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ELOPED WITH A VALET.

A Young Austrian Countess the Victim of an Adventurer.

London, Dec. 6.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Mail describes a sensation involving the Comtesse de Cerechi, who eloped some weeks ago with a Serbian named Chevalidi, supposed by her to be a captain in the Serbian army. He ill-treated her recently and they separated. Now it turns out that he was only an officer's valet and had already married a Serbian kitchen maid.

It is often a mystery how a cold has been "caught." The fact is, however, that when the blood is pure and the system depressed, one becomes purely liable to diseases. When the appetite or the strength falls, Ayer's Sarsaparilla should be taken without delay.

SEIZED BY TURKISH SOLDIERS.

London, Dec. 7.—The Daily Mail reports that a party of Englishmen, including Robert Barr, the novelist, while touring the Mediterranean, were seized by Turkish soldiers at Sidkah, a port of Asiatic Turkey, eighteen miles southwest of Antioch, on November 23 last. They were detained 26 hours in prison and experienced much ill treatment before they were liberated.

The Daily Mail says that the government has addressed a "serious" remonstrance to Turkey.

A Tennessee lady, Mrs. J. W. Towle, of Philadelphia, Tenn., has been using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for her baby, who is subject to croup, and says of it: "I find it just as good as you claim it to be." Since I've had your Cough Remedy, my baby has been threatened with croup ever so many times, but I would give him a dose of the remedy and it prevented his having it every time." Hundreds of mothers say the same. Sold by Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

WILL BE A SEARCHING INQUIRY.

Paris Dec. 6.—La Patrie says that the inquiries being made into the charges against Count Esterhazy will include an investigation of an attempted corruption of government officials in efforts to induce them to assist Alfred Dreyfus, the condemned former officer of artillery, to escape at the moment he was being embarked for French Guiana.

Old Men and Kidney Disease.

Aged persons troubled with weak back, impaired kidneys, pain in the back and base of abdomen, scalding urine, time, a tendency to urinate often, especially at night, should use Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. You know the doctor's reputation, you know the value of his work, and that Dr. Chase would not risk his reputation on an unknown and untried remedy. Every druggist in Canada sells and recommends them.

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RE MR. LANGEЛИER

Sir Wilfrid Makes the Retort Courteous to the Witness Interview.

Col Strathly Ostracized—An Invention to Aid the Klondike Miners.

Ottawa Dec. 10.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier was asked by your correspondent to-day, if he had seen the interviews with Hon. Francois Langelier, published in the Montreal Witness last evening. "I have," replied the premier. "Have you any observation to make upon it?" "Not a word. I am not in the habit of discussing before the public questions would only concern the internal economy of the party. I will not depart from this rule. Moreover, Mr. Langelier is an old friend, for whom I entertain the most affectionate respect; and even if I differed with him I would not communicate the matter to the press. I am only sorry that on this occasion Mr. Langelier seems to have been influenced by a newspaper rumor, for which there is not even a shadow of foundation."

The Governor-General has dropped Col. Strathly, the subordinate commandant of the Fifth Royal Scots, from his personal staff.

Dr. McEachran, chief veterinary inspector for the department of agriculture is examining a number of local veterinary surgeons on the tuberculin test.

Haycock brothers, of Ottawa, have invented a thawer and excavator for miners which they claim will do in twenty-four hours what it now takes twenty days to do on the Klondike.

Fifteen judgments were handed down in the supreme court yesterday, all being cases appealed from Ontario or Quebec courts.

The cabinet yesterday gave consideration to the claim preferred by the territorial government that they exercise control over the Yukon district.

BRUTAL CUBAN REBELS.

Horrible Tortures Inflicted on Women and Children Near Gaisa.

New York, Dec. 10.—A dispatch to the Herald from Madrid says that a number of indignations has been provoked here by the news of the tortures inflicted by Cuban rebels upon inhabitants of Guisa, women and children being bound and burned alive. The details are given by the Imperialist, a paper by no means favorable to the present government's policy, and the news is now officially confirmed. One minister says that as far as is known at present the only crime the unfortunate creatures appear to have been guilty of is that they favored the acceptance of autonomy.

MR. BLAKE'S POSITION.

Will Never Again Enter Canadian Public Life.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—A full report of Hon. Edward Blake's speech last night makes reference to his future course in regard to Canadian politics more definite than has been supposed. He did not intend to desert the cause, he said, in which he had enlisted. He would not leave it until the men associated with him agreed that he should do so without prejudice to the cause. Least of all had he any malignant notions, as had been suggested, of offering himself for the office of leadership in this country—he was out of it for good. He had detested it, kept away from it whenever possible, and when one was from it as soon as he could, and no earthly conceivable thing could induce him to get in it again.

WM. MERRY'S DEATH.

Deceased Was Married Recently To a Toronto Young Lady.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—A private dispatch from Rossland announces the suffocation in the Iron Colt mine there of William Merry, brother-in-law of W. C. Macenzie, president of the Toronto street railway. Merry was married only a couple of weeks ago to Miss Vercoe, of Toronto, who left here three weeks ago to become his wife. She is returning with the body.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Beaverton, Dec. 10.—T. W. Chapple, M.P.P., was re-nominated by the North Ontario Liberals at the convention here yesterday.

Winnipeg, Dec. 10.—The firm of Turner & Mackeand, wholesale grocers, have made an assignment to David R. Miquand, the head bookkeeper of the firm. Quebec, Dec. 10.—The recently completed Turkish bath establishment was burned this morning.

HE HAD A HOT TIME.

