









CONCENTRATING TROOPS.

Colonial Government Is Slowly Masing Its Forces.

Colon, Dec. 28.—Minister and Mrs. Beaupre arrived at Cartagena from Bogota last Saturday and boarded the Olympia on her arrival there yesterday.

The Olympia at Cartagena steamed between the city from Bogota, which were apparently destined, and found the Colombian cruiser had taken up a position in short distance inside, but was commanding the entrance, it was learned subsequently that the vessel had grounded.

General Reyes has been bitterly criticized at Bogota for having invited the Panamanian commissioners to breakfast while he was aboard the Olympia.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The fleet of warships on both sides of the isthmus of Panama will shortly be reinforced by several vessels on their way to that quarter.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—The United States cruiser New York today sailed for Panama to become the flagship of Admiral Glass.

At Bridge Works, Milwaukee, Dec. 29.—Notices has been received at the Milwaukee plant of the American Bridge Company of a reduction of wages to go into effect January 1st.

Newcastle, Pa., Dec. 29.—General Manager Riles, of the Carnegie Steel Company, stated today that 1,900 furnace men of the city and furnace men of the Steelton Valley will be affected by a general wage reduction, which will become effective on January 1st.

Dimensions of the Baltic and Three Other White Star Liners.

The fascinating occupation of "record-breaking" is apt to lose some of its interest when the records which are to be broken are not other people's but one's own.

COMPLETE RETURNS OF EXAMINATION

THE CANDIDATES WHO GOT ENOUGH MARKS

To Admit Them Into the High School—Victoria's Splendid Showing—Vancouver's Poor Record.

The results of the High school entrance examinations throughout the province were completed last night, as forecast in Tuesday's Times, and are given below, including the list of successful candidates in the Boys' and Girls' Central schools.

CUMBERLAND CENTRE. Number of candidates, 11; passed, 5. Mary Shore, 640; William Hunter, 643; Liane Hunter, 646; Maudie Hunter, 649.

ROSSLAND CENTRE. Number of candidates, 10; passed, 4. Margaret Kitting, 628; Elizabeth E. Conroy, 631; Mabel Sara, 634; Alexander, 637.

NEW WESTMINSTER CENTRE. Total number of candidates, 21; passed, 15. Boys' Central, 10; passed, 8. Girls' Central, 11; passed, 7.

VANCOUVER CENTRE. Total number of candidates, 85; passed, 52. Boys' Central, 45; passed, 28. Girls' Central, 40; passed, 24.

RURAL SCHOOLS. Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0. East Delta, 550; Joseph Weaver, 552.

WILL REBUILD. Steps Taken to Replace Immediately the Recently Destroyed Victoria Treasury.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Victoria creamery, recently destroyed by fire, was held in the city hall Wednesday.

HOW THE NEWSBOYS SPENT THEIR HOLIDAYS

SECOND ANNUAL EVENT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

With Turkey, Plum Pudding, Speeches and Songs the Lads Had a Fine Time.

About sixty of the newsboys of Victoria gathered around the festive board at the Vernon hotel last evening. The occasion was the second annual banquet, and was tendered by Hon. Senator Templeman in fulfillment of a promise made last year at the inaugural banquet given by Richard Hill, M.P.P., at the Poodle Dock.

Mr. Monk, Dear Teacher.—We your pupils in North Saanich day school, desire to express our appreciation to you for your patience and uniform kindness in teaching us.

COLLIE DOG IN A PULPIT. Astonishes Sunday School Children By Correct Answers to Questions.

TESSIE, a Scotch collie dog, occupied the pulpit in the Sunday school at St. James' Methodist church, Ellis Island, on Friday last.

LEADS THE PROVINCE. In connection with these lists it is interesting to note that the principal of the South Park school, Victoria, has passed for the whole year 1903 a greater number of pupils than any other teacher in the province.

CAREFUL RESEARCH. Napier Denison Delivers an Interesting Address Before Natural History Society.

DUKE GROWS ROSES. There is at least one man in England who makes money out of his recreation, and that man is the octogenarian Duke of Rochester—Dean Hole.

