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TOM WATSON, POPULIST

His Letter Accepting Nomination for the Vice-Presidency Finally Published.

Bitter Complaint of the Treatment He Received From His Party.

ATLANTA, Nov. 12.—The letter of acceptance written by Tom Watson, accepting the Populist nomination for vice-president, was yesterday made public. Seven columns of Watson's People's Party paper are devoted to it. The letter is supplemented by four columns of advice to Populists to "sit steady in the boat and hold their party together."

The editorial tone of the paper is one of fulfilled prophecy. Watson declares that the failure of the Populists to support Bryan in the close states brought about McKinley's election. He goes into a long review of the circumstances leading to his nomination, and accepts the vice-presidential nomination "because I said I would." He declares that if the St. Louis Populist convention had nominated a straight Populist ticket it would have been elected. It would, he said, have driven the Hills and Germans where they belonged—in the Republican ranks—and the Bryans and Blands would have joined with the Populists. He complains bitterly of the treatment he has received at the hands of the Populist leaders, and addresses himself particularly to Senator Butler in this way:

"Senator, a reform has no right to exist if it has not valid complaint to make. Populists cannot denounce the sins of the two old parties, and yet go into political co-partnership with them. The moment we make a treaty the war must cease; and when we cease our war upon the old parties we have no longer any excuse for living; whenever right compromises with wrong, it is the right which suffers. The democratic managers seem to resent as a strange piece of impertinence the fact that the Populists dared to nominate a ticket differing at the rear end from theirs. Coming to them with the 2,000,000 votes they were begging for and pleading need, I can say with a perfect assurance of telling the unqualified truth that my arrival on the field of battle was not welcomed as heartily as Blincher was received by Wellington at Waterloo. They want my resignation, but they do not want me to lead them. They need Blincher's troops, but they draw the line at me. That is hardly fair, either to Blincher, nor is it the best way to defeat Napoleon."

"For this attitude on the part of the Democratic managers, I believe you, senator, are largely responsible. You made no effort to have me recognized. You went into the fusion policy over my written protest, with all the zeal of a man who wanted to elect the Democratic ticket. In this I think you were wrong. As chairman of the Populist committee, the party certainly expected you to do all you could to elect the Populist ticket. Had you demanded Mr. Sewall's withdrawal from the ticket, he would have been withdrawn. I have a letter of yours, in which you state the Democratic committee expected you to make the demand, but you did not make it."

"From the pecuniary standpoint, which the Democratic managers have refused to do the right thing by the Populists, it would seem they prefer McKinleyism to anything which might seem to be partly a Populist triumph. Their subtle purpose is to keep the Bryan election with the complete destruction of the Populist party."

"The position taken in this letter will be bitterly assailed. Would that the pathway were always carpeted with flowers. It rarely is. By making myself and the party I represent a mere footstool for Democratic politicians to wipe their feet upon, I could win much applause from that quarter. But if I were now lacking in the loyalty which was expected of me when chosen, I would grieve the men who have honored me, trusted me, and defended and loved me."

"No one regrets more profoundly than I do that the Democratic managers have shaped the campaign by which the South has again been told that she must grovel in the dust, and let an Eastern plutocrat put his foot upon her neck. Nor does anyone regret more than I do that the Democratic managers, in shaping their fusion deals, have considered those Populists only who are getting loaves and fishes. They have lost sight of the great army of private, whose honest hearts and sincere souls form the strength of the reinforcement of Bryan needs. These Populists of the rank and file have the spirit of the crusaders, and they would die for a principle more quickly than they would sell it. These men will not vote for Sewall nor for Sewall electors."

"If Senators Jones and Gorman really wish to defeat McKinley, let them lose no time in realizing this truth."

JOHN SHERMAN'S ADVICE.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—A banquet which took the form of a jubilee in celebration of the recent Republican victory and a reception by some of the successful candidates was given at the Union League Club at Brooklyn last night. Among those at the guest table were Senator John Sherman, Mayor Strong of New York, Lieutenant-Governor-Elect Woodruff, Hon. Fred Grant, Mayor Wurster, Timothy Woodruff, ex-Mayor Charles A. Schieren and General Stewart T. Woodruff. Among those who spoke briefly were Senator Sherman, Mayor Strong, President Berry, of the Union League, Timothy Woodruff and Mayor Wurster. Senator Sherman, in his address, advocated conservatism. His advice in his speech may be epitomized thus:

"Pass the Dingley bill, improved if

possible, so that the McKinley administration may come into power with sufficient money to meet expenses; no extra session of congress; appointment of a tariff commission; fairness and deliberate consideration of the whole question; take care of the farmers from the point of view of protection; no coinage of the silver dollar until we can put into the silver dollar enough silver to make it equal in value to the gold dollar; welcome all conservative men to the Republican party."

Senator Sherman referred also to the work of the past administration in extremely unfavorable terms.

During the afternoon Senator Sherman talked freely in regard to the outlook for legislation at the next congress. "It will be necessary to pass a tariff measure at once," he said. "The Dingley bill, with some changes, will do for the present. The Democrats made a great mistake in not permitting that bill to pass at the last congress. It was only a temporary measure, intended to raise revenue which the government absolutely needed, and if the Democrats had let it go through there would have been no necessity for bond issues and the Democratic administration would have escaped a great deal of censure and criticism that has been heaped upon it. I doubt if the Democrats in the senate will oppose the bill. I am sure the silver senators will not obstruct legislation, and I understand that all the silver men, except Teller and Dubois, are opposed to the policy of obstruction. If the Dingley bill is passed at the coming session of congress, there will be no necessity for an extraordinary session after March 4. Considering everything I think the outlook for the passage of the bill is bright. It is doubtful if the Republicans will have a majority in the senate."

"POVERTY A CRIME."

LONDON, Nov. 12.—Since the release of Mrs. Castle, of San Francisco, on Tuesday last, her health has been so dangerous that the doctors refuse her permission to sail for the United States at present.

Henry Labouchere, in Truth, devotes a page and a half to the Castle case, during which he says: "I learn that some of the magistrates favored a heavier sentence, and a few were for releasing the prisoner. Had she been released on the ground of mental infirmity she could not have been the gainer, for she would have been sent to a criminal lunatic asylum, according to the law since 1858. The sentence only one might consider as a right one, for she was a thief, and she had stolen a man's life, for it only seems to attack the rich; and, if it really exists, I am sure the punishment of every person stealing while suffering therefrom would have a very deterrent effect upon it spreading."

Mrs. Castle got off cheaply, when sentenced to prison for three months without hard labor. The effect on her health seems improbable for a girl who has been travelling in Europe, and except for the matter of stealing, her health was the same as anybody's else. Probably the regret for what she has done, and what has come to her for doing it, will weigh on her spirits, but this is precisely the state that imprisonment in the castle produces on a prisoner, and if this regret really caused her to ill she will be transferred to hospital, where she will be cared for by all connected with it. This Castle case is remarkable for the many objects found in the castle's trunks stolen in Vienna. How were the custom houses passed on the journey to England? One would have thought that the officers would have been surprised to find such a large number of opera glasses and fans."

Continuing, Mr. Labouchere expresses surprise at the fact that Mr. Castle did not notice the collection of goods in their rooms at the Hotel Cecil, and adds: "The child seems generally to be accompanied the mother when urged by her peculiar disease to go to a shop in order to pilfer. This child saw nothing." Mr. Labouchere, after a sarcastic reference to the defence and acquittal of another wealthy woman for stealing hotel candlesticks, observed:

"On the morning of Mrs. Castle's sentence a seamstress and a governess were sentenced at the same session to nine and six months' hard labor for stealing a fur necklet, and neither had ever been previously convicted. The governess experts testified that they were kleptomaniacs; no eminent counsel suggested that they would suffer in health by confinement; no pitied them, and no one signed a petition to the home secretary to shorten their sentences. What matter how a poor, fainting, friendless governess, or a half-starved seamstress suffers? Give them hard labor, and let them die. Let Mrs. Castle out of prison, Sir Matthew White Ridley; she has moved in the best circles, and she has had no need to steal; but, do not reduce the sentences of the seamstress and governess by a single day. The best circles know them not. They are poor and helpless; which, in the opinion of all self-respecting persons, is in itself a crime."

SEAL LIFE ON THE ISLANDS.

