



To Prosecute A Newspaper Ministers to Make Summary Test of Editor's Views of His Privilege.

Liquor License Bill Again in Committee—Other Matters in Legislature.

Attorney-General Henderson announced yesterday in the legislature yesterday that he had instituted criminal proceedings against Editor Westworth Sarel, of the Kamloops Standard, and the writer of an article, which appeared in the last issue of that paper. The article for which the men will be prosecuted had reference to a previous article in the paper dealing with the opening of parliament and for which the government proposed taking action against the editor of the Standard.

Rev. Canon Beaudin having read prayers, the House opened for business at 2.15, and petitions were presented by the following: Mr. Macpherson—From the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council with reference to the amendment of the Vancouver City charter.

Mr. Green—From the Kaslo Board of Trade, asking that the eight-hour law be neither repealed nor modified. The petition presented by Mr. Tisdall on Friday, with respect to the amendment of Vancouver's charter, from the corporation of that city, was ruled out of order by Mr. Spence on a motion involving an act of public policy.

The petition of the citizens of Greenwood, in regard to the eight-hour law, was read and duly referred.

PATRIOTIC DAWSON. Hon. Dr. McKechnie rose to say that if he might be privileged he would like to read to the house a telegram from Dawson in the line of similar messages read to the house on the loyalty of Canada generally to the mother country in the present crisis in South Africa. The telegram read:

Dawson, N. W. T., via Bennett, Dawson, N. W. T., 20, 1906. C. H. Gibbons, Victoria, B. C. Re provincial and Strathcona offers. Inform government I can raise fifty or more men and police here for service South Africa.

(sd.) HENRY J. WOODSIDE, Capt. Canadian Cavalry, unattached. "We have," said Hon. Dr. McKechnie, "greatly enjoyed the reading of the Empire except the far north. The east, the west and the south have joined hands in offering the same feeling of patriotism, the same loyalty, as is felt in other parts of the Empire, exists in that distant portion in the north. Even 50 or 60 degrees below zero is not sufficient to make their patriotism cold. (Applause.)"

The telegram was then transferred to the keeping of Premier McGowan. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES. Mr. Macpherson presented the fourth report of the railway committee, recommending to the house the Vancouver & Lulu Island Railway Act amendment bill.

Mr. Green presented a ninth report from the private bill committee, stating the preamble proved of the North-Kootenay Water, Power & Light Company's incorporation bill; also that the rules had not been complied with by the promoters of the Imperial Pacific Railway Company.

RETURNS PRESENTED. Returns were presented by Hon. Mr. Cotton, respecting the case of the Craigflower road's status as a highway, in connection with the decrease of wages and simultaneous increase of hours of labor of certain road laborers in the North Victoria district. A return with reference to the dismissal of William Stephenson from the office of government agent at Quenelle, was laid on the table by Hon. Mr. Semlin.

SCURRILOUS LITERATURE. Before the orders of the day were entered upon, Mr. Joseph Martin, in his indulgence to direct the attention of the house to an article appearing in the most recent issue of the Kamloops Standard, which aggravated the original offence of that paper against the dignity of the crown and against government, and the government had not as yet redeemed its promise to the house by making known as to its intentions with respect to the original article, and it was clearly evidenced by this second article that the publisher understood nothing was to be done—indeed this new article was the result of doing nothing. He read the most recent publication, as follows:

"The great 'high treason' case has for some reason or other been dropped like a hot potato. The tempest in a teacup has been still. I don't know why. Possibly the government feels that it stirred it up have been silvered—possibly an all-wise Providence has opened the eyes of the Speaker and his colleagues and shown them what fools they were making of themselves at the bluff of the recent tempest. Now, however, some wiser head has informed this heterogeneous mass of incapacity of their real true position, and the writer of the article, knowing all along, namely, that neither legislature nor government have power to interfere in the matter. Be this as it may, both prairie wolf and government jackal have come out of the blaze with their fur badly singed and smelling high."

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THE LOCAL NEWS. Sailors' Rest—Rev. J. P. Hicks has purchased an acre of land on the Esquimalt road near the Canteen grounds and will shortly commence the erection of a "Sailors' Rest."

Missionary Meeting—Col. Reid of Ohio; Hon. J. B. Smith, United States consul, and Rev. W. H. Barracough delivered addresses at the annual Sabbath School Juvenile Missionary meeting at the Centennial Methodist church on Sunday. An interesting programme was carried out by the children under the direction of Supl. Shakespeare.