YOUNG MEN, Become Independent. One School on Grey Street, Vancouver, is being organized for the purpose of training young men to become independent.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

REV. MARK G. PEARSE WILL ARRIVE SHORTLY

Something About the Celebrated Divine—The Call to Work in the Metropolis.

As announced in the Times yesterday afternoon a distinguished clergyman will arrive in Victoria in the person of Rev. Mark G. Pearse, of London, England.

A ROMANTIC STORY. The Toronto Mail and Empire contains a romantic story from this province, and it is given on the authority of Dr. Fred. Stephenson, of the Methodist mission.

WIGS OF BARRISTERS. Man Who Makes Them an Important Part of the Law.

CHRISTMAS TREATS. Three Entertainments Held on Tuesday Evening.

WATCHEES FREE TO AGENTS.—Wanted, Agents for watches, who will act as agents for a free sample 10 watch to take orders.

SEVEN THOUSAND SHEEP BURNED TO DEATH AT THE EAST BUFFALO STOCK YARDS ON MONDAY NIGHT.

THE DEATH OF HENRY BRACKMAN

OCURRED AT EARLY HOUR WEDNESDAY

A Sterling Business Man and a Respected Pioneer Passes Away—His Commercial Career.

Harry Brackman, founder and president of the Brackman-Ker Milling Co., passed away on Wednesday at his residence, corner of Catherine and Skinner streets, Victoria West.

General regret was expressed by the business men of the city when the news of Mr. Brackman's death became known.

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By Victoria School in Examinations—North Ward Girls' Splendid Total.

APPROPOS of the High school entrance examination results it is surely gratifying to Victoria to note that North Ward has obtained the highest general average as a school in the province.

Wm. Shepherd, of Letcher county, Ky., has been arrested, and is in danger of lying out at Whitely, and is in danger of lying out at Whitely, and is in danger of lying out at Whitely.

FEWES MADDEN, of Plymouth, has been placed in jail at Montreal, Pa., charged with the murder of Patrick Flood, of Forest City, on Christmas morning.



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STATISTICS REVEAL A SPLENDID RECORD. Over Four Hundred Thousand Dollars is Aggregate—Does Not Include Ship Building.

Building activity in Victoria and its immediate environs during the year which closes today represents an output ranging between four hundred thousand and half a million dollars.

Notwithstanding some heavy losses sustained during the past season, the depression in the price of fur seal and some \$130,000 spent in repairs and overhauling vessels for sea, the Victoria Sealing Company for the past season, ending November 30th, has been able to declare a dividend of 50 cents per share.

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The Victoria Customs House Returns. In the customs returns of the year now all but ended probably the figures which will demand greatest attention are those contained in the statement of the revenues derived from the Chinese.

trial of strength between Foreign Minister Lamdorff and Viceroy Alexieff the former with the Car's support, but notoriously opposed to war, and the latter believed to favor it.

THE ARTILLERYMEN FOR WORK POINT. REACH VICTORIA ON CHARMER LAST NIGHT. Something About Experiment Tried in Transportation.

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But the total output as estimated above represents only the number of buildings erected and repaired during the year 1903. It is to be added the amount of shipbuilding and repairing done at the various yards, for which Victoria is justly celebrated throughout the north-west.

It was decided to send a fleet of about 22 vessels to sea this year, the Casco and Triumph, which will be ready to sail in about ten days, and 20 others which will go down the coast.

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Washington, Dec. 30.—The Japanese minister to the United States, called at the American state department today and reported that the situation in the Far East gives great concern, and that Japan is preparing for the worst.

London, Dec. 30.—Japan this evening completed the purchase of the Argentine warships Moreno and Rivadavia, building at Genoa, Italy, for which Russia also was negotiating.

Regarding the trip overland Major English says: "We had a very good run through, and the P. R., which took charge of every detail of transportation, certainly handled us well."

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They were met at the C. P. R. wharf last night by the Fifth Regiment band, headed by which they marched up Esplanade street and along Government to the corner of Yates, where cars were in waiting.

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