Boiler Maker Nearly Burned Alive at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 10.—Michael Purcell, a boiler maker, was making some repairs inside the stockstack of the steamer Wellington at the Folson street wharf, when a fire started below him. He was strapped on a chair suspended from the top of the stack, about ten feet from the dampers below. It was impossible to go up, and to go down without assistance meant being roasted alive on the hot dampers. Densons volunteers of hot smoke began rolling out of the stack while Purcell shouted for help. The heat increased every moment until his clothing caught fire. He was rescued by a fireman who risked his life on the iron with his hands and shouted fully ten minutes before he helped on the other side to his rescue. Purcell is in a critical condition.

BUSINESS BOOMING.

Canadian Trade Reported In a Very Satisfactory Condition.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly statement of trade in Canada says: "Wholesale trade at Toronto continues much the same. The movement is larger than usual at this time of year, but for the next two weeks general business is likely to slacken. Stock taking is engaging the attention of some of the merchants, and until the end of the year it will be pretty general. Heavy lines of dry goods, furs, etc. are in good demand. Groceries are fairly active, with dried fruits selling freely. Prices all around are firm and payments are encouraging. Sugars are a fraction higher. The number of failures was small. The general feeling is one of confidence."

"There is still a large export demand for grain, chiefly wheat and oats. Shippers are very busy, and there seems to be little let-up to cable orders. Money is in good demand, but unchanged. Many of our banks are employing their surplus funds in large United States cities, where the demand for money is brisk. Prime commercial paper is discounted in Toronto at 4 per cent, and call loans are quoted at 4 per cent. New York drafts are firmer than for some time. The Bank of England discount rate is unchanged and the open market rates are firm. Canadian stocks are fairly active and strong as a rule. Toronto Electric Cable and Grand Trunk securities are higher. Failures for the week were 23, against 43 for the same week of last year."

HON. EDWARD BLAKE.

Important Speech at Toronto—The Liberal Policy.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—In his speech at the Toronto Club banquet last night Hon. Edward Blake expressed general confidence in the Liberal policy, and in the approval of the present policy of the Liberal party and again stated his belief of the impracticability of looking for a reciprocal preference from England. As to our relations with the United States, he trusted Canadians would do or say nothing which would prevent extended trade with our neighbors.

Mr. Blake at some length discussed the question of Canadian defence. Great Britain, he said, had given heavier hostages to the world than any other nation. In her scattered territories, worldwide commerce and short food supply, and was under heavy bonds to keep the peace. Canada was a hostage to the United States.

Admitting for a moment the hateful supposition of a war with the United States, how would we stand with our small army and the enormous territory of the United States. Such a war, England must be mainly naval. The utmost valor and endurance could not save Canada from military occupation, though he did not believe that the temporary triumph of force over justice would lead Canadians to yield allegiance to their foes.

But Canada was called on to do something more than hitherto towards defence. What should the answer be? Our contribution, he thought, should be voluntary and relatively small. All he thought would agree that there should be something.

He did not believe in adding seriously to appliances for aggressive war, but in a moderate expenditure in the fortification of more important points, as yet undefended, so as to protect them against surprise by fast cruisers.

Their protection against powerful fleets and forces must remain independent on the command of the sea by the Canada would be doing good for the empire as a whole.

A HAMILTON LADY

Permanently Cured of Catarrh—Japanese Catarrh Cure Cures.

Miss Le Patourel, 187 Main street E., Hamilton, writes: "Japanese Catarrh Cure cured me of a long standing case of catarrh. I have tried nearly all other remedies, but they only relieved temporarily. Since using Japanese Catarrh Cure about one year ago my catarrh has not troubled me. Sold by all druggists, 50 cents."

LYNCHERS TO BE APPREHENDED.

Carson City, Nev., Dec. 9.—Governor Sadler, of Nevada, denounces the work of the mob Tuesday morning in Genoa, in the lynching of Adam F. Ueber, as an example of scoundrelly barbarism. He says that he will offer a reward for the leaders and accessories to the crime. The authorities claim to have several slight clues to the identity of the perpetrators and the lynchers may be apprehended in a few days.

A GOLDEN INVITATION.

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—A slab of quartz, with veins of gold prominently showing, will convey California's invitation to President McKinley to attend the golden jubilee of the discovery of gold. Chairman Parsons, of the executive committee, has promised to secure a suitable piece of the precious rock and will have engraved on its face the message which will bid the president come to California to receive a miner's welcome.

PROSPERITY DISCOUNTED.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 9.—The Fall River cotton manufacturers, at a special meeting, voted to reduce the wages of operatives. The cut will not be less than 10 per cent, and will affect about 25,000 employees. The cause of the reduction is the depressed condition of the cotton market, which does not enable printed cloth, it is asserted, to be manufactured for the price now prevailing, which is the lowest on record.

CEDED KIAO CHAU

China Reported To Have Made This Gift to the Angry Germans.

Departure of Prince Henry of Prussia for Kiel—France Makes Ready.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—It was rumored last night that China has ceded Kiao Chau to Germany. Whether the report be true or not, there is every indication in the preparations for the expedition under Prince Henry that a long stay is contemplated. Emperor William will make the departure of Prince Henry's squadron from Kiel the occasion for an imposing naval display.

The Brandenburg, a first-class battleship, more than ten thousand tons displacement and the Wurtemberg, a second-class battleship of nearly seven thousand five hundred tons, while coming from Christiania to Kiel to take part in the display, collided. Both vessels were injured, the Wurtemberg so badly that it was necessary to send her to the drydock.