OTTAWA, Nov. 12.—(Special)—James H. Macoun, of the geological survey, who as an agent from the Canadian government has been studying seal life all summer on the Pribyloff islands, has returned. He says that the number of seals on the islands was much greater than had been reported by the U.S. agents last year. The somewhat smaller catch of the pelagic sealers this year is to be attributed, not to the scarcity of seals, but to exceptionally rough weather during the first two weeks of August. The sealers, as a rule, expect to take as many seals during the early part of August as during the rest of the season, but this year there were often several consecutive days when the weather was so rough that a boat could not be lowered. Mr. Macoun will submit his report at once to the minister of marine.

DR. JAMESON'S RAID.

Nothing Heard of Transvaal Indemnity Claim—The Empress Frederick and Bismarck.

Turkish Reforms Begun—The Clericals in France—"Enormous Extension of Monroeism."

LONDON, Nov. 12.—Nothing has been heard here either by the Foreign office, or the British South Africa Company, of the decision of the Transvaal government to claim indemnity from the chartered company for the Jameson raid, beyond the report to the effect received from Pretoria yesterday. The authorities of the foreign office regard the matter as improbable.

Le Figaro to-day published a letter from the Berlin court to the effect that Prince Bismarck's disgrace is due to the ex-Empress Frederick, who, acting upon revelations communicated to her by the Princess of Wales, convinced the Emperor of Bismarck's fatal policy in relation to the Russo-German rupture. The letter adds that Prince Bismarck swore vengeance and hence the disclosures.

A Constantinople dispatch to Le Temps says that the Sultan's entourage are urging him to revive Midhat Pasha's constitution.

A French cabinet meeting held this morning, M. Hanotaux, minister of foreign affairs, announced that the execution of the reform had been commenced at Constantinople. M. Hanotaux further stated that active negotiations were continuing to obtain further administrative and financial reforms.

In the French chamber of deputies to-day Mr. Ribot, minister of the interior, for Rheimis, attacked the government for forbidding the congress of school teachers. While showing weakness regarding the clerical anti-republican crusade, as shown in the proceedings of the congress, M. Ribot, minister of education, promised a liberal bill increasing the privileges of teachers and permitting the meeting of the congress. M. Darlan, minister of justice, denied the alleged anti-republican attitude of the clericals.

Only one incident had occurred at Rheimis which the government reproved. M. Millard taunted the government with submitting to the dictation of the clericals. M. Mellé, the premier, then demanded a vote of confidence in the cabinet. The vote was given by 324 yeas to 225 nays.

Le Temps to-day expresses itself as being greatly concerned at the enormous extension of Monroeism involved in the Anglo-American entente, adding: "It confers upon America the right to settle any difference between American states and Europe without the authority of the American state interested. This is a big innovation in international law, and the United States will not be absolute supremacy in their hemisphere." In conclusion Le Temps expresses a doubt as to whether Europe will accept the agreement as a precedent.

The Speaker to-day publishes an article by a leading publicist during which he writes, regarding the United States reply to Secretary Olney in regard to Monroeism says: "An entirely new order of things has been established by the Anglo-American understanding. Mr. Olney's extension of the Monroe doctrine, itself not before acknowledged by any European power, has now received the sanction of Great Britain. But it would be profitable as well as somewhat painful to touch upon this delicate ground. What had to be done when the game is up would be the short of it. We may not like it, but there ought to be no difficulty in choosing between the absurdity of complaining over the inevitable and the dignity of smiling acquiescence. The British government is perfectly right now without being wrong six or ten months ago. It is exactly a case of our policy of staying off as long as possible the domination of Russia, now so complete. To continue that policy when the game is up would be merely clinging to antiquated superstitions and antiquated diplomacy."

The Westminster Gazette to-day says it is settled that the defence of Edward J. Ivory, alias Edward J. Bell, the alleged Irish dynamiter of New York, will, if he is committed for trial, be that of P. J. Tynan and others had a mission in behalf of an American filibuster syndicate to purchase explosives and arms for the Cubans, and that the rate of discount to 8 per cent.

KRUGER AND THE KAISER.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—The Earl of Lonsdale, who enjoys a special intimacy with the German Emperor, speaking at a banquet as the retiring Mayor of Whitehaven, said that he had Emperor William's authority to say that there was nothing in the Emperor's telegram to President Kruger after the Jameson raid, which was meant to antagonize the English or Englishmen. Lord Lonsdale said that the true facts were that President Kruger had requested assistance from the Emperor, who declined it.

The Daily News in an editorial on Lonsdale's speech, asks where the truth is since Freiherr Marshall von Bieberstein, the German minister of war in the Reichstag, and President Kruger had both flatly denied the assertion of Sir Jacobus Dewet, the then British agent at Pretoria, that President Kruger had asked the Emperor's help.

SCHOOL COMPROMISE.

Brandon Liberals Said to Be Satisfied With Hon. Mr. Sifton's Explanations.

Cabinet Vacancy to Be Kept Open No Longer—Duties on Street Rails.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
OTTAWA, Nov. 12.—It is hinted that the school matter is definitely settled, and that the Attorney-General of Manitoba is within a very few days to be sworn in as Minister of the Interior. Report has it to-night that the Premier received notice to-day from his prospective colleague that the Brandon Liberals are satisfied with the terms of the compromise on the school question, and that consequently the barrier to his acceptance of a portfolio is removed.

An important meeting of council will be held to-morrow, at which a formal order will be passed accepting the modifications in the school settlement as agreed upon by Hon. Mr. Tarte in Winnipeg on Saturday. It is said that the cabinet agreement will be handed out to-morrow night.

It is expected that Hon. Mr. Sifton will leave for Ottawa in a very few days, and will be sworn in before the deputy governor, Sir Henry Strong. The new minister will then return to Brandon to seek election to the House of Commons.

Nat. Boyd, before leaving for home, expressed the opinion that Mr. Sifton can be beaten by a good candidate. The electric railways are applying to the city engineer for a refund of the duties paid on street rails, the judicial committee having decided that the roads are entitled to a remission.

The Comptroller of mounted police received word to-night that the Blood Indian murderer Charcoal was captured to-day near the Blood reserve by the mounted police. Charcoal made a desperate attempt to commit suicide but was disarmed.

THE U.S. AND CUBA.

MADRID, Nov. 11.—Premier Senor Canovas del Castillo denies the statement that the Spanish government has entered into an agreement with the government of the U.S. to terminate the war in Cuba within a stated period.

Chicago, Nov. 11.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington says: "There has been no change in policy of the administration regarding Cuba," said Secretary Lamont, "and as far as I know none has been contemplated. So far as the visit of Consul-General Lee to Washington is concerned there are private rumors demanding his appointment in this country, and he came home to attend to them."

He took advantage of this opportunity to enlighten the President as to the condition of affairs and the exact situation in Cuba. What the President's intentions may be in this matter are known to himself, and the speculations and surmises about proclamations according belligerent rights to the Cubans are manufactured out of whole cloth. As a matter of fact the President has not even begun the preparation of his annual message. Nobody has been taken into his confidence on the Cuban question, and the people who are attempting to outline a plan are simply indulging in rot.

This Cuban matter has been settled and unsettled so many times by a clique of stock operators that it has become amusing to watch their movements. One day there is a rumor which sends stocks soaring upward and the next day there is a yarn which causes a corresponding depression of the market. It can be put down as a certainty, however, that the President will pursue the same course in regard to Cuba that has marked his administration, regardless of clamor from the outside.

It should be borne in mind, too, that the President is by no means unacquainted with the people and conditions of Cuba, for at the close of his first administration he went down to the island and studied things very closely. There has been no communication between the President or secretary of state and the representatives of any foreign government in regard to the Cuban situation, and consequently no member of the diplomatic corps is competent to give any information concerning the plans of the administration."

One of the leading foreign representatives, who voices the feelings of the Spanish government, inclines to the belief that the president of the United States will make a recommendation in connection with the policy already indicated in a former dispatch. That course is to throw the entire responsibility upon congress. This diplomat has had interviews with Consul-General Lee, Secretary Olney and the Spanish minister within the last week, and is convinced that nothing will be attempted by the United States before the reassembling of congress. "It is not for any lack of sympathy with the Cubans," said the representative, "but because it seems a proper time for the United States to interfere."

