

THE PARIS CAPTURED

Spanish Cruiser Said To Have Seized The American Liner Off The Irish Coast.

United States Issues a Proclamation Asking for 120,000 Men for Two Years.

President McKinley Has Asked Congress To Make a Declaration of War.

The North Atlantic Squadron Sighted Off Havana, Causing Intense Excitement.

London, April 23.—The afternoon newspapers in this city have received a dispatch from Belfast saying that trustworthy news has been received there to the effect that the American liner City of Paris has been captured off the Irish coast by a Spanish cruiser. The Paris has not returned to Southampton, as reported. She passed the Lizard yesterday evening.

Madrid, April 23.—(12:15 p.m.)—The reported capture of the American line steamer City of Paris by a Spanish cruiser aroused great excitement and has favorably affected prices on the bourse.

Washington, April 23.—The president has issued a proclamation calling for 120,000 volunteers to serve two years, if not sooner discharged.

Washington, D. C., April 23.—The Washington Post says that the president today sent a message to congress suggesting that a declaration of war be passed. The president's reasons for urging congress to declare war immediately are: First, he can avail himself freely of the services of the retired officers; second, Spain, by her acts, has practically declared war; third, that naval officers may be entitled unquestionably to prize money for captures.

Representative Hull, in the house, said it was General Miles' purpose to effect a landing in Cuba as soon as practicable. It would take six weeks or two months to equip a volunteer army.

Havana, April 23.—The city of Havana is agitated by war enthusiasm. The United States fleet can be seen in the offing. Great confidence is felt among the Spaniards in the effectiveness of their batteries. Crowds before nightfall last night assembled at every point of vantage to gaze upon the blockaders.

Madrid, April 23.—War enthusiasm continues here and in the provinces. Patriotic demonstrations are reported to have occurred everywhere. Special religious services of prayer, day and night, are being organized for the success of Spanish arms.

Key West, April 23.—The Spanish tramp steamer Pedro, captured by the United States flagship New York yesterday, was brought here at 6:30 o'clock this morning under her own steam, and in charge of a prize crew. This is the vessel which was supposed to be the Spanish mail steamer Alfonso XII.

Some Reported Seizures. Key West, April 23.—An incoming tug reports that the cruiser New York has captured a Spanish passenger steamer plying between Havana and Port Rico. It is believed here that the prize captured by the flagship is the Alfonso XII, a Havana steamer, due today, not the warship of that name. The torpedo fleet is coming in.

London, April 23.—The Daily Chronicle publishes a dispatch from Liverpool, which says a private cablegram received there reports that the American fleet off Key West captured a British steamer, probably the Gracia, flying the Spanish flag, which cleared from Pensacola April 18, bound for Liverpool.

Philadelphia, April 23.—The maritime exchange here this morning received the following dispatch: Key West, April 23.—The steamer Pedro, from Antwerp, for Pensacola, Fla., arrived this morning, captured by a warship. The Pedro is a Spanish freighter of 1,802 tons, and left Antwerp on March 25.

London, April 23.—It is reported here that the Spanish have captured the American ship Shenandoah, which sailed from San Francisco for Liverpool. The Shenandoah left San Francisco on January 5 for Liverpool. She is a four-masted vessel of 3,250 tons register, and is owned by Arthur Sewall & Co., of Bath, Maine.

Indian Uprising Feared. Santa Fe, April 23.—Governor Otero has telegraphed the secretary of war that there is a probability the Indians will rise, now the troops that coal is contraband of war, thus favoring America, and cites the case of England in 1885, which opposed stoutly the action of France in the Tonquin war, in declaring rice contraband, although rice was then considered in China districts as money and currency to pay taxes.

All that England then alleged in fa-

vor of breadstuffs," says El Epoca, "can be used by Spain resulting coal, which is the bread of life of industry, without which modern warfare is impossible."