Alton, Dec. 9.—Prince Henry of Prussia started for Kiel yesterday afternoon. A number of officers, headed by General Waldersee, were at the railway platform to bid him farewell. The prince thanked them and made his adieu. He said: "I ask you to believe that in going where the emperor's favor sends me I thank him for reposing such confidence in me. In the name of the emperor, in his honor and the honor of the fatherland, I will discharge the duties of my command. Long live the emperor!" The officers responded with a hearty cheer.

London, Dec. 9.—A special from Paris says three French cruisers have been ordered to prepare for immediate dispatch to China.

New York, Dec. 9.—The Commercial Cable company has sent out the following notice: "We are advised that the Chinese authorities give notice of the closing of the telegraph office at Kiao Chan, in the province of Shan Tung."

PORTLAND PROFFERS FOOD.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Senator McBride has received a telegram from W. S. Mason, president of the Portland Relief Association of the Klondike region, which says: "The citizens of Portland are subscribing with a lavish hand to the Klondike relief fund. Portland alone will donate not less than 1,000 tons of food. Hearty contributions expected from interior cities. The people are enthusiastic and wait with eagerness for congressional action."

RICH STRIKE IN MONTANA.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 9.—Reports from the Lowland mining district are that a rich strike of gold and silver quartz has been made in the Ruby mine and that in a million dollars' worth of ore is in sight. The owners are taking out over \$2,000 a day. The property was purchased last summer from Adolph Mounsbauer, of San Francisco, for \$40,000, the principal owner being M. E. Graves, a New York man.

FATAL MINE EXPLOSION.

Gen., Idaho, Dec. 9.—An explosion in the Helena-Frisco mine yesterday morning instantly killed Joseph McNamara and Joseph C. Bowers. The accident happened just before coming off shift and left no living witnesses. Bowers is said to have been in San Francisco, and McNamara was a native of New York state, but nothing is known of his relatives. Both were young men, 25 years of age or under.

MURDER AND ARREST.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 9.—The body of Roy Erickson, a maker of wicker baskets, was found shortly after midnight in an old shanty on Main avenue. The police arrested William West, whose daughter Erickson is accused of having ruined, and James Graham, the owner of the shanty. Graham made a confession to the police, in which he implicates West in the killing.

VIOLATED FREIGHT RATES.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 9.—The International and Great Northern Railroad, yesterday, in the district court here, pleaded guilty in twenty cases of the violation of Texas commission freight rates and was fined a total of \$20,000 damages.

CHRISTMAS REMITTANCES.

Newport, Dec. 9.—In the mail bags which went out on the St. Paul to-day were \$1,000,000 foreign money orders, amounting to \$24,554. These orders are for Christmas presents, and most of them go to Norway and Sweden.

WAGES RAISED.

Creele, Colo., Dec. 9.—After December 1st the wages for miners will be \$3 a day instead of \$2.50. The increase was made voluntarily by mine owners.

Baby Eczema and Scald Head.

Infants and young children are peculiarly subject to this terrible disorder, and if not promptly arrested it will eventually become chronic. Dr. Chase made a special study of eczema and diseases of the skin, and we can confidently recommend Dr. Chase's Ointment to cure all forms of Eczema. The first application soothes the irritation and gives the little sufferer rest.

TO KILL ALL SEALS.

Uncle Sam Plays His Last Card in the Game of Coercion.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Representative Johnson, of North Dakota, is preparing a bill providing for the complete extermination of the seal herd in Behring sea. It will be on the lines of the bill proposed last year by Representative Dingley, but much more brief and makes the extermination unconditional, whereas Mr. Dingley's measure provided for extermination as an alternative if pelagic sealing was not stopped.

WILL BRITAIN FORGIVE?

Oscar Wilde Anxious to Again Court Public Favor.

London, Dec. 11.—There is a controversy over the question of Oscar Wilde's reappearance as a dramatist. A prominent manager is preparing to produce his latest play under a thinly veiled pseudonym. The St. James Gazette says: "The manager has failed to grasp the fact that this dramatist's career in respectable London playhouses must be considered as closed." Paris, however, does not share the antipathy. A theatre in that city has announced that a play written in French by Oscar Wilde will be produced shortly.

FROM THE CAPITAL

A Report Current Which Indicates That Peterson, Tate & Co. are Experiencing Difficulties.

Commission Will Investigate Charges of Improper Treatment of Men on Crow's Nest Line.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—A report is current here to-day that Peterson, Tate & Co. are asked to be relieved of the penalty clause of the contract which says that the deposit made with the government will be forfeited in case of their failure to float the scheme. This rumor cannot be verified in official circles.

W. H. Hunter, brother of Mr. Gordon Hunter, who is an applicant for the judgeship in British Columbia, was here yesterday seeing the minister of justice. It is not yet decided who gets the position.

The premier's eldest brother, Charles Laurier, is seriously ill, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in the covering of L'Assomption, which is the home of the family.

The government at yesterday's cabinet meeting decided to appoint a commission to investigate the charges of improper treatment of men on the Crow's Nest Pass railway. Mr. Shaughnessy, vice-president of the C.P.R., emphatically denies the reports that men employed on the Crow's Nest Pass railway have been ill-treated.

A sub-committee of the cabinet was appointed at yesterday's session, to consider the revision of the mining regulations in the light of Mr. Sifton's recent information, covering license royalties, size of claims, and kindred subjects, as well as the relief matters.

The railway committee of the privy council has rendered an important decision. In a case held over from last meeting it was held that the whole committee, upon finding that a complaint of discrimination in freight rates was well founded, has jurisdiction to compel the offending company to make restitution of the excessive freight rates charged.