Natural History Society—Despite the stormy weather last night, the society meeting was well attended to hear Mr. A. Hall's paper upon "Modern Extinct Birds." As the author had taken a keen interest in this subject for years, and specially referred to various extirpated birds, the meeting was intensely interesting and instructive to all present. A small sample of lydite made by Mr. Hall was also shown.

Chicken Thieves Located—Residents in the vicinity of the old cemetery on Blanchard Street have for some time been missing chickens and the blame has been laid at the door of the police. In the last few days, however, it has been learned that the cemetery is infested with raccoons, which have been closely watched on the inside. The cutting of the wire and the disappearance of travellers from the trail are said by the police to have been committed by a dozen criminals who are believed to be in the desperate plot of the wire-cutting being for the purpose of facilitating a series of hold-ups on the frozen waterway. The theory originally entertained that the breaks arose through contraction in consequence of the extreme cold, has been utterly exposed; and it is now agreed that the work of dastards must be followed out to the admission of the limit of punishment prescribed by law.

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THE LOCAL NEWS. Sailors' Rest—Rev. J. P. Hicks has purchased an acre of land on the Esquimalt road near the Canteen grounds and will shortly commence the erection of a "Sailors' Rest."

Missionary Meeting—Col. Reid of Ohio; Hon. J. B. Smith, United States consul, and Rev. W. H. Barracough delivered addresses at the annual Sabbath School Juvenile Missionary meeting at the Centennial Methodist church on Sunday. An interesting programme was carried out by the children under the direction of Supl. Shakespeare.

Natural History Society—Despite the stormy weather last night, the society meeting was well attended to hear Mr. A. Hall's paper upon "Modern Extinct Birds." As the author had taken a keen interest in this subject for years, and specially referred to various extirpated birds, the meeting was intensely interesting and instructive to all present. A small sample of lydite made by Mr. Hall was also shown.

Chicken Thieves Located—Residents in the vicinity of the old cemetery on Blanchard Street have for some time been missing chickens and the blame has been laid at the door of the police. In the last few days, however, it has been learned that the cemetery is infested with raccoons, which have been closely watched on the inside. The cutting of the wire and the disappearance of travellers from the trail are said by the police to have been committed by a dozen criminals who are believed to be in the desperate plot of the wire-cutting being for the purpose of facilitating a series of hold-ups on the frozen waterway. The theory originally entertained that the breaks arose through contraction in consequence of the extreme cold, has been utterly exposed; and it is now agreed that the work of dastards must be followed out to the admission of the limit of punishment prescribed by law.

United States Mail Carrier Holcomb has arrived at Seattle from Valdes, completing the first winter trip as carrier of government mail from the sea to the coast terminus of the trail. Sergeant Demoy, N.V.M.P., who will be well remembered here as one of the most popular and efficient non-coms. of old Battery "C." He is enger to go to the Yukon, and his present forced march up the frozen waterway was for the purpose of offering himself in his place to keep order in the house at its rising stand adjourned until 2 this afternoon.

As the motion passed, Mr. Deane was on his feet. First, he asked if the time of the house was to be wasted by allowing a photograph to be taken at the adjournment of the night session because a few members wished to go to a concert. The words of the member for North Yale were drowned in a buzz of conversation and the Attorney-General ventured to call order. Mr. Deane, however, loudly with his gavel—"I would like the Hon. the Attorney-General to understand that I am in my place to keep order in this house."

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

Silverton, Feb. 3.—The injunction asked for by the B. C. Goldfields Company against the Silverton Miners' Union to restrain the latter from interfering with workmen employed in certain mines operated by this company, which has been held in abeyance upon representations looking towards a settlement put forward by the unions, will be re-applied for immediately. Instead of endeavoring to effect a settlement the unions have simply indulged in self-glorification at the power they possess to dictate to the government, and the company find it imperative to secure their rights by appeal to the law.

BOYCOTT AT ROSSLAND. Rossland, Feb. 3.—Considerable indignation is being expressed among the business men at the reported action of the miners' union, who it is rumored have declared a boycott upon the business of Mayor Goodvee. The mayor was asked to sign the petition in favor of the eight-hour law lately presented to the legislature by Mr. W. J. Mackenzie, and declined for many reasons to do so. It is now openly declared on the streets of this city that the miners' union have threatened to prevent members of their union employing any doctor who patronizes Mayor Goodvee's drug store.