Respecting the blockade, El Epoca says: "Both America and Spain accept clause 4 in the Declaration of Paris, providing that a blockade must be effective and not on paper."

New York, Panic-Stricken. New York, April 23.—New York was thrown into a panic this morning by a Berlin dispatch saying that this city would be bombarded as the real beginning of the Spanish naval hostilities, that the Spanish fleet was quietly waiting until the United States war vessels were engaged in blocking Cuba before the Spanish vessels would leave for this city. Many other prominent seacoast cities, to begin the work of bombardment and destruction.

Naval officials here put great credence in the story, saying that the hopelessness of trying to save Cuba after the American fleet arrives at the landing place with its overwhelming body of troops, is part of the cunning strategy to get all our ships and troops down to Cuba before she moves her fleet.

Some naval officers point out that the masterly inactivity of the Spanish fleet, which quietly rests at the Cape Verde Islands, while stirring scenes are going on in front of Havana and off the entire Cuban coast, is purely strategic. They also say that this masterly inactivity is significant that Spain knows our capacity for standing our harbors as well as our coast defence, and whether she will be able to silence our forts in the conflict.

"Spain is up to some cunning trick," you can rest assured," said an officer of the Brooklyn navy yard, "and she has begun her navy to keep us guessing what will be her first stroke. So far the United States has not the slightest information of the future movements of the Spanish fleet, which is as puzzling to the navy department at Washington as it is to us here."

"An Act of Piracy." Liverpool, April 23.—The owners of the Spanish ship captured by the United States cruiser Nashville, have issued a signed protest against her capture, and claim that the capture was illegal, as the ultimatum of the president had not expired when she was captured.

Madrid, April 23.—The capture of the Spanish merchantman yesterday has aroused the greatest indignation, it being claimed that hostilities had not yet commenced. The newspapers in this city characterize the seizure of the vessel as an act of piracy.

Germany Favors Spain. Berlin, April 23.—The German press is unanimously condemning the United States for the capture of the Spanish fish and base motives to America, and praise the attitude of Spain.

London, April 23.—Rear-Admiral Lord Charles Boscawen, who commanded the squadron at the bombardment of Alexandria in 1882, and is now Conservative M.P. for York, admits in the course of an interview, that in the long run America will be victorious. He thinks the fleets are about equally matched, and a difficult Americans will have to contend with his "yellow jack." They would not have much trouble in landing troops in Cuba, in his judgment, because of the great length of the coast line.

To Destroy the Cables. Key West, Fla., April 23.—(5:30 a.m.)—The Mangrove just left here, headed to South Cuba, to destroy the submarine cables. She will be conveyed by warships.

Cuban Armistice Ended. London, April 23.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily News says the government has instructed Governor General Blanco to declare the armistice in Cuba ended.

Excitement in Havana. New York, April 23.—A despatch to the Herald from Havana, timed Friday, 7 p.m., says:

"From the hills of Guanajay, I saw United States warships this afternoon. They were advancing on Havana from the westward. The news has reached Morro castle. There all is alertness, but fear is in the hearts of the city's defenders. Havana's weak point lies dead ahead of the American fleet. The course of the ships is in direct accordance with the plan of war which the Herald first published. It means—and everybody here admits it—the bombardment of Havana, unless the city surrenders at the sight of superior force."

"General Blanco, in full uniform, who he has worn about two days in the last two months, is at Santa Clara battery, the strongest of the city's defenses. With him are all the officers of his staff and the chief officers of all the regular and volunteer regiments. Orderlies are rushing through the city, shouting a call to arms and carrying orders for batteries and regiments to be prepared for action. Everybody is rushing out of the city or to its fortifications. The numbers who have sought the latter places in flight are enormous."

