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GOVERNMENT ALIVE.

To the Importance of Developing the Mining Districts of the Province.

Mr. Bostock and a Delegation from Rosland Wait on the Premier.

Possibilities of Increasing Exports of Poultry from Canada to Great Britain.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—J. F. McLaughlin, president of the Board of Trade; D. B. Boyle, vice-president; R. Armstrong and J. A. Smith, of Rosland, B.C., arrived here this morning, and along with Mr. Bostock, M.P., had an interview with Premier Laurier, Hon. Mr. Sifton and Hon. Mr. Tarte at noon today. They are here to press upon the government the great importance of the mining industry of British Columbia, and therefore the necessity of the government having a western mining policy. The delegates did not attempt to dictate any policy but laid stress upon the necessity of railway communication and the publishing of mining information and statistics by the government for re-circulation abroad. The members of the government manifested interest in the remarks of the delegates and promised to consider the same with other information which had been secured upon the same subject. The government is fully alive to the importance of mining in British Columbia. The delegates did not come as representatives of the Board of Trade, although they claim to represent the views of the people generally in Rosland.

Premier Laurier, replying to the British Columbia delegation, said the government recognized that much of the future of the country depended on the West and therefore they desired to pursue a broad and liberal policy in connection with British Columbia, having in view the development of this same.

The delegates referred to the necessity for cheap transportation and said that the government ought to build and operate the Crow's Nest Pass Railway. Hon. Mr. Sifton spoke in the same strain as Premier Laurier.

Hon. Mr. Fielding goes to Halifax to see the Sir John and Mrs. Sifton. Hon. Mr. Borden has returned from the Maritime provinces. Sir Richard Cartwright is in Toronto. Mr. Sutherland, the Liberal whip, is here. He directed the affairs in Cornwall and returned on Monday. Mr. Sifton is staying at the Russell House. They spent the greater part of Sunday at Premier Laurier's residence. The minister took charge of his office yesterday and met with a batch of correspondence and over a hundred files of papers which were waiting his attention.

It has been decided that as soon as possible after the New Year has set in, the tariff commissioners will resume their investigations. One sitting will be held in Montreal to conclude the business at that port, thence the ministers will proceed to Quebec.

Prof. Robertson has just returned from a visit to the markets of Eastern Ontario. He thinks that, with cold storage markets in Eastern Ontario, and a systematic catering to the requirements of the British poultry trade, a steady shipment of Canadian turkeys might be maintained from October to March, realizing prices that would yield the Canadian farmer handsome returns and at the same time bring down the price in England to a figure that would encourage consumption among the artisan classes.

In response to an invitation of the special committee of the Dominion Rifle Association, eleven sets of plans have been sent in for the proposed Canadian headquarters at Bisley. The building must be constructed of and finished in Canadian woods, and not exceed a cost of \$7,000.

Hon. Mr. Paterson has left for Montreal to represent the government at the commercial travellers' banquet to-night.

COLUMBIA & KOOTENAY. C.P.R. Negotiating for the Purchase of the Company's Steamers.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—A dispatch from Rosland says the C.P.R. are closing a deal for the purchase of all the steamers of the Columbia & Kootenay Navigation Company. Mr. Mara, ex-M.P., president of the steamboat company, has gone to Montreal to consult with the management.

WILL NEVER PASS. Cuban Resolution Will Be Defeated in the House.

New York, Dec. 22.—A special to the World from Washington says: "The strong resolution in favor of Cuba reported to the Senate will never pass the house. This prediction made positively in the face of the unquestionable fact that a great many in the house favor the Cuban case. But the Cameron resolution will be fought over in committee and undoubtedly amended and will never come to the senate."

DURANT CASE. Another Move Is Made by Counsel for the Defense.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—What may prove to be the beginning of the end of the Durant case took place in the chamber of the Superior Court yesterday.

The brief of Theodore Durant was filed and was granted a re-submission. The attorney-general also filed a brief replying to the defendant's counsel. Durant is now given ten days in which to file a brief, replying after which the case of the alleged murder of Blanche Lamont will be finally decided.

AMERICAN INTERFERENCE. But for That the Cuban Question Would Have Been Settled.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The secretary of the Spanish embassy here, Marquis de Novalles, in an interview declared that but for "American interference" the Cuban question would have been terminated long ago, adding: "The recognition of the independence of Cuba by the United States would only be the result of an insignificant whim. I believe the struggle will terminate before the end of February."

Solei says: "If the United States recognizes the independence of Cuba, European opinion will support Spain against the United States."

PRISONERS RELEASED. Sultan Carrying Out Some Wishes of the Ministers.

New York, Dec. 21.—A special cable dispatch to the Herald from Constantinople says: "The large measure of clemency on the part of the Sultan towards Armenians recently referred to will probably bring about the release of four thousand prisoners and the remittance of all sentences of death. At a council of the ministers the request of Mr. Terrell, United States minister, that Hatoun Ardourian, imprisoned at Trebezon, has been released. Nine individuals who surrendered to the government revolutionaries at Aleppo have also been set at liberty, the release of those prisoners having been promised Mr. Terrell by the Sultan."

STRIKE CONTINUES. And the Strikers and Their Families are Beginning to Suffer.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—The Hamburg strike still drags painfully along, and each day the prospect of the dockmen ever winning their fight grows more gloomy. The fact is that the strikers and their families are suffering terribly for lack of food, clothing and shelter, and it is reported that the amounts contributed by subscription from various sources to the fund for their support have either not been paid at all or have been inadequate.

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MANTOBA IS SATISFIED. But the Bishops, so Says Senator Landry, Will Cause Trouble.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Mr. Greenwood in an interview last night said the recent settlement had given almost universal satisfaction to the people of his province.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—At a meeting of the Cartier-Macdonald Club, Quebec, Senator Landry announced that now that the bishops have returned from Rome they will shortly issue a joint mandement calling on every Catholic to withdraw his confidence in Premier Leclerc, because the latter did not establish separate schools. Senator Landry also declared that at the opening of the session of the federal parliament the French-Canadian members of this province would present a remedial bill endorsed by the whole Catholic episcopate of Canada and Catholic Liberal members, who, during the last campaign promised to act in conformity with the wishes of their bishops. They will have to leave the Premier or be considered traitors to their religion.

WORSER THAN WHISKEY. A Number of Ohioans Poisoned by Drinking Essence of Cinnamon.

Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 22.—Additional details from Benwood, the new oil field in Monroe county, Ohio, concerning the poisoning from drinking "essence of cinnamon," a substitute for whiskey, sold at a speak-easy, confirm the first reports. Three well known men are dead, several are seriously ill and three insane. It seems that one of the storekeepers at Benwood got hold of the fact that a Wheeling drug firm was putting up a preparation called "essence of cinnamon" which contained a large percentage of alcohol. The merchant laid in a large supply of the stuff and informed the people about that he had a good thing.

CABLE FROM LONDON.

A Clergyman Protests Against the Consecration of the New Archbishop.

Proposition That Great Britain, France and Italy Should Interfere in Cuba.

Authorities Dispersed a Revolutionary Band Near the Spanish Capital.

London, Dec. 22.—Correspondents assert that gendarmes disposed of a small revolutionary band that has been organized near Madrid.

An additional batch of anarchists was sentenced today at Barcelona. Forty of them were condemned to 20 years' imprisonment and twenty-seven to eight years in prison.

During the ceremony to-day of the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Frederick Temple, D.D., Archbishop of Canterbury, at Bow church, Rev. Mr. Brown John, chaplain to the late Bishop of Bath, rose and protested against the consecration on the ground that Dr. Temple was a self-confessed believer in the full doctrine of evolution, and this doctrine is incompatible with the fidelity of the book of common prayer and the articles of religion. The royal commissioners declined to hear Rev. Mr. Brown John.

A special dispatch from Paris says it is suggested that Great Britain, France and Italy, the three powers most interested, offer their services in the Cuban question in order to prevent a conflict between Spain and the United States, and terminate the revolt.

The accident which caused Sir Henry Irving to announce that he is compelled to close the Lyceum theatre was that he strained a ligament on the inside of his knee, by stumbling on the stage stairs at the close of the performance on Saturday. Sir Henry and Miss Ellen Terry have gone to Paris.

A case in the Paris law courts has revealed the fact that Henri Rochefort derives an income of \$50,000 yearly from L'Intransigent. The Debats reproached him with theoretical socialism and with giving no benefit to his employees. It is believed, however, that Rochefort is exceedingly generous to political refugees.

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CROW'S NEST ROAD.

British Capitalists Sounding the Government as to What Aid Will be Given.

They Would Make it Part of Another Line From Vancouver to the Pacific.

Every Effort Being Made to Keep the Pass Out of the Hands of the C.P.R.