A SPECIAL CONSTITUTION. Sandon, Feb. 3.—Members of the Mine Owners' Association expressed their satisfaction at the prompt manner in which the government have responded to the demand of the management of the Payne mine for police protection, a telegram having been received yesterday that Charles Cullin has been sworn in as provincial constable in Sandon on his way to the Slocan. The fact that Mr. Cullin is a relative of the member for the Slocan in the House of Commons, government have occasion to know that Mr. Green's assurance in the house that there is absolutely no trouble in his district proved to be a mere bluff.

COMMITTEE FOR TRIAL. The case against William Hagler, secretary of the Sandon Miners' Union, had its hearing at Sandon on Friday. W. A. Macdonald defended Hagler, while F. L. Christie acted in the interest of the Payne company, prosecutor.

John Daly, bookkeeper for the Payne, was also on the scene at the time, and his evidence was requisitioned by the prosecution. His story was similar to that of Messrs. Hand and Hughes.

ROSSLAND. Rossland, Feb. 5.—The Rossland Miner will say tomorrow: "The machinery troubles of the War Eagle and the Centre Star companies have at last brought about the disaster long predicted by many shrewd mining men in this district. They are now compelled to stop production, and the new machinery is installed and the exhausted development in the War Eagle is caught up. The men in the stope will be laid off for more of the bullets fired by Dr. LaBan. Accordingly they devoted their attention to searching for Kelly to no avail. Their Chief Jarvis learned that the hat bearing Kelly's name originally belonged to E. T. H. Simpkins.

Yates, George Davies to Miss Dina Young, both of this town. W. Thompson had his arm fractured the Wonderful on Tuesday last by flying rock from a "hanging" hole.—Nelson Tribune.

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Successful Patriotic Concert Held at Charter's Hall Last Week. The loyalty of the residents of Sooke district to the British Empire, and their sympathy for the wives and families of its gallant defenders, was well shown by the substantial sum obtained for the Mansion House fund at a grand social and concert held last Thursday evening in Charter's hall. The affair was a great success in every respect. Refreshments were served at eight o'clock by a ladies' committee, composed of Mrs. Milne, Mrs. John Muir, Miss Murray and Miss C. Muir. An excellent programme, consisting mainly of patriotic selections, was then presented, and the concert hall. The choir was filled by Mr. John Muir, and a more excellent chairman it would be difficult to find. In his opening remarks Mr. Muir spoke briefly on the Transvaal war and the oppression of the native Africans by the Boers. Mrs. Clarke, of Rocky Point, opened the program with an organ solo, which was received with great applause. Mr. D. A. Fraser then sang "The Soldier's Farewell," an audience joining in the chorus. Messrs. Deville and Morris, of Victoria, sang a duet "Honey that I love so well," better later in the evening the same gentleman gave "Tommy Atkins." A reading entitled "The Man in Red," by Mr. Hayward, followed. "Jessie's Dream" was given by Miss C. Muir, who was in excellent voice, and sang the song "Sons of the Ocean," but suffering from a severe cold he did not do himself justice.

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FRUIT AND ORNAMENTAL TREES
DR. J. COLLIS BROWNE'S CHLOROXYNE.
Vice-Chancellor Sir W. Page Wood stated publicly in court that Dr. J. Collis Browne was undoubtedly the inventor of Chloroxyne, that the whole story of the defendant's deception was clearly established, and he regretted to find that it had been sworn to—Times, July 14, 1884.

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By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The text of the new treaty negotiations in relation to the construction of the Nicaragua canal was given out today. It reads in effect that it is agreed that the canal can be constructed under the auspices of the United States government, which shall enjoy all the rights of such construction, as well as the exclusive right of management for the regulation and management of the canal.

First—The canal shall be free and open to all nations on terms of equal rights, so that there shall be no discrimination against any nation or its citizens or subjects in respect of the conditions or charges of traffic or otherwise.

Second—The canal shall never be blockaded, nor shall any right of war be exercised, nor any act of hostility committed within it.

Third—Vessels of war of a belligerent shall not be permitted to take station in the canal except so far as may be necessary, and the transit of such vessels through the canal shall be effected with the least possible delay in accordance with regulations in force, and with only such intermission as may result from the necessities of the service.