"The United States ships could not possibly select a better place for landing than they have chosen in the neighborhood for which they are pointing. Blanco realizes the danger and rushed large bodies of troops to the Santa Clara battery. He sent others in a hurry by railroad to Vedado and Carmelo. The garrisons are weak there, even with reinforcements and could not last long because the defenses are not strong. Troops could be landed there with little more than a straggling force. This may not be the first place at which the Americans will strike. Then, too, Blanco is fearful lest the first of the invaders come up the little river Almendares, where they could make an undisputed landing a few miles westward of the city. The armament there is insignificant. All the guns at the fortifications are manned. The men have orders to stand by them all night."

FROM THE CAPITAL. Story That Mounted Police Supplies are Purchased in Chicago Untrue. Ottawa, April 23.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the house yesterday said he had inquired into the complaint that Chicago cannons had been awarded by the government a large contract for goods for the Mounted Police in the Yukon, and was glad to say there was not a word of truth in it.

Ottawa, April 23.—Chief Engineer Coste has returned to Ottawa. He said he had been recalled to give information to the government regarding the preliminary survey of Observatory Inlet, of which he gives discouraging accounts as a possible railway terminus.

Gold Commissioner Pavelet in a report to Mr. Sifton strongly commends the system of staking streams in the Yukon, and whether any prospect is found or not. He warns possible investors against buying claims without investigation.

Major General Gascoigne, commanding the Canadian militia, has resigned. He will leave at once for England.

Cherrier Ellison, of Vernon, came in on the Prince Earl steamer.

SEAS SWEEP OVER HER

Warrimoo Encounters Very Stormy Weather on Her Way From Australia.

The Paroo, a Sister Ship of the Cape Otway, to Bring 900 Miners to Victoria.

Many Passengers on the Warrimoo Bound for the Klondike—An Exciting Episode at Suva.

R.M.S. Warrimoo, Captain Hay, arrived at the outer wharf at an early hour this morning after a most tempestuous voyage from Sydney, Australia.

The Paroo, a sister ship of the Cape Otway, to bring 900 miners to Victoria, left Sydney on March 26th and experienced light easterly winds with fair weather until the 29th, when a gale from the north-east struck her. She reached Suva on March 30. After a stay of one day she sailed for Suva. The course was set up to the west coast of New Zealand, and fair weather was experienced until, when approaching Cape Maria Van Dieman, strong westerly winds were met, which increased to a northerly gale, blowing from the east. The blow continued for six days increasing in violence daily. Such heavy seas were encountered that it became necessary to lay down anchor and to stop for 36 hours. Throughout the gale the Warrimoo maintained her reputation for sea-bowling, and was not blown off all the time. Notwithstanding the fact that seas were continually sweeping over her she sustained but slight damage. A hole in the height of the waves can be gleaned from the fact that one sea struck the compasses on the upper bridge deck, 45 feet, putting them out of gear.

Suva was reached on April 6, and after cargo and passengers were landed a start was made for Honolulu the same day. On the Hawaiian capital, Honolulu, on the 12th, the Warrimoo was met by a heavy easterly wind and heavy cross seas were encountered, until anchor was dropped at the Hawaiian capital, Honolulu, on the 14th. The Warrimoo was then thence to Flattery moderate to fresh head winds and seas were met with. Just before entering the straits the four masted schooner, the Warrimoo, was sighted at 474 N., long 1204 W.

The Warrimoo brought 194 passengers, the largest number she has carried since she has been built. She has about 150 Klondikers, and they are for the most part practical West Australian miners, well supplied with money. Among them are Mr. James Haggart, the Northern Mining Journal, at Mount Magnet, W. A., on his way to Dawson City to establish a daily mining paper.

