached here from the halibut banks to-day with a record catch consisting of 180,000 pounds of fish.

R. Parker, who arrived in Vancouver to-day from Sapperton, tells of a horrible experience on Mount Baker. Parker fell down a crevice in the glacier 50 feet. His arm and leg were broken. He was hauled out with ropes and taken 10 miles before the shattered limbs could be attended to.

The weather in Vancouver continues very cold, and the citizens are anxious for a thaw. Owing to defective and merely fair weather, plumbago throughout the city; hundreds of water pipes have burst.

The sad news has reached the city of the death of ex-Minister McEwen, a record worker on the Canadian Pacific railway, died yesterday at New Westminster from a paralytic stroke.

At the Mainland Teachers' Institute meeting at Westminster, papers were read by Miss Newman on Kindergarten work; by J. H. Ker on arithmetical problems; J. J. Douglas on the school-room in relation to citizenship; and R. J. Clarke on reading. The question drawer was presided over by Inspector Cowperthwaite. Sir Hibbert, Cupper Rev. Mr. McLean and Judge Bole addressed the meeting.

The mystery mail mystery has been satisfactorily cleared up by the prompt action of the assistant post office inspector, Mr. Greenfield. The first box of mail matter from the box of the Bank of British Columbia, and at first was thought to be the work of experts on crooks. It turns out, however, to have been committed by three boys of tender years, a lad named Lasier being the boss of the gang. Lasier says it was not the first robbery, that they have stolen mail before, at one time getting the keys to a man's box and stealing \$5 out of a letter. In the case of the present robbery, torn letters, checks and envelopes were scattered along Columbia street.

The action of Carter's Little Liver Pills is pleasant, mild and natural. They gently stimulate the liver and regulate the bowels, but do not purge. They are sure to please. Try them.

TRANSVAAL TYRANNIES.

Uitlanders Heavily Fined for Protesting Against Murder of Englishman.

London, Jan. 5.—Great indignation is felt in Cape circles in London at the news that a Uitlander who took part in the mass meeting held on Christmas day at Johannesburg, to protest against the murder of an Englishman named Edgar by a Boer policeman, has been fined £10, while the vice-president and the secretary of the South African League, also arrested at the same meeting, have been liberated on bail of £1,000.

Pretoria, Jan. 5.—The British agent here, Mr. Coningham Greene, declines to forward to the Queen the petition reciting the wrongs of the Uitlanders and appealing for protection in such steps as may be found necessary to "terminate the existing intolerable state of affairs," which grew out of the recent mass meeting at Johannesburg to protest against the killing of Edgar, an Englishman, by a Boer policeman. Mr. Greene bases his refusal on the ground that the Transvaal government is already attending to the grievances described in the petition.

VENERABLE AGE. Montreal Priest Dies in Ninety-Sixth Year—The Mother of Esterbrooke Pens.

Montreal, Jan. 7.—The death is announced at the grey nursing in this city of Rev. Father P. O'Connell one of the oldest if not the oldest Irish priests in Canada. Had he lived until February 1st he would have reached his 96th year.

Cornwall, Jan. 7.—Mrs. Nathan Esterbrooke died at 83 at her home on Cornwall Island. One of her sons is the famous maker of Esterbrooke pens.

Winnipeg, Jan. 7.—A Harris, a veteran cigar traveller in the West, died to-day, aged 71.

DEMAND FOR DOUBLE HANGING. French-Canadian Newspaper on the Case of Woman and Man Under Sentence.

Quebec, Jan. 7.—(Special)—La Verite, one of the most ultramontane publications in Canada, and in days gone by regarded as the mouthpiece of Cardinal Taschereau, asks that the death sentence pronounced upon Cordelia Vian and Sam Parslow, be carried out. It remains the voice of the majority, but admitted the crime. We fail to understand, therefore, why such efforts are being made to prevent the execution of the sentence of the court so hotly pronounced against these two murderers.

THE AXE FALLS AGAIN.

Government Agent at Revelstoke Receives Demand for Immediate Resignation.

Indignant People Have Petitioned the Premier and Demand Parliamentary Investigation.