The decision was that the committee could not go further than order the company to remove the applicant's grievance for itself.

From present appearances the extension of the Intercolonial Railway to Montreal will certainly not take place till January.

The department of public works so far has not heard of any Canadian artists who intend competing for the proposed statue of Alexander McKenzie. Two Canadians are on the list, however, for the proposed statue of the Queen.

Arrangements have been made for a direct parcel post service between Canada and Bermuda commencing January 1. The postage rate to and from Bermuda will be 16 cents per pound and 12 cents per pound for each subsequent pound or fraction thereof.

Mr. Costigan has returned to the city. Parliament is prorogued by proclamation in to-day's Canada Gazette until January 24th. It is the general understanding that the legislative machinery will be set in motion on Jan. 20th, as the meeting is always on Thursday.

Revenue returns for November show an increase of half a million dollars over the same month last year.

BRITAIN'S HARD LUCK.

Once Again Her Coasts Are Swept by Severe Gales.

London, Dec. 10.—A severe gale is again raging over the British coasts and especially over those ports bordering on the Irish sea. Ships are running for shelter into all the ports.

There is no medicine in the world equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for the cure of throat and lung diseases. This is a fact that has been proven in innumerable cases. Here is a sample of thousands of letters received: "I have tried Chamberlain's Cough Remedy while suffering from a severe throat trouble, and found immediate and effective relief. I can unhesitatingly recommend it."—Edgar W. Whittemore, Editor Grand Rivers (Ky.) Herald. For sale at Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

GERMANY SATISFIED

The Difficulty With China Over Kiao Chau Bay Is Practically Settled.

French Expedition Massacred in Africa—Steamship Louzo Ashore in Bristol Channel.

Pekin, Dec. 11.—The German-Chinese difficulty is practically settled. The Germans refuse to discuss the occupation of Kiao Chau bay. The governor of Shan Tung province has been removed from office, but is not to be any further degraded. No monopoly of mines and railroads is conceded to Germany, but that country is given the preference. Finally an area surrounding Kiao Chau bay is set apart exclusively for Germany. China yields on all other points.

Brussels, Belgium, Dec. 11.—The Movement Geographic, which on Tuesday last announced that a French expedition under Major Marchand, while on the way up the Nile had been massacred near Bahrel Chassel, and the survivors retreated to Bamon, to-day says that only two of the officers of the expedition escaped, one of whom was Major Marchand.

The coroner's jury to-day returned a verdict of accidental death in the case of Walter Croot, the English bantam weight, who died on Tuesday morning last from injuries received during a contest for the bantam weight championship with Jimmy Barry, of Chicago, at the National Sporting Club on the previous night. According to the medical testimony Croot's skull was fractured at the base, due to a fall after the blow in the 20th round.

Bristol, England, Dec. 11.—The British steamer Louzo, Captain Evans, which sailed from Montreal Nov. 23rd for this port, is ashore in the Bristol Channel.

CHARGED WITH SWINDLING.

A Man Arrested Whose Specialty is Securing Insurance.

New York, Dec. 10.—Charles Zanoli, alias Charles Braunen, alias Charles Schuler, is under arrest at police headquarters accused of having swindled the Metropolitan Insurance Company out of \$350 on a policy issued by that company to Willie Schmidt, who died on July 13, 1896, in this city. The prisoner, it is charged, had secured the policy by representing that he was Schmidt's brother and the guardian of the dead man's seven-year-old son.

Within the past few years several of Zanoli's wives have died, and as their lives insured the prisoner has secured much money from insurance companies. He has also since 1884 collected insurance on the lives of his children, who have died, and also for several of his deceased mothers-in-law, all of whom were insured.

Zanoli made a confession to Chief of Detectives McClusky, in which he admitted having become rich by collecting insurance on his several wives, mothers-in-law and children, but insisted that he was in no instance guilty of murder, and thus far no evidence has been adduced to prove that his contentions in that direction are untrue.

The prisoner says he was born in Wiesbaden, Germany, 56 years ago and came to this country in 1878. The life insurance companies, from which Zanoli has collected having collected policies varying in amounts from \$50 to \$2,000, are the Lyard, the Metropolitan and the Prudential companies and the Knights and Ladies of Honor.

He says that he is ignorant of the antecedents of his four wives, all of whom died, he claims, from "natural" causes. The collections from the insurance companies will amount to \$7,000. Zanoli told the detectives that he wished he had shot himself before being arrested.

BIG BATTLE EXPECTED.

Cuban Insurgents Threatening the City of Havana Itself.

New York, Dec. 10.—A dispatch to the World from Havana says that an important battle is expected hourly. The insurgents have planned the most formidable demonstration against Havana of the year.

General Farrados has started from this city with a strong column of troops to meet the insurgents. Senor Canallizas, the confidential agent of the Spanish government, went with him to ascertain the real condition of Havana province. General Rodriguez, with the combined Cuban forces under Juan Dolgado Lazare and Rafael Zecardimas, is encamped about 20 miles south of here. He has fully 1,000 men who are well armed, and is said to have a Hotchkiss rapid firing cannon.

Emilio Consalo has named Antonia Rivero and a negro named Osman. They refer to Colozo with money and a proposition to lay down their arms, accepting autonomy. A note was pinned on the breasts of the hanged men announcing that anyone coming on a similar mission would meet with a like fate.