Ottawa, Dec. 23. (Special).—English capitalists, through their representatives, are sounding the members of the government with a view to the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway and making in connection therewith a through competitive line from the Atlantic to the Pacific. So far, Canadians generally, as well as the Canadian government, have seen nothing for it, in this road was to be built, but to place it in the hands of the Canadian Pacific railway, giving at the same time a handsome subsidy to ensure the work of construction. The whole attitude of the west is one of indelible hostility towards the Canadian Pacific controlling another mountain pass, and operating a second railway whose whole usefulness will largely depend on the moderation of its freight rates. What the west is clamoring for is another competitive road. It is to meet this demand that the capitalists of the old world are endeavoring to obtain from the Dominion government what aid they would give to an independent company taking hold of the proposed enterprise which is to run from Lethbridge on the Northwest, to tap the Rosland gold camp in British Columbia. Reports from Hon. A. G. Blair, minister of railways, who is now in British Columbia, go far to confirm the testimony that the camp is a permanent one in the centre of a great mining country. But should any doubt exist as to the permanency of the Trail creek region, certainly none exists as to the permanency of the vast mineral areas situated in the Kootenay silver-district, which would be tapped by the Crow's Nest line. It has been suggested that the government should build the road. The experiments in Canada in the past have been that railways built by the government are very costly undertakings, so that the only escape from either building and operating the road as a national work and handing it over to the C.P.R., is to endeavor to make satisfactory terms with the English capitalists to make an independent route out of it. All hope of an independent route vanishes with the C.P.R. controlling both passes through the Rockies. If an independent company engages to build the road, then an independent road would unquestionably be extended to Winnipeg, probably by connection with the Manitoba and Northwestern. And should the Hon. Bay route prove practicable a connection could also be made with it. From Winnipeg to Chicago there is an independent route, apart from the C.P.R., and the Grand Trunk railway runs from Chicago to the seaboard. At the western end the projectors would expect to form an alliance with the road to be built from Kootenay to the coast. If any encouragement or promise of ample aid can be obtained from the government's charter will be applied for at the coming session of parliament for the Crow's Nest section of what will really be a great transcontinental railway.

Another Vacancy. Mr. Bennett, the Conservative Member for East Simcoe, Unseated.

Barrie, Dec. 23.—The election of W. H. Bennett was voided this morning. Mr. Aylesworth stating that owing to certain facts that had reached him since adjournment, he had, in conversation with Mr. McCarthy, concluded that the court should not be unnecessarily prolonged. In a lengthy controversy which followed concerning the manner of interpreting certain parts of the election act, Mr. McCarthy stated that candidates should waive their rights as to the meaning of the election act and then many charges of bribery through agents would be avoided. Justice Rose then said that no evidence had been produced to prove any corrupt practices against the respondent personally, but as corrupt practices had been carried on by agents, he declared the election void, each side to pay its own costs. Justice McMahon concurred in this.

London, Ont., Dec. 23.—When the London election opened this morning a long discussion took place in reference to the period of adjournment. A meeting was finally arranged to be held at Toronto on January 4, when a definite date would be fixed upon. Witnesses were then called to trace the wanderings of kegs of beer, alleged to have been bought by the Conservative club and used in the attic of their building. Nothing has yet resulted from the examining, and the porters in several grocery stores have been examined. Fred Jackson, of Toronto, admitted that he had canvassed London voters residing in Toronto. He had forwarded all papers and lists to J. H. A. Beattie in this city. Nothing further is known about them.

SULTAN MUST YIELD. Powers Have Decided to Enforce Reform in Turkey.

Constantinople, Dec. 23.—All ambassadors have now received instructions to act in concert for fresh proposals with a view of improving the situation in the Ottoman empire. The proposals before being submitted to the Sultan will be referred to their respective governments. All the powers, including Russia, have repeatedly announced during the past few months that they have agreed on the expediency of employing coercion should the Sultan be recalcitrant. But the form of coercion to be employed will not be determined until the emergency arises.

London, Dec. 23.—As frequently announced from various capitals, since the visit of the Czar to the Queen at Balmoral in September last, the powers have finally become convinced that the Sultan's promises amount to nothing and they have determined to begin a policy of coercion. Information points to the accuracy of the news received to-day from Constantinople and cabled to the Associated Press. The Marquis of Salisbury on Monday last summoned the ambassadors to the foreign office and communicated to them the views of the British government on the definite proposals to Russia for a joint intervention in order that each ambassador might communicate them to his own government and thus enable the representatives of the great powers at Constantinople to be properly instructed. It is believed that unless the Sultan, within the next ten days shows deference, which is at present little expected, decisive steps will be taken by the joint powers. In this connection, the Novoe Vremya, of St. Petersburg, says it is probable that within a few days the Russian Black Sea fleet will appear in the Bosphorus where it will be joined by the squadrons of other powers from the Dardanelles.

BUT FOUR SURVIVED.

Bark Jamaica Wrecked Off the Central American Coast Week Before Last.

Every Member of the Crew and Twelve Passengers Lost Their Lives.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 23.—A terrific storm occurred in the Gulf of Campeche, on the 11th and 12th of this month and among other casualties reported, is the wreck of the bark Jamaica, which was wrecked off the coast of the Yucatan, and in which every member of the crew lost their lives.

The bark Jamaica was bound from Campeche to Vera Cruz and had a valuable cargo and some treasure aboard. She encountered a number of the night of the 11th but got through until the afternoon of the next day, all the time working westward to Vera Cruz. As long as the ship remained in good condition she was sent scudding before the wind and at one time Vera Cruz was sighted, but accident after accident occurred, the loss of the rigging finally making it impossible to live in the enormous seas. With almost all the sail blown away the Jamaica returned and attempted to get back here without success. The rudder became disabled, throwing the vessel at the mercy of the storm. The passengers took to the boats which were repeatedly swamped. Most of the crew simply put on life-preservers and jumped into the sea. The captain was one of those. He strapped one hundred Mexican dollars upon himself and clinging to a barrel, tried to reach shore. The survivors saw him sink, owing to the weight of the metal. The sight was terrible; one passenger after another sank, the boats proving unmanageable. The crew were all drowned and only three men and a boy occupied of the passengers. The vessel sank soon after being abandoned. The wreck occurred off the port of Dos Rosas, Tabas county.

AMERICAN DISPATCHES. Brief Telegrams From Different Parts of the Union.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—William Hale Thompson, captain of the football team of the Chicago Athletic Club, has been sued for \$100,000 for breach of promise. The complainant is Jennie F. Hutchins, who was the bride in N.Y.

New York, Dec. 22.—The 27th anniversary of the landing of the pilgrim fathers at Plymouth Rock, was celebrated last night by the New England Society of Brooklyn, by the seventeenth annual dinner. General Stewart L. Woodford presided.

Toledo, O., Dec. 22.—The body of Jesse C. Gould, who disappeared on December 8th and of whom no trace could be discovered, has been found in some brush near the bank of the Maumee river with a bullet hole through the temple. It is supposed to be a case of suicide. Gould was vice-president and treasurer of the Leland Smith Company, wholesale tobacconists, which failed the day after his disappearance.

New York, Dec. 22.—The Lake Shore directors have declared the regular half-yearly dividend of 3 per cent. payable on January 1st. The Michigan Central directors have declared the regular half-yearly dividend of 2 per cent.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 22.—State Bank Examiner Kenyon took possession today of the Bank of Minnesota and as a result of the closing of this bank the Union Stock Yards Bank has closed. The Bank of Minnesota had a capital of \$2,000,000 and was considered one of the strongest banks in the west.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—The ordinance providing for four-cent car fares in this city, recently passed by the city council by a majority, has been vetoed by Mayor Swift, and the council meeting last night sustained the veto by a vote of 30 to 47.







NOT YET SATISFIED.

Secretary Olney Wants to Further Hamper the Victoria Scaling Fleet.

Hope Expressed by a Washington Correspondent that Great Britain Will Agree to It.

Olney Suggests that Sealing be Stopped Until an Investigation Has Been Held.

New York, Dec. 23.—A special to the Herald from Washington, D.C., says: "As a result of the investigation made into the fur seal question by British and American experts, it is expected by officials of the state and treasury departments that Great Britain will be more willing to agree to changes in the award regulations having in view the better protection of the seal fisheries. Negotiations are now in progress between the two governments. Data bearing upon the report of the British commissioners has reached the state department, and also the final report of Professor David Starr Jordan, who examined into the condition of the fur seal herd for this government. Prof. Jordan shows, it is said, that more stringent regulations must be adopted if the fur seal is to be preserved. He states that the decrease is due to pelagic sealing and urges, if several governments interested in the industry to agree to regulations which will give them the right for the protection of the seals. In case new regulations are not agreed upon, Prof. Jordan suggests that the patrol maintained by the United States be limited to Behring sea, instead of covering those waters and the North Pacific. The state department officials have not given up hope that Great Britain will consent to the proposition submitted by Secretary Olney some months ago, which she rejected at the time, providing for the appointment of an international commission to be composed of representatives of Russia, Japan, Great Britain and the United States to consider the whole question. The secretary also proposed that during the consideration of the subject Behring sea be closed to fishing.

THE OTHER SIDE

Senator Hale Gives Reasons Why no Action Should be Taken in Regard to Cuba.

General Weyler Proposes to Take the Field Against the Cubans in Santa Clara.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Senator Hale has received a letter from Senator Hoar, who is out of the city, announcing his opposition to the Cuban resolution and asking Senator Hale to pair with him in any way that will defeat, delay or bring confusion to the resolution reported from the committee on foreign relations.

Senator Hale, who is expected to lead the opposition to the Cuban resolution in the senate, is preparing for the conflict, which he expects will follow the holiday recess. It is the general understanding that this question will be one of the first raised after the reconvening of congress, and it is looked forward to for a battle royal.

"The advocates of the resolution," said the Maine senator to-day, "were at first inclined to claim a two-thirds majority, but I doubt whether they feel so sanguine now, and I am sure they would not if they knew how rapidly the conservative sentiment in the senate is growing. I was sorry to see that," the senator continued, "I had been quoted as saying I should be able to defeat the resolution on a vote."

"I would not want to claim that result at the present time, but I hope for it in the end. Indeed I am receiving assurances from influential senators every day in sympathy with the opposition to the resolution, and I believe the sentiment in the country is rapidly veering that way. Of course there are meetings and resolutions on the other side, but one can gather them together in advocacy of any cause and get signatures to almost any kind of petition. My contention is that the business men and thinking men of the country are opposed to any step which is liable to plunge the country into war. In my own state, for instance, there is only one prominent newspaper which advocates the course advised by the senate committee on foreign relations."