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lan stowaways at Suva has not in the least brought the men together, and notes have been compared. To the name, the question of transportation and the cost it entails is always a very live one, and in the corridors of the hotels it is being canvassed in all its aspects. Two or three informal meetings have been held, and the agencies of the steamship lines in the city, and at the time of going to press negotiations are still in progress between the different agencies and a course of three representing the passengers from the Assyrion store on the corner of Douglas and Johnson, was brought up for trial. The prisoner violently protested his innocence, but the court convicted him, and he will spend a month in jail unless he can find a surety for his appearance. Ah You was in the dock charged with having in his possession five sacks of moss, knowing them to be stolen property. He was fined \$100, and the balance of \$146 Yates street, has been losing moss for a month or two, and yesterday afternoon the assessor James Haggart produced in court to the assessor for sale, but as he was unable to identify his property the prisoner was discharged. The Chinaman's name was Mr. Chamer last night with a number of bottles of whisky in his possession, supposed to be stolen property. He was brought up for trial. He is a school teacher and states that he bought the whisky in Vancouver for his own use. He will probably be liberated.

A California party bound for the Klondike are staying at the Dominion hotel. It consists of Jos. Douglas and his son Ernest Douglas, of Pomona, and F. J. McKee, of Sacramento. The party have bought all their outfit in Victoria, and found this to be the cheapest point, especially in hardware and clothing. They have been in the city for a couple of weeks, and will leave for the north as soon as the steamer is ready. They have a number of head of oxen for transporting their supplies, and it is their present intention to build narrow sleds upon which their supplies will be drawn. They believe that the cattle will carry more than double the amount of freight in that way than the pack animals. They have a boat for Glenora, and will commence prospecting immediately upon reaching Teslin lake. They will devote their first trip to prospecting in the Klondike, and streams of that lake and of the Hood-alquira river. None of the party has had any experience in placer mining, but Ernest Douglas spent one winter working in the North Atlantic, and therefore understands the food requirements of a northern climate.

The C.P.N. Telegram Co. give notice that steamship has been established on account of the war between Spain and the United States on all telegrams to and from Victoria. The rate of postage will be permitted to and from Victoria.

A fire occurred on W. McHugh's ranch at South Saanich, which is leased by Thomas Tunstead, on Monday last. The fire started in a barn, and the property was destroyed and the loss will amount to \$2,300.

At the request of the members representing the city in the local legislature, the meeting arranged for the evening in the city hall to discuss the Sonnet, which was held on Wednesday evening next at 8 o'clock.

Herbert Roper, well known in Victoria, writes from Lake Lindenman under date of April 5th to a friend in the city stating that he had participated in the Big Salmon rush were disappointed, the report of a big strike having been proved to be a hoax. Mr. Roper intends pushing through to Dawson when the lakes and rivers open, and speaks very hopefully of his prospects of success.

Although no official notice has yet been received in this city confirming the announcement of the late Archbishop of Vancouver, the cable to that effect is now believed to be authentic. The announcement will come to the public through the Washington from the Vatican, and will be communicated through Archbishop's press secretary, Mr. J. B. Pernebo, of the Victoria (Gairiens), who has been invited to visit the Klondike.

Arthur Proctor, a young man employed at Sommers' art gallery, was severely injured by a falling weight in Belleville street last night. He was riding to town when he ran into a pile of lumber lying on the street in front of the gallery. He was badly injured, and his face and body cut. He was found lying in the street by pedestrians, who took him to his home on Vancouver street.

The advent of St. George's day was fittingly ushered in by a programme of music, followed by social dances, at night, in the A. L. W. hall. The programme was under the direction of the Sons and Daughters of St. George, and lasted very late into the night. The programme was under the direction of the Sons and Daughters of St. George, and lasted very late into the night.

At a meeting of the council of state of the Hawaiian islands held at Honolulu shortly before the Warrimoo sailed, Premier Dole, the government has adopted the position of recommending the pardon of all political prisoners who applied for it and took the proper oath. His direction, Senator W. Wilcox, two ex-revolutionists, took advantage of this statement, and each submitted petitions accompanied by the necessary notes of attachment. Both petitions were granted, and the ex-revolutionists granted the restoration of their civil rights.