Another argument against the intervention of the United States in Cuban affairs, is that there is a tendency on the part of the Cubans themselves to any fraternization with the Anglo-Saxons.

A siding is being put on the Red Mountain railway near the O. K. mine and beginning with this week all goods for Rossland coming over that line will be brought that far and teamed in. A customs officer will be appointed to go out and check over the goods after they are cleared at the Rossland office. This arrangement will last for about two weeks, by which time it is expected the rails will be laid into Rossland.

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GERMANY'S WAR LORD.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—The Times' Berlin despatch says: "The ceremony of swearing in recruits for the garrisons of Berlin, Spandau, Charlottenburg and Gross-Lichterfelde, this afternoon took place in front of the royal palace. The Emperor William delivered an oration, in the course of which he said: 'You have just taken an oath upon the crucifix, and the standard to me, your war lord, and to the fatherland. Just as the Crown is taught without the altar and honor. The man who insults your oath insults the crucifix, so the army insulting with out the Christian religion. You are called as soldiers in my keeping to serve me in single-minded allegiance. Ever remember that you have received your weapons to protect the crown. In view of the general mistrust now prevailing it is especially your duty, by obedience, always to set a good example. You are entering the army in the year we celebrate as the centenary of the birth of the great Emperor William. Never forget what he accomplished. We are duty bound to maintain what he created. His eyes rest upon the whole army. God grant that at the call of heaven we may appear worthy before him.'

LONDON, Nov. 13.—The Daily Mail's Berlin despatch says: "The following words, held to indicate his personal feeling at Carlsruhe, occurred in Emperor William's speech: 'Hold your uniform in the pistol upon yourself and end the insults your king; who assaults your king's coat assaults your chief war lord.' The Bruswitz incident, it will be remembered, was that of a German army officer who ran through the body of a working man who had inadvertently brushed against him in a cafe, and who declined to apologise on the ground that no insult was intended."

PEKIN, Nov. 12.—The Tung Li Yamen has received a secret edict appointing Sheng Taotai director-general of railways, and granting him permission to construct the Hankow-Canton-Sonchow line. It also authorizes him to borrow twenty million taels; ten million taels to be furnished by the Tung Li Yamen from the last loan; the Northern superintendencies to furnish three million taels, and the southern superintendencies to furnish seven million taels. About forty million taels will be required for the construction of the line. Native material must be employed as far as possible on the Hankow lines, but foreign engineers may be engaged. It is rumored that the American syndicate tendered for this work may not have been accepted.

Sheng Taotai is the head of the telegraph administration in China, was the late Taotai of Tientsin. The edict for the construction of the Peking-Hankow railway was promulgated several years ago, but on recommendation of Chang Chi Tung, the viceroy of the two provinces, from whom Sheng Taotai has purchased the Hang Yang iron works construction was delayed. Chang Chi Tung was anxious that no order should be placed in Europe for the material necessary for the line, declaring that in a few years more time this could be supplied from the Han Yang iron works. Hitherto these have been a failure, and it is said more than one attempt has been made to sell them to Europeans. As no orders have been placed in connection with the Peking-Hankow railway and in view of the special requirements of edict that native material must be employed as far as possible it is supposed that the director of railways expects to be able to utilize these iron works for railway construction.

A DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

TACOMA, Nov. 11.—At about 9:45 o'clock yesterday morning a sensational double tragedy shocked the people of this city to a degree not equalled in a long time. Dr. James S. Wintermute, a physician of prominence and high standing in the community, was shot and mortally wounded by Samuel S. Tucker, a painter, living at 2,118 Jefferson avenue. The murderer turned the weapon immediately to his temple and sent a bullet crashing through his head, falling lifeless by the side of his victim.

The revolver was a suicide occurred on Railroad street a short distance north of the office of Dr. Everett, an assayer, at No. 1141 Railroad street. Dr. Wintermute had visited the assayer's office for the purpose of learning the results of an analysis of some ore that he had given Dr. Everett. He left the office to procure some other ores to have assayed when he was stopped on the street by a lady patient who was inquired about a prescription he was to give her. Turning from his patient, Dr. Wintermute encountered Tucker, who had been under his care some months ago. Tucker had apparently laid in wait for his victim, and with a warning except an oath he pointed a 38-caliber pistol upon himself and ended his life. He fell by the side of his victim and the life blood of each gushed upon the pavement.

Tucker's murderous act was caused by insanity of the most dangerous form. He was a hypochondriac. For two years he had imagined himself suffering from various ills. He had visited several physicians, among them Dr. T. C. Kummel. The latter would have nothing to do with him, recognizing the condition of the man. Dr. Wintermute prescribed for him several minor ailments, but told him several months ago that there was nothing the matter with him. Tucker continued to hang around the physician's office and occasionally requested him to relieve him from his fancied disease. Two months ago Tucker made a visit of this kind to the doctor's office. Dr. Wintermute told him he was laboring under a delusion, and said finally:

"Tucker, if you keep this up you will land in the insane asylum."

The lunatic only replied with a stare, and went away. To several persons he said that Dr. Wintermute was trying to get rid of him, and he constantly brooded over his fancied troubles till his mania had assumed an acute form. On Monday he was observed by William Cunningham on C street, across from the Commercial market, acting in a very strange manner. He walked nervously up and down the street, occasionally twitching his limbs as if afflicted with St. Vitus' dance. "His actions were plainly those of a lunatic," said Mr. Cunningham.

James Stinson Wintermute was born April 27, 1850, at St. Paul, Minn. His parents resided in Ontario, Canada. His boyhood years were passed in school in Canada. He entered Ann Arbor in 1870 to study medicine, and afterwards graduated in his chosen profession at Rush Medical College at Chicago. In April, 1883, Dr. Wintermute came to Tacoma, then little more than a village. He at once took a place in the front rank of the physicians of the place.

It seems as if Salmon river, especially the North Fork of it, will be a busy camp throughout the winter months.

RAILWAYS IN CHINA.

Imperial Permission Granted to Construct the Hankow-Canton-Sonchow Line.

Native Material to Be Made Use Of as Much as Possible.

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ARMENIAN REFUGEES.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—The World to-day publishes the following: "The steamship Boyne, of the Mercantile Steamship Co. of London, arrived in port on Friday last from Gibraltar and Mediterranean ports. To-day Captain Fischer told a remarkable story to Collector Wilbreth, Law Officer Phelps and special duty Naval Officer Gurley of the customs department, as to why he had entered port without a manifest."

"The British steamship Boyne lay at anchor off Smyrna, Turkey in Asia, on October 10. There had been several riots in Smyrna three or four days before. The din of another conflict reached the ears of the Boyne's captain about seven o'clock in the evening, and the cries of the victims assassinated came over the water. An hour afterwards a small boat came alongside the British steamship and an aged man begged permission to go on board. With him were six others, three of them women, all of them Armenian refugees. Captain Fischer assented, fed them, cared for them and gave them the protection of the British flag. Captain Fischer said he was bound for America and in order to be on the safe side the refugees registered as passengers."

"Not long afterwards a boat load of Turks under an officer rowed up alongside and the refugees came aboard. Captain Fischer admitted the refugees on his ship, but refused to deliver them over. He drew up his crew of bayonet men, and the Turkish officer said morning would give the British until morning to turn over the Armenians. After the Turks left the vessel, Captain Fischer manned a boat and moved stealthily from the ship to secure assistance. He visited an Italian man-of-war, and the commander denied his right to interfere. When dawn came the Minnesapolis appeared. Captain Fischer told his story and Admiral Thos. O. Selfridge, jr., said: 'We'll give you all the assistance you want. You'll take the refugees safely out of this port if I've got to bombard the town.'"

"The admiral ordered a barge with a detail of marines and bluejackets over to the British ship, with orders to hold her safe from an attack. The American consul was sent for and it was agreed that the Boyne should be released under escort of the Minnesapolis. The Armenians have just landed on Ellis Island."

RUSSIA IN ASIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 12.—The Bulletin says: "A letter containing a duplicate of mail advices sent by a regular correspondent at Vladivostok to the Hong Kong press was received by the last China steamer, and was turned over to the Bulletin to-day. The communications show that the Czar is massing troops in the Vladivostok district and has already a number of naval vessels concentrated in northern waters."

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THE CITY.

Mr. WILLIAM G. McMYN, of Midway, has been gazetted deputy registrar of the County court of Yale.

