

Nanaimo's The Outlook Statistics As Alarming

Exports from the City the Past Year Over Three Quarters of a Million.

Funeral of Respected Pioneer Couple Largely Attended Yesterday.

From Our Own Correspondent. Nanaimo, B. C., Dec. 31.—The total value of the exports to the United States from this port for the past year...

CHICAGO'S HORROR CLAIMS A HOUSAN CASUALTIES

The Dead, Missing And Injured In The Fire, Which Took Place In The Iroquois Theatre Are Now Thought To Number Close Upon One Thousand.

Five Hundred And Seventy-Five is the Latest Estimate of The Ultimate Total of The Death List Through Wednesday Afternoon's Frightful Tragedy.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—For the first time since Chicago has possessed heated lead and whistles to shriek and blow, the old year tonight was almost silently to take its place in history...

DEAD AND INJURED.—Following is a partial list of the dead and injured which is given the residence in Chicago.

Ross Stands Discredited Mr. Blair's Retirement

Ottawa Liberal Organ Reads Ontario Premier Out of the Party.

New Zealand's Tariff Offers New Opening to Canadian Manufacturers.

Cabinet Meeting Necessary to Decide Question of an Office Detail.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The Grit Free Press says tonight that the Ross government stands discredited in the eyes of the people.

The street railway service is paralyzed today owing to a break down in both the water and the tram plants.

Timely Suggestions.—This is the season of the year when the prudent and careful housewife reviews her supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

A Wrong Canada Righted

Miss Agnes Deans Cameron has Misstatements Eliminated from Geographies.

Splendid Service Rendered the Province by Principal of South Ward School.

From Thru's Daily. That Miss Agnes Deans Cameron has "altered up" that portion of the people in London responsible for much of the prevailing ignorance in Old Canada regarding Canada is evident from a perusal of copies of the Canadian Gazette just to hand.

It is impossible to see a matter of our influence to right a wrong being done in Canada, but greater success by a publication based in London and circulated in Canada.

It does seem in quarters that our great misapprehension in this regard, Canada is responsible. In our 20th century, as a country of "frozen wastes" and "icebergs," we have a reputation as the "Red Indian." Small wonder it is that we are looked upon as a "barbaric and uncivilized" people.

TO MAKE WIRE RODS.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—D. J. H. Plummer and W. A. McMaster, of the Dominion Wire & Cable Company, have just returned from Ottawa today.

AT VANCOUVER

Funeral of Late Mrs. Boulbee—Steamer Hamlin Labeled—Boring For Oil.

From Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, Dec. 30.—The remains of Mrs. John Boulbee arrived today from Rossland. The funeral took place at 10 o'clock today.

Over Twenty Six Millions Output

Rossland Camp in Ten Years Has Produced \$26,816,347 Worth of Minerals.

Four and a Half Millions the Output for Last Twelve Months.

Rossland, Dec. 31.—The Rossland miners' annual review of the year's operations in this camp district has been completed.

DECLINES THE HONOR.

M. Bourgeois Refuses Proffered Presidency of French Chamber.

Rome, Dec. 30.—The session of parliament was adjourned in both branches today after the budget had finally been passed.

KILLED BY RUNAWAY CAR.

Ronoke, Va., Dec. 30.—News was received here today of an accident at Forest Hill, Virginia, which resulted in the death of a young boy.

LOUBET FOR HOME.

Rome, Dec. 29.—It is announced that President Loubet will visit Rome in April.

Suit Against Railway.—A. E. Henry, former agent of the Great Northern Railway, has filed a suit against the company.

NOTICE

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to and including the 20th January, 1904.

GERMAN'S SYMPATHY.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Baron von Sternberg, the German ambassador, called on the Secretary of State today to offer the sincere sympathy of his government for the terrible catastrophe which befell the American people in the fire in Chicago.

WAKEFUL CHILDREN.

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TREATY WITH ABYSSINIA.

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BETTER THAN A PLASTER.

A piece of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound to the affected parts, superior to any plaster.