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Sixth—The plant, establishments, buildings and all works necessary to the construction, maintenance and operation of the canal shall be deemed to be part thereof for the purposes of this convention, and in such cases the plant, establishments and works shall enjoy complete immunity from attack or injury by belligerents and from acts of piracy.

Seventh—No fortifications shall be erected commanding the canal or waters adjacent to it.

BOER ARMY AND RESOURCES.

Sixty-Four Thousand The Armed Forces Prepared to Resist for Months Yet.

New York, Feb. 6.—An eminent South African authority, a man whose relations with the Boer government prevent the use of his name, sends this first accurate statement of the real strength and hopes of the Boer army, says a Paris despatch to the World. His statement may be relied upon as exact.

The numerical strength of the army which is opposing England is as follows: Regulars, 15,000; Militiamen, 25,000; Uitlanders, 5,000; neutral Dutch, 5,000; Cape Colony Dutch, about 8,000; total, 64,000.

Regarding the Boers' ability to hold out, the World's informant said: "There is not the least doubt of their endurance and resistance for months to come. They are controlled by the same intelligence, courage and fortitude that enabled the Americans to prolong for six years their war for liberty and independence."

"And the Boers have one great advantage that England has not, and that is money, modern arms and a hilly country, which provides natural defences."

THE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION. Directors for Current Year Elected at Annual Meeting of James Bay Shareholders.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the James Bay Athletic Association was held last evening at the club house, in a large number of members being in attendance.

The D. & L. Eustace benefits most those having lung troubles of all kinds. A few bottles taken regularly make a wonderful improvement. Made by D. & L. Eustace, Oshawa, Ont.

ICE AT NEW YORK. New York, Feb. 6.—For the first time this season ice covered to-day the surface of the upper and lower bay.

Chamberlain To Commons.

Glowing Tribute to the Colonial Offers in Defence of the Empire.

Frank Statement Disarms Criticism and Amendment Voted Down.

London, Feb. 5.—Mr. Chamberlain, following Sir William Vernon Harcourt in the House of Commons to-day, dealt on the broad issues of the day, the policy of the future federation of the colonies and the glowing tribute to the colonial offers in defence of the Empire.

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Mr. Chamberlain's appearance failed to infuse any extraordinary interest into the parliamentary debate. The public, regarding it as a foregone conclusion that the amendment to the address should be defeated, was more interested in knowing what Gen. Buller is doing than in a barren political discussion.

Mr. Chamberlain's speech, more carefully self-contained than is customary with him, was a masterpiece of moderation. He was at his best in pointing to the division of opinion among the opposition members.

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Redmond the Leader.

Irish Factions Bury the Hatchet and Make a New Start.

London, Feb. 6.—Mr. John Redmond, the Parnellite leader, was unanimously elected chairman of the United Irish party this afternoon at a meeting held in the committee room of the House of Commons, sixty-five members being present.

Mr. Redmond upon taking the chair, said that the attack upon the Parnellites on him and expressed the opinion that all nationalists in Ireland, America and elsewhere would be united in their support of the party for Ireland's good, and which he hoped would result in Ireland's freedom.

Mr. Redmond was then given the honor of proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Timothy Harrington for his success in restoring unity among the nationalists. Mr. Redmond was the recipient of a multitude of congratulations.

PHILIPPINES COMMISSIONER. Washington, Feb. 6.—The President has appointed Circuit Judge Albert C. Taft as the Philippines Commissioner. He will sail from San Francisco some time after March 15.

THE POISONING CASE. New York, Feb. 6.—At the opening of the Hollis trial to-day the defence attorneys made a great surprise by resting their case on the evidence taken by the state.

MARKET QUOTATIONS. Retail Prices of Provisions Corrected Yesterday—Few Changes.

Following are the retail market prices as revised yesterday:

Wheat, per ton, 28.00; Corn (white), per ton, 27.00; Oats, per ton, 26.00; Beans, per ton, 25.00; Potatoes, per 100 lbs, 1.00; Apples, per bushel, 1.00; Butter, per lb, 1.00; Eggs, per dozen, 1.00.

Going Up Stairs.

If you are suffering from anæmia (poverty of the blood) or from a weak heart the fact will be made painfully apparent every time you have occasion to walk up stairs.

On such occasions does your heart beat violently? Do you feel out of breath? Do your limbs ache, and are you easily exhausted?

