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Narrow Escape of Europeans—German and Dutch Flags Torn at Lorenzo Marques.

Elected to the French Academy—A Prominent Witness in the Russell Trial III.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Despatches received in Paris from Antananarivo, capital of the island of Madagascar, announce that the insurgents, during the night of November 18th, looted Amoronimanga, 10 miles from Antananarivo. The insurgents captured 40 prisoners and all the cattle. The English residents had a narrow escape from being massacred.

The English steamer British Peer, Capt. Jones, which sailed from London October 4th for Cape Town and Portland, Or., has been wrecked in Saldanha Bay, South Africa. It is believed 14 persons perished.

Alfred Nobel, inventor of nitro-glycerine, died yesterday evening at San Remo, Italy.

The German and Dutch consulates at Lorenzo Marques, Portuguese South Africa, have been attacked, during which a British flag was torn to shreds and the Dutch consuls wounded. Germany has, in consequence, demanded satisfaction of Portugal. The Cologne Gazette says that the German warship Condor is on her way from Port Natal to Lorenzo Marques, to enforce the demand if need be.

Lady Selina Scott, the principal defendant in the suit brought against her and three men by her son-in-law, Earl Russell, for criminal libel, is critically ill.

Andre Thueap, the French literature, was to-day elected a member of the French Academy, receiving eighteen votes to four cast for Emil Zola. Vandal was also elected to membership, receiving twenty votes to Zola's two.

It is reported that prosecutions will be commenced against the newspaper Bank un Haudeis Zeitung for publishing the statement that Prince Bismarck made his disclosure in the Hamburger Nachrichten because the Czar had been dissuaded by high personages from visiting the ex-Chancellor.

The Reichsanzeiger announces officially that the intrigues in which Baron von Luetnow is alleged to have been connected were discussed by crown council at Hubertusstock on October 7, when a report was made to the council to the effect that the Baron was the author of the article "Die Welt am Montag," which brought about the recent trial and conviction of journalists and the disclosures which developed during the hearing of the case.

The ninth games of the chess match between Lasker and Steinitz, a queen's gambit, declined by the former, was played yesterday evening in Moscow and ended in a draw after 46 moves. The present score is, Lasker 5, Steinitz 0; drawn 4.

MR. TARTE PROTESTS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 10.—(Special)—Mr. Tarte protests to-day in his paper, Le Cultivateur, against the reference made to him by Rev. Mr. Corbett, of St. Columban's church, Cornwall, last Sunday, stating that Mr. Corbett's statements constitute a political harangue, which, he said, should not have been made in a church—at a place where people go to pray and not to discuss politics. "If Mr. Corbett," says Mr. Tarte, "is anxious for a full and entire discussion of the political side of the school question, there is a fine hall in Cornwall, where I am prepared to place myself at his disposal. All day. He has not been in Manitoba while I have just returned from there."

THE TURKISH SETTLEMENT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—A special cablegram to the Evening Post from London says: "The truth about that reported agreement of the settlement of the Turkish problem is that the powers agreed upon a joint peremptory demand on Turkey for special reforms on the return of M. Nildoff, the Russian ambassador to Constantinople. But Russia absolutely excludes coercive measures, so that no practical result is expected in reliable quarters."

HAWAII AND THE UNITED STATES

HONOLULU, Dec. 4.—(Per steamer to San Francisco Dec. 10.)—Annexation club No. 2, of Honolulu, has adopted a resolution declaring that it is still the earnest desire of residents of Hawaii to secure annexation to the United States and urging the Hawaiian government to press the matter upon the consideration of the American congress.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The aquarium which has been established in old Castle Garden, was, after many delays and postponements, formally opened to-day. It is considered to be the finest exhibition of its kind in the world and will be open to the public from 10 to 4 every day except Sunday and Monday.

pelled to retreat to Punta Brava. At Punta Brava the soldiers delivered the jewels and documents which they found with the two bodies, and then the chief of the column became convinced of the death of Maceo in the recent engagement with Major Ciriujeda, after crossing the trocha in the western part of Cuba. "This is the seventh time the news of Maceo's death has been circulated with the semblance of official authority," said Dr. Castillo. The doctor said it had always been the custom to report that Maceo had fallen in conflict whenever he compelled the Spanish to retreat with heavy loss of life. "If he is dead, his death will not end the contest," said Dr. Castillo, who intimated that he looked upon the report in the light of a Spanish "fake."

"I shall reserve my decision until I receive more authentic information," was all that Gen. Palma would say. Dr. Castillo thinks it strange that in the identification of Maceo's body no reference to the four bullet wounds on Maceo's breast was made. When the sixth report of his death had been circulated one of the points of identification was the finding of his initials "A. M." on the saddle. "I saw the saddle and knew there were no such letters on it," said the doctor, who is hopeful that the later report will turn out to be a pure fabrication.

The World's Key West special says: Private Havana advices flatly deny the Spanish report that Maceo has been killed. The story was concocted at the palace to counteract the bad effect of Maceo's success in crossing the trocha between two Spanish forts without losing a man.

The news as to Maceo given the local press by Major Ciriujeda himself and to the foreign correspondents by the press censor, contains no proof of authenticity which is not authorized by the general staff, and did not bear the customary heading of "official."

The inspired government newspaper, L'Union Constitutional, this morning affirmed nothing of its own knowledge, and qualified every statement, and editorially referred to Maceo's death as "not important, if true. High officials in Havana are loath to admit that they failed with 60,000 men to accomplish what less than 500 did.

Only yesterday heavy reinforcements left Havana to co-operate with Melguizo in the attack on the rebel position near San Juan y Martinez, where Maceo is believed to be encamped. He was there Sunday with over 3,000 men. Various residents of Punta Brava who talked with the World's correspondent denied Ciriujeda's reports. They say the Spanish troops under Ciriujeda were subjected to a humiliating defeat and lost one-third of their force. The rebels pursued them to the outskirts of the town.

Neighboring pacificos seen said the insurgents were commanded by Serafin Sanchez, whom the Spanish reported killed last month in Santa Clara province, adding that Maceo were with the party the fact was kept quiet.

The most important Cubans in Havana, sympathizing, aiding or helping in the revolution, disbelieve the story of Maceo's death. They admit his entry into Havana province and believe he forced the trocha in response to an order from Gomez to assume command of the operations in the centre and reorganize the insurgent forces in Havana, Matanzas and Santa Clara provinces.

Another fact proving that the truth is not in the Spanish despatches about Maceo is that a World correspondent was refused all information as to his body, a subordinate Spaniard explaining it in this way: "Maceo, seriously wounded, was being conducted east, probably to the principal hospital of the Cubans in Cienega de Saepola for safety. The escort was attacked by Spaniards under Major Ciriujeda and two of the chiefs killed." Ciriujeda attempted to return to Punta Brava with the corpse, when rebel reinforcements attacked him on the road and rescued the body.

AGRICULTURE IN FRANCE.

PARIS, Dec. 10.—The agricultural budget was discussed in the chamber of deputies yesterday. Premier M. Meline admitted that the farmers were suffering from the continued fall of prices, and that the import duties had partly lost their efficacy, owing to the fall in value of foreign coins and the fall in exchange. The remedy, he explained, was in bimetalism; but, he added, the question needed international settlement. The government, he further stated, intended to study the effects of speculation in

The premier suggested that a system of export bounties was dangerous and might bring reprisals. The government, however, would consider the proposition. He said one of the greatest services which could be rendered to French husbandry would be to relieve it from land taxation.

The Abbe Lemire called the government's attention to the increase in the exports of pork from the United States, and M. Meline said the imports of pork and salt meats had decreased from 17,000,000 to 12,000,000 francs. Therefore, the premier pointed out, foreign imports had not caused the fall in prices, which he explained was due to increased home production.

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TO VISIT WASHINGTON.

Sir Richard Cartwright to Negotiate a Reciprocity Treaty—Canadians in Brazil.