Rickard was found guilty by the military commission of treason and sentenced to 35 years imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000, afterwards commuted to a lesser time, and finally to a parole on good behavior. Wilcox has offered his services to Secretary Alger in the war with Spain. Since the insurrection of 1895 he has changed his views on the Hawaiian question entirely, and is now an ardent annexationist. His greatest desire is to be known as an American.

SHERMAN TO RETIRE. Washington, April 23.—The Post today says that every man in the cabinet believes that Secretary Sherman will resign from the cabinet within the next few days. His successor will be Assistant Secretary Day.

There are in the city at the present time quite a number of intending miners who are awaiting the opening of the

LOCAL NEWS. Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Thursday's Daily: If August Comorella and Martha Kueland will call each at the U.S. consulate in Victoria, they will learn of something to their advantage.

The cable to be laid between Beechy Bay and Port Crescent will be placed in position by the late Mr. J. B. Pernebo, of the Victoria (Gairiens), who has been invited to visit the Klondike.

The funeral of the late William Sayaya took place to-day at 2:30 p.m. from the parents' residence, South road, the Rev. J. C. Spicer conducting the services.

The 150 Atlantics who have been quarantined at Williams Head, since the arrival of the steamer Olympia, were released yesterday and brought to the city by the steamer Manoa.

The United States consulate in Victoria has received no orders to receive enlistment for the United States army or navy, and has no authority to provide transportation to the States for those desiring to enlist.

Last evening at the residence of Mr. Dempster, on Fort street, Miss Amelia Gilbert, of the Victoria (Gairiens), was united in marriage to Mr. James Haggart of the Albion Iron Works. The ceremony, which took place at 8:30, was a very simple one, and was officiated by the Rev. Mr. Betts. The bride was accompanied by her father, Mr. Haggart, and her groom, Mr. Haggart, who was accompanied by his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Haggart will take up their residence on Fort street.

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BUYING UP COAL

United States Consul at Honolulu Buys Up the Coal at That Port for His Government.

Hawaiian Papers Say Minister Sewell Is About to Seize the Islands for a Coaling Station.

A Coal Famine Feared Owing to the Act of the United States Consul.

R.M.S. Warrimoo brings news from Honolulu that the United States Consul Haywood has bought up all the available coal at that port for the use of the United States government to meet an emergency which may possibly arise owing to the early commencement of hostilities. The total amount purchased was 15,000 tons, the price paid being a very high one. The United States had already 800 tons there, and the extra supply will, the consul believes, meet all demands until more arrives in the regular way.

Shipping companies will not sell any coal at any price. All they have will be required for their steamers. The big purchase of the United States has stripped the market and it is feared steamers coming to Honolulu for coal will be compelled to sit tight.

The Hawaiian Star, of April 14th, says: "The Stars and Stripes may float over the government buildings at this time to-morrow. At a late hour this afternoon information has been received that the American minister and admiral will take formal possession of the islands in the name of the United States to-morrow morning. It is impossible to find confirmation or denial for the rumor, but it comes from high authority."

Referring to the matter in a later edition, the paper says: "There may be something significant in the fact that an officer of the U. S. S. Shenandoah, who was in the city a few days ago and tried to buy a number of large American flags. When told that an order could be quickly filled at the Coast, he replied he must have the flags at once, and could not wait for a steamer."

In reference to the same subject the Hawaiian Bulletin says: "Admiral Miller said yesterday afternoon that he was in Honolulu to annex the Sandwich Islands, and would not leave until that is accomplished."

THE WATERFRONT

The New Steel River Steamer Built for C. P. N. Co. To Be Launched This Evening.

Fears Expressed for the Bark Midas—Schooner Labrador Goes Overboard.