KASLO City has now a regularly appointed police magistrate in the person of Mr. Ebon E. Chipman.

The capital stock of the Lanark Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. has been increased from \$200,000 to \$375,000.

The Liberal association have decided to entertain Hon. Mr. Tarte at a banquet during his approaching visit to this city.

The Nip & Tuck Gold Hydraulic Mining Co. hold a special general meeting at Vancouver on the 9th prox., to consider proposals for the disposal of the company's property.

MESSRS. J. R. GRANT and E. C. Senkler, the latter a brother of Barrister J. H. Senkler, of Vancouver, have made application to be called to the bar of the B. C. Supreme court.

Mr. J. D. GRAHAM, the government agent at Revelstoke, has been appointed stipendiary magistrate for the Revelstoke, Illecillewaet, Lardeau and Trout Lake mining divisions of West Kootenay.

The British Columbia Electric Co., of Tacoma, was last Monday formally registered to do business in this city. The company is capitalized at \$10,000, and has been organized for the purpose of equipping fire and burglar alarm systems, etc., in this province and in the State of Washington.

BARRISTERS Yarwood & Young, of Nanaimo, give notice in the Gazette of yesterday of an application shortly to be made to the provincial house for the incorporation of a railway company to build from Nanaimo to Alberni, with the usual supplementary and incidental powers and privileges.

The Grand Forks Gold Mining Co., which has just been granted incorporation with capital stock of \$1,500,000, has been formed by Messrs. H. A. Hendrickson, J. A. Elliott, W. K. White, L. R. Perrine and J. K. Johnson, for the purpose primarily of acquiring and developing the "Little Volcanic," "Mascott," and "Indian Queen" claims at Brown's camp, on the north fork of the Kettle river.

The Cascade Water, Power and Light Co. will seek incorporation by private act at the next session of the provincial legislature, with power to take so much of the water of Boundary and Kettle creeks as may be necessary for the purposes of the company. It is proposed to supply water, light and power to Midway, Anacoda, Greenwood, Grand Forks and Cascade City, as well as to the smelters and mines in the neighborhood.

MESSRS. George Turner, Patrick Clark, J. A. Finch, E. C. Loring and W. S. Norman have given notice of an application for a private bill for the incorporation of the British Columbia Power & Light Co.; their object is to develop and utilize a water power on the "Pend d'Oreille" and to supply light and power to the mines, towns, cities and villages of West Kootenay—more particularly Rossland and Trail.

HON. MR. JUSTICE McCOLL was yesterday sworn in by Hon. Mr. Justice Walkem, and having taken the usual oaths of office will, it is understood, be prepared to enter upon his duties at once, although three months' leave is usually given to a judge on appointment. Mr. Justice McColl has been appointed for the New Westminster district, but has the same power as other members of the British Columbia Supreme court bench of presiding in any court in the province.

MESSRS. Isaac Churchill, Robt. Hampton, Thomas Hood, H. Stead, and W. J. Spracklin, all of New Westminster, have taken the preliminary steps towards the establishment of one of the three new canneries to be erected next spring on the Fraser river. In the development of their plans they have organized an incorporated Colonial Canning Co., Ltd., of which they are the provisional trustees. The capital stock is \$30,000 in \$100 shares; the head offices will be at New Westminster; and the manufacture of fish manures, etc., as well as salmon canning is contemplated.

The new mining companies incorporated in British Columbia during the week just passed are somewhat less numerous than usual, Rossland supplying the majority. Here is the list with the amount at which each is capitalized: Bonanza Mountain Gold Mining Co., of Grand Forks; with capital stock of \$1,500,000. Ethel Group Gold Mining Co., of Rossland; \$1,500,000. Grand Forks Gold Mining Co., of Grand Forks; \$1,500,000. Montezuma Gold Mining Co., of Rossland; \$1,000,000. Two Friends Mine, of Vancouver; \$240,000.

An important court-martial over the conduct of stoker Davis, of H.M.S. Imperieuse, was held on board the flagship yesterday, resulting in Davis being sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment. The charge against the accused has been pending for a long time, and although amounting to the serious one of stabbing one of his shipmates, his brother sailors have had much sympathy for Davis and think his act was largely provoked. The row in which the assault was committed occurred with a man named Foley, but as to how it was brought about there seems to be a diversity of opinion. In the conflict, however, Foley was badly cut and has since been confined to the naval hospital. Another sailor, on board H.M.S. Icarus, was also ordered to be incarcerated yesterday, receiving a sentence of something like 42 days for misbehavior.

The case of Cowan v. Carthew occupied the attention of Mr. Justice Walkem all day yesterday. Plaintiff, under an assignment from her husband, M. H. Cowan, of an alleged claim, brought action for \$1,250 for commission in procuring for Carthew an investment of \$5,000 by Messrs. Munn & Holland in the shares of the Carlisle canneries, managed by defendant at Carlisle, on the Skeena. The evidence for plaintiff was that given by Mr. Cowan, and that for the defence by Messrs. Carthew, Shaw and Joshua Holland. A non-suit was moved for by the defendant, but not granted, as the court decided that the evidence in behalf of plaintiff was insufficient, in view of the statements made

on the part of the defence, to enable the court to give judgment for plaintiff. The action was therefore dismissed with costs. Mr. A. Martin for plaintiff; Mr. A. L. Belyea for the defendant.

The Trail Creek News has recently undergone considerable enlargement and improvement. It is now an eight page six column paper and having within a year had three enlargements, may be considered as very much alive.

The date for the completion of the provincial assessment rolls has been extended until the 31st of December. The duties of the courts of revision and appeal are to be completed and the rolls finally revised by the 15th of January.

The annual general meeting of the Y.W.C.A. will be held at the rooms of the Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday evening next, when the reports of the last year's work will be presented and addresses delivered by members of the city clergy.

At the residence of Mrs. Noah Shakespeare yesterday afternoon the members of the W. C. T. U. attended a pleasant parlor social. There was not a very large attendance, but this was hardly expected in view of the stormy and disagreeable day.

The Mining News is the name of a new journalistic venture in Montreal. It is a large quarto of eight pages and contains a large variety of interesting matter, much of it relating to British Columbia, which has manifestly caught on in Canada's commercial capital.

At a meeting of the directors of the Silver Band Mining Co., Ltd., on Saturday last the first issue of 20,000 shares was closed, all these shares having been taken up by the directors and their friends. A further issue of shares at 25 cents was made, and prospectuses with applications for these shares, and any other information, can be obtained at the offices, 74 Wharf street.

REV. G. H. RALEY, of Kitimaat, who has been making an extended visit to the East accompanied by Mrs. Raley and their baby boy, has arrived here on his way back to his Northern home. During his absence Mr. Raley visited friends in England and also spent some time in Ontario addressing missionary meetings. Miss Long of Toronto accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Raley west, and will act as a missionary teacher at Kitimaat.

PRIVATE letters from Colorado Springs announce the death there on the 1st instant, of Thomas D. Lindsey, for several years a member of the city police force here and Chinook interpreter in the Victoria criminal courts. The deceased was a comparatively young man—still in his thirties—but consumption and years ago laid his relentless hold upon him. He leaves a widow and several children, besides a number of brothers who reside in the Saanich and Lulu Island farming districts.

MR. ROBERT LANSING, one of the counsel appointed to represent the United States at the coming Behring Sea commission, arrived in town last night accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Lansing. The party is from the Driard. Mr. Lansing is from Water town, New York, and is one of the most prominent members of the bar of his state. He was one of the United States counsel at the Paris arbitration, and his present appointment shows that his services have been appreciated by his government.

At the A.O.U.W. hall on Wednesday evening the Companions of the Forest entertained a large number of friends who had gathered by invitation. Mrs. Lang had charge of the programme, in itself a guarantee of enjoyment. Mrs. Dudgeon opened the proceedings with a vocal solo, which was followed by a very cleverly rendered serio-comic song by Miss May King. Mr. T. Dooley, who never fails to provoke laughter, succeeded in his role three times consecutively. Miss Dora Wolf recited with pleasing dramatic effect, and Miss Annie Carter gave a charming little vocal solo in which Mr. James Pilling took the part of the rear assisted with his sweet tenor. Mr. Pilling, who is always a welcome performer, also contributed a couple of solos; and dancing to music provided by Messrs. A. Wolf and F. Sehl closed the proceedings.