The Place Wanted for Pusher for Mr. Kellie at the Recent Election.

Special To The Colonist.

Revelstoke, Jan. 7.—J. D. Sibbald has been requested to resign his position as government agent here, by Mr. Hume, the provincial secretary. No reasons were given, but he was asked to hand over his office on the 10th.

The people here are a good deal worked up over this outrageous dismissal. A few weeks ago a largely signed petition was sent to Victoria, asking that Mr. Sibbald be retained.

The object of the dismissal is to make a place for H. N. Conisier, a prominent pusher for Mr. Kellie, the Martin candidate at the last election.

A parliamentary investigation is demanded.

FRANKLYN AND WATER. Franklyn differed from his own generation in not dreading water. Not merely did he approve of water internally, but externally as well. Swimming, he maintained, was one of the most healthful and agreeable exercises in the world, and if one did not "know how to swim," was a warm bath, by cleaning and purifying the skin is found very salutary.

I speak from my own experience, frequently repeated, and that of others who I have recommended this.

In the year 1778, when suffering from a cutaneous trouble, he says, "I took a hot bath twice a week two hours at a time," with the utmost benefit, and a subsequent neglect, when he "harshly bathed in these three months," served to aggravate the disease.

It was owing to the fact that he had a place to fix his heel, and where he sits and enjoys himself. About the time I left the city of Philadelphia, they chose him president of the executive council. His accepting of the office is a sure sign of senility. But would it not be a capital subject for an histop he painted the doctor places at the head of the council board in his bathing slipper?—The Century.

Derangement of the liver, with constipation, induces the complexion, induces pimples, sallow skin. Remove the cause by using Carter's Little Liver Pills. One a dose. Try them.

LET FRANCE BEWARE.

Tired of Dishonesty of French Diplomacy the British Take Decisive Action.

Formal Assumption of Protectorate Over the Sudan Special Cause of Offence.

Cecil Rhodes Asking Guarantee for His Great Scheme of African Railroad.

By Associated Press.

London, Jan. 7.—All events seem to work together in European politics to increase the tension between Great Britain and France. The past week has brought Madagascar and Egypt forward as irritants, just when the mutual irritability was subsiding. Even the most conservative observers begin to take a pessimistic view of the relations between the two powers. These include those who up to the present have considered the belligerence to be mere talk, due to super-sensitiveness upon the part of France and to unnecessary gruffness on the part of Great Britain in insisting upon what she considers to be her rights.

On one side France seems to foster the growing belief that Great Britain is determined under some pretext or other to force her into war, and is willing to make a pretext if no plausible evasive arises. On the other side, a large part of the British public profess that their patience has been strained beyond endurance by what they deem to be the unvarnished dishonesty of French diplomacy.

The past 24 hours brought the issue of the Madagascar bluebook and the publication in the Times of an article denouncing France in language so fiery from that conservative newspaper that Frenchmen are reading the two together and are construing them as parts of a deliberate policy, inspired by Lord Cromer, in the theory of the man-in-the-street, is Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, Taschereau, asks that the death sentence pronounced upon Cordelia Vian and Sam Parslow, be carried out. It remains the voice of the majority, but admitted the crime. We fail to understand, therefore, why such efforts are being made to prevent the execution of the sentence of the court so hotly pronounced against these two murderers.

In fact it is a certain public opinion in Great Britain which is leading the government to swerve an inch to avoid war with France, thinking that if it must come, this is the best time to strike.

Many people give importance to the issue of the Madagascar bluebook although it is not so serious as the quiet, but unmistakable pronouncement at Khartoum by which the British agent there, Viscount Cromer, in his remarks to the sheikh, announced that Great Britain had set her seal upon Egypt. If there ever was a doubt in the minds of her European rivals that Great Britain intended to foreclose the mortgage which she has expended so much labor and blood to secure, it must have been set at rest by the utterances of Lord Cromer, in large letters, appeared, though the government mouthpiece carefully abstained from using that inflammatory word. A more definite notice that Great Britain's tenure of Egypt is permanent could not be asked.