Misunderstandings in the Queen's Own—Issue of Lee-Enfields—The Tariff.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
OTTAWA, Dec. 10.—The important announcement is made that Sir Richard Cartwright will visit Washington at an early date. The object of his trip is to sound the Republican leaders as to the possibility of an early commencement of negotiations for reciprocity between Canada and the United States after the McKinley administration is installed.

Owing to strong representations respecting the unfortunate condition of Canadians in Brazil the British Consul at San Paulo has been requested to send back to Canada those in his district in indigent circumstances, their expenses being defrayed by the Dominion government. Hon. Mr. Borden, minister of militia, has ordered a formal inquiry into the dispute between Col. Hamilton, of the Queen's Own, and his subordinate officers.

The militia department is commencing to issue Lee-Enfield rifles to the city corps.

The tariff committee will commence its sittings in Montreal next Wednesday, and will probably be there till Christmas.

FROM JOHANNESBURG.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The Herald says: Charles Butters, an American mining engineer of high reputation, whose fame is as well known in Europe as in this country, has arrived here from Johannesburg, South Africa, where he has been for about six years in charge of some of the largest mining interests in the Transvaal. Mr. Butters' visit to the United States is chiefly for the purpose of examining into the gold resources of the country, with a view to their future development by Americans and Europeans. He is one of the eleven Americans who, with John Hays Hammond, were arrested by the Boer government because of affiliation with the reform movement in the Transvaal last year at the time of Dr. Jameson's raid. Mr. Butters was released on May 29, fined \$10,000, and obliged to give a bond not to interfere in the affairs of the Boer government.

In an interview Mr. Butters says: "The Transvaal government is now settling down to assist the mining interests in every possible way. The government feels that to be abstinent is essential. A large amount of capital that has been made there is going to Australia or New Zealand, or else coming to this country. Many capitalists think that less attention has been paid to the gold resources of the United States than to those of the Transvaal. It is really a benefit to other gold producing countries."

"The United States hold first place as a gold-producing country," said Mr. Butters, "and I do not think it will ever be overtaken. The business of gold producing has really become one of the most important in the world. The financial houses of Europe are beginning to recognize that fact and many of them are organizing a mining development company of the United States that as far as his observations went, it was not considered proper here in the Eastern States for a first-class financial house to be interested in gold mining; this feeling he thought had been carried on the part of the men in the United States become more fully acquainted with those who are making the investments and carrying on the work. The confidence which has been placed in American mining engineers and the chairman laid stress upon the fact that the means must be peaceful. The members are now considering the question of being incorporated."

At the meeting in this city last night a constitution and by-laws were adopted. The object sought is the independence of Canada by legitimate and pacific means, and the chairman laid stress upon the fact that the means must be peaceful. The members are now considering the question of being incorporated.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN QUEBEC.

QUEBEC, Dec. 10.—The provincial budget, brought down last evening, appropriates 450,000 acres of the public lands to serve as a source of revenue for public schools of the province. Until the proceeds from these lands amount to \$50,000 annually, the required sum will be added from the general finances of the province. Free text books in all public schools is also announced. These steps on the part of the Quebec government are the result of the recent disclosures in the press of the proportion of illiteracy throughout the province and the general shortcomings of the educational system in vogue.

Another Big Flood.

TACOMA, Dec. 9.—(Special)—Western Washington has been suffering from the worst floods of the season. For hours the tropical Chinook, like a steam radiator, has been getting in its deadly work on the two feet of snow in the mountains. The process is being augmented by a rain storm that extends all over the Pacific division of the Northern Pacific. From these causes the water is sent rolling down in torrents into the mountain streams and brooks, which are swollen beyond the capacity of their banks. In many cases the rush of waters to the sea is accompanied by destruction. All small outbuildings in the valleys that remain in the path of the November flood are in danger of being carried away by the latter freshets, which now promise to exceed the earlier one of the winter.

Winnipeg, Dec. 9.—(Special).—A large meeting of Roman Catholic residents was held this evening, at which strong resolutions were passed condemning the so-called school settlement and demanding British justice.

ESCAPE OF A SMUGGLER.

Lively Discussion Over the Dingley Tariff Bill—The Tariff Issue.

Vigorous Resolutions Introduced in Favor of the Independence of Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The house of representatives held a three-hour session to-day and passed a dozen bills of minor importance. A resolution for the distribution of the President's message among the various committees entitled to jurisdiction on the several topics was adopted.

The senate by the decisive vote of 35 to 21 adopted a resolution to take up the Dingley tariff and the silver bill. Unexpected and surprising as this action was, it had not the significance which the vote itself appears to convey. Immediately following it Mr. Aldrich of Rhode Island, one of the Republican members of the finance committee, moved to recommit the bill to that committee, and this motion was pending when the morning hour expired and the entire matter lapsed as though no vote had been taken.

Neither the bill for Mr. Aldrich's motion enjoys the privilege of precedence, as a result of the action to-day. It served, however, for some lively parliamentary fencing between Mr. Allen, the author of the motion, and Messrs. Chandler, Hale and Aldrich, as well as for an exposition of the uncertain shifting elements within the Senate when a vote is precipitated on an important public question. The debate was at times sharp and personal.

Mr. Allen was very blunt in his expressions and taunted the Republican Senator for bringing in the Dingley bill after conducting a tariff campaign. "It has gone out from the Republican party in the Republican party," said Mr. Allen at one point, "that with the incoming administration, we are to have an extraordinary session of congress for the purpose of revising the tariff laws."

Thus Mr. Allen ran along, touching on many points that have hitherto been reserved for caucus consideration. Mr. Chandler reminded Mr. Allen that not only had the tariff won, but free silver by the U. S. alone had lost the recent election, and he urged Mr. Allen to aid in a genuine effort to execute the will of the people.

Mr. Hale took occasion to state with frankness that the Republican senator expected that the actual majority in the next senate would make tariff legislation more easy of accomplishment than it is now.

Mr. Aldrich's first move was to have the bill referred back to the finance committee, with instructions to strike off the silver amendment, but later he accepted the suggestion of Mr. Harris, to omit the instructions. It was in this form that the question of recommitment was pending when 2 o'clock arrived and cut off the debate.

Early in the day three sets of vigorous resolutions for Cuban independence furnished an interesting feature. They came from Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Mills, of Texas; and Mr. Call, of Florida; and while differing in terms, all breathe the same spirit of recognition by the U. S. of Cuban independence.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Pending the preparation of the next appropriation bill, the house again to-day devoted its time to the consideration of bills on the calendar, but only two were passed during the first hour's session. One of them was a bill which the prominent playwrights and theatrical managers of the country have been laboring for some years to induce congress to pass. The purpose of the measure is two-fold.

To secure to musical compositions the same measure of protection under the copyright law as is now afforded to productions of a strictly dramatic character, and

2. To add, by proper court injunction process, this protection to the authors of dramatic and operatic works.

The bill imposes a fine of \$100 for the first and \$50 for each subsequent unauthorized production of a bill to prohibit the sale of liquor in the capital building was also passed.

The senate will go into the regular channel of business to-day, taking up the immigration bill and partly perfecting it, and also hearing the first of the speeches on Cuba, those of Mr. Cullum, and Mr. Call.

The disposition to put through the immigration bill was shown by the defeat of a motion of Mr. Gibson, of Maryland, to postpone the measure until after the holidays. Only thirteen votes, all Democrats, were given in favor of the postponement. The proposition served to involve Messrs. Chandler, Lodge and Gibson in several spirited personal colloquies. The merits of the immigration question were discussed in a general way on several proposed amendments, Messrs. Vest and Palmer suggesting that lines should be placed on the restriction, while Messrs. Lodge and Chandler urged that the restrictions be sweeping in their character. The bill was not passed up to the time of adjournment, but the senate agreed to what is generally known as the Lodge bill as a substitute to the House measure. The substitute requires that all immigrants over the age of 14 years shall be able to read and write their native language, and shall be required to read and write in the presence of a United States official at least five lines of the United States constitution.