THE LAWRENCE CASE

The extended preliminary hearing of the J.A. Lawrence false pretences charge was concluded in the city police court yesterday, the case being sent for trial to the higher court. For the accused, Mr. E. E. Bowell made an exhaustive address lasting over an hour. Reviewing the evidence at length, he claimed that it had not been shown by the prosecution that the accused had made any false pretences. He also endeavored to bring about the sale of the quarter interest in the Goldstream claims. Touching on the contradictory evidence given by Capt. McCallum and Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Bowell argued that Capt. McCallum's account was not supported by any other evidence, and that no jury would convict upon the evidence presented.

Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken, Q. C., followed on the same side, taking similar ground to Mr. Bowell, and arguing that in any event the case should never have come into the criminal courts, for if Captain McCallum had felt himself aggrieved his remedy was by a civil action. Magistrate Macrae in announcing that he would send the case to a higher court for trial, remarked that the direct contradiction of the evidence made the case eminently one that should go before a jury, instead of being decided by him. He would refrain, however, from using the word "commit," as if he did so the judge of the Supreme court, he would, therefore, in sending the case up for trial, bind the accused over in the sum of \$5,000 personally, and one surety of \$5,000, to appear for trial. Mr. M. King, who has been Mr. Lawrence's bondsman since the beginning of the case, again became security for him. Mr. Lawrence against Captain McCallum were called in the police court yesterday morning, but were again adjourned until November 19.

OGALLALA, Neb., Nov. 11.—The Union Pacific passenger, eastbound from Denver, struck a broken rail here to-day. One tourist, two chair cars and one Pullman were turned over in the ditch. A number of passengers were injured, but none were seriously hurt.

MORE WARSHIPS.

North Pacific Fleet to Be Strengthened in the Immediate Future.

A Guardship to Be Stationed at Esquimalt as Auxiliary to the Forts.

From a reliable source it is learned that in accordance with the intention of the Imperial government to strengthen the naval force of the Empire at the principal stations throughout the world, the North Pacific fleet is to be materially added to in the number of vessels and their efficiency also. The present fleet at Esquimalt, with the exception of the flagship Imperieuse, which is a first-class armored twin screw cruiser of 5,400 tons, is in these days somewhat behind the times when compared with the magnificent fighting machines which Great Britain has been turning out of late at a rate that has astonished the world and which other nations cannot hope to emulate. Now before many months, Esquimalt will have a fleet of effective up-to-date warships that will be fit to sweep the seas any force that can be placed in the Pacific by any other power.

The North Pacific fleet at present consists, besides the flagship, of five vessels: the Satellite, third class, screw cruiser, 1,130 tons; the Ionian, screw sloop, 970 tons; the Wild Swan, screw gunboat, 755 tons; and the Comus, third class screw cruiser, 2,350 tons. The first move towards strengthening the fleet has already been decided upon, for in a few weeks the Satellite will be relieved by a vessel three times her size, the Phaeton, a twin-screw second-class cruiser of 4,320 tons. Among the changes, too, will be the stationing of a guardship at Esquimalt as an auxiliary of protection auxiliary to the fortifications, and steel vessels of the latest pattern, speedier, larger and more heavily armed than those now composing the fleet, will be stationed here. How many vessels are to be sent has not been learned, but that the fleet will be made much larger than at present is certain.

All these changes are not made with a view to menacing other nations, but with the intention of guarding Canada's western shores; also to be able to send warships to the East in case of the Suez canal route being closed in the event of a war with European power, and so that on the Pacific there may be a fleet that can co-operate with the North Atlantic fleet if necessary. It may be noted that the British fleet on the North Atlantic is being enormously strengthened, the practice being to station the North Atlantic fleet at Halifax and to winter in the West Indies. The intention is for the future to have two fleets, one at Halifax and the other at Esquimalt.

The Powerful or Terrible, enormous first class cruisers of 14,200 tons, it is thought, will be sent to Halifax, and there will be gathered together such a huge fleet of warships that the Iike has never been seen before in the history of this continent. The intention is to have the Pacific and Atlantic fleets under such conditions that they can co-operate, and besides this the South African fleet will be in a position to act with the West Indian fleet if necessary.

A recent order-in-council has been passed by the Imperial authorities to the effect that in future three torpedo boat destroyers are to be attached to each flagship. Admiral Palliser could not be seen yesterday in regard to the coming changes in the Pacific fleet, but that changes will be made as indicated is plain enough, although perhaps the details are not yet arranged. The strengthening of the Esquimalt station is decidedly important and pleasant news for Victoria, for apart from all other considerations the trade brought to the city by having a large naval force stationed here is not to be lightly appreciated.

THE "FLYING DUTCHMAN."

Captain Gustav Hansen, commonly known as "The Flying Dutchman," a pirate and poacher on seal rookeries, etc., is on his way to Victoria. He arrived in Portland some days ago on the steamer Mount Lebanon, having left his schooner, the Josephine, at Yokohama, that he might proceed to Victoria and collect \$12,350 which he claims to be due him under the modus vivendi for constructive damages for having been driven out of Behring sea and thus prevented from sealing. "It is now eighteen years since I first came on the Pacific," the captain in a recent interview remarked, "and during the great part of that time I have been engaged in sealing. I have been kept a prisoner in Siberia for six months, with my crew, without being given a hearing, and escaping from the Russians have on my very next voyage been taken to Sitka as a prisoner on board an American man of war. It was in 1890-91, with the schooner Idalia, sailing out of Victoria, under the British flag, that I and my vessel first gained the "Flying Dutchman" notoriety. One night I slipped out from between the cutters Iral and Beak which were watching me, and by morning had taken 491 skins and was well on my way toward the Japan coast.

In 1893, with the schooner Emma, I was seized by the Russians off Saghalien island and with my crew of ten men taken to Vladivostok. Here we were kept prisoners for six months without being given a hearing. At the end of that time we were all suffering from scurvy. When I was released, it was to be sentenced to four months' additional imprisonment. I knew I could not stand any more of the Russian grub, and when I was released I bribed the guards and allowed us to reach the steamers. Five of the men stowed away on the English steamer while myself and five others were secreted on board the Japanese ship, all hands being safely landed in Yokohama.

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

The Kinshui Maru, one of the regular liners of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, arrived on the Sonnd Wednesday after discharging her foreign cargo of tea, silk and curios comes to Esquimalt dry dock for a cleaning up, after which she will return to the Sound and load one of the most important cargoes ever sent out of Seattle. She will take out nearly 1,000,000 pounds of Texas cotton, the first shipment of the kind ever sent from Seattle, and the cargo will also include one thousand tons of steel rails from Eastern rolling mills for Japan and China, and 2,000 tons of flour. The Kinshui Maru is a big vessel, 362 feet long and has a tonnage of 5,400, and will probably have not less than 5,000 tons out.

At 5 o'clock last evening the O. R. & N. liner Mount Lebanon, bound in from Portland and the Orient, tied up to the outer wharf and will discharge before leaving for Comox this morning nearly 200 tons of freight for Victoria. She also has many passengers, including several Asiatic passengers. After receiving her cargo, coal at Comox, she returns to Victoria, contrary to expectation, and will take on some very heavy shipments for Honolulu and Oriental ports.

SALE OF WRECKAGE. Nine hundred cases of canned fruits, which were submerged beneath the waters of the Sound in the steamer wreck, were sold in Tacoma on Wednesday. The goods were little damaged, although the cans were quite rusty. They sold for an average of \$1 a case, bidding at times being spirited.

Tug Lornet took the bark Malrose to Port Angeles yesterday morning after towing the City of Glasgow to sea the previous night. Capt. Langley, of the Lorne, prescribes Callam Bay and Port Angeles full of storm-bound vessels, the weather of late having been extremely unfavorable to outbound craft. The British ship Yoeman is under charter to load general cargo at Liverpool for British Columbia.

BRIDGE LEGISLATION.