The agent told the assembled sheikhs that henceforth they would live under the joint British and Egyptian flags, knowing no sovereignty but that of the Queen and the Khedive, which of course means that the latter will be a harmless figurehead. This formal assumption of sovereignty over the Sudan is more distasteful to France than to any other nation, and renewed protests may be expected.

In the meantime another enterprise of the utmost moment in furtherance of Great Britain's domination in Africa is about to be consummated. Mr. Cecil Rhodes, the former Premier of Cape Colony, alleged instigator of the Jameson raid for the so-called "blue water" of South Africa, is going to England to arrange for pushing forward the Capetown railroad, so long the dearest dream of the Imperial party. A definite proposition will be presented by Mr. Rhodes to the London capitalists for an extension of the road from Bulawayo to Lake Tanganyika. Its importance for some years will be political instead of commercial, and he hopes to persuade the British government to smooth the way by guaranteeing 3½ per cent. interest on the bonds to cover cost of construction.

ETERNAL VIGILANCE IS THE PRICE OF GOOD ENGINES. Robert Milligan, lighting engineer, and the best water put the Oregon where the men behind the guns could destroy the best ships of Spain. The Oregon started down the Pacific without a war time complement of men—27 short in the engineer's force, and 67 less than her builders furnished on her trial trip. She was to be launched under the name of the J. P. Miller, but the ship stopped they worked all the harder, for there was no time to be lost, and every man a careful hand. When the coaling was completed, the officers and men were all ready to start, and the ship started when the bankers were billed.

Not in course. The Oregon, writing from Callao to a brother officer, says: "I am becoming the most unpopular man in the ship, because I am determined that I will not put salt water in the boilers, and to that end have insisted to the captain that, if necessary, we must cut down the fresh water allowance for officers and men to the bare amount necessary for cooking and drinking."—The Engineer Magazine for January.

ON THE 29th of the present month a monument in memory of John McDonough will be unveiled in New Orleans. He is known as the father of the public school system in New Orleans, giving liberally to the cause of education, and the monument has been erected by subscriptions from the teachers and the pupils in the city.

SIR WILFRID'S NEW DREAM.

His Crude Scheme for Gagging the Senate Altogether Impracticable.

Montreal, Jan. 7.—(Special)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier's proposal to "reform" the senate, as he terms it, is meeting with considerable opposition. Senator Drummond, one of the most influential members of the upper house, says: "I cannot see that the Premier's proposition is at all practicable. The Liberal majority in the Commons would of course swamp this scheme, and the scheme would practically mean its abolition."

Senator Sir William Hingston says: "Would the safeguard which the senate undoubtedly retains in its efficiency were it dealt with in the way proposed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier? I think not. A change such as that suggested would revive the slumbering members of party feeling in the senate, where they should not be seen."

Toronto, Jan. 7.—The words: "If senate reform comes, it must be through a commission of the very best men, representative of both the federal and provincial powers. They ought to make a close, deep study of the whole question of federal institutions in other countries, and the results obtained so far in our own country, and recommend to the Canadian parliament and Imperial parliament such changes as may be thought well to make, with the approval of the Canadian people."

It is feared that the illness of Messrs. Dingley and Foster will lead to the postponement of the Washington negotiations indefinitely.

The Employers Liability Co. have been assigned the territory from Manitoba to the coast for customs officers who are required to give guarantee bonds as security.

William Cowan, for 30 years treasurer of Carleton county, and his son, Holmes Cowan, were instantly killed by their car crashing into a party sound rail-way train on the outskirts of the city this morning. Holmes Cowan was a connection of Clarke Wallace's by marriage.

The finally final statement of the plebiscite vote was issued to-day, showing that 278,477 voted yes and 421,130, every province gave a majority for Save Quebec. British Columbia's figures were 5,731 for and 4,736 against.

The government intend sending mounted police to Atlin for customs revenue purposes.

EXPLOSION AND FIRES. Ontario Village Shocked—Losses at Petrolia and Winnipeg.

Millbrook, Ont., Jan. 7.—This village was shocked to-day by a terrific explosion on the premises of A. D. Scott & Co., general merchants, of an acetylene gas machine. The building was wrecked and goods damaged. Mr. Scott was slightly burned and Miss Walls was struck on the head by flying debris.