The subsequent speeches of Mr. Cullum and Mr. Call were listened to by crowded galleries indicating the public interest in the subject. The senate then adjourned over to Monday.

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ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

Government Interviewed by Prominent Shipping Men—Increased Trade With Australia.

The Ministerial Policy With Regard to Impracticable Military Officers.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 11.—Messrs. Torrance, Renard and Thom, Montreal steamship men, had a long interview with Hon. Mr. Laurier on fast Atlantic steamship matters.

Commissioner Larke reports to the trade department that the Huddart line cannot carry all the goods offered, and says that if the trade is to be retained an additional sailing vessel must go from Montreal or Halifax.

Hon. Mr. Laurier will address two meetings in Cornwall next week.

At the Ottawa garrison dinner last night, General Gascoigne intimated that where officers of certain corps could not agree the policy to adopt would be to disband the corps and reorganize it, so that impracticable officers might give way to others who would work in harmony.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—Hon. Mr. Laurier informs me that the government is in frequent communication with the British consul at Rio, regarding the unfortunate Canadians in Brazil.

Lieut.-Governor McLelan's appointment is gazetted to-day.

Parliament is prorogued pro forma until Tuesday, January 20.

The revenue last month decreased \$383,000 and the expenditure increased a million and a quarter.

J. A. Forin, of Rossland, is gazetted judge of Kootenay.

The ministers will take the views of the representatives of the farmers' organizations on the tariff after New Year.

Hon. Mr. Tarte says that no public work will hereafter be undertaken in his department unless he has personal knowledge of it.

THE VICE-REGAL PARTY.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 11.—(Special)—Lord and Lady Aberdeen reached Brandon to-day from the West. Lady Aberdeen met the Women's Council at 2 o'clock in the city hall, and at three Lord Aberdeen addressed the children at a presentation of prizes.

At four, Lady Aberdeen addressed a public meeting in the council chamber, and afterwards His Excellency enjoyed a game of curling. To-night the vice-regal party dined with Senator Kirchhoffer. They will reach here tomorrow.

C. J. Mickle, the provincial secretary chosen to succeed Hon. J. D. Cameron in the provincial office, was elected by acclamation for the Birle constituency to-day.

At a convention of Liberals of North Brandon, held to-day, A. C. Fraser was selected without opposition as the party candidate for the vacant seat in the legislature. The election takes place on Saturday of next week.

Nominations for Saskatchewan take place to-morrow at Prince Albert. It is said that Samuel Donaldson will contest the constituency as the Conservative candidate, against Messrs. Davis and McPhail, Liberals.

Charles Holmes, a farmer of Whitecourt, Assinibola, has lost his residence, granary and contents by fire.

COLUMBIA AND WESTERN.

ROSSLAND, Dec. 11.—(Special)—The contract was let yesterday by the Columbia and Western for twenty miles of trail to opposite Robson, Parsons, Winters & Boomer, of Butte, Mont., got it.

The road is to be finished by May 1, and the price is nearly \$600,000.

Hon. Messrs. Blair and Domville arrived here this afternoon. They spent yesterday evening and the forenoon to-day as the guests of F. A. Heinze, at Trail, inspecting the smelter. This afternoon they visited the Centre mines; will visit other big mines to-morrow and be entertained at a banquet by the board of trade in the evening.

It is definitely announced that the War Eagle smelter will be located at Northport, Wash. It will have a capacity of 250 tons per day, and will be in operation on May 1. The freight and treatment charges will be low enough to enable the moving of \$10 ore at a good profit.

The crescent tunnel on the Northern Belle has opened up a ledge 20 feet wide at a depth of 80 feet, two feet of clean ore being found on the hanging walls. The Gold Star, five miles northwest of the town, has tapped four feet of \$20 ore in the winze from the tunnel. The property is owned principally in Toronto.

TRADE IN CANADA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Bradstreet's to-morrow will say: General trade is quiet at Toronto. Collections are fair and prices unchanged. The bad condition of the country roads in Quebec has interfered with business at Montreal. The shipments of lumber from St. John, N.B., to South America have exceeded those of any recent season. Lumbering in New Brunswick has been checked by unfavorable weather. The movement of produce in Prince Edward Island is more active and prices have improved.

ABERDEEN AND HIS MINISTERS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 11.—(Special)—Le Monde says it has it from a very excellent source that Lord Aberdeen, acting upon superior instructions, has refused to sanction certain nominations, notably that of Hon. Mr. Smart, whom the government wished to make deputy minister of the interior at the price of a partisan dismissal. Lord Aberdeen, according to Le Monde, is absenting himself from the Capital for the purpose of rendering the situation less strained.

SEIZURE OF OPIUM.

HONOLULU, Dec. 1.—(Per steamer China to San Francisco, Dec. 11.)—About 480 half-pound tins of opium were captured by the customs house authorities December 1. They were found concealed in tins of soda crackers, in a shipment of 174 cases per the Mount Lebanon, by the Portland Cracker Co. to the Washington Feed Co., and Morris & Lowden, of the latter company, are under arrest.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—The local federal officials are much stirred up over the above story. The seizure is the largest since the capture of the schooner Henrietta. The freight from the Mount Lebanon was discharged at Honolulu on the Pacific Mail wharf at 7 o'clock in the morning. The vessel sailed that afternoon for Yokohama, leaving 174 cases of crackers on the wharf, shipped by the Portland Cracker Company and by the Washington Feed Company to A. L. Morris.

Besides these there were 100 cases of salmon, which were also inspected as soon as the opium was discovered. The first case of crackers opened was found to contain fifteen tins of opium. The salmon and cracker cases were immediately removed to a custom house, where eight out of forty cases were found to contain 480 tins of the drug. At Honolulu, it is said, people believe that three prominent islanders are implicated in the smuggling scheme. All the cases found to contain opium were marked "sodas" in black letters, and had the words "Washington Feed Company" marked on them, with the name of a prominent island firm beneath.

STARTLING SUICIDE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Sarah Cooper and her daughter Harriet Cooper, were found dead in their home in this city, this morning, with the gas turned on and every evidence of suicide. Mrs. Cooper was president of the Kindergarten association, and her daughter was deputy superintendent. Mrs. Cooper had lived here for thirty years and was widely known as an educator, philanthropist, and writer. In her will written yesterday, she requested that the bodies of herself and daughter be not taken to the morgue.

The Coopers had lived entirely alone, except for a Chinese cook who had been in their employ for twenty years. He has not yet been found. It is expected that he can throw some light on the tragedy. When the scandal concerning Dr. Brown of the First Congregational church, was first talked about, Mrs. Cooper stood by her pastor and expressed confidence in him. Later developments caused her to change her mind and she and her daughter became his most prominent opponents and accusers. Much bitterness in church circles was engendered by this action and estranged many of their friends and the suicide of mother and daughter is ascribed to their brooding over the coldness and snubs of former friends.

The woman on the Pacific Coast has been so prominent for a generation as Mrs. Cooper, who had often preached in Congregational pulpits and has been engaged in all the departments of Christian work. She formerly resided in New Orleans and acted as a nurse during the war.

THE SHARKEY CONSPIRACY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—The legal contest between Sharkey and Fitzsimmons for the possession of the \$100,000 purse has commenced before the superior court. Excitement was intense when the proceedings began in the crowded court room and Manager Julian brought out his witnesses to prove the conspiracy which he stated had deprived Fitzsimmons of the purse.

"Australian Billy" Smith, one of Sharkey's trainers, detailed his work in connection with preparing Sharkey for the ring, and said when the question of selecting a referee was mooted in Sharkey's training quarters he was asked to suggest some one. Witness suggested Hiram Cook, and Lynch then asked him if he knew Cook well enough to talk business with him.