The latest reports of the late fights in Pinar del Rio province show that the Spanish loss was more than claimed. The dead or wounded included one colonel, one major, seven captains, 11 subordinates officers and 74 privates. Most of the wounded will die. The rebel loss was 14. The rebels used explosive bullets.

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Twice-a-Week.

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A GIGANTIC DEAL

Newly-Formed British American Corporation Acquire Great Interests in British Columbia.

Have Got the Famous Le Roi and Josie Mines and Valuable Klondike Properties.

London, Dec. 11.—The prospectus of the long-talked-of and gigantic British-American corporation is issued to-day. The capital is £1,000,000 sterling. One million pounds of the shares is now offered at par, the issue being limited to the shareholders of the London & Globe Finance Corporation.

The directors are the Marquis of Dufferin, Lord Loch, the Lieutenant-governor of the Northwest Territories, Mr. Edward A. Hoare, one of the directors of the bank of B.N.A. and Mr. Whitaker Wright, a well known London insurance.

The corporation has secured the famous Le Roi and Josie mines, as well as eight other well known Rossland mines and Nelson properties.

It also secures as a going concern the Alaska Commercial Company with the townsite at Dawson City and claims on the Bonanza and other mines in the Klondike creeks.

BANDITS STOP A TRAIN.

Leader of the Gang Killed—No Passengers Hurt.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 10.—Meagre particulars have been received from San Simon, Ariz., of an attempted Snopther Pacific train hold up last night. The Sunset limited had just left Stein's Pass, N. M., near the Arizona line, when the engineer noticed a dangerous signal and immediately applied the air brakes.

When the train stopped five men stepped out from a hiding place near the track, all heavily armed. One covered the engineer and fireman with his Winchester, while the others gave attention to the train proper, more especially to the express car, firing guns in the air and otherwise frightening passengers.

At this point the guards in the express car took a hand in the fusillade and thirty or forty shots were fired. The Wells-Fargo Express Company's guard, Jennings, stated that he killed Edward Cullen, evidently the leader.

As soon as the other robbers noticed his body lying on the ground they lost courage and made a break for their horses.

Another bullet from Jennings' Winchester evidently struck one of the fleeing robbers, as he was seen to fall and was assisted out of range by his comrades. No express money was stolen and none of the passengers were hurt.

THE WORK OF CONGRESS.

House Considering the Pension Appropriation Bill.

Washington, Dec. 10.—At the opening of the session of the house to-day it was agreed that when the house adjourned to-day it would meet on Monday.

On motion of Posa, Republican, was set apart for paying tribute to the memory of the late Representative Cook, of Illinois.

The house then resumed the consideration of the pension appropriation bill, which was debated yesterday.

Brown, Republican, of Illinois, attacked the civil service law because it protected some of the pension examining boards under the last administration. He said that the soldiers of his district regarded this law as impious to their interests, and he favored its repeal or radical modification. He declared that the president was mistaken when he affirmed that the civil service law had the approval of the people. Republicans and the press of his district had denounced it.

The house committee on interstate commerce and foreign commerce has set Saturday, Dec. 15, for hearing of the anti-scalping bill.

DURRANT

METALLIFEROUS MINES INSPECTOR

One of two reasons must have caused the surprising result... The Rossland Miner has just executed. Since it came into the hands of its present owners some months back, it has strongly supported the Turner ministry...

THE GOLDEN TWINS.

Mr. J. M. Carton is the name of the gentleman who presided at the first ordinary statutory meeting of the Klondike and Columbian Goldfields Company, Limited, London, upon the advisory board of which appear the names of Messrs. Turner and Pooley...

learn that Hon. J. H. Turner, premier of British Columbia, and Hon. C. E. Pooley, Q.C., president of the council have been the example of Sir Michael Biddulph, whose sense of honor would not allow him to permit his name to be associated with that company...

JOHN AND HIS TYHE.

Requisitions are in circulation among the Chinese of Cariboo to ask our estimable Mr. Joseph Hunter to become a candidate to represent the Cariboo Chinese in the legislature. We are delighted to hear it for nothing more sweetly in harmony with the eternal fitness of things have we encountered in many moons...

CANADA REDIVIVUS.

How comes it that the Conservative press of Canada persistently ignore a fact which is becoming more noticeable every day—the enormous increase in Canadian trade—and confine themselves to the discussion of picaunies and matters of the Canadian people don't care five cents about at the present time?

These figures tell more emphatically than columns of adulatory writing. Are the farmers, who are experiencing the first-fruits of the coming prosperity, likely to forget that it was under a Liberal government they got on their feet after the dreadful depression which existed throughout the decade 1870-80?

SYSTEMATIC MISREPRESENTATION.

The Vancouver World persists in its attempts to distort the facts in relation to the platform adopted by the British Columbia Liberal Association at the convention held in New Westminster last October. The statements of the World in the matter are so painfully and palpably false that they might be left to work out the confusion of those who are disseminating them.

It is rumored that the C.P.R. will book passengers straight through from England to the Klondike via Vancouver and Victoria. If this prove true it will do at least one good thing—prevent many men from going to the United States for their outfits and so uselessly spending their money.

NO BICKERING.

Nothing could be more regrettable than the attitude taken by one of our provincial contemporaries with respect to the Klondike traffic. Surely it must be quite apparent to everybody that it is no time for cavilling over minor points.

Every legitimate enterprise is entitled to fair play and only the wildest company mongering should be severely rebuked by the united press of British Columbia.

The London correspondent of the Rossland Miner, a notoriously pro-Turner organ, says this about the exploits of Messrs. Turner and Pooley among the savage wild-outs of the Klondike and Columbian Gold Fields.