Petrolia, Ont., Jan. 7.—A disastrous fire occurred here early this morning. The old Johnson house, two barber shops, a billiard room and a vacant store, all in the Johnson house block, were burned to the ground. The loss is heavy.

Winnipeg, Jan. 7.—At Hartney this morning fire destroyed F. Woodhull & Co.'s drug store and quickly spread to J. Brantley's general store and Miss Magwood's millinery shop, all of which were totally destroyed. The post office is badly scorched, but the loss in postal matter will be slight. The total losses aggregate about \$12,000, mostly covered by insurance.

CIVILIZATION IN THE TROPICS. The territorial expansion now contemplated, would not extend our institutions, because the proposed colonies are incapable of civilized self-government. It would not extend our nation, because these regions are already full of alien races, and are not habitable by Anglo-Saxon people. The strength of Anglo-Saxon civilization lies in the mental and physical activity of men and in the growth of the home. Where activity is fatal to life the Anglo-Saxon decays, mentally, morally, physically. The home cannot endure in the climate of the tropics.

Mr. Ingersoll once said that if a colony of New England preachers and Yankee schoolmasters were established in the West Indies the third generation would be seen riding bareback on Sunday to the cockfights. Civilization is, as it were, suffocated in the tropics. It lives, as Benjamin Kidd suggests, as though under defective conditions; but the only American who can live in the tropics without demoralization is the one who has duties at home and will never go there.

The advances of civilization are wholly repugnant to the children of the tropics. To live without care, without duty, to have no duties and to be in no hurry with the lottery, cockfights and games of chance for excitement, is more to them than rapid transit, and the conservative education, literature, art, education, and all the joys of Saxon civilization. The Latin in republican form for reasons inherent in the nature of the people. There is little civic coherence among them; feelings are mistaken for realities, words are deeds, and boasting for accomplishment.

Hence, great words, lofty sentiments, fuss and feathers generally take the place of action.—David Starr Jordan in the New World.

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DOMINION DESPATCHES.

C.P.R. OFFENDS CUSTOMS. Montreal, Jan. 7.—The Canadian Pacific railway recently imported fifteen locomotives from Virginia, works, but omitted to present an invoice detailing the royalties on the same, which are assessable for customs duties to the customs department. The department is now endeavoring to collect from the company, not only the regular amount of duty on the royalty, but in addition, a similar amount for the failure of the company to comply with the law.

SMALLPOX AT COTEAU. Montreal, Jan. 7.—The provincial board of health have been notified that six cases of smallpox have broken out at a short distance from Montreal, in the vicinity of Coteau du Lac. One case is at Coteau Landing and five are at Coteau du Lac proper.

ANSWER FOR THE PREMIER. Montreal, Jan. 7.—



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FROM THE NORTHLAND.

A Fresh Shuffie Proposed by Atlin's New Gold Com-missioner.

An Interesting Budget of News From the Yukon Min-ing Fields.

Skagway, Dec. 27.—The advent of J. D. Graham, the new gold commissioner for the Atlin district, and his views as to the enforcement of the law in that

country, have thrown consternation into the camp of the prospectors and those

awaiting the cold weather, to move into the new diggings, and many can scarcely

realize the ultimate result to mining and real estate holders, if the utterances

of Mr. Graham are any criterion of the laws he intends to establish and enforce.

The gentleman arrived on the Danube Thursday last, and had hardly secured quarters before he was besieged by min-

ers and prospective merchants as to his interpretation of the British Columbia

mining and real estate laws as applied to the Atlin district, which is affable

and courteous in the extreme, it was to be seen at once that the policy of real

time and "officialism" as carried on in Atlin, was to be the rule in Atlin.

Under the guise of upholding and administering the law to the letter, many hardships will be made, and the future

of the district will be very limited. The commissioner's advent were not dreamed of.

Regarding real estate holdings, the commissioner stated that such is a mis-

nomer, as no one is at present entitled to a foot of ground in that district, other

than the miner, and that in the future such holdings will be very limited.

WILL HAVE ATLIN REPLEATED.

Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. N. W. F. Rant and partner, of Victoria, B. C., had at great expense cleared, sur-

veyed and planned the present site of Atlin City, their work went for naught,

and the commissioner said he would dis-

regard the survey, and would require the surveyor to re-survey the town himself, and to

re-build, some of which cost as much as \$3,000, now being built, would have

to be torn down and re-built. The com-

missioner, so desired. After the new survey, the lots will be sold at public

auction to the highest bidder, and any one having property on the site is to be

re-compensated out of the proceeds of the sale.

This act, it is said, will work a hard-

ship on present owners of buildings, as the most desirable lots will not bring

more than \$200 to \$300, and the owners of buildings on the same will be forced

to buy in the lot or lose their property. No priority rights as to holding of lots will

be recognized. For the past many years the British Columbia squatter has no

rights in British Columbia, and has been

needed to say that these regulations seriously disturb those who believe they

own property on the site, and who are

not prepared to pay the price of the improvements he may find on the chosen

ground.

NO SALOONS IN DISTRICT.

Regarding the liquor question, Mr. Graham contracted with the Atlin district

received, that no saloons will be toler-

ated in the district, and that the few hotels, with the exception of those

issued only to those applicants who have been residents in the district one year,

parts of Canada. Mr. Johnson estimates

that there are from 1,000 to 3,000 people starting on the trail from Dawson to Skagway, but says that in

nearly all cases they constitute those that went into the country unprepared

to battle with the climate and unexperi-

enced and totally unfit to perform the necessary work to accumulate money,

and who, discouraged and disheartened, are leaving themselves of the first op-

portunity to escape.

In speaking of the mines, Mr. Johnson said that the general impression in Daw-

son was that the output from the Yukon this season would double that of last

and that with the new discoveries and the opening up in mining the outlook

was never better.

He reports a great amount of work on the American side of the line further

down the river, and that Eagle City with its 3,000 or more inhabitants is the

centre of attraction and is a thriving, bustling camp. There are many good

crecks near Eagle City and quite a num-

ber of mining towns have sprung up nearby, from which the city draws its

trade, and it is predicted that within a year Eagle City will rival Dawson in

population, and the surrounding country in richness.

SULPHUR CREEK A "FIZZLE."

Each day brings to Skagway from two

to ten returning Klondikers. Among those who arrived yesterday are: B. L.

Lanktree, R. B. Hansen and Ed. Dozier, the latter a well known prospector.

These gentlemen report Dawson as being very quiet and that living is much

harder than it was a few months ago. The Sulphur and Hunker creeks are turning out

less and all Dominion creek is good, but Sulphur is a "fizzle." When these gen-

tle men left for Dawson in August they had \$5 to \$15 per day. The greatest trouble inside

in connection with the mines was the excessive royalty imposed, resulting in

keeping claims from being worked to their fullest capacity. There are

plenty of provisions in and around Dawson, and no repetition of last year's

trouble in respect to provisions. The noted Klondikers, the gentlemen said:

"They haven't as much money as they used to have. It is a fact that they are

having a hard time in getting their goods to keep level, and the 'Swiftwater Bill' is

now called 'Slowwater William.'"

A letter just received from Atlin City, dated December 18, gives the information

that building and improvements are being done for the new city. The

survey and soundings have been completed. A shipyard is being built

and the plans laid and lumber secured for the building of two steamboats of

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AN EVENTFUL CRUISE.

H.M.S. Phaeton Returns to Esquimaux After Varied Experiences in the South.

Witnessing Bull Fights and Hunting Alligators Some of the Crew's Pastimes.

Cold weather and a whitened landscape have no charm for the crew of H.M.S. Phaeton now in Esquimaux,

for the ship has just returned from the tropics, where the climatic conditions were

reversed. She is now in dock and a large force of marines is busy about

her big hull, making some repairs and removing the "foul" accumulated during

her long voyage at sea.

It was on June 5 that the ship left here on her Southern cruise and since

then she has been much of the time on the Southern coast between Callao and

Salvador, where Captain Kirby was the guest of the president. Several times her

deck was cleared for a football game, and things looked decidedly serious. This

was when war appeared inevitable between Great Britain and France. The

Phaeton at that time was at Coquimbo. She received orders to prepare for war,

and taking on coal and stores at Coquimbo, she was ordered to proceed

to the north. Orders came next for her to proceed to Callao, which she did;

but by the time of her arrival there the war had broken out, and she was

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GAZETTE NOTICES.