Afterwards witness said Lynch characterized Cook as "no good," because he would not favor his own brother in a fight. On the evening of the fight Sharkey told witness that Earp had been fixed as referee, and that "Earp was in the right." Witness described the uproar over the preliminaries to the fight, and said that when Fitzsimmons objected to the bandages on Sharkey's wrists Earp went over to Sharkey's corner and said: "Take off those cloths, it will be all right anyway."

The Chinese government has issued instructions to the viceroys and governors throughout the empire to establish schools for teaching the English language and sciences in all the principal cities. The reason assigned is that China desires to keep herself on terms of equality and in touch with the great powers of Europe.

BOLD TRAIN ROBBERY.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 10.—The Iron Mountain fast express train outgoing, was held up one mile from the Union station, within the city limits, last night at 9:30 by six masked men. The door of the express car was blown off with dynamite, but no plunder was secured.

One of the men stood in the centre of the track and waved a red lantern, signifying that danger was ahead. The engineer stopped the train and no sooner had he done so than two masked men jumped upon the engine cab and, presenting their revolvers, told him to hold the engine still on pain of death.

The other robbers made for the express car, while the remaining two stood guard outside. In less than fifteen minutes the whole thing was over and the conductor hastened to the nearest telephone and notified the police.

LONG DRAWN OUT REPORT.

FORT COLLINS, Colo., Dec. 9.—Hon. John Murray, special agent of the United States treasury department, having charge of the sea fisheries of Alaska, is at his home here. Mr. Murray was accompanied from Alaska by the British commissioner, who are on their way to London to make their report to their government. Mr. Murray has forwarded a 3,000 page report to the authorities at Washington, covering the sealing question in the minutest details and will start in a few days to personally consult the treasury officials.

WINDSOR, Dec. 12.—A. L. Kirby, dry goods, has assigned on demand of Gault Bros., of Montreal, who had a chattel mortgage on his stock for \$3,000.

MACEO REALLY DEAD.

News Confirmed by His Personal Physician—Did Not Cross the Trocha.

The Spaniards Narrowly Escaped a Severe Defeat—Another Insurgent Leader Killed.

HAVANA, Dec. 11.—Dr. Zertucha, the personal physician of Antonio Maceo, who after surrendering to Colonel Tor at San Felipe, furnished the confirmation of the reported death of the Cuban leader, has given to the press an interview containing additional facts in connection with the case. It seems that Maceo and his companions did not cross the trocha or military line of Pinar del Rio in the sense generally understood. They passed from Pinar del Rio into Havana province, and may be said to have crossed the military line. But they went to sea in an open boat, which required five trips to take the whole party to the Banes, in the province of Matanzas. The boat would only hold eight men in addition to its haulers, it will be seen that Maceo's party was composed of forty men all told.

Dr. Zertucha states that Major Cirujeda narrowly escaped severe defeat and possible capture at the hands of the insurgents. He also says that the insurgents in the vicinity of Melena have deserted the Cuban cause and have surrendered to the Spanish authorities.

The Doctor adds that Bermudez, one of the surviving insurgent leaders, was wounded fatally in the abdomen on Dec. 3. Dispatches received from the latter confirms this statement, and it is officially stated here to-day that Miroa, the insurgent leader who accompanied Antonio Maceo out of Pinar del Rio, was also wounded by the side of the great Cuban soldier.

Finally it is stated that Alberto Nodera, Alfredo Gustavo, Ramon Hucada and Gordon, all staff officers of Maceo, were killed in the Panama canal during their leader fell. Dr. Zertucha, who has been placed at liberty, has asked permission to leave Cuba for Spain and there is little doubt that his request will be granted. Business on the Bourse has been suspended in order that the members may indulge in many manifestations of joy at the death of Maceo.

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The Daily News Rome correspondent says it is asserted that Spain has asked the Pope to sound the European nations as to whether they would support Spain in a war with the United States.

El Diario de la Marina, of Havana, in commenting on President Cleveland's message, says: "The President, if he is sincere in his expressions as to his impartial conduct towards Spain, should have expelled the Cubans filibustering on American territory, long since. The paper also disputes President Cleveland's assertion that the insurgents hold two-thirds of the island. It says that the U. S. should attend to the solution of its own international affairs and leave Spain to settle her."

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The Queen's government has abandoned the federation bill owing to the opposition shown to the measure. The Athenaeum announces to-day that Lord Acton has undertaken to edit for the Cambridge University press a twelve volume history of modern times, beginning with the Renaissance. Each subject is to be arranged by a competent specialist. For example, W. E. H. Lecky is to write on the reign of George IV, Field Marshall Lord Welby on the reign of George V, Payne on the Discovery of America; Prof. Sir Frederick Pollock on the Results of International Law, etc. The contributors are to include James Bryce, Prof. F. Flint, John Morley, Professors O'Reighan, R. Gardiner, Hutton, Jobb and others.

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SEATTLE, Dec. 11.—The Seattle restaurant keepers have organized a trust or a union, and are preparing to make an elevation in prices. The recent rise in prices of all kinds of meats and produce, and the prospect of still further advances have gone far to wipe out their slender margin of profits. They assert that under existing conditions they have been losing money, and it became necessary to either raise prices or go out of business. Some thirty of the restaurant keepers of Seattle met last evening. An informal discussion followed, from which it appeared that the sentiment was unanimous in favor of raising the prices, and a tentative agreement, not to take effect until after the next meeting, was reached to add 5 cents to the price of all meals. Thus when the agreement is finally signed, the price of meals in the 10-cent restaurants will be raised to 15 cents, in the 15-cent restaurants to 20 cents and in the 20-cent restaurants to 25 cents.

THE VENEZUELAN SETTLEMENT. NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—A special to the Journal from Caracas, Venezuela, says: "The cabinet held a protracted session yesterday. It was devoted exclusively to the consideration of the treaty which has been agreed upon by Secretary Olney and Lord Salisbury for the arbitration of the Guiana boundary dispute. At the close of the meeting it was announced that the cabinet has formally accepted the treaty, subject to ratification by congress. That body does not meet in regular session until next February, but it is not improbable that it will be specially called to act on this matter of rejection reposed in it by constitutional prerogative. But the action of the cabinet renders it all but certain that the agreement will be ratified. The press and public generally are adverse to the treaty. The main objection is that no provision is made for the direct representation of Venezuela at the arbitration.

EX-QUEEN LILIUOKALANI SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—Among the passengers on the steamer China, from Honolulu to-day, was ex-Queen Liliuokalani, of Hawaii. Much speculation was indulged in by the passengers regarding her destination, about which she herself was uncommunicative. It was freely said that she was en route to Washington City to plead with President Cleveland and certain congressmen for American intervention in Hawaiian affairs, looking to her restoration to the Hawaiian throne. On the part of the press it was said that she was merely on a pleasure trip through the United States and that she would extend her trip to Europe, and that the trip was taken with the full consent of the Hawaiian government at Honolulu, which granted her full pardon for her complicity in the native uprising of one year ago.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION. (Special to the Colonist.) OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—The Dominion government has decided to appoint a commission to inquire into the condition and working of the industrial schools in Manitoba, the Northwest and British Columbia. It is considered that a large amount of money expended on the schools an adequate return is not received. Hon. Messrs. Tarte and Sifton will be appointed a committee of the cabinet to prepare the mode of inquiry.

TORONTO, Dec. 10.—(Special)—The Globe's Ottawa correspondent quotes Sir Henry Strong as declaring that he would not regard the dual position of Chief Justice of Canada and member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council as inconsistent. Sir Henry declined, however, to say anything more, as he thought too much already had been said of matters, which were not understood.