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Ontario Needs More Supplies

Appropriations Voted For Month of January are Altogether Inadequate.

Government's Majority Now Reduced to Two—Railway Extension.

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Mr. Blair's Retirement

Liberal Papers Confirm Report of Ex-Minister of Railway's Altered Position.

Solicitor General MacGowan Likely to Stand For His Seat In St. John.

Mr. Emerson Likely to Get the Cabinet Position Vacated By Mr. Blair.

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British Columbia's Premier General

Well-Known London Publication's Estimate of Hon. J. H. Turner.

Interesting Sketch of the Ex-Premier's Sifting Experiences in Canada.

(From Friday's Daily.) In the latest number of the London Empire appears a very glowing eulogy of the agent-general for British Columbia...

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Brooders and Oats

and wambles coming here. He says that the lists of able-bodied fighting men...

Russians Want Hay And Oats

Reported Negotiations Have Been Made For Fodder on Fraser River.

Five Hundred Japs at Seattle Anxious For Tussle With Muscovites.

(From Friday's Daily) Much excitement prevails amongst local Japanese regarding the situation in the East...

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VER. Kamloops. IZED NETTING from 1 to 6 feet wide.

Hardware Co. Victoria, B. C.

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NEW YEAR'S GIPPERS

largest and best variety in the city popular prices, awaiting your call. See us for display.

Marmalade, in

guarantee goes with LEADING GROCERS

Granny's Tale

For Export obber for export to the Granby la, the sap is solidified by ice of wood, with a clay mould...

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food

Is sold by all dealers at the advertised price, 50 cents a box, 6 boxes for \$2.50, or mailed, postpaid, on receipt of price by Edmansons, Bates & Co., Toronto.

Proceedings In The Will Case

Mr. Lowe, San Francisco Manager in the Witness Stand All Day.

Court Adjourns Until Monday Morning Next For New Year.

(From Friday's Daily) The further taking of evidence in the Supreme court case, Hopper vs. Danumir, being tried by Mr. Justice Drake...

HAPPENINGS ON THE MAINLAND

Great Northern First Train Runs From Westminster to Vancouver.

From Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, Dec. 31.—This afternoon the first Great Northern Railway train...

THE FIRE OF BOZEMA. So keen is the suffering of many people who endure the itching, scalding...

THE VOTERS' LIST.—Yesterday gave the last opportunity for householders and...

England's Greatest Loveist

Schoes Jr on the Shadowy ast. All Rights Reserved.

For his chair, Miss employed her heaven sought love. None but the noble passion to inspire...