Coroner for Cariboo and Medical Health Officer at Revelstoke Have Resigned.

The official Gazette this week contains notices of general meetings of two mining companies for the object of disposing

of their property. One is that of the Le Roi Mining & Smelting Co.,

meets at the office of Messrs. Daly & Hamilton, Rossland, on February

7, for the purpose of disposing of the whole or any portion of the assets of the

company, and for any other business. The other is a special general meeting

of the Golden Gate Mining Company, of the same kind, which is to be held

in Vancouver on February 3, with the purpose of considering the disposal

of the property of the company.

Arthur Lytton has resigned as justice of the peace for Yale; Dr. R. T. W.

Herald, coroner for Cariboo, has resigned, and so has Dr. J. O. M. Malloch,

medical health officer for Revelstoke. The appointment is gazetted of Fred

Fraser, of the office of Justice of the Peace, and of the court of revision and appeal for

the Revelstoke division of West Kootenay. The Fort Steele development Syndi-

cate company, with head offices at London, and local head office at Fort Steele,

optimum Creek, Ltd., being named as attorney.

ODD FELLOWS' INSTALLATION.

Dominion Lodge No. 4 Holds the Customary Ceremony and Banquet.

Last evening Grand Master Anton Henderson, accompanied by the Grand

Lodge staff, visited the above lodge and the lodge members for the

ensuing term. The lodge members were

present: G. V. James, Bell, Sec. Thomas Bamford; Treas. P. A. Babinington;

Warden, John Boyd; J. B. Anderson; I. G. J. A. Mallett; G. W. G. Huxtable;

R. S. N. G. A. Shert; L. N. G. R. M. Higham; R. S. V. G. F. Campbell; R. S. J. Hughes; L. S. G. D. Burns; Chaplain, W. Walker; Organist, A. Billing; and J. N. Atlin.

After the installation an impromptu banquet was held in the hall, where

members and visitors to the number of about 100 were present. A

list of toasts embracing all the officers and branches of the order

was presented and used on the entertainment closed at midnight with the

singing of "God Save the Queen." The interest displayed by the members of

Dominion Lodge since the merger of the A.C.E. Lodge some few months ago, has

proved beyond a doubt the wisdom of the decision, and the continued increase in

membership and present attendance at the regular meetings.

VICTORIA SLEIGHING.

How the People Are Getting Fun Out of the Cold Spell Just Now.

"Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way, when I'm in a sleigh in a one-horse

open sleigh." Victorious are being treated to a taste of weather that makes the Eastern

think of his boyhood days away back in the older provinces, where snow is the

thing that is not for street paving at this time of the year.

Out here in British Columbia, however, that is, on the Coast—no ice is not prepared

to thoroughly enjoy the clean, crisp frost, and tries to get all the fun possible

out of the matter. The sleighs are all sorted to in the endeavor to turn a

sleigh, and it is amusing to see the variety and shape of some of these. Happy

NEWS OF THE ORIENT.

Japanese Contractors to Supply Ties for the Trans-Siberian Railway.

The Japanese mail steamer Yamaguchi Maru, lately from the Orient, brought

a large amount of very interesting and important news matter which

found its way to the regular telegraphic channels. Much of it is of great concern

to the people of the West, in view of the increasing prominence of trans-Pacific

affairs and political circles. Among the items which will be of special interest

to the people of this community is one to the effect that the Japanese govern-

ment has secured a contract to furnish the sleepers to the Trans-Siberian

railway for a period of five years.

The Japanese government has expressed the desire to revise the condition

of the Japanese treasury, and of the efforts which are being made to retrieve

the deficit of the Japanese treasury. The ownership of railways appears by these

advises to be taking some definite shape, propositions being reported as pending

before the Japanese government. The government of a complete line of road from

one end of the island to the other. The government is, as appears from the newspapers,

to create a corner on rice by shipping the local product out of the market in which

the deficit is being met. The further point was made that since in Japanese

law there were no provisions relating to the ownership of railways, the government

was not bound to see that any wrong in the eyes of the law had been done by

contempt of the law. The judgment in the case is awaited with interest

in press circles.