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LORD AND LADY ABERDEEN arrived here from the West to-day. This afternoon His Excellency took part in a curling match, but the weather was too mild for good curling. The Conservatives are preparing for a general Western convention to be held here about January 20. Horace Buley, aged 17, fell down an elevator shaft of about 40 feet to-day. He escaped with a broken arm. PARIS, Dec. 9.—The budget committee of the chamber of deputies to-day heard the Premier, M. Mellin, as well as M. Cochery, minister of finance, and Admiral Bernard, minister of marine, on the subject of M. Lockroy's amendment, demanding a credit of 200,000,000 francs for the navy. The minister of marine declared that the condition of the navy was not so unfavorable as was generally believed. The government had been studying a programme for increasing the strength of the fleet and it would soon be decided to ask parliament for money to carry it out.

CHOLERA HAS DISAPPEARED. NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—A despatch to the Herald from Singapore says: Since the rains set in the amount of sickness has diminished, cholera has disappeared and there have been no cases of plague. An increase of sickness has been experienced all over the East, but the health of the town has much improved. The sanitary state of Singapore has not been good during the last two years. In the middle of last year an outbreak of cholera occurred involving the death of over 400 persons. In October of this year a similar outbreak of cholera occurred. It is confined, however, entirely to Asiatics, and especially Chinese coolies, only one or two Europeans or Europeans being attacked. The dryness of the seasons has doubtless much to do with the prevalence of cholera, remittent and intermittent fevers.

ELECTION IN CORNWALL. CORNWALL, Dec. 12.—(Special)—Rev. Father Corbett prints a letter in a local paper, replying to Mr. Tarte in Le Cultivateur. He says: To be attacked by a man who could breathe a black insinuation of treachery against the late Archbishop Tache is a certificate of character for honesty, uprightness and courage which any man might well covet. Reports from all parts of Cornwall and Stormont are eminently satisfactory to Mr. Leitch, the Conservative candidate. The government is making a desperate effort to capture the constituency, and the country is overrun with paid organizers. The importance attached to the result of this election is shown in the fact that no less than seven members of the cabinet have spoken or are announced to speak in different parts of the riding.

IN THE FATHERLAND.

Consequences of the Revelations in the Recent Political Trials—Hostile to Hohenlohe.

Rebel Promises Interesting Developments—Trade Relations With the United States.

BERLIN, Dec. 12.—The revelations of the Luetow trial and the arrest of Baron von Tausche, are having unimagined consequences, one of which is that the whole police spy system as organized under von Puttkamer, will be either modified or abolished. The Emperor, since his return from Hanover and Buckenbrunn, has conferred with Count zu Eulenberg, Police Chief Windheim, Prince von Hohenlohe and von Bieberstein and it is reported that he is in no way satisfied with the bold public way in which Prince von Hohenlohe and Marschall unearthed the police espionage system. A scene between the Emperor and von Bieberstein at the new palace is reported to have been very animated. It is claimed that the minister of foreign affairs tendered his resignation, which was refused. It is certain that the court clique hostile to the Baron and Prince Hohenlohe, with Count zu Eulenberg at its head, is again in the ascendant. It is significant that His Majesty conferred with many persons on the recent events before he conferred with the Prince Hohenlohe and Baron von Bieberstein. Von Tausche had powerful and influential backers. His trial has been fixed for three weeks hence, and it is not doubted that it will develop new and sensational facts.

Count Herbert Bismarck visited his father this week, and the next day the Hamburger Nachrichten came out with

BEARING SEA CLAIMS.
(FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, Dec. 11.)
United States Will Begin Their Defence in the Carolea Case To-Day.
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The evidence on behalf of the claim of the schooner Carolea was practically finished yesterday, with the exception of the extracts from the report of the proceedings at the Paris tribunal, to which the United States had objected on the previous day, and the admissibility of which has not yet been decided.

The Grand Jury Water, Power and Light Co., which has been operating an electric light, power and tramway plant in Slovan City and Brandon will seek incorporation by private act at the approaching session of the local legislature.

THE CITY.
With the present number the COLONIST enters upon its 39th year of publication.

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CURIOUS COINCIDENCE.
What one would naturally consider had been carefully planned to happen by curious coincidence in the matrimonial line last evening, when two of the steamer Joan's officers became benefactors almost at the same hour—each choosing as his bride a Miss Macdonald, and their arrangements for the honeymoon being exactly similar.

"I did not know," said Mr. J. Grimison, one of the happy bridegrooms, last evening, "that the lady who was going to be married. All I said about my plans aboard was that I would be in Victoria at a certain date."

His was truly a charming home wedding, nicely arranged and carried on amid social surroundings of the merriest kind. It took place at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Macdonald, Victoria West, where the ceremony was performed at 7:30 o'clock by Rev. Solomon Cleaver, pastor of the Metropolitan church.

As for the subsequent proceedings of the marriage they correspond nicely with those of the other matrimonial event of the evening—that of the spending of three or four hours in jollification at the house, driving afterward to the charter and embarking for Vancouver, en route to their new home in Nanaimo.

It was at the home of Capt. Butler, on Montreal street, that the second marriage was celebrated and the inspired shipmate proved to be the good natured chief, Mr. J. M. Greenshields, of the Joan's engine room, while the bride was Miss Elinor D. McDonald, the second eldest daughter of Mr. George Macdonald, of Comox. Rev. W. Leslie Clay extended the nuptial knot while supporting the contracting couple were Captain William Whiteley and Miss Macdonald, a sister of the bride. The wedding was a private affair but it was nevertheless the occasion of the presentation of many

pretty gifts. Mr. Greenshields joined the Joan six months after she was built and is a decidedly well-liked member of her staff.

A third wedding of yesterday was that of Mr. C. Dobson, a prominent resident of Duncan, to Miss Bunt, of Chipping, Yorkshire, Eng., whom she had but very recently arrived. Mr. and Mrs. Dobson left for the Sound on their wedding tour last evening but will return in time to spend Christmas at their future home in Duncan; where a cordial reception awaits them. Mr. George Lewis, of Cowichan, was a witness of yesterday's interesting ceremony.

SONS OF ENGLAND EXPLAINED IN DETAIL.
Celebrate Their Twenty-Second Anniversary By a Dinner at the Hotel Victoria.
A Jolly Evening Spent in Feasting and Listening to Patriotic Speeches and Songs.
What He and His Associates Propose to Do For the Benefit of Mining.

Loyalty to the Empire and pride in the old land from which they sprung was the prevailing sentiment at the dinner at which the Sons of England celebrated their twenty-second anniversary at the Hotel Victoria last night. It was a joyous gathering, with a bountiful spread, not forgetting huge joints of the "roast beef of Old England," with good ale to wash it down. The bill was a varied and excellent one and proved Mr. J. P. Byrnes, proprietor of the Victoria, a most capable caterer. The dining room presented a bright and cheerful scene, the walls hung with bunting with the Union Jack in the place of honor behind the Chairman, Lieut.-Col. Prior, M.P. There were over seventy guests around the tables and all seemed to be thoroughly enjoying themselves, for they joined with hearty good will in the patriotic songs that accompanied the toasts and made by those who proposed or responded to them.

The toast list was much shorter than at most public dinners and gave greater scope for singing between—a much pleasanter mode of passing the evening than the long succession of speeches that usually accompanies the ordinary public dinner in Victoria. Regrets for inability to be present were read from Sir C. H. Tappin, Mr. Thomas Earle, M.P., and Hon. J. H. Turner, premier of the province.

The loyal toast of "The Queen," accompanied by the singing of the National Anthem, was followed by "The Dominion and Local Parliaments," proposed by Mr. C. E. Redfern in a short patriotic speech, in which he spoke of the debt Britons owed to their legislators for the struggles that had resulted in the system of responsible government under which the Empire is ruled to-day. The reply to the toast, devoted upon Lieut.-Col. Prior, M.P., who made a short and witty speech.