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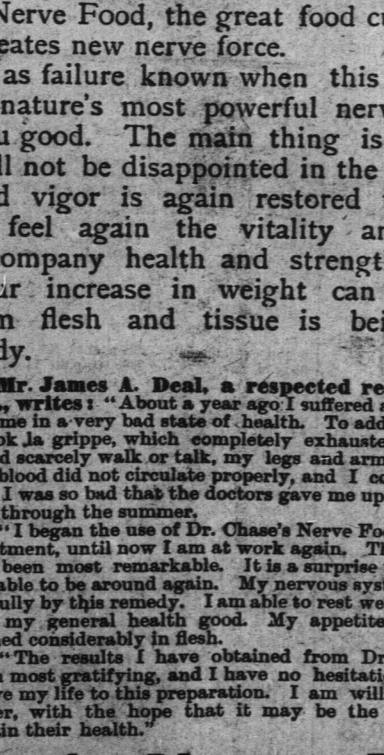
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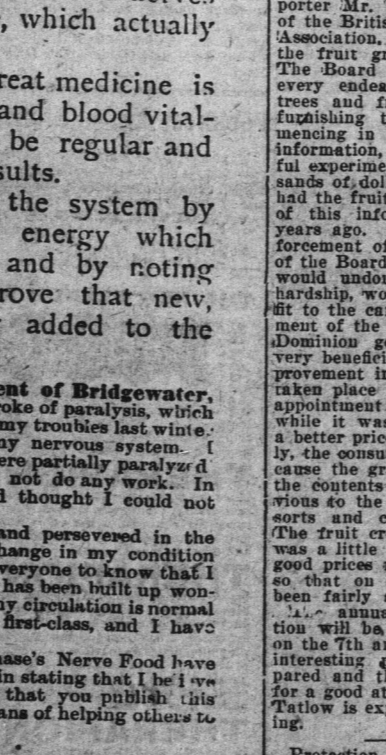
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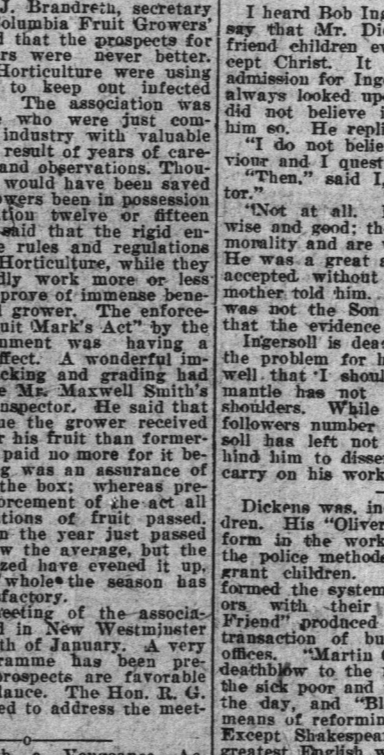
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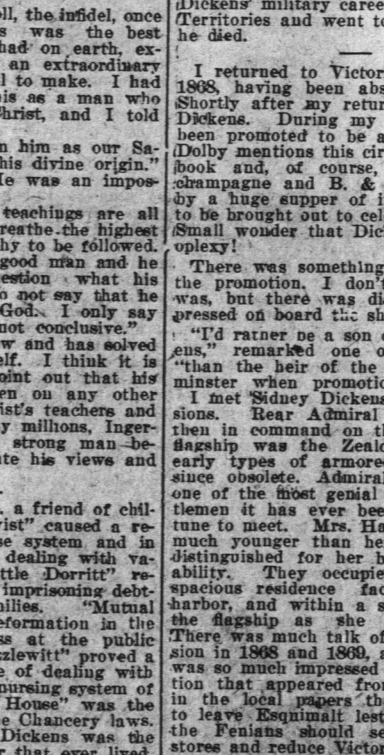
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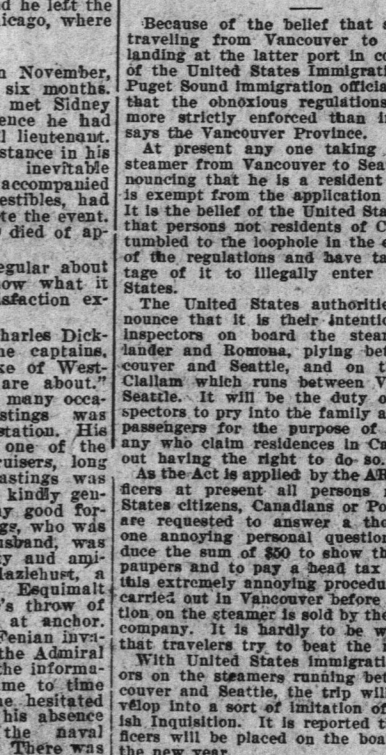
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Victoria Shows a Great Increase in Building During Year.

Large Sum Spent in Improvements, Alterations and Repairs.

(From Friday's Daily.) Last year Victoria added up nearly half a million dollars to the city's building fund...

The Fire Losses Of The City

Statistics of the Department for the Year Just Ended.

Last Year Was Just About An Average One For Damages.

During 1903 the loss by fire in Victoria was slightly below the average for the past five years...

Table with columns: No. of Alarms, Losses, and various categories of fire damage.

Victoria Free Public Library

From the following figures it will be observed that the year just gone over was one of great usefulness to the public library...

Victoria City Government

The following is a complete list of the council of the corporation of the city of Victoria during the year 1903...

With Bated Breath The Nations Stand Grimly On the Outcome Depends Peace or War with Plucky Japan.