TSUI TAOTAI'S "CORNER."

The dismissal some weeks ago of Tsui Taotai, one of the Chinese financiers,

because of alleged irregularities in accounts, appears to have been due

to an action more distinctly Oriental than that of the Chinese financiers, as

was the following clipping from the Shanghai Press:

The Universal Gazette says on the authority of a telegram from its Peking

correspondent that the dismissal from office of Tsui Taotai was decided on because

of certain irregular transactions in connection with the clandestine shipment of

rice, when an attempt, it may be remembered, was made to create an artificial

market in the lower province. This, it is said, and his action with regard to the

Ningpo house affair, is the true reason of his "corner."

The rice famine here alluded to is the same one over which rebellion was at one

time threatened in one of the Chinese provinces. Actions similar to that of Tsui

Taotai are frequent in the Celestial Kingdom. It is the Oriental method of creating

a "corner."

STARTLING DISCLOSURES AS TO THE BATTLE OF SANTIAGO.

Admirals and captains are brave enough, and keen tacticians, no doubt, but the

best of the Spanish fleet would have slipped unperceivedly under the guns

of the American fleet, had it not been for the fighting on the bridge. If

the fighting had been against more nearly equal forces, the result would have

been different. The result of the battle of Santiago was the result of the

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PIKE CREEK GEOLOGY

Theory That Here Centres the Mother Lode of Whole Atlin District.

Experiences of Early Gold Seekers in These Quickly Famous Fields.

From the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Gold in the Atlin country was only discovered last August; that is, its presence was then for the first time made known to the world, but since then about 7,000 men have sought the region.

All of the men who have been in the Atlin region since August, probably not more than ten or a dozen have studied the geological features of the country; the great majority have simply followed blindly the visions of wealth to be secured from the benches and creek bottoms.

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the holder of the quartz claim. The great heart of the mountain is gone. Where, then, is this dirt and gold that has been washed away by the glacier and its streams of later periods?

AN OLD MINER'S STATEMENT. Of course this is all theoretical. That there is gold on Pike creek and its tributaries is a fact.

Boundary Creek District and Slocan Will Witness Next Excitement. The coming year will probably see a vast change in the centres around which the mining excitement of the West have circled in 1897 and 1898.

ACCUSED OF ARSON. Elzeard Tetu Arrested on a Charge of Burning His House.

Elzeard Tetu was arrested yesterday morning on a charge of arson by Sgt. Langley and Provincial Constable Murray. The arrest is made in connection with the fire which destroyed Tetu's dwelling house on the Fairgrove estate.

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GOSSIP OF THE GALLERIES.

Where the Members Have Their Homes at the Capital—Press Accommodation Wanted.

One of the first things that a visitor from an outlying constituency wants to know on visiting the Capital during parliamentary session is where the members of his particular district are to be found when not at his desk and engaged in the business of law-making.

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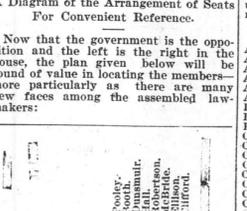


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COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Conclusion of the Hearing of the Charge of Stealing Against W. H. Pennock.

Accused Committed to Stand His Trial—Closing Arguments of Counsel.

W. H. Pennock was yesterday formally committed for trial on the charge of stealing a diamond ring valued at \$300 from his business rival, R. W. Stoddart.

The case was called shortly after 10 o'clock by Clerk Page, and as has been the case since the hearing opened, the court room was crowded with spectators.

By consent of the Attorney-General and the counsel for the defence, Mr. Pennock's trial was postponed to the 10th of the month.

Magistrate Hall held the same views as Mr. Peters, and accordingly announced that he would not call any more witnesses.

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It showed that he connected the stone that he had in his possession with the missing ring. Then he bought the stone at 50 per cent of its value.

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MR. NEILSON'S DEATH.

Member-Elect for North East Kootenay Dies Suddenly in Ontario.