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OVERLAND TO CARIBOO.
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SALMON CANNERS.
Yesterday morning Hon. Mr. Davies, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, had an informal conference with a number of gentlemen interested in the salmon cannery industry on the Fraser, Skeena and Naas Rivers, Rivers Inlet and the present were: Messrs. Thomas Macdonald, M.P., W. A. Ward, M.T., Johnston, H. Dempster, R. Cunningham, R. Seabrook, Parker, H. A. Munro, F. J. Claxton and Robertson. In the discussion the cannery men intimated that they had little fault to find with the fisheries regulations as they at present stood, but inasmuch as they applied to a thousand miles of coast line, it would be desirable to change them in some details, notably in respect to close seasons. For example, the close season on the Skeena was earlier than that on the Fraser, and it was suggested that to apply uniform rules. It was asked that hatcheries be placed in the Skeena, Rivers Inlet and Naas, the success of the Fraser River hatcheries justifying this. It was also suggested that the department should spend more time in the province and more time in visiting the spawning grounds and collect reliable scientific data as to salmon life.

The minister in reply said in regard to the hatcheries that it could not be said that they had yet passed the experimental stage although the department felt that the system already in vogue should be extended. He expressed his pleasure at hearing that no dissatisfaction was expressed by the cannery men and remarked that there was no reason why Professor Prince of his department, who was a thoroughly trained expert, should not spend a considerable portion of each year in British Columbia. He pointed out that while the department would do its best to aid the industry the fishermen could do a great deal also by securing the endeavors of the department.

In honor of the visit to Victoria of Hon. Mr. Davies, minister of marine and fisheries, Dr. Milne last evening entertained at the residence "Pinehurst," Dallas road, the following gentlemen: Hon. Mr. Davies, Hon. Senator McIntyre, Mr. Ure, vice-consul of the United States, Dr. O. M. Jones, Mr. A. L. Bethune, Mr. W. H. Ellis and Mr. C. E. Jones.

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POINT ELLICE BRIDGE.
The appeal of the City of Victoria from the order of Mr. Justice Drake, given in October, directing that the city must put the pile bridge at Point Ellice in proper condition for tramway traffic, was heard by the Full court yesterday.

The works proper being a private enterprise and one that the council unanimously hoped to see successfully established—and Mr. Cowell not yet being ready to put a more definite proposition before the council—the conference of last evening eventually terminated at the suggestion of Ald. Williams, the board wishing the project success and promising it careful consideration. It is highly probable that the government board of trade and other representative public bodies will also be afforded opportunity very shortly of setting upon it the seal of their approval.

The proposition, Mr. Cowell explained, was simply that sampling and testing works be established in Victoria capable of treating large specimens of ore, say 10 tons, enabling the owners to test their ore and to obtain an indication of the value of a mining property, while this character had been used in operation in the Dominion, and hence Mr. Canada would necessarily look to Victoria for definite and pre-arranged information as to ore values. The proposed works would be an immense advantage in the first place to the intending investor in mining property, who at present was unfortunately compelled in a great measure to "go it blind," and to make a purchase of specimens being no reliable indication of the value of a mining property, while the testing of a ten ton sample would enable the investor to ascertain just what he was getting for his money. Again the mine owner would derive great benefit from the operation of such works, as he would thus be enabled to determine precisely and at once the best method of treatment to be adopted for his particular ore, and to avoid altogether with the heavy losses now experienced in this province through the use of unsuitable plants in attempts to work what, with the proper methods and appliances for their particular characteristics, would be good and profitable mines.

In brief, the proposal was to have a small smelter and a small stamp mill, day, and in connection with the latter, chlorination works and the cyanide process, as well as some little plant for the leaching of silver by the Russell process. Each works would not trench at all upon the territory of the latter, and the smelter for the business of large private smelters for their bullion—not to make tests of value. In fact, in a small lot of ore, say a single carload, was sent to one of the large smelters for a mill test to be run through with other receipts of ore and its value approximately determined by the assay of an ounce specimen perhaps. The mine owner would be no satisfied with the information in his possession; nor could it be expected that the proprietors of a large smelter would clean out their plant and make a special run of 80 small a quantity of 10 or 14 tons in order that the mine owner might have positive information as to the value of his ore. The mill test was not a new discovery, but one of the oldest and best methods in the world, and one that he who is contemplating to work in Victoria would not aim to handle ores as a matter of routine, his business being simply to test samples and supply exact statements of the service. It would also provide opportunity for educating the young men of British Columbia and Canada in the assaying and treatment of ores, enabling them to obtain a practical and thorough knowledge of all branches of the profession, which owing to the natural conditions of the country must continue as to-day, one of the most important in British Columbia. Prospective mine owners during the winter months, would be enabled to study the character and value of all classes of mining machinery; and they would thus be the better equipped for the prosecution of their important work. And lastly it could not but bring business to Victoria to have such works in operation in the city, and for this reason he thought the cordial support of the board should be extended to the project.

In reply to questions of Ald. Williams and Wilson, Mr. Cowell explained that while the establishment of a large commercial smelter would mean an expenditure of half a million or more, his scheme could be carried out for perhaps \$10,000—\$5,000 or \$8,000 for the plant and \$10,000 to keep the works going until such time as their great practical utility should have been demonstrated and business commenced to flow in as a result. The people of Kootenay would in all likelihood send their large ore samples for treatment—such as San Francisco or New York—as they were unappreciated; and at the same time the advantage to be gained by the establishment of mining districts in the other corner of the province. The Serita and Gordon river ores offered specially good material for treatment—in fact the Serita and Texas Island ores would be particularly susceptible to satisfactory treatment. In regard to the Gordon river rock, it appeared to be identical with that of the famous Le Roi. In the latter there were frequent valuable shatters of high grade ore and careful prospecting showed the Gordon ore to be of a similar in formation they would undoubtedly prove of great value.

Mr. PARTRIDGE inquired if a company had been formed to do anything in this sampling work, and if not, what was desired of the council? To this Mr. Cowell replied that the one, was in formation, and he, for moral support to the council, would doubtless be of great advantage in bringing the undertaking to a successful issue, while at a later date the company might

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Vancouver Municipal Affairs—School Examinations—Anti-Mongolian League—Burglars at Work.

The Municipal Act as Affecting Certain Townships—Burglaries at Vancouver.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 10.—A meeting of the Municipal League was held last night, for the purpose of arranging for ward meetings. Eight new members handed in their names, and meetings will be held during the next few days in all the wards of the city.

The sub-committee of the city council on light, railways and tramways held their first meeting since yesterday, when a letter was read from the city clerk of Victoria in regard to the V. V. & E. Ry. A reply was ordered to be sent to the effect that the council could not see its way clear to ask the provincial government to assume the sole responsibility of constructing a railway to the Slokan, but is strongly in favor of a road being built at the earliest possible moment, with such public aid and subject to such conditions as will safeguard the public interests.

Two long freight trains containing Ogilvie's flour, consigned for Australia, arrived in Vancouver to-day. There are some 38 carloads for the Antipodes. Along the cars are streamers in large letters of red and blue, bearing the inscriptions: "Transcontinental Trade," "Special for Australia," "Ogilvie's Hungarian," "The Largest Individual Miller in the World," "God Save the Queen," etc. An attempt will be made to-day to photograph the train.

A meeting of the Anti-Mongolian League was held to-night at the city hall. Other matters of more immediate importance have crowded out the interest in the league of late, but it is now being revived and may be a feature of the coming elections.

J. J. Godfrey has withdrawn from the firm of Russell & Godfrey, barristers, and joined the firm of Bower & Christie, barristers. F. R. McD. Russell, brother of J. A. Russell, who recently passed a creditable final in the legal examinations held in Victoria, has taken the place of Mr. Godfrey. The firm will henceforth be known as Russell & Russell.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 11.—The anti-Mongolian League held a meeting last night and arranged for a deputation to wait upon Hon. Mr. Davies during his visit to Vancouver to state the case in favor of restricting the importation of Chinese.

A meeting of Liberals was held on Wednesday evening, when it was decided to assist the cannermen and the board of trade in connection with the ministerial banquet. Mr. J. C. McLagan interviewed Hon. Mr. Davies in Victoria as to holding a public meeting here.