The bridge loan by-law was taken up again, in committee of the whole, when the council met last evening, Mayor Beaven presiding, and Ald. Cameron, Wilson, Sparks, Partridge, Williams and Macmillan, also present. The Mayor called attention to the fact that if the loan is made for twenty-five years, as decided last meeting, instead of for forty-nine years as first proposed, the annual charge for interest and sinking fund will be increased from \$5,500 to \$8,000. He thought this added burden upon the revenue of next year would not be popular and might make it more difficult to pass the by-law, and he therefore suggested that this section be reconsidered so as to make the loan for forty-nine years. This was agreed to. It is provided that the city shall have the right to purchase any of the debentures after twenty-five years. The by-law was reported complete with amendments, read a third time and passed. It was decided that the voting on the by-law by the electors shall take place on Saturday, November 28, Mr. W. K. Bull to be as usual the returning officer.

The regulations to govern tramway traffic on the Point Ellice pile bridge were then taken up in committee. They limit the weight of cars with their loads to 8½ tons, the number of passengers in each car to 30, the speed to four miles an hour; and provide that the distance between cars on the bridge shall be at least 200 feet, and that cars and other vehicles shall not be on the truss at the same time. The regulations were reported, read a third time and passed, and the council adjourned at 9 p.m.

Ald. Marchant has posted up on the city hall bulletin board notice that he will move at the next council meeting that the Wards by-law be submitted to the electors on January 14 at the same time and polling places as fixed for the election of aldermen.

TRAIL CREEK.

(From the Trail Creek News.) The Arlington, on the north fork of the Salmon, has been sold to J. E. Jackson and partners. The average result from a large number of carefully selected samples gave \$72 in all values, gold predominating. The ore is a smelting product. Hugh McNeil, a man of about fifty years of age, has been sentenced to four months in the rock pile at Rossland. McNeil started out to make a clean up in the Creamery district, and came near proving successful. He had prepared a letter, to which he had signed the name of Theodore Day, authorizing McNeil to "regulate" every milk ranch the reservation known as the Trail Creeks district, and this he proceeded to do by assessing each house \$50.

TWENTY-THIRD CELEBRATION.

It was indeed a pleasant experience to exchange the deluge of rain for the festivities of the ball room of the A.O.U.W. hall last evening. The occasion was the twenty-third anniversary of Court Vancouver, No. 5765, and either through the popularity of the order or the well remembered successes of the society's celebrations in the past, there was a splendid attendance. The society's usual decorations ornamented the hall, and the arrangements of the affair were in all in the hands of the following competent general committee: Henry Walker, J. Speede, J. Davies, J. Randolph, T. Carter, A. E. Greenwood, W. Hall, W. Bowman, R. Godding and W. J. Wilson, secretary; Wm. Hall, treasurer; W. J. Coward, J. B.; R. Godding, J. B.; and P. Davies, P.O.R.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Nov. 11.—Governor Oates, in his annual message sent to the legislature to-day, recites numerous cases of lynching in the state during the last two years, and adds that not a single case shows that any person was punished for taking the law in their own hands.

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General Meeting of the Shareholders in London—Interesting Letter From Major Dupont.

At the ordinary statutory general meeting of the Golden River Quesselle Company, Limited, held in London, recently, under the presidency of Hon. Forbes G. Vernon, chairman of the company, the following full statement of the position of the company was presented by the chairman:

Ladies and gentlemen, we are glad to have this opportunity of meeting you in order to place you in possession of all information at our command respecting the affairs of the company. The company was incorporated on July 1, 1895, to acquire the rights and powers conferred by three acts of the legislature of British Columbia in the years 1881, 1883 and 1895, granting the exclusive right to extract gold and precious metals in the entire length of the south fork of the Quesselle river (over nine miles), in the district of Cariboo, British Columbia. The board met to make the first general allotment of shares on July 21, as the subscriptions received for the preference shares enabled the directors at that meeting to allot an aggregate of 80,017 shares. The board had previously determined, after a careful consideration and discussion with our managing director, Major Dupont—who was acquainted with the local requirements—that £80,000 would be ample capital to enable the company to pay the £23,000 of the purchase consideration, payable in cash, and leave at same time an ample margin of safety to cover the cost of constructing the dam and waste water-course, and the necessary working capital for current outgoings until the river bed could be made ready to yield up its valuable treasure. You will have noted that Mr. Bell—who had reported on the property and especially on the cost of erecting the dam, and making the watercourse—calculated the outlay required at \$225,285, or say £45,257, so that, taking the local requirements as a basis, the company would have some £11,000 of a margin. Considering that not very much was known of the auriferous wealth of British Columbia at the time of the formation of the company, it must be acknowledged that the entire enterprise was very favorably received by the public. We are confident we have a good property, and believe that when once the engineering portion of the work is accomplished, the shareholders will be thoroughly satisfied with the returns from the money they have invested in the undertaking. Further preference shares have been applied for since the first general allotment, and the amount of preference capital now standing in the company's books has been increased up to £100,000. We have also reason to believe that further considerable applications are likely to be made for the preference capital still unallotted within a very short time.

AMPLE CAPITAL.

The board do not, however, feel that any necessity exists for more working capital than the amount already provided. Latest attention received from British Columbia strengthens the opinion. The ordinary shares, which were taken by the vendors as part of the consideration for the purchase, have been practically all allotted. The proprietary of the company at the present time consists of the very respectable number of 500 members. As stated in the circular, with the notice convening this meeting, all information received, both in regard to the enterprise itself and the highly satisfactory returns obtained by the Cariboo Hydraulic Company, tend to confirm the anticipations foreshadowed in the prospectus. You may have seen the short notice which the secretary sent to the different financial newspapers, to the effect that the clean-up of the Cariboo Hydraulic Company in 25 days had amounted to \$81,500, or over £16,000. The Cariboo Hydraulic Company is engaged in washing the gravel forming the bank of the south fork of the river Quesselle, and as the experts say, the river has, for untold ages past, been eroding that gravel, and assuming that the gravel originally contained gold and similar richness, it should follow that large deposits of gold will be found in the bed of the river, washed out of the gravel through which the river has been flowing for countless ages. With regard to the construction of the dam and watercourse, it has been decided to commence the work on the company's account, having been carried out as fully as possible by contract, one contract for cutting and bringing down the timber, another for blasting the rock, another for catering for the workmen and so forth. Tenders were invited for the entire work as a whole, but the exigencies of the position left too short a period for contractors to examine the site and enable them to make estimates with sufficient accuracy. The advisory board in British Columbia considered the whole subject very carefully, and strongly recommended the directors to proceed at once with the work under the personal charge of Mr. Joseph Hunter, an engineer of Victoria, British Columbia, otherwise the most favorable portion of the season would be lost, and the completion of the work delayed for a considerable period. Mr. Hunter is personally interested to a large extent in the success of the enterprise, and although he holds a responsible position as manager of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Co., has arranged to reside on the works during their construction.

ESTIMATES OF COST.

Mr. Hunter was also concerned in the preparation of the plans, approved by the government of British Columbia, and also in the estimates furnished by Mr. Bell, and in the familiar with the whole subject. He has carefully revised the original schedule of quantities, and his estimates show that there is every probability the work will be completed for a cost considerably less than the sum estimated by Mr. Bell. The adoption of this course was strongly recommended by the advisory board, which is composed of gentlemen of position in the province with large experience, and

their recommendation is warmly supported by Major C. T. Dupont, the auditor, himself a very large stockholder. By this course of procedure, the work will not only be done more cheaply, but greater care will be exercised to secure its permanent stability. It is considered the work can be advanced at sufficient advance will be made by the spring of next year to enable gold to be taken from the river bed, if indeed by that time the whole of the work be not quite completed. Should the winter not prove of great severity, the whole of the work may be completed by the spring. The initial steps have been taken in connection with an application for settlement and quotation for the shares of the company on the stock exchange. This being a statutory matter, there is, of course, no account, and resolutions to be submitted, and I have only to add that everything possible is being done to further the best interests of the company, and if the shareholders would like to ask any question we will be happy to give any information in our power. It will be probably afford the members some additional information if I read the last report we have received from Major Dupont, the resident managing director, who is now at the spot looking after the company's interests, and who intends to remain there so long as necessary to supervise the works in progress.

Miss Willard's Address—Letter From Lady Henry Somerset—The Year's Results.

St. Louis, Nov. 14.—The twenty-third annual convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union opened yesterday with a greater attendance than at any yet previously held. At least 500 accredited delegates were present, and as many more visitors from every portion of the country. Among the distinguished workers were Miss Agnes Hock, of England, secretary of the World's W. C. T. U.; Miss Maud Booth, of the American Volunteers; Mrs. Gwyneth Vaughan, of Wales; Miss Rebecca Green, of Armenia; Rev. F. D. Krier, secretary of the Armenian relief committee, New York. These sessions a part for five days will be held.