New York, Dec. 23.—A Key West special to the World says Gen. Weyler proposes to take the field in Santa Clara province, it is learned from Havana, and force the fighting. The captain general is disturbed by reports of insurgent operations in Santa Clara. Besides, a strong hint is said to have reached him from Madrid that something must be done by January 1, to forestall action by congress on the Cameron resolution.

London, Dec. 23.—The Times this morning has an editorial in which it counsels the Spaniards to maintain the calm demeanor they have already displayed toward the United States. It says the Times: "They can afford to ignore the insolent menaces of the senate committee, even if they are adopted by both houses, because indications are that the American people support President Cleveland's attitude. But Spain must endeavor to secure peace in one way or another, otherwise the time will come when the Cameron resolution will be adopted in substance by the president."

COPTON FOR THE ORIENT. Large Shipment Being Taken Out by the Pacific Mail Boat.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—The Pacific Mail steamship China took an enormous quantity of cotton for the mills in China and Japan. In fact she has room for nothing else in her hold. The company refused a large consignment of flour, and it was given out that no further freights would be received. The steamship Belgic, the next to sail from here, is also engaged to carry cotton. The Southern Pacific Company has entered into a special arrangement with the steamship company for these cargoes, formerly all cotton for the Orient went by way of New Orleans, but when the mills in China and Japan grew and multiplied, the demand became very great, and all the steamship lines from the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, at Seattle, to the Pacific Mail, in this city, have made bids for the business.

THE NEW REPUBLIC. Recognition of the Minister From the Central American Republic.

Washington, Dec. 23.—After several weeks of consideration on the status of Senator Rodriguez, first minister of the greater republic of Central America, President Cleveland to-day received him and accepted his credentials in a short speech, which, while formal in its tone, was thoroughly earnest in its evidence of good will towards the new American union. The President emphasized the purpose of the United States government to hold the individual states of the new union to the responsibility for past claims, and indicated an expectation that Guatemala and Costa Rica, which have so far refrained from joining with the others of the new republic, would soon give in their adhesion.

THE BRANT ELECTION

Liberal Candidate Issues an Address to the Electors of the District.

Bishop Langevin Still Holding Out for Separate Schools in Manitoba.

Emigrants from Montreal to Brazil Being Sent Home by the British Consul.

Brantford, Dec. 24.—Heyd, the Liberal candidate in South Brant, has issued an address to the electors on the question of the tariff. Heyd quotes Premier Laurier's election statement to the effect that his party would be reformers, not revolutionists, and their policy would be one for the building up of the Dominion. "It is but fair to add," says Heyd, "in the present financial position of the country, with heavy liabilities and increased annual expenditures, created by successive Conservative governments, any revenue tariff that may be evolved must afford, incidentally a large measure of protection to our manufacturers, and I believe, with respect to our Brantford manufacturers, most of them will be materially benefited by a reduction of the iron duties which are certain to be made."

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Premier Laurier has received a telegram stating that nine adults and thirteen children of the Canadian immigrants who recently left Montreal, have been shipped from Brazil for Liverpool by the British consul, St. John N. B. Dec. 24.—A re-arrangement of rates in favor of this point by the C. P. R. is expected to secure for St. John much more traffic now going via Boston.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—All the British and United States grain exchanges and likewise the Winnipeg exchange will be closed till Monday.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Archbishop Langevin will spend a few days here before going home. His Grace declares that he will hold out for separate schools, and contends that as the remedial bill still stands the minority has not lost its right to appeal to the Dominion parliament. It is understood the question will come up again next session.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Robert Reid, of Montreal, who built the railway across the island for the Newfoundland government, has just awarded contracts in London for the building of fast steamers 250 feet long and 32 feet beam to ply between Port au Basque, Newfoundland and Sydney, Cape Breton. The steamers will make the trip in about three hours, thus bringing Montreal, Boston and New York into closer connection with the island colony. The railway which is now in operation is owned by New Brunswick.

Detective Gifford, of Pittsburg, Pa., who came here and arrested one Louis Levi, has been annoyed by telegrams sent to his wife saying that he was in trouble with the police authorities. Judge Dupes will render judgment in the extradition proceedings to-morrow.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—About twenty deputy returning officers, who officiated during the June election in the Macdonald constituency, were arrested to-day charged with tampering with the ballots.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—The premises of the Canada Jute Company, Ltd., were damaged to the extent of \$10,000 by fire yesterday; insured.

La Prairie, Dec. 23.—The town water works were destroyed by fire to-day. Loss, \$4,000.

Chatham, Dec. 23.—A Cohen & Co. dry goods, have failed with liabilities of \$11,000.

London, Dec. 23.—The election trials have been postponed till January 18th. The costs up to date amount to \$10,000.

THE B. C. SOUTHERN

Hon. Mr. Blair Pays This Scheme Some Attention in His Westminster Address.

White and Colored People at Mayfield Sign a Treaty of Peace.

He Wonders at the "Giveaway" Proclivities of the Provincial Authorities.

At New Westminster Hon. Mr. Blair was presented with an address on behalf of the corporation, which touched upon various points of public interest. In reply the minister spoke as follows, according to the Columbian report:

Hon. Mr. Blair, on rising to reply to the addresses that had been presented, expressed his personal regret that he had been obliged to shorten his stay in this and neighboring cities. He was glad, therefore, that the citizens of New Westminster had had a better chance to place before, at least two of his colleagues, their views on various important matters. He said it was quite impossible for any minister of the crown to adequately discharge the duties of his office, with regard to British Columbia, until he had obtained, first hand, a practical knowledge of the country and its requirements. He congratulated New Westminster on having such a worthy young man (Mr. Morrison) to represent them. (Applause.) No other member of the house had made more friends, acquired more influence, or won such esteem in his first session. (Applause.)

He was pleased, personally, even for a brief period, to be present. His trip had been a source of constant delight, and a revelation to him, and the four weeks had been pleasantly and profitably spent. The country he had found rich beyond the dreams of avarice. This was the testimony of mining experts who visited South Africa and the lead-

OFF FOR CHRISTMAS

Ministers Leave Ottawa to Spend the Holiday at Their Respective Homes.

Hon. Mr. Sifton Looking Over His Department with a View of Economizing.

Charges Against Indian Agent Martin of Ottawa County, are Proven.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—(Special)—Premier Laurier has gone to Arthabaska for the week. The other ministers are scattering for the Christmas holidays. Hon. Mr. Sifton is busy looking over the list of employees in his department with a view of economy and better efficiency. Mr. Maxwell had an interview with Mr. Sifton to-day.

The Commissioner who inquired into the case of James Martin, Indian agent for Ottawa county, will report that Martin was an active political campaigner during elections and contributed funds to the Tory party.

Wm. Curran, an employee of the public works department at Regina, N. W. T., and formerly of Ottawa, was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary about a year ago for arson. Some lively stables were burned at Regina and Curran was tried and found guilty. He was also suspected of having burned other buildings. A. W. Fraser, barrister, of Ottawa, out of sympathy for Curran's father, who is a messenger in the supreme court here, and family, took hold of the case recently, went into the whole matter and discovered that the evidence was faulty in many instances. Fraser brought it to the attention of the minister of justice with the result that Curran was liberated from Stony Mountain penitentiary this morning, after having served one year out of five for the offence.

Messrs. Earle and Prior have been asking the government to build a house for the British admiral at Esquimaux.

By Associated Press. Hon. Mr. Sifton is working hard and close at his department. He will spend Christmas here. He goes to Toronto in about a week on immigrant business. He asked for a list of all the officers of the outside services of the Indian department and the same is being prepared. He will do the same thing with the interior department. It is his intention to effect economies wherever he can and at the same time increase the efficiency of the service. The Indian department has been a political machine, as has been shown in the late election cases.

Mr. Rainboth, who was a commissioner to enquire into the case of James Martin, Indian agent of Mamwaki, Ottawa county, is preparing his report. It will show that Martin not only took part in the general elections, but he also contributed to the funds of the party. There is also evidence of other irregularities against him.

Justice Hall, Gette and Taschereau, E. S. Dryer & Co. Quebec, were here yesterday and asked for an increase in salary.

CHICAGO FAILURES

Most of the Banks Able to Meet the Demands of All Their Depositors.

Warrants Sworn Out for Men Who Were Mixed up in the Trouble.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The assets of the National Bank of Illinois are said to include in addition to \$2,475,000 loaned to the Calumet Electric Light Company, \$500,000 advanced to Robert Berger, son-in-law of President George Schneider; \$500,000 advanced to G. A. Weiss, another son-in-law, and over \$800,000 doubtful debts. Berger is a partner of E. S. Dryer & Co. which went into the hands of a receiver. The losses will fall upon 1,971 individual depositors and 550 national, state and private banks. The deposits of the treasurer of Chicago and Cook county aggregate almost \$1,000,000. The amount on deposit at the present time by the state treasurer is comparatively small. Among the depositors were many large corporations and Northern Pacific railroad and the receiver of the whisky trust. The deposits of E. S. Dryer & Co. include the fund of the West Park board. The amount was about \$310,000.

The failure of August & Gindele, general contractors, the American Brewing, Malt & Elevator Company, the Geo. A. Weiss Malt & Elevator Company, and George A. Weiss, individually, were all due to the collapse of the National Bank of Illinois.