An attempt to burglarize a residence at a corner on Fenwick and Bute streets. The front door was forced, but the burglars were disturbed in their work by three shots fired by a resident in the house, whereupon they made good their escape without having been able to get possession of any booty.

The remains of the late David Geddes will be sent to Belgrade, Ont., for interment. The funeral will be held on Sunday, under the auspices of the I.O.O.F.

The banquet to Hon. Mr. Davies will be held in the Hotel Vancouver on Monday evening. Tickets are \$5.

The regular monthly session of the County court was held yesterday, Judge Bole presiding. Several cases were called, but adjourned until to-day.

The interest in the approaching municipal elections is increasing. Mr. Alex. McKenzie, assistant-stockskeeper of the C.P.R., is mentioned as a likely candidate for aldermanic honors in Ward 2, and also Mr. T. F. Neelds.

Certain amendments, introduced into the Municipal act of 1896, are causing consternation in the suburban municipalities around here. The changes are said to have caused the wholesale disfranchisement of large non-resident taxpayers.

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Clark was celebrated last evening at the residence of Mr. W. A. Clark, Homer street.

The library board held its usual meeting yesterday, when it was reported that a large number of new books had been purchased from New York and London. The librarian was granted the use of the reading room for the annual Christmas dinner to be given to those in need, as has been the custom for several years.

The committee appointed to examine the building and report as to its stability for the purpose of an institute stated that they had carefully gone into the matter but were not in a position to make a detailed report.

The Nationalist Association, of Vancouver, held their usual meeting last night, when matters pertaining to the approaching municipal elections were discussed. The question of the purchase of the stone quarries at Granite Falls was brought up as a possible investment by the city and favorably considered.

Mountain Rose and Orphan Boy are the most active stocks in Vancouver at present. They have been selling for the past week freely for about one cent below the quotations generally seen in the newspapers. In Westminister, for a few days past, Snow Drop and Red Eagle seemed to have received more attention in the market than any other stock. Golden Cache has been transferred several times from \$1.65 to \$1.75 in Vancouver. Channe is still held very firm.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 10.—A public meeting will be held in the city hall this evening to discuss municipal matters. The candidates for the position of mayor and aldermen will be present and address the electors.

An attempt to burglarize the residence of Mr. Knight on Brantford street has been reported to the police, and Mr. Lander's house at Burnaby was entered during his absence and clothing valued at about \$10 taken away. In the latter case the marauders appear to have made use of the house for a day or two.

Four arrests were made by the police yesterday of doubtful-looking characters, who will be brought up to-day on the charge of vagrancy. If nothing further can be proved against them they will be ordered to clear out of the city at short notice.

Between 45 and 50 miles per hour was the velocity attained by the wind yesterday morning, according to the report of Captain Peele.

Mr. H. O. Chamberlin and wife were passengers on the Warrimoo for Honolulu, a change of climate being desirable for the benefit of Mr. Chamberlin's health. The city loses in Mr. Chamberlin a desirable citizen and the rifle association an excellent member.

The new warden of the penitentiary, Mr. Whyte, has taken the oath of office and assumed his position.

Communication with up-river points having been re-established the Transcontinental Coal Co., was united in a large consignment of freight yesterday. The market will be well supplied again to-morrow and a large business is expected.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Dec. 10.—It has been decided, for the winter months, to hold meetings of the Miners and Mine Laborers' Protective Association, every Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The first weekly meeting will be held next Saturday, when matters of the utmost importance will come up for consideration.

Geo. A. Taylor, head carpenter of the New Vancouver Coal Co., was united in matrimonial bonds to Miss E. A. Feuten on Monday evening in St. Philip's church, Cedar district. Rev. E. G. Miller officiating. The wedding was private, only a few intimate friends being present.

At the close of the ceremony the wedding party proceeded to the residence of Mr. Geo. Woobank, Cedar district, where a splendid supper had been prepared. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor received many hearty congratulations, with numerous well wishes for their future happiness and prosperity.

BOUNDARY CREEK.

(From the Boundary Creek Times.) C. B. Bash is again superintending development work on the Victoria, Camp McKinney. The upper tunnel is now in over 70 feet and the lower one 20 feet.

The Boundary Creek M. & C. Co. have let a contract to sink a 20 foot shaft on the quartz ledge of the O.B. This ledge is said to be 25 feet wide. The company also intend to employ four men of the Big Ledge; assays from this claim give \$25 to \$35 in gold.

Tom Walsh brought in some very pretty ore from the Black Hawk, on which he recently sank a 13-foot shaft. The ore is galena and quartz showing fine gold.

John Christie, after sinking thirteen feet on a ledge of pyrrhotite, struck a body of bluish-looking quartz about ten feet wide between apparently defined walls, on the Nightingale this week.

Admiral Selwyn, the inventor of the Zymean process of extracting gold, silver and copper, has written to say that he is confident that by this process Trail McKenzie (Boundary Creek) ore can be treated at the small cost of \$1.25 per ton. Mr. Moulton Barrett contemplated at one time installing a Zymean plant at Greenwood.

W. T. Smith left on Sunday for Spokane to arrange with the directors of the Republican Mining Company for the working of the Last Chance in Smith's camp. The company own the non-sonch, the Republic and the Last Chance. All three properties are to be thoroughly exploited after the New Year.

NOT NEGOTIATING.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Minister Hatch, of Hawaii, has authorized a denial of the report that negotiations were progressing for a treaty of annexation between Hawaii and the United States. The report alleged that Secretary Olney had such a treaty before him. Cooper, the Hawaiian minister of foreign affairs, who has been in Washington for the past week, has left for Honolulu, via San Francisco.

POINTS ON "SPRAYING"

Provincial Inspector Palmer Delivers a Highly Interesting and Instructive Lecture. Valuable Suggestions for Orchardists From a Practical and Eminent Authority.

At the last regular fortnightly meeting of the Victoria District Fruit Growers' Association Mr. R. M. Palmer, provincial inspector of fruit pests, gave a highly interesting and instructive lecture on the spraying of fruit trees and bushes, before a large and attentive audience.

In commencing, Mr. Palmer said that spraying must not be regarded as the one thing necessary to make any orchard produce good, clean fruit, as, in addition, proper care, cultivation and a supply of plant food were essential; but it should be borne in mind that if the latter two things are neglected, spraying would be to no avail, and the most satisfactory results to the fruit grower.

In the course of his remarks, which were given only in part, Mr. Palmer explained that the fruit growing in this province was a very wide one and could be done but partial justice to at one meeting, so he would confine himself on this occasion to a general outline of the principles and practice of spraying, with a few illustrations of its application.

He advised his hearers to study at their leisure the reports issued by the Board of Agriculture and the Provincial Fruit Growers' Association (copies of which could be obtained from him), and that he make themselves acquainted with the life history, habits and appearance of the common injurious insects, as without some knowledge of this kind it would be impossible to spray intelligently, and the fruit grower would be at a disadvantage.

For spraying purposes most insects could be divided into two classes: (1) Those taking their food by biting or chewing the tissues of the leaf, stem or fruit; and (2) Those having instead of jaws a pointed tube or beak which they push into the cells of the plant and through which they suck the juices of their host.

In the first case, insects may be destroyed by placing particles of poison upon their food; in the second, by applying to the insects some substance which kills by contact. In addition to these methods various substances are used to prevent the attacks of insects, which are offensive to them, or act as mechanical barriers against their operations.

In many cases remedies intended to be used against one class of insects are useless against those of another class. In spraying it is very important that the work should be done at the proper time. Nearly all insects, pests and fungous diseases are most weaker, and consequently easier destroyed, at some one period of their existence than at any other, and advantage should be taken of this fact in dealing with them.

In the case of aphides, or plant lice, these are comparatively few in number in the early part of the season, but when the conditions are favorable they multiply rapidly, and in a few specimens, we may have countless millions to contend with.