Miss Frances E. Willard, national president, called the meeting to order. She was received with a salute of waving handkerchiefs. The report of the executive committee, which had been decided to make March 20, the birthday of Gen. Neal Dow, prohibition rally day. Miss Willard said her annual address was partly prepared when the call came to work for the Armenian refugees at the present time. It was impossible for her to complete the message, but she gave a familiar talk. Mention was made of the previous convention held here in 1884, and Miss Willard added: "We have marched far since then. The labor movement has changed. The laborer now has a voice, and he is not to be despised. The people are forcing their way to the front, misguided often, making pitiful falls in the way, but the light is breaking through the gates of the night. If labor would win, it must make temperance reform the ark of God, to be borne in the very van of its swift-gathering army. In 1892 some of us sat up all night with the great question, 'What shall we do?' At a great convention, with its thousands of delegates, pleading with them to put a prohibition and a home protection plank in their platform, and they would not."

The speaker said prohibition in politics was a new thing. It embodied the protest of the home against the traffic, and owing to the great controversy concerning the free coinage of silver, this party, like every other, had split in twain. Miss Willard touched on the subject of temperance in the several states, and then spoke of the great labor convention, with its thousands of delegates, pleading with them to put a prohibition and a home protection plank in their platform, and they would not."

There were two San Francisco steamers in port last night, when the Mexico and the Mexico were tied up together. The Mexico was an unusually long trip from San Francisco, not making port until 5 o'clock. She brought for Victoria and Esquimalt 23 cabin and 35 steerage passengers, and for this city alone almost 100 tons of freight. The Walla Walla passengers going out were Mrs. H. H. C. Sprague, Mrs. J. H. Kitchener, Mrs. M. J. Jenkins, C. Little, Miss Borden, and Mrs. Endratt.

The British ship Drumhantig will be in port from the Fraser this morning to complete her salmon cargo at the outer wharf. Another of the Drum line of ships will be in port from the Fraser this morning to complete her cargo. She is now in Tacoma.

The Japanese liner Kinshui Maru came over from Seattle yesterday morning and entered dock for a cleaning at 9 o'clock. She will remain on the blocks until about the middle of the week, when she will return to the Sound and loads her outward cargo.

The steamer City of Kingston will not leave for the Sound until after the production of "Ship Ahoy" by the Grand Opera Company. The members of the company will be among the outward passengers.

The steamer Princess Louise arrived from the Fraser yesterday, having discharged her cargo of salmon. She is now in port, and will be among the outward passengers.

Spain's Dignity. New York, Nov. 14.—The Herald's Cuba special from Washington City says: "One of the alarming reports told by Madrid to the United States government is that the administration has now become thoroughly convinced that Spain's extensive naval preparations at home and the recent large augmentations of the military forces in Cuba are in anticipation of a conflict with this country to be provoked by the former for the purpose of preserving her dignity in the loss of Cuba. Of the incidents which have given rise to the sensational rumors which the alarmists are circulating is a story which comes from Spain to the effect that Minister Taylor has requested an explanation from the Madrid authorities who have consulted the representatives of the European powers in that city as to their attitude in the event of a war between the United States and Spain. According to the report, Minister Taylor discovered that a note was addressed to each of the foreign ministers at Madrid making this inquiry, and upon learning of this, the minister of Spain, the Spanish minister of foreign affairs and demanded an explanation."

His interview, it is said, resulted in the notes being recalled. All of this happened several weeks ago and was fully reported in the state department. It is further stated that Mr. Taylor has reported the existence of a bad state of feeling toward Americans in various parts of Spain and the danger of the inability of the Spanish government to prevent outbreaks.

King Oscar Arbitrator. Stockholm, Nov. 14.—The announcement of the practical settlement of the Venezuelan dispute, the basis of the settlement, the composition of the court of arbitration, and the appointment of the fifth arbitrator, has been discussed with great interest here, as well as in all the European capitals. King Oscar not having received an official communication regarding the arbitration, declined to give an opinion on the question. It was explained that while His Majesty has expressed his willingness to be the Swedish minister at Washington to act as arbitrator, he must receive a formal official request to act before he can give his consent. It is further stated that, as in previous cases, for instance when King Humbert of Italy, and the President of the Swiss republic consented to act in a similar capacity, the King of Sweden and Norway will appoint a Royal representative who will attend the meetings of the court of arbitration.

Some ten years later Mr. W. H. Lee, at present a resident of Calgary, then living in Donald, caught the gold fever. Whether he had heard of the supposed find of Hughes is not known, but after a season's

prospecting in the vicinity of Donald, he put two men at work on this Bald mountain, to open out a quartz lead which his appearance promised rich developments. He himself, having a business in Donald, could only occasionally pay visits to the mountain. One morning, however, he happened to be in the neighborhood of the Bald mountain, and he saw the men at work. He went to see them, and he found them at work on a ledge of quartz containing free milling gold. He asked the man to let him look at the ledge, and he was told that the ledge would induce him to let the specimens out of his hands. Nor, indeed, would he allow any person to approach him. His actions convinced those who saw him that he was not a sane man, and the result was that he was taken in charge by the police. Medical experts pronounced him insane, when he was taken to the asylum, where he died last year. Not once, we are informed, in all these years has he been sane, and it was the spot where which proved of such fatal consequences to himself, and his secret died with him. His companion, the Swede, was never seen again. Whether the Swede made the find and informed the Frenchman, who then made away with him, or on the other hand, whether the Swede was so much of that which moves a curse as well as a blessing to those who have it, is not known.

After an unusually long trip, occasioned by the storm of recent days, which made it difficult to find freight at small landings, the O.P.N. steamship Tees, Capt. H. H. C. Sprague, returned from the West Coast yesterday morning, bringing with her some 23 cabin and 35 steerage passengers. The other passengers by the Tees, exclusive of the number of Chinamen returning from the West Coast, were Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. H. H. C. Sprague, Mrs. J. H. Kitchener, Mrs. M. J. Jenkins, C. Little, Miss Borden, and Mrs. Endratt.

There were two San Francisco steamers in port last night, when the Mexico and the Mexico were tied up together. The Mexico was an unusually long trip from San Francisco, not making port until 5 o'clock. She brought for Victoria and Esquimalt 23 cabin and 35 steerage passengers, and for this city alone almost 100 tons of freight. The Walla Walla passengers going out were Mrs. H. H. C. Sprague, Mrs. J. H. Kitchener, Mrs. M. J. Jenkins, C. Little, Miss Borden, and Mrs. Endratt.

POORMAN AFFAIRS.

On Thursday evening The Miner received a telegram from John A. Finch in Spokane requesting us to send a representative to the War Eagle mine to examine the books of the company. In accordance with this request a member of The Miner staff made a thorough examination of the books of the War Eagle company, which were placed at our disposal by Charles Robbins. We found from them that the total expenses to date of the Poorman company amounted to \$6,977.78, which had all been advanced by the War Eagle company. As credits against this amount we found the following sums, proceeds of shipments of ore:

Table with columns: Where Shipped, Pounds, Net Value. Includes entries for U.S. & R. Co., B. C. S. & R. Co., etc.

This leaves a balance which the Poorman company owed the War Eagle on October 31 of \$2,372.50. To be deducted from this, however, are the proceeds of 75,000 pounds of ore now at the smelter on which no returns have yet been received, but which will undoubtedly net in the neighborhood of \$600.

The Miner made this investigation of the War Eagle company's books solely because Mr. Finch asked us. What appears elsewhere in this issue regarding the charges against the War Eagle management was printed before we received Mr. Finch's telegram.

A fact brought to light by our investigation is, however, worthy of mention. We could find no charges against the Poorman for any proportion of the salaries of managers, superintendents, foremen, or for office expenses, fuel, light and other incidentals connected with the office work of the Poorman company. The debits are all for work and labor actually performed in the Poorman mine, and supplied by the Poorman company in the development of its property.

An assessment of one cent a share was levied on Poorman stock at a meeting of the board of directors November 1. This is the first assessment levied on the stock, which like all the War Eagle properties is assessable. Hitherto the company has never had a cent of its own, its working capital being loaned to it without interest or other charge by the War Eagle company. The present assessment as evidenced by the above statement will be sufficient to pay the debts of the company, and leave about \$3,000 in its treasury for working capital.