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A LEADER.

In no direction has the influence of the age been more marked than in the increased estimation of commercial callings...

THE UNHAPPY DIVORCE WHICH UNTIL RECENT YEARS SEPARATED THE TWO USEFULNESS WENT FAR TOWARDS PERMITTING THE REFORMATION OF THE MIND.

The unhappy divorce which until recent years separated the two usefulness went far towards permitting the reformation of the mind...

MUSCULAR KNOWLEDGE.

The recognition of the important part played by muscular knowledge in the development of the human mind...

THE ALLIED COLLEGE UNIVERSITIES.

The Allied College Universities Conference, held recently in London, revealed the fact that the universities of Great Britain have adopted a new scheme...

Keep yourself well and daily use EPPS' COCOA

The Original Cocoa for Breakfast and Supper.

Most Nutritious and Economical, and still the best.

WAGGONER AGENCY

The Branch Office of THE COLONIST for the Mainland has been Removed to 542 HASTING'S ST.

Where Subscriptions may be Paid and Orders for Printing and Advertising Left.

W. R. CREECH, AGENT.

Esquimalt Co's To Repair Floor

Contract for Work on the Injured Cruiser Awarded to B. C. Marine Railway Co.

Linens Coming from the Orient Are Not Bringing Chinese Passengers.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The contract for the repairs to the H. M. S. Esquimalt, which stranded on Village Point...

BRINGING NO CHINESE.

Steamers on the Way to Port From the Orient Have No Yellow Men.

Have Settlement in Alaska and Want Steamship Line.

The Finland Steamship Navigation Company, which has been chartered to ply between Ketchikan Bay...

REPAIRS TO SEATTLE.

Damage to the Seattle's stem, as a result of a recent collision at Vancouver, will be repaired...

WHILE THE SEATTLE IS OUT OF COMMISSION the steamer Valancia, Corbridge City and the company's City of Topeka will soon go on their regular routes...

FROM WEST COAST.

The steamer Queen City reached Port last night from Cape Scott.

A report is current in marine circles today that the steamer Vancouver...

THE MAINLANDER SOLD.

The Mainlander belongs to the Western Steam Navigation Company...

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Advertisement for Cocoa for breakfast and supper, featuring 'COCOA' and 'BECK'S' brands.

Esquimalt Co'y To Repair Flora Contract for Work on the Injured Cruiser Awarded to B. C. Marine Railway Co.

FATALITIES AT PORT ARTHUR. One Burned to Death in His Sleep and Disease Struck Another.

The Finns Reaching Out. Have Settlement in Alaska and Want Steamship Line.

Repairs to Seattle. Steamer Queen City Reached Port Last Night.

FROM WEST COAST. Steamer Queen City Reached Port Last Night.

MAINTAINERS SOLD. Boat Plying Between Seattle and Vancouver Changes Hands.

MUST PAY FULL AMOUNT. Pittsburg, Dec. 31.—In the United States Circuit court today Judge Acheson handed down an opinion in the case of William Boy's versus the Baltimore & Ohio...

ALBERT FREEMAN. It is hereby given that 60 days after...

A SMALL FIRE. Wholesale House in Toronto Burns Up Its Contents With the Year.

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 31.—Charles Sweney was burned to death in his sleep last night at Katsabow, on the C. N. R. about 120 miles west of here.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Will J. Davis and Harry J. Powers, proprietors of the Illinois Theatre, made the following statement at 1.20 this (Thursday) morning.

WANT ASIATIC LABOR. Pretoria, Dec. 30.—After three days debate in the legislative council a motion in favor of the introduction of Asiatic labor in South Africa was carried by a vote of 20 to 4.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT. Ottawa, Dec. 31.—A. E. Aylesworth will enter the Ontario government and will run in Victoria for the seat of the death of A. Pattullo.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL EXPRESSES CANADA'S SYMPATHY WITH CITIZENS OF CHICAGO. The experiment in hammocks, is I think not altogether a happy one.