Many insects during the early part of their life, but become much harder and much more difficult to destroy as they develop, and also because they extend their operations over a larger area, increase the difficulty of dealing with them.

In speaking of fungous diseases Mr. Palmer said that in this district leaf injury had occurred during the past season than previously. The development of fungous diseases largely upon favorable conditions and spraying against them should be regarded as a form of insurance, being preventive in its action rather than remedial. The spores or germs of fungous diseases are destroyed or prevented from establishing themselves by the action of the spraying mixture upon them.

The manner in which parasitic fungous growths develop on plants was explained, showing that when they are well established, little good could be done by spraying, and the necessity of thorough work before this takes place, emphasized. As fungous growths are not destroyed by being less fruit, which is often left hanging to the trees, the necessity of having such gathered and destroyed was pointed out, in fact, all dead or decayed limbs and branches of trees or bushes should be cut off and the rubbish which is often allowed to collect in the garden or orchard should be gathered up and the whole burned before spraying is done.

For use during the dormant season and before growth starts in the spring, Mr. Palmer advised the No. 1 spraying mixture (lime, salt and sulphur wash), which should be applied warm, choosing, if possible, fine weather for the work, so that the mixture can become dry and set, when it will adhere for a long time. It should be applied to all fruit trees and bushes, as beside being a good winter insecticide, it has also great value as a fungicide. The use of Bordeaux mixture (spray No 4) was advised against fungous diseases, following closely the directions given in the reports. Fruit growers were also advised to apply to the experimental farm at Ottawa for copies of bulletin 23, which dealt at length with the subject.

At future meetings Mr. Palmer will deal more in detail with orchard pests, and give, when possible, object lessons on the orchard, and with specimens of insects or diseases of fruit trees. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Palmer for his instructive lecture, and a very interesting discussion ensued.

Before the meeting closed, Mr. Palmer announced that the annual meeting of the Provincial Fruit Growers' Association would be held in Victoria during January, when the subject of the co-operative marketing of fruit would be the chief matter taken up. At the next meeting of this association at Cedar Hill schoolhouse on Dec. 22, the subject of "Commercial Fertilizers" will be handled in a practical manner by Mr. W. C. Grant of Gordon Head.

MONTEREAL, Dec. 10.—The C.P.R. traffic returns for the week ending Dec. 7 were \$381,000; for the same week last year, \$452,000.

FROM TRAIL TO ROBSON.

ROSSLAND, Dec. 10.—Tenders for the construction of the second section of the Columbia & Western Railway, from Trail to Robson, have been opened. The road will cost nearly \$60,000. It is expected that the contract will be awarded to a Bute firm.

Hon. A. G. Blair, Minister of Railways and Canals, and Col. Domville, M.P., were in Sandon yesterday. They arrive at Kaslo to-day, and to-morrow they will be tendered a banquet in Rossland. They will leave for the Coast, via Spokane, on Monday, Col. Domville, in the course of a speech, said that the Southern Kootenay needs the Crow's Nest Pass Railway very much indeed.

A new lode has been discovered on the Corey claim on Bee Mountain. This claim lies to the northwest of Rossland, between the Giant and Nevada claims, and adjoins the Golden Queen. It was purchased recently by C. J. McCraig of Montreal for \$35,000.

What is supposed to be one wall of the Consolidated St. Elmo lode has been broken into by the tunnel now being driven by the St. Elmo company through the Consolidated company's ground. A foot of solid copper pyrites has been disclosed.

In the Jumbo mine a drift 12 feet in width has been started from the main tunnel to the south cross-cut, distant 1000 feet from the Bee Mountain. Mr. J. M. Linnard has concluded the purchase of the Gopher claim which lies between the Homestake and the R. E. Lee group. The price paid was \$41,000 cash. This deal consolidates under one management some of the leading claims in the south belt of the Trail Creek mining division, these being the Homestake, Gopher, Maid of Erin and R. E. Lee.

Work on all four claims has been resumed. An offer of \$100,000 cash, made on behalf of an English company for the Homestake alone, was refused yesterday.

FOR THE JAPAN COAST.

The sealer Mermaid, whose experience with whaling in crossing the Pacific two years ago, formed the theme of numerous newspaper stories, is again about to start for the Japan Coast waters. These hunting grounds will after all, it is said, see nearly as many of the Victoria vessels this year as last. The rough weather off the coasts of Oregon and California leads some of the less venturesome sealers to decline experimental expeditions. They say these cruises may prove profitable, but the risk involved is hazardous in the extreme for all save the staunchest craft. The association, which practically regulates the entire industry, has completed organization, and at a meeting yesterday afternoon elected Mr. R. Seabrook, of R. P. Rithet & Co., its secretary. Mr. Richard Hall is its secretary. So far it has shipped no Indian crews, for of the four vessels that have sailed and the last to clear, the Mermaid, all carry white crews. The Mermaid's company numbers 22, and is captained by J. W. Anderson.

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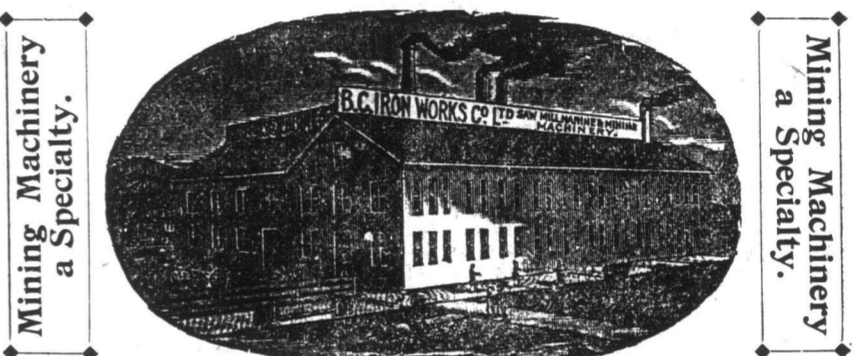
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A SURVIVAL. It is the boast of British subjects, whether they live in the colonies or in the mother country, that before the law all are equal.

It is different in Germany. There the old feeling that the sovereign rules by divine right still exists, and that the nobles have rights which persons of low birth, so-called, do not enjoy.

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The murder and the way in which the murderer was treated was discussed on the streets, in the cafes, in the newspapers, and at last the discussion was taken up in Parliament.

It seems that the officer has with him the sympathy of his own class. Its members appear to consider that if respect for the nobility and the army is to be preserved it is necessary promptly to resent anything that looks like insult from the inferior classes.

THE AMERICAN TARIFF.

Our American neighbors are just now busy guessing whether or not the tariff will be changed or revised during the present session of Congress.

There is food for thought in the above passage. It should teach free traders who are often so offensively cocksure that they are right and that all those who differ from them are wrong, a little modesty.

Lord Salisbury, not so very long ago, said some things that must have led his hearers to conclude that he is more than half a protectionist and that he regretted that his countrymen were so closely wedded to free trade.

ARE THEY DISAPPEARING? The number of Indians in the United States, according to the report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, exclusive of the five civilized tribes, is 177,335.

It is contained by the best investigators that the early historical records, the numerical force of the Indian race are unreliable, and perverted by a general tendency to exaggerate, owing, mainly, to the difficulty of obtaining trustworthy information on the subject.

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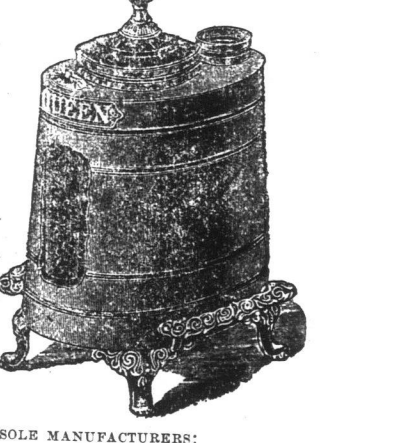
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