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION. New York, Nov. 11.—Julian Ralph cables to the Journal from London today as follows: "The most important information I received to-night concerning the international scheme for the settlement of the Venezuelan dispute is that it is the scope of the plan for the new court, now roughly agreed to between England and the United States, to embrace within its jurisdiction matters far beyond those of the present time, far beyond the Importation of Venezuelan difficulty. If Congress ratifies the arrangement, as England surely will, I am told that the new international court is likely to take rank in history with the past congresses at Vienna, Berlin and Bern, because it is aimed to make it a perpetual institution for the hearing and settlement of all cases of complaint or irritation between the two countries. Indeed, it is said that already both countries are discussing the advantages of leaving to this court the final disposition of the status of Cuba among the nations, as soon as the Venezuelan difficulty is settled. England is said to be as anxious for this action as is the United States, because her immense tobacco and cigar trade with Cuba has been prostrated, causing a great loss to English operators. It is said that the British Government has sounded the chief chancelleries of Europe as to their attitude towards American interference between Spain and Cuba, and has satisfied herself that no great power will object to this course."

Drowned While Hunting. Toronto, Nov. 14.—James Bell, hotel-keeper of Oronto, a member of a hunting party, was drowned on Thursday in the neighborhood of Havelock.

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THE FAST LINE.

The Glasgow Herald asks what has become of the scheme for the establishment of a fast mail steamer service between Britain and Canada.

Sir Charles Tupper, in the speech which he delivered in Montreal last week, answers the Herald's question, we wish we could say satisfactorily.

A tender had been obtained (by the late Government) from Messrs. Allan that would give the cable capable of maintaining twenty knots an hour at sea and affording ample space for all the cold storage that was demanded at their hands.

From this we see that the policy of shilly-shally and willy-nilly is alive and at work to the great disadvantage of the people of this Dominion.

The excuse made, if we remember right, was that the subsidized line ought to carry freight rapidly as well as passengers.

Mr. Sandford Fleming, who has given much of his attention to the subject of a fast line in a pamphlet which has lately been published, shows very clearly the folly of attempting to make a useful car horse do the work of a 2:15 trotter.

"The Atlantic crossing," he says, "is every year partaking more and more of the character of a ferry, and the same reasons for classifying traffic as carried on in the smaller ferries apply with equal, if not greater, force to the Ocean ferry."

Why, asks Mr. Fleming, should not the same classification be applied to the Canadian Atlantic service?

considerations; in the transportation of freight economy in transit is the first consideration, and speed takes a secondary place.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy, Vice-President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, at the Montreal luncheon on board the new steamer Canada, showed clearly that the establishment of a first-class line, from an economic point of view, is good policy.

In 1888, with the old boats on the route between China, Japan and Vancouver, more than thirty first-class passengers were rarely secured, and during the winter months the number fell to twelve or thirteen.

The Laurier Government must, if it continue in office, adopt the policy of a fast line, if for no other reason than that the Imperial Government will not expand a shilling towards subsidizing a slow composite freight and passenger line.

AN INDISCREET UTTERANCE.

The Hon. L. H. Davies is reported to have said in Charlottetown lately: "The National Policy, which is embodied in the tariff, the principle of protection, shall cease."

Mr. Davies could not have given as much consideration to the significance of the words he used as the importance of his utterance as a member of the Government demanded.

Both parties are actively preparing for the provincial elections, which cannot be very far off.

A MESSAGE TO MEN.

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politicians generally will not thank him for using it in the way he does now that the election is over and they are trying to make themselves comfortable in their office chairs.

A SECRET TREATY.

People in Europe and elsewhere have not ceased to talk and write about Bismarck's recklessness in making public what had for a long time been a profound state secret.

The faith of Austria in Germany must be undermined since these disclosures, have been made and the French must see that it is hardly safe to place too much dependence on Russia.

The disclosure appeared in the Hamburger Nachrichten, Bismarck's personal organ. This is the more singular as Bismarck, when he was in power, looked upon the betrayal of state secrets as a most serious offence, deserving of very severe punishment.

MANITOBA SCHOOLS.

MONTREAL, Nov. 13.—(Special.)—Minister Tarte has written a letter to Le Cultivateur in which he states that with profound sorrow he saw that the French Catholic population of Manitoba is losing strength every day.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Vancouver's Waterworks Extension By-law—Knotty Problem for School Trustees.

Mr. Tarte at Westminster—Hunting Big Game—Gold Fields of British Columbia.

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Nov. 12.—A meeting of citizens interested in obtaining better municipal government was called for last evening in Suffrin hall and was fairly well attended.

The second carload shipment from the Two Friends mine, the Ten Mile Creek West Kootenay proposition, has been returned at the Tacoma smelter and the returns were received yesterday.

WESTMINSTER. NEW WESTMINSTER, Nov. 12.—Keatsy Jim, a well known Indian who has resided in this vicinity for upwards of a score of years, was found dead in his shack yesterday.

The illness from which Mr. Nathan Woodward has been suffering for some weeks had a fatal termination, his death occurring at the deceased gentleman's residence, Woodward's Slough, on Tuesday evening.

The Hon. Mr. Tarte had a busy day yesterday. Addresses were presented from the City Council, Board of Trade, Liberal Association, and a resolution passed by the Executive of the Fraser River Improvement Association was read by Mr. Justice Bole.

CHILLIWAIC. (From the Progress.) Messrs. L. N. Smith, H. Kipp, Ruben Nowell and J. S. Smith held a private meeting last night relative to dyking their properties, and have decided to enter into a mutual agreement to commence and carry on the work without delay.

FORT STEELE. (From the Prospector.) Four parallel leads run through the locations on Perry Creek, and there is no doubt this section will make a large gold camp.

NANAIMO. NANAIMO, Nov. 12.—Messrs. Carmichael and Gray, of Vancouver, yesterday registered one claim on Hardwick island, and Mr. J. A. Coates, of Vancouver, registered one on Texada island.

Arrangements are being completed for a concert and ball to be given under the auspices of the Nanaimo Silver Cornet band on Wednesday the 18th instant in the Nanaimo Opera House.

There was a large attendance in the council chambers on Tuesday evening of the subscribers to the Nanaimo-Nitinat-Alberni Railway project.

BOUNDARY CREEK. (From the Boundary Creek Times.) Dutch Jake returned to Anacosta this week from prospecting up the main Kettle river, travelling some 45 miles beyond Rock creek.

Yesterday was a cold raw day in Vancouver and those who were thinly clad shivering in the streets, and awakened a feeling of sympathy in the breast of a gentleman who observed their condition.

At the assizes yesterday, Robertson, charged with burglary, amended his plea of guilty to one of guilty, and in the case of his fellow-prisoner, Eldridge, the jury after a consultation extended over two hours and a half, disagreed. The principal evidence against the latter was given by one

Wilton, now awaiting sentence in New Westminster on a charge of burglary. The trial of McNulty, Stone and Piper, charged with robbery with violence, resulted in a verdict of guilty of common assault against Piper and Stone, McNulty being discharged.

The Golden Cache Company have received a wire from their foreman, Mr. Noel, that a very rich strike has been made on the Golden Eagle mine at a depth of 53 feet.

Channe stock has stiffened owing to recent reports of several properties of the Channe Co. changing hands to the financial advantage of the company.

The Albion silver claim on Bowen Island is being stocked and shares will shortly be placed on the market for sale.

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The tunnel is now in on the Mother Lode some 35 feet in the ore. The rock is phenomenally hard and it is not uncommon for the men to dull in 500 to 400 drills in 24 hours.

C. L. Thomet left on Wednesday for Portland. He expects to return in about ten days' time, accompanied by an expert, who will report on some properties in the camp.

Jack Martin has struck a fine body of ore on his claim adjoining the Adirondack in Kimberley camp.

Messrs. Estoppe and Smith have given an option on the Big Three to a Spokane syndicate for \$30,000.

Poles are being erected for a telephone line between Marcus and Boundary creek.

SLOCAN.

(From the Trail Creek News.) In 1892, when the depression all over the country began to be felt, the Slocan suffered, and it is less than two years since the district took on new life, and it is now producing more wealth than any of the rest of Kootenay.

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