It is feared in shipping circles that the British bark Midas, now out sixty-five days from Nagasaki, Japan, has gone down with all hands. "Six vessels that sailed from the Orient the same time and later than the Midas have arrived at their destinations, discharged their cargoes and, in some instances, gone to sea again. The Willcoot, which sailed eight days before her, had to put in to Francisco in distress. She was caught in a terrific storm and dismantled, while the Puritan, which sailed the same day as the Midas, was also caught in the same gale, but has reached Portland in safety. The following vessels made the run from Japan to coast ports in from twenty-four to thirty-six days: The Barnabe left Higo on February 15 and the Pass of Lenig on February 21. The Amador left Yokohama on March 1 and the Niomea on March 10, while the Mistle Hall left Nagasaki on February 27 and the Semantha on the same day. In view of these facts, it is no wonder, then, that shipping and insurance men are anxious about the Midas.

At the ship yards of the Albion Iron Works, all is excitement this afternoon in anticipation of the launching of the new steel steamer for the C.P.N. Co. The ways are all greased, the last rivets are being driven, and the final touches are being given to the hull. It is expected that everything will be in readiness by 6 o'clock, and the launching will be on Monday. The boat is built in steel and is a very fine specimen of modern shipbuilding. An interesting fact in connection with this boat is that it is the first steel vessel built in Victoria, and the first steel vessel ever constructed on the Pacific coast.

Steamer City of Seattle will take the place of the Kingston while the latter is in the hands of the repair crew. The Seattle will arrive at its usual time on Monday morning, returning to the Sound at 8:30 a.m. On Tuesday morning she will not return to the Sound, but will continue the voyage to Alaska, when her passengers and freight are put ashore. The Emerald will carry the outward mail on Tuesday. The City of Kingston is to resume her service on Wednesday.

A LONG DANISH BRIDGE. A bridge across the channel separating Denmark from the island of Funen is proposed in a bill now before the Danish legislature. The length would be about 4,400 feet, and spans of 1,000 feet, resting upon metal piers, are suggested, with a roadway 130 feet above high water mark. The estimated cost is \$3,250,000.

Manhattan—How is it you no longer sympathize with Cuba? Broadway—One of the confounded Danes sold me a box of what he called "smuggled Cuban cigars" the other day. New York Evening Journal.

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ROSSLAND. At a special meeting of the Trades and Labor Council held at the provincial hall, the bill was introduced into the provincial assembly.

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The Murderer Being Pursued by the Police—Other Fatalities—The Chilliwack Disaster.

The steamer Centennial arrived at the outer wharf late last night after a quick passage from Dyea, Skagway and Juneau, bringing news of a double murder on the Stikine trail.

Lillooet Progress. Bridge River and Cadwallader Creeks Still Showing Up Fascinatingly.

Oppositionists Are Preparing Steadily and Quietly for the Coming Contest.

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Our treatment is so sure to develop shrunken parts, to give bodily strength, to remove impediments to marriage, to stop unnatural losses, to restore to weak men the feelings and buoyancy of youth, that we gladly offer a Free Trial for Ten Days.

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We pay duty and send all packages from Canadian side.

ed by many; nothing definite, however, was done on this rate, it being laid over until the association meets again, which will be in a month.

Those present at the meeting were: Allan Cameron, E. J. Coyle and G. L. Courtney, representing the C. P. R.; J. S. Harvey, representing F. C. Davidge & Co. Ltd.

CITIZENS AROUSED A Large and Harmonious Gathering in the City Hall Last Night.

Hon. J. H. Turner Sends an Excuse for His Absence at the Meeting and Adjourns.

The intense feeling which exists in the city regarding the removal of the Song-Indians reservation was not only expressed by the large gathering in the city hall last night, but also by the numerous petitions and resolutions which were presented.

The mayor, who was elected to the chair, opened the meeting by reading the resolution asking him to call the meeting and upon which he had acted.

And whereas the city council of Victoria did in the years 1884, 1887 and 1888 and in previous years strongly urge both the Dominion and the Provincial governments to take such steps as would guarantee the speedy removal of the Indians to a more suitable location.

THE PATENT REPORT. The following patent statistics were prepared specially for this paper by Messrs. Marion & Marion, solicitors of patents and experts, Temple Building, Montreal.