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ARGONAUT'S STORIES.

According to the statement of the ten-year old daughter of a Massachusetts clergyman, there are ways of making an old sermon seem almost new. "Molly," said one of the friends of this young critic, "does your father ever preach the same sermon twice?"

When Burton Chalmers returned from a three months' stay in Florida this was the condition of affairs that awaited him. He promptly wrote to Ethel begging for an interview.

"I haven't a disengaged moment for the next two weeks," she wrote back. The five of anger flamed against him vigorously into the face of his long absence. "If you care to call and take your chances of finding me in you may do so."

"Ethel sat down, wearily, without a word. She changed from pink to white, and back to pink again. She forgot all about the other man and made not a slight resistance or remonstrance to Chalmers' plans."

A Wager, and What Came Of It

"Talking about hypnotism," said Ethel, "I remember that you once said you would make a bet with me. You all know Ethel—she was just as gay and thoughtless as a butterfly, but not a bit fat, you know, though you might fancy so when you hear this story."

"Ethel, too, was honest; so she sat down and wrote Burton Chalmers that she had kissed her under a hypnotic spell. The whole thing was a very foolish game made by herself. She hoped he wouldn't worry himself about it, and hoped he would forgive her and be friends."

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STEAMER FOR THE

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MARTIN AT OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Hon. J. A. Martin, minister of justice, had an interview with Mr. Justice.

BIG DEAL IN COPPER

Six Promising Claims on J. Bonded for \$50,000—Home From the East.

Texada Island Properties

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Provincial News.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

A pleasant function was performed at the hall yesterday, when Mr. John McCreedy, who has been in the fire department for the past five years, and who has obtained a position with the C.P.R. at Kamloops, was presented with a certificate and a number of members of the department.

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VANCOUVER.

Vanouver, Dec. 9.—It is said that neither Ald. Brown, Ald. Townley, or Ald. McQueen has any immediate intention of seeking majority honors, so that in all probability Mayor Templeton can, if he wishes, re-elected unopposed.

Much sympathy will be felt for the Messrs. Queen, of this city, who yesterday, the sad news yesterday of their neighbor, Mr. W. S. Queen. The deceased was a native of Woodstock, N. B., and had been in the employ of the Dominion Express Company for a number of years.

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CARIBOO.

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Our silent member is not meeting with extra success in getting a roaring requisition signed, although a "Dunsuir," and I hope his satellites on the final day at the polls will count high.

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With the re-opening of the Methodist church in its greatly improved condition, New Denver has two houses of worship that are a credit and a blessing to a community.

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The condition of this island at present further proves how unprepared the French are as colonists. "Madagascar" writes a correspondent from Fort Dauphin, "is in a much worse state than it was when in the hands of the Malagasy. Trade is at a standstill and the island, in rebelling, and why? Because the French have never thoroughly subdued the natives nor disarmed them.

"There has been some prospecting" in the Fort Dauphin district in the north for gold and good paying quartz has been found, but nothing satisfactory has been accomplished because it is not safe for white men to live in the country parts.

"I had a startling experience of this insecurity myself, previous to seeing safety at Fort Dauphin. One Saturday morning about 6 o'clock I woke through hearing savage yelling outside my hut. I rose and opened the door to ascertain the cause. A volley of bullets greeted me, and I jammed up the door with considerable alacrity. Bullets kept whizzing through my hut, luckily, without touching me. I slipped twelve cartridges into my Winchester repeating rifle and again throwing the door open, knelt down and, firing in rapid succession, had the satisfaction of rolling over nine Hovas. Closing the door, I again filled the magazine of my rifle, lying flat on my chest when doing so, as the bullets were speeding through the door. The Hovas now set fire to the thatch at the rear of the hut, and I had to bolt. Luckily, only two men were on guard in front of the door. These I shot down and rushed to the stable where my horse was. There was no time to saddle, so I leaped on him barebacked. As I dashed into the street my way was barred by a crowd of about twenty natives. I knew that the Hovas are very superstitious and afraid of horses, so I charged them. They made way like so many flies hopping about a bonfire.

"In the street just then the other two Englishmen who lived in the village came galloping up, hotly pursued, and seeking, like myself, safety in flight. Luckily, just as we were clearing the village my horse fell beneath me, shot dead by a bullet. Though shaken by the fall, I was not hurt, and managed to clamber up behind one of my comrades. The other was busy the while with his rifle, and the deadness of his shooting checked the Hovas' rush. We managed to reach Fort Dauphin in safety.

THE TALLEST MAN.

The tallest man in the world is "Bud" Rogan, a negro who lives at Gallatin, Tenn. When standing erect, which he only does with great difficulty, he is eight feet and four inches tall. He is unable to walk, and goes about the town in a little home-made cart drawn by two white goats. He is present at the arrival of all trains, and is a livelihood from the charity of the strangers who gather about to question him.

Aside from being over eight feet tall, Bud has a reach with each arm extending to nearly six inches—the greatest in the world, and twenty-one inches more than Fitzsimons. His hands are each thirteen and one-half inches in length, and his fingernails are about the size of a twenty-cent piece.

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SHILLELAHS.

The shillelah industry, or the making of blackhorn sticks, is becoming quite prosperous in Ireland, says the Westminster Gazette. Happily, the shillelahs are not now intended—as in the days of Donnybrook—to be cracked on the head, as may be imagined when we mention that the Duke of York returned from Ireland with one hundred of them to present to his friends.