Banks were made on the Garden City Trust Company and the Illinois Hibernian Savings Bank and the Illinois Trust & Savings Company, but none of the runs were of much importance. The officers of the Garden City Banking and Trust Company had expected that a run would be made upon their institution, and were ready to meet it. They threw open the doors of the bank an hour earlier than usual, and they said they wanted to get the run out of the way so that they could transact their usual business without being disturbed. Quite a crowd of depositors had gathered before the doors were opened, and as the depositors gave the paying tellers all they cared to do. The run kept up with energy for over an hour, and then died away. At the close of banking the officers of the institution announced that the amount of money taken during the day was twelve times that paid out, and the bank was declared in better shape than at the opening of the doors in the morning.

The run on the Hibernian Savings

A BIG CONTRACT

Mackay and Flood Intend to Pump Out the Old Allison Mine.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—The Allison ranch mine, which was a quarter of a century ago, one of the best producing mines in the vicinity of Grass Valley, is to be reopened and worked to its fullest capacity. The mine is owned by John W. Mackay and James L. Flood.

The Allison ranch mine has a unique history. In the height of its prosperity it was purchased by J. B. Haggin and A. E. Davis. The mine was a profitable investment. In 1896 it led all Nevada county mines, and two years later it had paid over \$3,000,000 in dividends. One day a miner's pick tapped a vein of water, and in a few minutes the mine was flooded. The water poured in in such volumes that it could not be pumped out, and the mine was abandoned. That was twenty-eight years ago, and all that time the mine has remained full of water.

Eight years ago Mackay and Flood secured control of the property and now they propose to pump the mine out. At pumping plant with a capacity of 1,000,000 gallons per day will be put in, the work on it to commence February 1. It is estimated that it will take two years to clear the mine.

SULLIVAN PENNILESS. The Once Famous Pugilist is not Worth a Cent.

Boston, Dec. 23.—John L. Sullivan, the pugilist, sat in the poor debtor's session of the municipal court to-day to explain why he had failed to settle a florist's bill. The case will be further heard January 11.

New York, Dec. 23.—A World special from Boston says: "It is said that of the thousands of dollars which Sullivan has made he has not left even enough to pay this small judgment of \$318 obtained by a florist. When the judgment against Sullivan was obtained on his default in October, the officers looked around for something in the shape of property they could attach. They could find nothing, consequently they made a nominal attachment, and on the papers it reads that the sheriff has this day attached a ship as the property of John J. Sullivan."

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ROOTENAY RAILWAY

Hon. Mr. Blair's Remarks on This Subject to the People of Vancouver.

Strong Encouragement to Hope That a Measure of Aid Will be Given.

Hon. Mr. Blair in replying to an address from the Vancouver city council, in which the question of direct railway connection with Kootenay was touched upon, said that he appreciated very highly the complimentary address and also greatly prized the hearty welcome accorded him.

DEMAND FOR WHEAT

Has Caused Large Quantities of Corn to Be Shipped West.

Tacoma, Dec. 22.—No signs of abatement of the present unprecedented shipment of corn from the middle western states to the Pacific Northwest are manifest.

CONGRESS MAY RECOGNIZE

Power of Recognizing Cubans Not Left to the President.

Cincinnati, Dec. 22.—The Commercial-Tribune having asked by telephone Judge George J. Hoadley of New York to give his opinion in regard to the exclusive right of the President to acknowledge foreign independence of Cuba, replied as follows:

At the public meeting in the evening, referring to the proposed railway between the coast and Kootenay, Mr. Blair said that he had found the population in British Columbia almost a unit as to the need of such an addition to the transportation facilities.

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KATE FIELD'S REMAINS

Arrive at San Francisco Yesterday on the Steamer Belgic.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—The remains of Miss Kate Field arrived to-day from Honolulu on the steamer Belgic.

WEYLER IN THE FIELD

The Captain-General Again Leaves for Pinar del Rio.

Havana, Dec. 22.—Generals Avoila and Gazo as well as the rest of the Spanish generals in the province of Pinar del Rio are assembled at Artemisa, where they are awaiting the arrival of Captain-General Weyler in order to commence a new plan of campaign.

AMNESTY GRANTED

All Armenian Prisoners will be Released by the Sultan.

London, Dec. 22.—An irade was issued granting amnesty to all Armenian prisoners, except those sentenced to death for murder.

SPANISH DEFEATS

Rebels Are More Than Holding Their Own in the Philippines.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Private advices from Manila, Philippine Islands, which appeared in the London Standard press received by the steamer Belgic.

SUGAR INDUSTRIES

The British Commission to Visit New York After the West Indies.

London, Dec. 21.—It is stated that the special commission of the British government, which has been appointed to inquire into the sugar industries of the West Indies, is not alone to confine itself to the British colonies, but is to visit New York.

CROP REPORTS

Mark Lane Express Reviews the Situation from a London Standpoint.

London, Dec. 21.—The Mark Lane Express, referring to-day to the crop prospects, says: "While wheat is somewhat late in growing, this is due to a drawback for a favorable growth of autumn sown wheat and rye, is reported from all districts of Central Europe; but in France matters are not nearly so satisfactory."

BAST OF THE ROCKIES

Mr. Davis, the Liberal Candidate, Leads in Saskatchewan.

NOW IT IS DIAMONDS

Opium Smuggling Has Given Way to the Traffic in Precious Stones.

What the Chinese Exclusion Act Costs the United States Government.

Seattle, Dec. 22.—Superintendent Special Agent J. J. Crowley of the treasury department has issued his report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1896, and in it are more or less interesting data relative to opium smuggling, diamond smuggling and the Chinese exclusion.

HANDSOME BEQUESTS

An Ex-Mayor of Boston Leaves a Fortune to Public Institutions.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 22.—The will of the late Henry L. Pierce, ex-mayor of Boston, has been filed in probate, and upwards of two million dollars in public bequests are distributed.

MURDERERS' PLANS

Elaborate Arrangements Made by Assassins to Murder M. Stambuloff.

The Ex-Premier Knew of the Scheme and Asked the Police for Protection.

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**BRIEF LOCALS**

**Cleanings of City and Provincial News**

The annual Sunday school entertainment will be held this evening. The children will meet in the schoolroom for supper at 6 p. m. The public will be admitted at 8 p. m. and will have the pleasure of listening to a splendid programme in which the James Bay Boys Brigade will take part. A solo contest will be one of the features.

The regular weekly meeting of Perseverance lodge was held last evening with Mr. Wilson in the chair. After the routine business was disposed of a programme consisting of songs, readings and speeches and an essay by Mr. Ross, person was carried out to the satisfaction of those in attendance. Among those taking part were members of Triumph and Victoria West lodges.

At the police court this morning James Emerson, who was arrested for begging on the street, was remanded until tomorrow, in order to give him an opportunity to leave the city. An Obinaman who stole \$10 from a house on Courtenay street, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment and Richard Daverne, who ran a wood sawing machine after prohibited hours, paid \$2 costs. A drunk was convicted and discharged.

The following is the promotion list for the Cedar Hill public school: From Fourth to Fifth—Mabel Miller, Harold Russell, Clara Morrison, Nellie Ross, May Knight, Ethel Irwin, Leonard Newcombe. From Third to Fourth—Martina Russell, James Miller, Ralph Thornton, Wilfred Holmes. From Second to Third—Isabella McKee, Walter Palmer, Frank Miller, Tom Todd, Willie Morrison, Rose Palmer, Alison Carlou, Nelson Carlou. From Second to First—Scotty Reader, Willie McKee, Nettie Carlou, Elsie Meerman, Horace Palmer.

Those sisters of Colfax Rebekah Degree lodge who were recently married were entertained by the members of the lodge at a pleasant social last evening.

The city council held a very short meeting yesterday evening, when the municipal elections by-law was read a third time and passed. The meeting only lasted about ten minutes.

One of the best stags exhibited at a butcher's stall is marked with 1235 lbs. and an enormous pig is marked at 750 pounds.

Mr. Marchant will move at the next meeting of the council, when the corporation, city hall, be fixed as the place for holding the trustee elections.

The treasurer of the Refuge Home committee acknowledges with thanks a Christmas donation from the mayor and council of \$25, also from Mr. S. M. Robins, of Nanaimo, five tons of coal.

A former resident of this city, Mr. P. D. McMillan, now of Griswold, Ont., was married at Wood Lake, Minn., on the 18th inst. to Miss Alberta Gene, eldest daughter of Mr. William Gene.

Mr. A. C. Anderson was the winner of last evening's whist tournament, of the J.B.A.A., his score being 11 games out of 15. Mr. R. C. Trimen was at the other end with a score of two games.

On January 31, at the Central Hall, on Kingston street, James Bay Boys' Presbyterian Sunday school will have their Christmas tree entertainment. A concert will also be given by the boys' brigade.

Caledonia Lodge, I.O.O.F. met last evening and arranged to install officers on the 6th of next month. Next Wednesday evening several candidates will be initiated. An entertaining programme is also being prepared.

James L. Forrester retires from the management of the Canada Point Hotel, Ltd., on Dec. 31, to be succeeded by W. T. Andrews, of Toronto. Mr. Forrester enters into partnership with George Shiers and John Deary.

Mrs. William John Deary died yesterday evening, at St. Joseph's hospital, where for some time past she had been a patient. Mrs. Deary was the daughter of Mr. Thomas Seward of Lytton, and was 28 years of age. The funeral will take place on Sunday.

A kintograph attracted a large audience to the Salvation Army barracks yesterday evening. Captain Leigh was unable to fill his engagements at Saanichton and Victoria. West as his appointment was delayed in coming from Nanaimo.

Santa Claus went out to Burnside Baptist mission last evening, and from the children attending the little church suitable presents. Tea was served and an entertaining programme was rendered by the little folks.

Each of the children of the Centennial Methodist church received a nicely bound bible last evening instead of the customary toy presents. The boys and girls of this Sunday school showed their appreciation of the good things provided for themselves by each bringing a little present to the hearts of the little ones of the little mission, who have their Christmas treat this evening.