The latest report of the commissioner of patents furnishes an excellent comparative statement, showing the number of patents issued by the United States and foreign governments, from the earliest period of this work to December 31st, 1897.

It is stated that the number of applications for patents received during the year 1897 was the largest in the history of the office, and that there is a steady increase in this branch of the work.

SEE THAT THE C-SIMILE SIGNATURE OF CHAS. H. HITCHCOCK IS ON THE WRAPPER OF EVERY BOTTLE OF ASTORIA

While on his way home one evening in week class, Flewin, the proprietor of the Capital saloon, had the misfortune to slip on the sidewalk and fall, resulting in a fracture of his collar bone.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS CURE SICK HEADACHE

Headache, red carriage's LITTLE LIVER PILLS are equal to any in Constipation, curing and preventing this annoying complaint, which also corrects all disorders of the stomach, stimulates the liver and regulates the bowels.

NEVER FAILS TO CURE LUNG TROUBLE AND CONSUMPTION IN ANY CLIMATE.

The distinguished chemist, T. A. Slouman, demonstrating his discovery of a reliable cure for Consumption (Pulmonary Tuberculosis), bronchitis, lung and chest troubles, loss of flesh and all conditions of wasting away, will send THREE FREE BOTTLES (all different) of his NEW DISCOVERY to any afflicted reader of the Times writing for them.

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FALLS ARE WEAK Niagara is a Pigmy Compared With Dodd's Kidney Pills.

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THE STIKINE SERVICE. A Scale of Rates Fixed by the Transportation Companies.

The transportation companies at a meeting held in the office of the Canadian Development Co. decided to fix the following scale of rates for the Stikine service, with Wrangell as a starting point.

Cargo of all sorts (except lumber) per ton measured or weight at ship's side.

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GRIDER'S FOLLY.

Expedition of California Gold-Seekers in the Omineca Proves a Failure.

W. F. Grider in the Provincial Police Court—He Protests that He Himself Was a Victim.

William F. Grider, the leader of the party of 50, each man of which paid \$75 in consideration of the promise he would be guided by Grider to rich gold fields on the Nation river in the Omineca country in British Columbia. He is a prisoner at the provincial jail awaiting trial on the charge preferred against him by the members of the expedition of obtaining money by false pretences.

Grider was arrested at Hazelton by the members of the expedition, and by whom turned over to the authorities. He was then sent down to Victoria in irons in charge of Special Constable Norris. When Grider was searched at the provincial lock-up his sole possessions were found to consist of \$11.50 in coin of the realm and a few papers and odds and ends such as compass, miner's glasses, etc., which goes to show that if the bunco game he is said to have been playing has profited him at all the prisoner must have disposed of everything prior to his departure on the trip.

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On arriving at Aiyansh the party found that they could not get up the trail with their supplies. A meeting was held to discuss matters and it was decided to send the greater portion of the supplies back to Hazelton. On the 14th Mrs. Grider and Mrs. Kohlberg, and proceeded in light, the arrangement being that the two women were to accompany the advance of the winter at Port Simpson and take the goods in on the first steamer of the Hudson's Bay Co. going up the river on the 15th.

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"CHINESE" MARTIN

Expose by F. J. Deane, the Opposition Candidate, of the Chief Commissioner's Perfidy.

Some Affidavits to Substantiate the Charge that Hon. Mr. Martin Chinamen.

At a largely attended public meeting held in Kamloops on Saturday evening last, addressed by F. J. Deane and Dr. Waite, the opposition candidate was unanimously endorsed and hearty support pledged.

Referring to the Chinese question Mr. Deane said the opposition had, hitherto made the Chinese question a special issue. In Kamloops, however, it is to be made an issue on which the election of Mr. Martin depends. The Standard stated on Thursday that in North Yale the Chinese question was to be the question and that they had pulled another card out of the hat.