PATULLO'S DEATH GREATLY REGRETTED. English Tariff Reformers Feel Loss of the Canadian Helper.

BOUGHT MAINLANDER. The Pacific Coast Steamship Company has purchased the steamer Mainlander from the Western Steam Navigation Company.

Midnight Blaze On Government St. Fire broke out in the Army and Navy Clothing Store, Government street, last night at half-past eleven o'clock.

Fire Got Good Grip, but was Well Handled by the Department. At one period, when the whole roof ridge was flaming, the fire had a decided chance of spreading to the adjoining stores.

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ACIDENTALLY SHOT. Havana, Dec. 31.—Fargo Squires, eldest son of the United States minister to Cuba, was accidentally shot and instantly killed in the morning.

Watch-night Services Held at Local Churches—Services for Today. A watch-night service was held last night at the Metropolitan Methodist church, where a number of the congregation gathered to watch the old year and the new year arrive.

Company of Royal Artillery for Esquimalt Reached City Last Evening. The party consisted of 100 men, including 20 officers and 80 non-commissioned officers and privates.

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Nanaimo as a Fishing Centre. Growth of Herring Industry Gives Coal City a New Ambition.

Masonic Lodge Elects Officers—Related Christmas Tree Entertainments. The Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia met last evening at the Masonic hall.

Soldiers Here From Halifax. Company of Royal Artillery for Esquimalt Reached City Last Evening.

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American Institute of Architects to ask Mayor Harrison to order all theatres in Chicago to close for a month.

PRINCE LUITPOLD IMPROVING. Munich, Dec. 31.—The report published in the United States by a newspaper today that Prince Luitpold, regent of Bavaria, is dangerously ill, is incorrect.

Hospital Ball Was Big Success. Large Number of Dancers in Striking Costumes at the Annual Function.

RECORDING TIDES. Founded on a report from Dr. W. Bell Dawson, F. R. S., engineer in charge of the department, made December 10th, the following observations were made.

HAPPENINGS IN POLICE CIRCLES. The Tale of the Two Johns Who Commenced Their New Year's Cargo.

BETTER THAN A PLASTER. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound to the affected part is superior to any plaster.

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A Great Pulpit Orator Coming. Visit to the Coast of Rev. Mark Guy Pearce, Distinguished Minister.

PREACHED TO CROWDED AUDIENCES Vancouver and Will Speak in This City. (From Tomorrow's Daily.)

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STUDYING FIRE PREVENTION.

SCIENTISTS FIND A NEW FUEL.

Insurance Engineering Station at Boston Experiments Successfully With Black Marsh Mud—No Chemicals Used—Everywhere—Coal Famine No Longer Have Terror For Man.

That Edward Atkinson, a man whose reputation in the scientific world has been gained largely from his efforts to prevent fire, and who has been mainly responsible for the establishment of insurance engineering experiment stations in the United States, has been engaged as a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as the directing agent of the present attention to the means of making a fire might seem strange, but report No. VI, just issued from the Insurance Engineering Station at Boston, shows such to be the case.

The experimenters at this station, of which Professor Charles L. Norton of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is the directing agent, have determined that they have discovered a new fuel, one of great commercial value. Its name is mud, and it is called, for short, "black marsh mud." It is a substance which is found in abundance in the marshes of the United States, and is a very valuable material for use as a fuel in the furnaces of power plants.

Whether such a fuel, which must, of course be inexpensive and effective, can at present be used in what the Insurance Engineering Experiment Station, of which Mr. Atkinson is general director, has been experimenting with, is a large enough to give really satisfactory results. In the report just issued a full account is given of the experiments which have been accomplished in a rough and ready way in other countries, and especially in the United States through the efforts of Mr. Atkinson and a plan is made for additional contributions from the public for the aid of this special department, which, though intimately connected with the work of the Insurance Engineering Station, does not belong so closely to it that the director would feel himself obliged in this connection to make research funds.

How apparently feasible this scheme appears is, perhaps, most strikingly shown in the fact that the mud, which is of vegetable origin which Mr. Atkinson calls "black marsh mud," is a substance which is found in abundance in the marshes of the United States, and is a very valuable material for use as a fuel in the furnaces of power plants.