After last evening's meeting, the city council held a private session, a report from the city engineer was read, in which he stated that there was a leakage in the west wall of the filter bed and that he had notified the contractors that they must make the necessary repairs. The council received the report but took no action in the matter.

A man named Hamecutt, appeared before the police magistrate yesterday charged with being drunk. As it was his first offence he was discharged, but in the afternoon he was again gathered in by the police. This morning the police magistrate fined him \$5 and costs, or in default ten days. The case of Lawrence vs. McCallum was again called but no one appearing for either side, it was again postponed.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the First Presbyterian church Sunday school scholars was held yesterday evening at the school room. The drill given by the James Bay Boys' Brigade was a feature, in which he was the solo competitor. The result was so close that a first prize was awarded to both of the two leading contestants Miss M. Baker and Miss L. Field. The second prize went to Miss E. Price and the third to Miss Gertrude. The superintendent's services for being present at every service during the year were taken by Mrs. A. Mackenzie and Mr. J. Wallace.

The funeral of the late Margaret Peden which took place from the family residence, San Juan avenue, at 2:30 this afternoon, was largely attended. Rev. T. McCrossan conducted the services. The pall-bearers were James Robert, William and George Donaldson.

Gordon Head Mutual Improvement Society held their first concert and dance on Monday evening. After a

**THE THORNTON CASE**

**The Claim of the Thornton Taken up Before the Commission This Morning.**

**Evidence Given by Witnesses as to the Value of That Schooner in 1883.**

Yesterday afternoon's session of the Behring Sea Claims Commission was a most interesting one. Captain Louis Olsen gave evidence as to the catch of fish that was made on the schooner W. P. Seward in 1883, when he was master of that vessel on her sealing cruise in Behring Sea. The total catch in the sea was 1812 seals, and George D. Logan testified to keeping the tally over this district in 1883. At 4 o'clock an adjournment was taken until the morning.

When the Commission resumed its sitting at 10:30 o'clock this morning Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper opened the case of the Thornton, which is very similar to that of the Carolea, and a great deal of evidence submitted in that case will be applicable to this. The Thornton's claim is for seizure in 1883, damages are claimed for the vessel, her cargo and seals taken as in the preceding case, and for the imprisonment of the master and mate at Sitka.

The defence have raised the question of ownership in this case.

The Thornton was built in 1891 at Dungeness, Washington. She was registered as a British vessel at Victoria in 1894. Her registered tonnage was 20.36 tons.

Mr. H. J. Cook, ship carpenter of Victoria, was called by the defence. He said that in 1877 when he had Turpel's shipyard, he rebuilt the schooner Thornton, and when she left his ship she was practically a new vessel. In 1883 she was worth \$5000, ready to sea, and in 1880 she was in as good condition as ever.

To Mr. Warner he said that when built in 1877 the Thornton was worth more than when built originally. His bill for labor done by him on her was \$1240. This did not include the price of materials. The total cost of rebuilding her, he thought, was about \$3500.

Walter Walker also gave evidence as to the value of the Thornton. In 1883, he said, when equipped with steam machinery she was worth about \$8000.

Captain Warren said the Thornton was worth in 1883 from \$5000 to \$6000.

Mr. Turpel gave evidence as to the value of sealing boats in that year. He said they were worth about \$1000 each. Each of these witnesses has given evidence in the Carolea case, which, being applicable to this case, will be transferred.

John Dallas said he was a boat puller on the Thornton in 1883 and 1884. He said that in 1883, he told of the provisions taken from the Thornton to the steamer St. Paul.

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Captain G. Hansen was examined as to the value of the schooner, which he obtained in Behring Sea, and Louis Olsen as to the transfer of provisions to the Thornton at Chitquoqut in 1883 and the Behring sea catch of that year of the Anna Beck, of which schooner he was master in 1883. He said that the Anna Beck was in the sea from July 2nd until August 10th, and took 1141 seals.

Charles Spring was examined as to the catch of the Favourite for 1883, in connection with the evidence of Captain McLean and that of Mr. Lubbe. Captain McLean stated that the catch of the San Diego in 1883, and Mr. Lubbe that he bought the whole cargo, which consisted of 916 skins. Mr. Dickinson said that these, if added together, would amount to about the number as stated by the late Morris Moss.

Mr. Peters objected to this extract, on the ground that it was opening the way for much evidence that was inadmissible. The commission then adjourned until Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

**THE OMBECA COUNTRY.**

An Old Miner Tells of His Experiences on Mansion Creek.

Captain Black has received the following letter from a resident of Lambton county, Ont., relative to the riches on Mansion creek:

To the Ombeca Hydraulic Company, Victoria, British Columbia.

Gentlemen: I see by the papers that you have located 500 acres of mining ground on Mansion creek. I believe that you will get a very large return for your investment on that creek, if you get on the right "port" of it, and go to it in a practical way. I spent four years mining on that creek 23 years ago, sunk shafts, ran tunnels and worked in the bed of the creek, and could give you some valuable information with regard to mapping locations and other things in regard to that country. I also worked several claims in the Cassiar country, was three years in that country. I have been since 1877 in the oil borings in this part of our country. I have always intended to return to Mansion creek after the creek claims were worked out, as I found some very rich pay dirt in the hills. The only thing that has kept me from doing so has been that I have a wife and here and have a family, and knowing it would be impossible to take my family with me, I have staid with them. I would like to know what facilities you have for getting your supplies in. How long will it take to get your pound on Mansion creek? We had to pay \$12 per pound in freight when I was there. I have had some grand prospects on that creek, and have made over one hundred dollars per day to the man. I would like to know just where on the creek you have located

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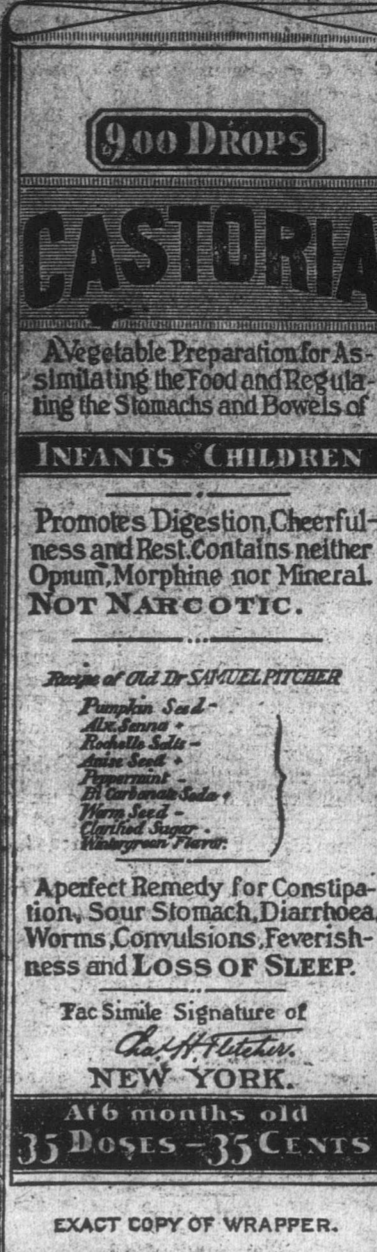
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Alexander Hermann, if that was his real name, was a German Jew by descent, but was born in Paris in 1841. His father was a physician in Germany, but, on removing to Paris, both he and his wife became professional magicians, and attained as great celebrity as their son. Indeed, all the children, who were sixteen in number, went the same way.

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Assessment and development work has been done on numerous claims situated on Bull river, Sand creek and Elk river. It is the intention of the owners of several of these properties to have ore ready for shipment next season.

The Ram's Horn was located by Grady Ankhus last fall. A cut has been run in for some distance on the ledge showing carbonates. The ledge is about twenty feet in width. The property has been bonded for \$30,000.

On the St. Eugene six hundred feet of tunneling has been done, and they are now sinking a shaft through ore from the upper to the lower tunnel, a distance of 100 feet. At present there is about 4000 tons of ore on the dump, and fully 12,000 in sight which assays about 35 ounces in silver and 88 per cent lead.

On the Lake Shore a thirty-foot tunnel has been run, showing a large amount of green in place; it is expected that the owners of this property will ship ore during the coming season.

**ROSSLAND.**

An important strike has been made in the shaft of the Giant. Four feet of ore, struck in the bottom-to-day, averaged \$50 in gold. Recent assays from rock near the Highland mine, four miles north of the town, also shows ore of good value. Samples yesterday went \$45.

The sale of the Enterprise in the Slooan country for \$300,000 to M. D. Hyman of Denver, Col., is confirmed. This property was bonded fourteen months ago for \$25,000 by the Finch syndicate. It has shipped more than enough ore to pay all the expenses of developments. It is said that Finch and his associates will clean up nearly \$300,000.

James Mason has been held by Justice Townsend for the murder of Dwyer near on Dec. 12. He will be transferred to Kamloops in a day or two.

(Rossland Mines.)

Plans and specifications are being made for a steam hoist and four-drill compressor plant for the Sunset.

A force of men were put to work yesterday on the Iron Colt tunnel, which will be driven to tap the ledge at a depth of 150 feet. The tunnel will be about 350 feet in length.

Jeff Lewis has come in from the new camp on Sheep Creek and reports that the tunnel on the Victoria is now 65 feet and that it has gone five feet into an ore chute which is ten feet wide. When the ore was first encountered the assay showed \$19.20 in gold with some copper. Mr. Lewis says the ore now being taken out must run at least five per cent copper. The ore is a massive sulphide and the surface of the same ledge is another 200 feet. The ground shows some very fine chalcoprytes.