The news received yesterday of the death at Almonte, Ont., of Mr. W. G. Neilson, M.P.E.-elect for the north riding of East Kootenay, was heard with regret.

Mr. Neilson was born on February 10, 1862, in Ramsay township, county of Lanark, Ontario, his father being a farmer.

Mr. Neilson was educated at the North West High School and was employed for a time by Mr. James Ross, contractor on the C.P.R.

He moved to British Columbia and for some time past has been manager for the McKean & Ross saw mills at Hazelton, British Columbia.

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MR. NEILSON'S DEATH.

Member-Elect for North East Kootenay Dies Suddenly in Ontario.

The news received yesterday of the death at Almonte, Ont., of Mr. W. G. Neilson, M.P.E.-elect for the north riding of East Kootenay, was heard with regret.

Mr. Neilson was born on February 10, 1862, in Ramsay township, county of Lanark, Ontario, his father being a farmer.

Mr. Neilson was educated at the North West High School and was employed for a time by Mr. James Ross, contractor on the C.P.R.

He moved to British Columbia and for some time past has been manager for the McKean & Ross saw mills at Hazelton, British Columbia.

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FASTEST ON RECORD.

M. A. Mahoney Made the Trip From Dawson to Skagway in Fourteen Days.

Story of the Lynching of Jolly at Eagle City Denied by Late Arrivals.

The steamer City of Seattle, which arrived at the outer wharf at 2 o'clock yesterday morning, had on board about 80 passengers from Lynn Canal points.

Some of these had but recently arrived from Dawson, one—Mr. M. A. Mahoney, who is now at the Hotel Victoria—having made the trip from Dawson to Skagway in 14 days, the fastest time on record.

He left Dawson on December 14 with T. A. Munro, who he raced out for a purse of \$1,000. Munro had not arrived at Skagway when the City of Seattle left.

Mr. Mahoney found a good trail most of the way out, and as he could get his meals and sleeping accommodation along the route, he came out light.

As soon as all the rivers and lakes are frozen over, a man with a good dog team should even beat Mahoney's time.

Among other passengers who landed here were Col. R. S. Westbury and his private secretary, Mr. M. Miall, who left Dawson on November 18; Frank Kall, foreman of the White Pass City; Louis Loisy, of Atlin; J. W. Randolph, of Juneau; and J. H. Dixon and partner, of Atlin.

From Skagway the only news of importance is that pertaining to a fire which destroyed the Empire theatre and its contents, entailing a loss of \$15,000.

The story given out by the passengers on the steamer Rosalie that Mr. A. J. Cole, collector of customs at Eagle City, had been run out of the city, and that Mr. Jolly had been lynched at Eagle City, is denied by Mr. Thomas McMahon, a late arrival.

A good number of new finds in all sections of the country are reported. Included in these are three creeks—Union, Horse and Quartz—emptying into Surprise lake Atlin district.

The winter has been very mild in that district, and Atlin lake and parts of Taku river are open to navigation.

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NEITHER TEAM WON.

First Ice Hockey Match Played in Victoria Results in a Tie.

Victorians were yesterday treated to their first exhibition of ice hockey, the match between Courty Langley's and P. R. Daniels' team being played on Goodacre lake, Beacon Hill.

Good play was made by both teams, but still there was no fast play at times to the spectators interested, and even if British Columbians are not initiated into the mysteries of the game, they spectators look one time when a player distinguished himself, naturally, by swimming through one of the players' tangled meshes with another player on his back.

Langley's team in 11 minutes. For the remainder of the first half Daniels' team were unable to score, despite several brilliant rushes by P. Daniels, Thompson and Smith, with a clever combination carried the puck successfully through several miniature Chilcot passes, and Smith put it through, making the score one goal to one.

The score was unchanged, and muttering threats of what would happen at Swan lake, where it is proposed to play the game, were heard.

Langley's team—Goal, Sam Schultz; point, Capt. Langley; cover point, W. Routh; S. Moffatt, L. B. Bullock; spare man, D. G. McCannan.

Daniels' team—Goal, C. Blain; point, F. Daniels; cover point, G. P. Langley; spare man, D. G. McCannan.

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