This similar black mud, it should be understood, is the same in composition as much of the peat that for generations has been used in England, though in Scotland the word "peat" applies only to the product of decayed vegetation, and other plants that grow on the upland moors. The black mud of this country is almost always wet, and may be called a "grass peat," that is to say, it is composed almost entirely of decayed grasses, and is found in abundance in the marshes of the United States, and is a very valuable material for use as a fuel in the furnaces of power plants.

Professor Norton has discovered that specimens taken from swamps in western Massachusetts were dried after 100 to 125 pounds per cubic foot, and that after they had been dried in the air for periods varying from three weeks to two months, the weight became reduced to about 65 pounds per cubic foot. This, moreover, as you may readily see, becomes quite hard and tough after drying, and this hardness is easily increased by moderate pressure so that the denser samples become quite comparable with pit wood, being difficult to saw but easy to split with an axe.

The experiments in cooking mud, as well as in drying it, have yielded some interesting results. It has been found for example that sun dried mud will not coke properly, the product appearing in little fragments rather than in a complete briquette. Even half dried mud shows a great deal of crumbling when coked; but if an air-dried clod—made up of the mud as it is coked at a high temperature, there results a firm, dense coke which in appearance, hardness and weight resembles the coke derived from soft coal.

On the basis of these investigations, Professor Norton, which were carried out with the apparatus and methods available at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has written a paper in which he has shown that a mud of this kind, which is by no means rare, and which is found in abundance in the marshes of the United States, and is a very valuable material for use as a fuel in the furnaces of power plants.

and much needed basis of all advance in our most defective administration. As to the Rose War, Spencer strenuously maintains that England should thereby be preserved its former reputation for ardent independence. Whatever we may think of this view, we must not forget that the age with which he never ceases to contend is the age of the general enthusiasm in the opposite direction, as nations are now being regarded as the art of writing from a purely military point of view. His idea was the clearest thought in the world, as it is the only one that is not based on a narrow, selfish, and narrow view of the world.

To follow him into the numerous fields of life-work has been a most interesting and profitable experience. It is not possible to do justice to the many points that must be mentioned in a few lines. He was a man of a very high order of intelligence, and his mind was always active and alert. He was a man of a very high order of intelligence, and his mind was always active and alert.

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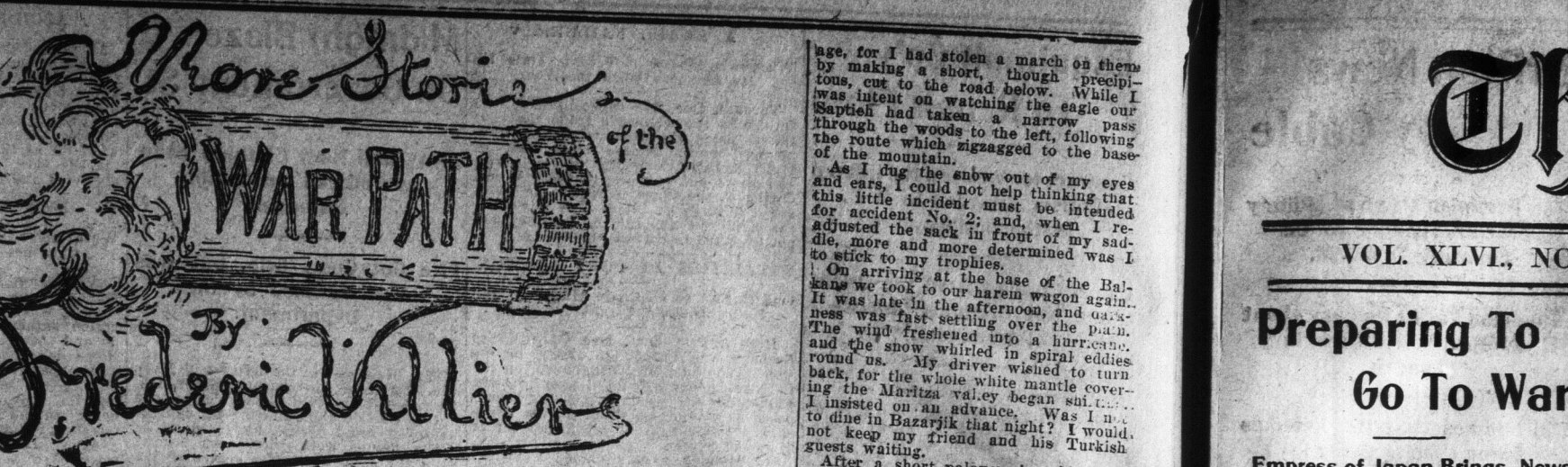
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The Turks, on their best behavior now, have been endeavoring to suppress rebellion in Macedonia with as much force as they could command. Locally I friend of sunny vineyards and of great wine, and I was awakened by the sound of a trumpet, which was blowing from the well of the live charcoal furnace. I had started a fire, and I was standing in the center of the room, and I was looking at the Turkish soldiers who were standing in the center of the room, and I was looking at the Turkish soldiers who were standing in the center of the room.