J. T. Sullivan, superintendent of the Elise mine on Wild Horse Creek, arrived yesterday. He reports the shaft down 26 feet showing four feet of solid ore between two good walls. The ore is quartz carrying sulphurets, and recent assays average about \$300 to the ton. Exactly what the value of the ore is will not be known until shipment has been made to a smelter. The sample lot of four tons shipped from the surface two months ago to the Trail smelter ran a little over \$30.

**ROSSLAND.**

The War Eagle is making a record as a producer. In the past five days it has produced 40 tons of ore. The shaft is now down 60 feet and in splendid ore. This gives a depth of 320 feet from the surface.

The management of the Trail smelter states that the matte produced of late is of the highest grade ever turned out by them. This is owing to the fact that the ore recently received is from the deepest working of the Le Roi and War Eagle, and is much higher in grade than ore from nearer the surface.

A miner named Dan Goggin, employed at the War Eagle, was charged with assault before Justice Townsend and remained to jail for eight days. At a late hour the night before he attacked a man named Daniel Murphy in the War Eagle bunk house with a poker, and the latter is still in a critical condition in the hospital.

**SLOAN.**

The Two Friends on Springer creek, shipped another carload of ore to Tacoma on Saturday.

There were rumors of the Neepawa, on Ten Mile, closing down, but the showing of ore has improved wonderfully during the last few days.

Four MBE properties will be connected by a wagon road next spring, the cost to be borne by the mine owners and the government.

The Vancouver syndicate, headed by D. McGillivray, who recently bonded the Little B group, on Springer creek, has let a contract to Long and Tucker, two of the owners, for the erection of the cabins on the property and the driving of 125 feet of tunneling.

Considerable feeling has been aroused by the action of the members of the Mine Club in hiring a Chinese cook. Mongolians have received scant courtesy in the past and the citizens are determined they shall have none of them.

Another tunnel has been started on the Bondholder, Ten Mile, and the force of men increased.

The Enterprise group on Ten Mile, will increase the force of men to forty next week when stoping will be commenced in earnest. A Colorado citizen of the name of Koch has the contract to handle the ore, and he is tearing up ground in good style. Ten tons of ore will be handled daily.

**KASLO.**

When in this city a few weeks ago, Sidney J. Pitts, of Victoria and London, purchased the lot immediately east of the review hotel, on which there is a blacksmith shop, for \$875. The other day he was offered and refused \$800 for the same lot.

The sampling works of the Kootenay Ore Company started work on Wednesday last, and run through thirty tons of ore from the well-known White water mine. There are further quantities on the ground and now that the works are in active operation, there is little doubt but what the consignment will be ample.

An important strike of rich ore is reported upon the B. N. A., a claim on the South Fork of Kaslo Creek, adjoining the Silver Bell. The B. N. A. is owned by Tim Cronin, Lanchey McLean and Green Brothers, who also hold two adjacent claims in extension. The new strike was made after going through 36 feet of granite wash, and running 24 feet on the ledge. An attempt was then made to cross cut from the foot wall, but at 17 feet the hanging wall had not been reached. Rich ore was struck however, showing considerable wire silver. Assays have not yet been obtained, but the ore looks very rich.

Ed. Baum reports a valuable find on the "Cuba Dan" group of which he and Mike Welch are the owners. The group is located about two and a half miles north of Bear lake, in the dry ore belt, between the Wellington and the London. They have run three tunnels, in one of which they tapped the lead and got ore in paying quantities at 25 feet. They also have the Bullion lead on the property. They are still going ahead with work, but find difficulty in getting animals up with necessary supplies.

**NELSON.**

On Thursday evening the passengers on the incoming train on the Columbia & Kootenay railway had an exciting experience. A short distance this side of Forty-nine creek a freight car loaded with coal oil bumped the track, and the baggage car and passenger coach also left the rails. A stout coupling was the only thing which prevented the car from falling into the river, some fifty feet below. Not having suitable appliances for getting the freight car on the rails again, the coal oil was taken out of it and it was destroyed.

The Mail of British Columbia this week reported \$250 worth of gold dust to Highland mine, being collected by J. D. Farrell, of the Idaho, says that the property shipped during November over 200 tons of concentrates and crude ore. The shipments averaged 230 ounces of silver. There is ore enough in sight on the property to last ten months. The Idaho paid a regular monthly dividend on Tuesday. This dividend will distribute \$20,000 among the owners of the property. There are four and a-half feet of carbonate ore in the mine between tunnels No. 1 and No. 2.

John M. Harris of the Reco, estimates that the output of that portion of the Sloan which is drained by the Carpenter, will be \$3,000,000 during the present winter. He says that there were ten millions which would pay dividends from \$50,000 to \$200,000, and in all between thirty and forty properties would pay dividends. Respectively the Reco said that dividend of \$100,000 was guaranteed by March 1st, 1897. There is sufficient ore blocked in the Reco which, if worked, would pay regular monthly dividends of \$50,000 for two years. The Reco tramway and concentrates will be completed in the spring before the snow leaves the mountains.

The 140-foot level of the Wellington. A crosscut was being run in this level to strike the north vein. The vein was cut on Saturday. The shaft is being solid ore was found to be from 12 to 14 inches wide. A drift was run south on the vein thirteen feet, from which was taken a little over a carload of ore. Several assays were made, one of them running as high as 4013 ounces in silver. On the 240-foot level a small vein has been cut from which assays from 2500 to 3000 ounces in silver. On the east vein the ore has been cut at three levels, the depths being 95 feet, 140 feet and 155 feet respectively. The average thickness of the vein is from 12 to 18 inches, and the average assays in silver from 65 to 300 ounces and about 50 per cent lead. Five carloads of ore were shipped from the mine in the past six weeks, and two carloads are sacked ready for shipment.

The annual meeting of the Hall Mines, limited, was held in London on Thursday. An attempt was made by the shareholders who are dissatisfied with the present management to effect a number of changes, but they were rather heavily outvoted, the friends of the party at present in control having a majority of some 70,000 shares.

The Nelson Miner.

A cablegram received in Nelson today from London states that the meeting of the shareholders of the Hall Mines Ltd., resulted in the re-election of the majority of the old board of directors and said further that there would be no change in the general management of the company.

W. Walters, an insurance man, formerly of Spokane, died at the general hospital this morning and will probably be buried this afternoon. He was brought here in a domestic coach from the Hot Springs, Upper Arrow Lake, last Saturday.

In last week's issue the Miner inadvertently stated that Philip Lowes who was drowned at Robson, was a farmer on the Illecillewett. This should have read from an on the steamer Illecillewett. Deceased was an Englishman and has an aunt residing in Illinois. The C. & K. Company have been very diligent in the search for the remains, but it has been wholly unsuccessful. It is one of the most complete disappearances ever recorded.

The machinery of the Hall Mines is now all in place and is sufficient to admit of the mining of over 200 tons of ore per day. The level is 600 feet and it is expected the first carload of ore will be reached in a few days, the tunnel, which is double-tracked 9x3 working tunnel, will be continued about 500 feet more when the main body of ore is expected to be reached. It is being pushed forward at the rate of four feet per day. At present between 70 and 80 miners are employed stoping and prospecting the mine and about the same number on the outside. The electric light plant is now being installed in the mine and is expected to be in full working order early next week.

**AINSWORTH.**

A report of one of the finest strikes made on the Kootenay lake come from Ainsworth. Workers are now opening a road on the Dictator mine, one mile from Ainsworth, uncovered a magnificent body of ore. There is within the ledge a three-inch vein of galena which is almost the pure stuff. The ledge is three feet wide and extends along the mine for a distance of about 100 feet. Says "thirteen ounces in silver." Phil Cooney of Spokane, the chief owner, will tap the ledge at a depth of 100 feet by running a 200-foot tunnel from the Alberta, the adjoining claim.

Another big development of ore is reported on the Little Donald and Black Diamond. If the present bond on these properties is taken up it is proposed to run a large double track tunnel beginning on and running through the Highlander. Little Donald and Black Diamond. It would be fully 200 feet long, and reach a depth of 800 or 900 feet. This will be the biggest piece of work done in Ainsworth camp.

**BOUNDARY CREEK.**

Mr. Robert Wood makes the following statement regarding the ownership of the lease of the Rock Creek coal fields: Mr. McConnell, who held the original lease, suffered from ill health and left the country to live in San Francisco, employing an agent to take charge of and see that the necessary annual work required by law was performed. It appears that the lessee's instructions were never carried out, and Mr. W. T. Thompson, thinking that the lease was annulled re-staked the ground and applied in the regular way for a license in the autumn of last year. Mr. Wood and others also staked last spring a number of claims in the same vicinity. The applications, however, were refused by the government upon the representation of Mr. Heine, that the lands were within the area to be granted to the Columbia & Western railway company as a land subsidy. In due course Mr. McConnell returned from California and his lease was restored to him on his leading sickness and the failure of the agent to carry out his directions as reasons for non-compliance with the legal regulations. Messrs. Wood and Thompson are now associated with Mr. McConnell, being connected with him in the property. With regard to the other ground staked last spring, Mr. Heine's claim will be disputed for the very good reasons that the applications were sent into the government before the proposed route of

**THE COLUMBIA & WESTERN HAD BEEN SURVEYED.**

Coal & Rock Creek has been steadily mined for the past three months, and at the present time two shafts are at work on the claim, and a local market has been found for the product. According to the report of the Messrs. Gutes Bros., analyses of samples taken from a vein of clear coal 18 inches wide, yielded coke 85.6 per cent and ash only 6.2 per cent.