There was no contradiction by Hon. G. B. Martin of the report of his speech, he only objected to the comments of the Times, editorially, which Mr. Martin said were untruthful. When a man makes a speech it can be construed and interpreted as a person thinks best. It is not the speaker's business to object to the comments of the Times, editorially, which Mr. Martin said were untruthful.

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Some Sharp Practices Indulged in by Seattle Outfitters Brought Home to Them.

Inferior Goods Were Substituted for Those Purchased by the Miners.

A cold-blooded swindle has just been unearthed in Seattle, says the Port Townsend Ledger, a well-circulating house of that city having attempted to palm off inferior goods on a large party of Klondikers from St. Louis. The goods were purchased from a large concern there, and just a few minutes before the steamer departed, the party was told that they were to take passage, the outfits were sent down to the wharf to be taken aboard. The outfits were very complete, consisting of blankets, coats, pants and everything needed in the clothing line, groceries, etc., and a good outfit figure was paid for the goods.

After the goods had been delivered aboard the steamer, one member of the party concluded that he would add a blanket or two from his new purchase to his bunk as the night was somewhat chilly. Going to his outfit and undoing it, his amazement and indignation may be imagined to find, instead of the heavier woolen blankets which he had picked out in the store, and paid a big price for, cheap cotton blankets of an inferior quality. His suspicions were increased by the fact that the goods which had originally been purchased by him were not there.

The Klondikers, filled with righteous indignation, took all the outfits back to the store from which they were purchased and demanded that the goods which had originally been purchased be given them or their money refunded. For a while it was feared that the store would be mobbed, but cooler counsel prevailed and the proprietors of the store reluctantly gave them the outfits they paid for.

This is not the first time complaint has been made against shabby treatment of prospective miners at the hands of Seattle merchants, and that city is justly getting a black eye as an outfitting point. It is gratifying to know that no such report as that which has disgraced Seattle has ever gone out regarding our merchants, and it is still more gratifying to know that there could be no foundation for it were it circulated.

BOARD OF TRADE COUNCIL. Insolvency and Anti-Japanese Legislation Dismissed. A meeting of the council of the Board of Trade was held in their board room yesterday with President G. A. Kirk in the chair. A communication was read by the secretary from the Montreal Board asking for the co-operation of the Victoria body in supporting legislation in reference to insolvency now before the House at Ottawa. As the proposed legislation closely follows that of 1894, which was warmly approved by the board upon examination, on motion of Messrs. Donohoe and Stewart, a resolution was passed and dispatched to the promoter of the insolvency bill: "Resolved, that the British Columbia Board of Trade expresses the hope that you may be successful in carrying the insolvency bill to final passage, the same being highly essential for the safety of trade in the Dominion."

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A cold-blooded swindle has just been unearthed in Seattle, says the Port Townsend Ledger, a well-circulating house of that city having attempted to palm off inferior goods on a large party of Klondikers from St. Louis.

The goods were purchased from a large concern there, and just a few minutes before the steamer departed, the party was told that they were to take passage, the outfits were sent down to the wharf to be taken aboard.

The outfits were very complete, consisting of blankets, coats, pants and everything needed in the clothing line, groceries, etc., and a good outfit figure was paid for the goods.

After the goods had been delivered aboard the steamer, one member of the party concluded that he would add a blanket or two from his new purchase to his bunk as the night was somewhat chilly.

Going to his outfit and undoing it, his amazement and indignation may be imagined to find, instead of the heavier woolen blankets which he had picked out in the store, and paid a big price for, cheap cotton blankets of an inferior quality.

His suspicions were increased by the fact that the goods which had originally been purchased by him were not there.

The Klondikers, filled with righteous indignation, took all the outfits back to the store from which they were purchased and demanded that the goods which had originally been purchased be given them or their money refunded.

For a while it was feared that the store would be mobbed, but cooler counsel prevailed and the proprietors of the store reluctantly gave them the outfits they paid for.

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