One of the most industrious makers of these sticks is an old Crimian soldier, who lives in a village in Connemara. Hearing that the Queen suffered from rheumatism, he sent Her Majesty an exceedingly fine blackhorn crutch stick, which she was pleased to accept, and he has now hanging in his little shop a framed letter of thanks and a portrait of the Queen, which was sent him by order of Her Majesty.

A LUCKY DRAW.

It is a story illustrative of luck. Banker Ralston, Lucky Baldwin, Senator Sharns and an Englishman sat in the same game. The betting before the draw was heavy. All fell out but the banker and Baldwin. The latter sized his opponent up for three aces, and was almost convinced that the banker had him beat. Baldwin hesitated whether he should take two or one card. He finally drew one, and had gone in with three queens. Baldwin had three aces, as the former had supposed. Baldwin took up his hand after the draw and "skinned" the cards in an anxiety that he had never felt before. He had drawn the queen of spades, a woman's face that had never looked so sweet in all the course of his life, as he characterized it.

There was \$22,000 in the pot. Ralston had drawn a pair of jacks making a full house. His face betrayed his luck. Baldwin meditated, hesitated, coughed and squeezed his cards from time to time. It was a critical moment. There was a big stake. He knew he had the cards beaten. The other players about the table watched every movement of the two players with intense interest. After a thought, Ralston threw in his chip—\$10. It was a small bet. Baldwin then bet \$200,000. Ralston at first wanted to raise the bet, but he much more, but hesitated and finally called the \$30,000. It was Baldwin's four queens to Ralston's ace full. Baldwin says that was the luckiest draw he ever made, and it was a one-card draw at that.—Philadelphia Times.

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veyors may not be led into these mistakes. Owing to the impossibility of determining who would be present at the meeting and the absence of the regular secretary, no preparation was made for the usual annual banquet and it was not held.

The Knights of Pythias of this city have organized, the lodge being known as Nelson Lodge, No. 25, there being 51 charter members.

Grand Deputy Chairman Commander J. W. Graham, of the Roseland, was instituting officer and he was assisted by Mr. Thomas, of Roseland.

Forty-five members took two first degrees and all but ten took the third degree. After the ceremony a banquet was enjoyed, and after midnight the officers were elected as follows:

Chancellor, W. J. Thompson, vice-chancellor, J. J. Malone; prelate, R. J. Jory; master of work, Dr. H. E. Hall; keeper of seal and records, George Fitzgibbon; master of arms, W. McLellan; master of finance, S. J. Mighon; master of execution, Dr. Forin; inner guard, R. J. Jory; outer guard, J. K. Hurry; great officers, Dr. G. D. Duff, Dr. Forin, J. H. Vanstone, Dr. H. Hall.

The latter was elected representative to the Grand Lodge and Dr. Forin installing officer for the new lodge. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday night.

The hockey players of Nelson, and there are a number of good ones here, are making an effort to form a strong club, with a view of competing with other towns. They think they can win as many laurels as did the Nelson lacrosse teams. There will be a meeting to effect formation on Tuesday evening in the Queen's Hotel.

KING OF LACROSSE MEN.

Ross Mackenzie is dead! That was the message which was repeated in all parts of the city yesterday, causing widespread regret. It seemed hard to believe. He was so strong, so big, so full of life, when he was here last. He died in the far west, says the Montreal Star.

His death must have been sudden, for only about a week ago he paid a visit to Rossland to his brother, whom he had not seen for some years. On that occasion he came from McLeod and rode to Rossland on horseback, the trip taking him two weeks, though he could have made it in a much easier and much more expeditious manner.

He had then spent the winter of 1896-97 on the entire distance of a hundred and ten miles of the Crow's Nest Pass road, which had been graded, and reported that a great part of this had already been completed.

His death is particularly felt in this city, because he spent his best years here, and cemented and clinched friendships which had been inaugurated years ago, when he was the peer of the world's greatest lacrosse players. During his residence he numbered friends by the hundred. His advice was always eagerly sought for in the councils of all amateur sports, and his voice and vote could always be found on the right side.

Every man who ever handled a lacrosse stick, and a great many who did not, heard of Ross Mackenzie's fame on the field. There are stories innumerable told of his prowess, and the daring deeds that he performed in the game.

When with the Ontario he had several opportunities to test his metal against the members of the Montreal team, and he was never found wanting when there was any hard work to be done, and his checking, according to the old-timers, was none of the gentlest.

He played in goal, and afterwards at point, and then at cover. One of the first matches he played for the Toronto was against the Shamrocks. Moffatt was then one of the stars of the Shamrock team, and when the players went on the field Mackenzie had orders to "look after Moffatt."

As the story goes, Moffatt went up to Mackenzie and discussed the matter with him. It was decided that they would settle the matter out between themselves, and not appeal to the referee. The pair played, and it is said that it was the hardest fight ever seen on the field. Both men were stayers, and they slashed each other to their hearts' content. Moffatt, by the way, always played in his bare feet. At one stage of the game both made for the ball. Moffatt was slightly in the lead. Mackenzie made an effort to check him, and the stick slipped down and caught the Shamrock man on the toe. With such force did the stick descend that Moffatt's big toe was smashed. One narrator says that it was cut off.

It is related of him that on another occasion in a close match, he seized a player, who had been brawling him for some time, turned him up and administered a severe spanking.

Ross Mackenzie was a perfect giant and was well built. He weighed over two hundred pounds, and was no mean adversary to run up against. About 1885 he moved to Montreal, and some of the members of the Montreal Lacrosse Club made advances to him, but he did not relish the idea of playing with Montreal, and never joined the organization. There was a certain rivalry between Toronto and Montreal, and Mackenzie carried it on. He was contented that the western players were superior to those of Montreal, and had many a heated discussion over this.