The dispute with regard to the lease of the Jack Spades has been amicably settled, and preparations will be made for developing the property on an extensive scale. Messrs. Gutes, the engineer sent out by the French syndicate holding the lease, is most anxious to make a dividend from the mine for its principals as soon as possible, and intends to erect a smelter on the property directly by the ore body. Meanwhile an Ingersoll drill, first to be used in mining on Boundary Creek—an air compressor, a dynamo, a saw mill, steel rails to extend a distance of four miles for a tramway, cars and other machinery have been ordered and will arrive in the course of a few weeks.

Eight men are at work on the Joe Dandy at Fairview. The claim is under bond to Lord Sudley, who recently visited the camp.

Mr. Dier is advertising for thirty miners to work on his properties at Fairview. He already has 25 men in his employment.

The shaft that is being sunk on the Old Assides is now down 70 feet, and is solid ore. The last ten feet, says the contractor has found it difficult to keep the shaft free from water, which has been pouring in rapidly.

Twenty hundred pounds weight of supplies and provisions were taken up to the Adirondack-Kimberley camp on Monday, and \$2500 is to be spent in development work. The property is bonded to Mr. W. T. Thompson.

C. E. Barklow brought down on Thursday a magnificent specimen of gold, literally speckled and flaked with free gold, from the Combination.

**Pleased With Her First Experience.**

A wife and mother living in St. John, N. S., says: "I shall ever pleasantly remember my first experience with Diamond Dyes. My husband had a Sunday coat that was getting to be a dingy and faded shade of brown. He needed a new one very badly, but could not afford it. After a day or two of very serious consideration I suggested that the coat might be dyed a good black, and stated that I would undertake the work. I had never dyed anything before, but having heard how easy it was to dye with the Diamond Dyes, I bought a package of the Diamond Dyes, and followed the directions for dyeing. I was overjoyed with my victory. I dyed the coat beyond all my expectations, and my husband was delighted. The coat when dried pressed and finished looked like a new one from a tailoring establishment. Thanks for your magnificent dyes."

**THE GENTLEMAN DIGGER.**

Some curious stories are told of the ways of the newsmen in South Africa. It is said that a certain fresh clerk was imported for an office of the Netherlands (Transvaal) railway. The gentleman in question was made in Holland, and took thence an alarming amount of luggage. During the unpacking of one of his trunks—a trunk of the name of Chester, which was marked "Helo," queried a bystander, "what's that for?" "I thought," replied in all innocence, the youth—"I thought I might do a little gold digging in my leisure hours."

**A SHOEMAKER PRINCE.**

In addition to Hans Sachs, the shoemaker poet, and Tolstol, the shoemaker novelist, there is now, according to the Women at Home, a shoemaker Prince, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales. Duke of Cornwall, Duke of Rothesay, Duke of Chester, etc.—in short, the heir apparent to the throne of Great Britain. It appears, says the journal just named, that the "Queen of England and the Prince Consort" desired that each of their children should learn from the beginning some useful trade. The Prince of Wales acquired shoemaking and soon acquired such perfection in the art that his handiwork became the pride of his fellow cobblers, as it was the envy of gentlemen of fashion.

**SHOOT RIGHT AND LEFT.**

A gun that could shoot around the corner has been the desire of all inventors of small arms. It has remained for an Italian to devise this weapon. The gun is called the "Scumobile."

It is a good and proper name. With this weapon war may be impossible, and the present position of the world is what one of the European papers says about this tremendous weapon: "This extraordinary gun, of which two barrels can be presented at two separate objects and fired at once, is the invention of Alessandro Scumri, who has already distinguished himself as a mechanic. The barrels are separated so as to cover two objects by a small screw, which is moved by the left hand and they are so placed that the shooter's eye can aim along each. If only one shot is required, one barrel is easily thrown out of gear. There is one important utility of this machine; it enables the shooter to judge the distance of the object at which he aims. This he does by means of a minute scale between the barrels, by observing which, at two different spots, he can, by a simple geometrical formula, arrive approximately at the distance."

A military man will see at a glance the effectiveness of this new destructive implement, which has not been introduced into European armies, but will be tested soon.

This gun makes a reversion to the old-time blunderbuss, which shot so many ways that the man behind it was the only man who was really in danger.

**PACIFIC RAILWAYS.**

**Discussion in the United States Senate Regarding the Bonded Debt.**

**Senator Morgan Makes Some Pointed Remarks About Monopolists.**

Washington, Dec. 23.—The senate was unexpectedly diverted today from Cuba to the Pacific railroads. Soon after the session opened Pettigrew of South Dakota called up his resolution relative to the trust notes on the Pacific railroads. The senator made a savage onslaught on the Pacific railroad system in general, charging that a combination of private interests was seeking to absorb the roads, and close out the government. This opened the entire question, and Morgan Alabama followed with a bitter arraignment of the Pacific roads, charging them with fraud and crime on a gigantic scale. The speech lasted until shortly before 2 o'clock, when the morning hour expired, thus sending over the Cuban question until after the holidays.

The urgent deficiency bill was reported and passed with minor amendments. It carries \$884,886, the larger part of which is for continuation of the work of the navy department.

Pettigrew of South Dakota called up his resolution appropriating \$10,000,000 to take up the first note of the Union Pacific railroad. He said this step was necessary to protect the interests of the government against the schemes of those who hold the notes, whose purpose was to absorb the branch lines of the Union Pacific. He believed the Union Pacific was not insolvent, and that the floating debt was created for the express purpose of consolidating and embarrassing the government lien. He pointed out that in 1891 while the Union Pacific road had \$28,000,000 of the stock of the branch roads in its possession, with earnings sufficient to pay expenses, pay the interest on the first mortgage bonds and furnish a surplus, this floating debt of \$8,000,000 was created.

"It turns up in the hands of the officers and directors and representatives of the road," he said, "and the bonds and stocks of these branch lines are taken by these officers and placed with Drexel, Morgan & Co., as security for the floating debt. Now, it is well for the committee to ascertain how this floating debt came into existence, the consideration received for it, and everything connected with it, in view of the fact that the road was earning its operating expenses, interest on its bonds and a surplus besides."

The senator declared that these people proposed to get control of \$83,000,000 of stock and bonds which control the branch lines of the Union Pacific independent absolutely of the rights and interests of the United States government. He said that the bonds and stocks are worth \$55,000,000 to-day upon the market. Their apparent purpose, he said, was to divert the business of the branch lines to other roads, and thereby make the property upon which the floating debt holds its security, almost worthless. At this juncture prompt action was required, in order to prevent the accomplishment of this purpose, which was in line, Pettigrew said, with the dishonest and corrupt acts of these men through the agency of the committee. He said that an advertisement had been placed in the Wall Street Daily News, signed by J. G. Moore, James W. Alexander and John F. Adams, a committee, for the purpose of carrying out this scheme. He said that this committee represents the great estates which control the Union Pacific railroad, which have made great fortunes out of the road and have so managed it as to "swindle the sinking fund" and cause great scandals in regard to the roads. A part of the plan was to have receivers appointed in the interests of the men who were controlling the road, to better facilitate the defeat of the government's claims.

The fear of the chairman of the committee on Pacific roads asked if Pettigrew favored the operation of the roads by the government. Pettigrew answered: "Certainly. The government could not possibly manage the Pacific roads worse than they have been managed. It would do as well with pools, combines and discrimination of rates which has made the American railways largely an object for criticism."

Platt of Connecticut spoke of the imperative necessity of considering the important question of settlement with the Pacific roads. An indebtedness reaching \$15,700,000 was in danger of being lost, and yet the vast debt and the prospect of its being lost seemed to disturb no one.

As to the pending funding bill, Morgan said he opposed it, and when it came up he would insist on the fullest latitude of debate. He particularly desired to see the interests of the people of the Pacific slope protected against a combination of those two vast influences, the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific under private control. No section of the country had been so bound and made subservient as that of the Pacific coast by this Gorgon of money. He believed the pending funding bill should be re-committed to the committee and a more adequate remedy presented. The Union Pacific had enough in its treasury to pay the interest on the first mortgage bonds, and the government should not come to Congress as a bankrupt and mendicant, asking for pity. It was not only paying interest on its own bonds, but it was paying dividends to British bondholders. These roads were pressing what had become a fixed power of railway management in the United States, the running down and wrecking of railroads in order to manipulate them.

Yet interposed at this point with a question as to the meaning of the President's recent message, that unless Congress acted on this Pacific railway question, the executive branch would act by January 1st.

Morgan gave a deprecatory gesture and said:

Now, in all Egypt there was but one

man, and he was divinely inspired, who could interpret the dreams of Pharaoh. The senator ought not to ask me to interpret the President's message. If any man is capable of interpreting that message, I am not stopping to interpret the message."

Vest, with the message in his hand, desired a more exact answer, and proceeded to read the President's words, but he was cut off amid laughter, by Morgan's earnest remonstrance. "I wish the senator would not bother me with that message."

Morgan proceeded at considerable length, urging that it was of supreme importance that these roads should not fall into private hands, particularly the hands of foreign bondholders. It was coming to the point that an American stockholder in an American railway was a curiosity, who ought to be put in a side-show.

Gear quickly interrupted, citing the instance of an American road 7000 miles long, not only owned by Americans, but by American women, who held a majority of the stock.

"And who owns the bonds?" inquired Morgan. "Show me the man who holds the bonds, and I will show you who controls the road."

Gear spoke briefly, urging speedy action on the Pacific railroad question, and saying "he would seek to secure some headway immediately after the holidays. He announced that if a quorum of the senators were here during these recess, meetings would be held to inquire into the questions which had been raised.

Pettigrew's resolution was then referred to the committee on Pacific railroads.