I decided on three fine specimens. These I took with me, and I was standing in the center of the room, and I was looking at the Turkish soldiers who were standing in the center of the room, and I was looking at the Turkish soldiers who were standing in the center of the room.

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NEW YEAR'S RECIPES. Cream of Chestnut Soup.—Boil, peel, and chop the chestnuts, and add to a pint for every ten gallons of water, quantity add a pint of boiling water, and boil for one hour. Strain through a cloth, and add salt and red pepper. Cook till it is very smooth. When you are ready to serve, add a little cream, and a dash of nutmeg.

Roast Goose Stuffed With Apples.—Select one of three quarts of small, firm apples, and wash them well. Core and cut them in four, and put them in a large pan. Add a little salt and a little sugar, and cook them for one hour. Strain through a cloth, and add to the goose.

Fig Cake.—Wash and chop two pounds of pulled figs. Beat half a pound of butter, and add to it a pound of sugar, and a little salt. Add the figs, and mix well. Bake in a tin for one hour.

FOR A BAD COULD. If you have a cold, and you are not getting any better, you may try this recipe. It is a very simple one, and it is very effective. It is a very simple one, and it is very effective.

BLIZZARD WEATHER. Buffalo, Jan. 2.—Zero weather and a forty-mile gale accompanied by a heavy fall in snow covered the Western New York today. Played railroad traffic somewhat and rendered country roads impassable. Columbus, Jan. 2.—A blizzard has raged throughout central and northern Ohio for the last twenty-four hours. Traffic on steam and electric roads has been generally abandoned. Boston, Jan. 2.—Railroad trains were delayed and street car service seriously hampered in Boston tonight because of a heavy snowstorm which began early today. The storm is general throughout New England, and the traffic is being seriously affected.

HERBERT SPENCER

A Special Appreciation.

There are five men whose names must always be associated in the public mind in the history and glory of having been first to apply the scientific method to the study of human life. These are the names of Darwin, Wallace, Huxley, Tyndall, and Herbert Spencer. It is to the last of these, Herbert Spencer, that we owe the most important contribution to the study of human life.

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NOT GUILTY.

Rimer—She rejected me, so I've written a scathing poem to her. I want to read it to you. Critick—Hold on. Why read it to me? I haven't done "Hamlet" yet. The Old Man in the Third Row—What do you think of the "Man Behind Him"—Well, it's not as long as I've got—Puck.

Mr. Silponze—I have not met your wife. Is she here this evening? Mr. Silponze—Yes, but she is not at home. She is engaged over at the party. Mr. Silponze—With affected indifference—Ah, I see. She is that goddess-like beauty who is playing only for the mountain of flesh who is sitting? Hanomee (stifly)—M. wife does not play; she sings.—Tit-Bits.

Blank Books in greater variety, to be had at Eldon's Stationery Store, 101-103, Broadway, New York.

The last of our Wagon.

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