A Tennessee lady, Mrs. J. W. Towle, of Philadelphia, Tenn., has been using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for her baby, who is subject to croup, and says of it: "I find it just as good as you claim it to be. Since I've had your Cough Remedy, my baby has never been troubled with croup so many times, but I would give him a dose of it every time he coughs. It is the best I ever tried." Hundreds of mothers say the same. Sold by Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

There was \$22,000 in the pot. Baldwin had drawn a pair of jacks making an ace full. His face betrayed his luck. Baldwin meditated, hesitated, coughed and squirmed in the most intense manner. After a thought, Baldwin threw in a chip—\$10. It was a small bet. Baldwin then nervously bet \$30,000. Baldwin at first started to raise the bet, but he thought better of it, and finally called the \$30,000. It was Baldwin's four queens to Ralston's ace full. Baldwin says that he was the luckiest draw he ever made, and it was a one-card draw at that.—Philadelphia Times.

BREIBING FOR LIFE.

Thrilling Encounter with Hostile Hovas in Madagascar.

More than two years have elapsed since France, by means of an overpowering army, routed the Hovas and remained in forcible possession of Madagascar, says the London Mail.

The condition of this island at present further proves how unprepared the French are as colonists. Madagascar is written a correspondent from Fort Dauphin, "is in a much worse state than it was when in the hands of the Malagasy. Trade is at a standstill and the island in rebellion. And why? Because the French have never thoroughly subdued the natives nor disarmed them. The French troops are stationed in the north of Madagascar, and none are sent south, consequently in the part where I previously lived, Mananbari, they do just as they like.

"There has been some prospecting in the Fort Dauphin district in the north for gold and silver. Some quartz has been found, but nothing satisfactory has been accomplished because it is not safe for white men to live in the country parts.

"I had a startling experience of this insecurity myself, previous to seeking safety at Fort Dauphin. One Saturday morning about 6 o'clock I woke through hearing savage yelling outside my hut. I rose and opened the door to ascertain the cause. A volley of bullets greeted me, and I jammed up the door with considerable alacrity. Bullets kept whizzing through my hut, luckily, without touching me. I slipped twelve cartridges into my Winchester repeating rifle and again throwing the door open, knelt down and, firing in rapid succession, had the satisfaction of rolling over nine Hovas. Closing the door, I again filled the magazine of my rifle, laying flat on my chest when doing so, as the bullets were speeding through the door. The Hovas now set fire to the thatch at the rear of the hut, and I had to bolt. Luckily, only two men were on guard in front of the door. These I shot down and rushed to the stable where my horse was. There was no time to saddle, so I leaped on him barebacked. As I dashed into the street, I saw a large crowd of about twenty natives. I knew that the Hovas are very superstitious and afraid of horses, so I charged them. They made way like so many flies before me.

"In the street just then the other two Englishmen who lived in the village came galloping up, hotly pursued, and seeking, like myself, safety in flight. I joined them, and, clearing the village, my horse bolted beneath me shot dead with a bullet. Though shaken by the fall, I was not hurt, and managed to clamber up behind one of my comrades. The other was busy the while with his rifle, and the deadening of his shooting checked the Hovas' rush. We managed to reach Fort Dauphin in safety.

The tallest man in the world is "Bud" Rogan, a negro who lives at Gallatin, Tenn. When standing erect, which he only does with great difficulty, he is five feet and four inches tall. He is unable to walk, and goes about the town in a little home-made cart drawn by two white goats. He is present at the arrival of all trains and he gives a lively hood from the chair's seat. He has been in the chair for many years. He has a reach with each arm extended of ninety-six inches—the greatest in the world—and twenty inches more than Fitzsimmons. His hands are each thirteen and one-half inches in length, and his fingers are about the size of a twenty-five cent piece.

He is almost as tall as the tallest man in the world, and he weighs 156 pounds. But the most peculiar and attractive feature about him are his feet. They are each about eighteen inches in length and as large round as an ordinary man's leg. No shoes have ever been found that he could put on, and in consequence he has to keep wrapped in a blanket in cold weather.

The shillelagh industry, or the making of blackthorn sticks, is becoming quite widespread in the West. The Westminister Gazette. Happily, the shillelals are not now intended—as in the days of Donnybrook Fair—for cracking skulls, as may be imagined when we read of the Duke of Devonshire's Contender from Ireland with one hundred of them to present to his friends.

One of the most industrious makers of these sticks is an old Crimean soldier, who lives in the town of Westminister. Hearing that the Queen suffered from rheumatism, he sent Her Majesty an exceedingly fine blackthorn crutch stick, with a letter guaranteeing it to be one of the finest and strongest in Ireland. He has now hanging in his little shop a framed letter of thanks and a portrait of the Queen, which was sent him by order of Her Majesty.

It is a story illustrative of luck. Banker Ralston, Lucky Baldwin, Senator Sharon and an Englishman sat in the same game. The betting before the draw was heavy. All fell out but the banker and Baldwin. The latter sided his opponent up for three aces and was almost convinced that the banker had him beat. Baldwin hesitated whether he should take two or one card. He finally drew one, and had gone in with three queens. Ralston had three aces, as the former had supposed. Baldwin took up his hand after the draw and "sidelined" the cards in an anxiety that he had never felt before. He had drawn the queen of spades, a woman's face that had never looked so sweet in all the course of his life, as he characterized it.