**THE CREW OF THE DAYSPRING.**

The missing boat of the steamer Dayspring, which was wrecked in the great bay north of Victoria, British Columbia, on October 16, while on a missionary tour about the New Hebrides, has reached Brisbane, with its occupants, consisting of the mate and five seamen, in an extremely bad and desolate condition. The experiences of the men as told in Australian mail advices brought by the steamer Mariposa yesterday are thrilling. When they left the scene of the mishap, it was decided to make for Heron island, but the weather was so rough that, after beating about for several days they had to make for the Australian coast. In the interval the boat was carried right over a coral reef, and being unable to find an opening on the opposite side the reef, which formed a sort of lagoon, the men had to take the boat right over it again. This was attended with great danger, as there was a high wind, and a heavy surf was breaking over the coral, rising at times to the height of thirty feet, but by pouring oil on the waves it was safely accomplished. On the morning of October 20, four days after leaving the wreck, the wind fell suddenly, and there being a steady sea, the boat, which is a twenty-foot cutter, was turned completely over, and everything it contained except two tins of meat and a bottle of calfoot jelly was lost, while the breaker, which was half full of fresh water, was filled with sea water. The mast was also carried away for the second time. The men were left only with their trousers and shirts and had nothing to cover their heads or their feet. After about two hours the boat was righted, but with the fresh water gone. With the food supply very short, rough weather prevailing, the heat of the sun, and the loss of the sextant, the plight of the men was serious. In this dilemma the course was shaped for the Chesterfield group, hoping to make Long Island. A barren island in the group was first struck, and the men, in order to quench their thirst, threw themselves on the beach and allowed the waves to roll over them. The same day a fastigate was seen on another island, which was reached on the 23rd of October, and which proved to be Long Island. Here an abundant supply of water was found in the tanks of an old whaling and guano station, and the breaker and two water-tight compartments of the boat were filled with it. Large numbers of turtle eggs and coconuts were also found, and a bird and a good many mutton birds were killed and salted with salt from the station and dried in the sun. The party had not matches and could not light a fire.

At Long Island the men had a rather novel experience. When they were making for the shore sharks snapped at the boat. The turtle that was killed was left just above high water mark, and the sea in the neighborhood was black with sharks, including one monster measuring almost double the length of the boat. They would come in with the tide and let the waves roll them over and over in the sand towards the carcasses. So numerous were they that the party could not get out of the boat, and had to draw it along the shore until they came to a spot where the beach suddenly dropped, and they could bring it close ashore.

Long Island was left on Saturday, the 24th, and a course was steered for Brisbane. The remainder of the voyage was without any noteworthy incident. The successful issue of the voyage is remarkable, considering that there was no map

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REMISSION OF TAXES

Lieut.-Col. Gregory Urges That Militia Be Exempt from the Revenue Tax.

By-Law Regulating the Coming Municipal Elections Read a Third Time.

Last evening's meeting of the city council was a short businesslike one, everything down for consideration having been disposed of by 9:30 o'clock.

As it was necessary that the by-law regulating the coming municipal elections should be passed, the ordinary rules of procedure were suspended and the by-law was considered in committee of the whole.

At 2:30 yesterday afternoon when the Commission resumed its sitting Captain Lachlan McLean was recalled and gave evidence as to the catch of the Favorite in 1889 and 1890.

After calling attention to the editorial and letters in the press on the subject, Col. Gregory's letter urges the council "to facilitate the accomplishment of the objects aimed at by passing a resolution favoring the proposal, which resolution may be forwarded to the local legislature as a recommendation, and as the remission of the tax will affect the municipal revenue only, the local legislature would doubtless give immediate effect to your suggestion."

The commission was referred to the finance committee to report at the next meeting. W. McKay, secretary of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council, asked for information regarding the hours of duties of the caretaker of the Isolation Hospital.

Mr. Justice Putnam raised an objection to the case being again opened on the question of value. Mr. Peters said he did not see any reason why he should not show the price of the soner was sold for.

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terday by Principal Paul the following pupils passed the required standard, and will, accordingly, be entitled to be enrolled as pupils of the High School next term:

From Boy's Central.—Samuel Atkinson, Edwin James Clayton, Harry Diet, James Alexander Hickey, Oscar Hartnagle, Harold Norman Dukes, Charles Frederick Marshall, Harry Munnie, Charles William Meredith, Christopher John McKee, William Sewell, Ellwll Nason and Walter Shotbolt.

From Girls' Central.—Jane Kirkpatrick, Kate Maud Powell, Nettie Vigilius. From South Park.—Winnifred Appleton Cooley, Francis John Cox, Noel Ashley Whitnort.

OBJECTION RAISED.

Commissioner Putnam Disapproved of a Question Put by Mr. Peters.

The Question Allowed After a Short and Somewhat Sharp Discussion.

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To Mr. Lansing—Witness said that about September 27th or 28th in 1890, they raised St. George Island. About four hundred seals were killed with clubs and knives.

To Mr. Bodwell—The Mollie Adams was an American vessel. Theodore Lubbe, called in rebuttal of Captain McLean's evidence in the Carolina case, said he was the Victoria agent for Martin Bates Jr., & Co., of New York, and purchased furs and seals for them this city.

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SEALERS' CLAIMS

Evidence Taken as to the Probable Catch of the Years 1889 and 1890.

The Cross-examination of Captain Hansen by the American Counsel.

When the commission resumed its sitting at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon Alexander Keppar was recalled and gave evidence in reference to the claim of the Pathfinder. In 1890 he was mate of the Pathfinder.

When seized they were on the sealing grounds, and intended to continue sealing and they not been seized.

Captain George Hackett, master of the Annie C. Moore on her sealing cruises of 1888 and 1889, gave evidence as to the catch made in that year.

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lot, of St. Louis, but he transferred them to his brother, Joseph Taylor, of San Antonio, Texas, about one year ago, after giving a chattel mortgage on them to the Third National Bank of St. Louis.

LA CROSSE

Mr. Arthur Lee, treasurer, of the Capital Lacrosse Club, has prepared a statement of receipts and expenditures, which shows that the season has ended with a balance of \$160 on the wrong side of the ledger.

Receipts—April to balance from Triangle Lacrosse Club, \$32.10; cash from the B. C. A. L. A., \$10; May 25, proceeds from game, \$302.10; June 20, proceeds from game, \$186.80; July 25, proceeds from game, \$204.20; August 22, juniors on account of loan, \$11.25; September 19, proceeds from game, \$156.00; September 19, loan, \$95.00; September 19, sale of season tickets, \$105.15; and other sources, \$40.00. Total \$1,137.20.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

In the Supreme Court this morning before Mr. Justice Walkem an application was made by Mr. Archer Martin on behalf of the owner of the Golden Butterfly fishing mineral claim.

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ZINC AS WALL PAPER.

A wall decoration which consists practically of sheets or rolls of zinc with the surface prepared by a new process so as to exactly resemble marble has been brought out by an English inventor.

NOTES ABOUT STIMULANTS.

Alcohol does not give force. Taken into the body it liberates more heat (force) than it gives.

STAGE ACCIDENT.

Horses Break Loose and the Stage Goes Down a Steep Incline.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 22.—Magro particulars have reached here of a terrifying experience and perilous ride of ten passengers on the stage running between Marcus and Grand Forks, B.C., yesterday.

WRESTLING.

DAN'S PROPOSITION. Chicago, Dec. 22.—If arrangements can be perfected Dan S. McLeod, the California wrestler, will attempt a "unique" feature here late in January or early in February.

THE TURK.

JOE PATCHEN SEIZED. Kankakee, Ill., Dec. 22.—Sheriff Bernier, of Kankakee county, has seized Joe Patchen, the famous pacing stallion.

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to kindling wood, while the passengers were thrown out in every direction. It may be recorded as a miracle that nobody was killed outright.

EX-QUEEN LILL.

She Thinks Hawaii Will Be Annexed to the United States.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 22.—Queen Liliuokalani and party passed through here yesterday en route to Fortherton. The Queen received a telegram that Princess Kaiulani is sick in London and not able to meet the Queen in Boston.

COLUMBIA SALMON.

Report of the United States Fish Commissioner on That River.

Washington City, Dec. 22.—The report on salmon investigations conducted by the United States fish commission in the head waters of the Columbia river in Idaho has been completed and published.

GROWTH OF JOHANNESBURG.

Johannesburg keeps on growing, in spite of the political troubles in South Africa. At the census taken last July it had 102,073 inhabitants.

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one must consume its proted matter as well as the other constituents. Beef tea is in itself a stimulant, but not a food.

In administering beef tea give the patient nourishing food at the same time or shortly after.

A perfectly well person needs no stimulants. Never take a stimulant before a task. After the task is done and the need of something bracing is felt, a stimulant may be advisable, as a cup of tea, coffee or cocoa.

Much poverty is due to abuse of stimulants; poverty also leads to their use. —Philadelphia Record.

YEOMEN AND WARDERS.

Two English semi-military organizations, which exist, as do many other institutions in the United Kingdom, largely on account of tradition, rather than from any special necessity, are the tower wardens and yeomen of the guard.

From a happy idea of their actual duties and a similarity of their uniforms they are frequently confounded, only by visiting Americans, but by Englishmen who are proud of their knowledge of English institutions.

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The tower wardens are also usually appointed from among the non-commissioned officers of the army, but it is not necessary that they should have seen war service.

According to the report of the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Queen's Christmas gift to the Emperor of Austria was a complete set of arms, including a sword, a dagger, a pair of gloves, a pair of boots, a pair of breeches, a pair of stockings, a pair of shoes, a pair of gloves, a pair of boots, a pair of breeches, a pair of stockings, a pair of shoes.

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