These are signs of anæmia and heart weakness. Pale, sunken eyes, thin cheeks, loss of appetite, and general languor are other signs. Organic disease of the Heart or Consumption may easily follow if your condition is neglected.

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HEALTH BROKEN DOWN. HAD NOT STRENGTH TO WALK. Miss Loba C. Schilling, Peninsula-Gasp, Que., writes: "I had suffered for some time with a weary feeling, and I could not walk even a short distance without being out of breath. I took almost a physical wreck, the least exertion would leave me breathless and exhausted."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have also cured paralysis, locomotor ataxy, rheumatism, and sciatica; also all diseases arising from impoverishment of the blood, scrofula, chronic erysipelas, consumption of the bowels and lungs, general muscular weakness, loss of appetite, palpitations, pains in the back, nervous headache, and neuralgia, early decay, all ladies' weaknesses and hysteria. These pills are a tonic, not a purgative. Sold by all druggists or by mail post paid at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

As many worthless substitutes are offered be sure you ask for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

War Notes.

H. M. S. Barracotta puts to sea occasionally from Sierra Leone for the purpose of conveying the mails to the Cape, to see if any of them want assistance.

A small party of Boers tried to raid the cattle in Nigrans' country, in British Bechuanaland, but the natives killed two of them, and the Boers then retired. They returned afterwards with reinforcements, but were again repulsed.

Required for the men at the front—Field glasses, telescopes, handkerchiefs, writing paper and envelopes, pencils and dorys. The latter have been attached to prevent their blowing off.

On all sides we hear of the excellent work done by the Australians and Canadians, who seem to be ideal scouts, and better than the Boers at the Boers' own game—London News.

Col. Bingham has offered 1,000 Boynton shields to the war office. The shields consist of thin steel, weighing 1 pound, and about 12 inches square, which is intended to be hung on the end of the rifle. It is expected to stop a Lee-Method at anything over 400 yards.

During the Belmont fight Private Fitzmaurice, of the Grenadier Guards, being shot, was surrounded by Boers, rushed to a third, and carried his colonel to the ambulance wagon. He has been recommended for the Victoria Cross.

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That Boers' Resistance Evidently Shown by Sending Off Stores.

Roberts Reports Success of Gatacre's Operations in Cape Colony.

By Associated Press. London, Feb. 9.—Mr. Balfour government leader, replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day, as to what information had been received from the seat of war, said: "Our information points to the fact that General Buller is not pressing his advance from the position he captured. We do not consider it probable that he will be able to force his way through the position, which are in progress, nor will we give any information as to what we can properly make this public until operations are completed. The Government has no information as to what General Macdonald has retired."

BOER REPORT. Boer Head Lager, Ladysmith. The British, who were in possession of the Boer position, had it after a bombardment by Boers this morning and retired across Tugela river. A despatch came in proceeding at Tugela this morning but otherwise all is quiet.

An armored train on Thursday a sortie from Chieveley towards Oudersburg, and landed 2,000 British troops on the right of the Boer position. The train immediately crossed the river and made with rifles and artillery, forcing the Boers to abandon the position and to Chieveley.

London, Feb. 9.—The news contained in the despatches from the Boer position considered considerable excitement in the House of Commons, where government leader had just pronounced that there was no news from South Africa.

GATACRE DOING WELL. A war office despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Tuesday, Feb. 8, confirms the reports that Gatacre has repulsed the Boers at Pen Hook and that he and that the security of both of the Boer positions is now in the hands of the British. Gatacre's operations were not mentioned in the former's retirement. He says: "The Boers were driven from the position, and the British were able to re-occupy it. The Boers were driven from the position, and the British were able to re-occupy it. The Boers were driven from the position, and the British were able to re-occupy it."

MODERN MOTHER AND SON. She Is Too Busy Setting the World Right to Teach Him Great Truths. "A man learns his politics and opinions from his father and other men, but his religion from his mother," writes an American Mother in the February issue of the Ladies' Home Journal. "No vicious manhood can quite kill the faith which sprang up in his soul when he knelt, a little child, at her knee every night, and was hushed to sleep on her breast while she sang that sweet story of old, when Jesus was here among men." In earlier times in this country a mother had little to do but to nurse and dress her children. She watched her boy day and night to keep him near to God and out of the devil's clutches. It was she who told him of the Babe and the Cross and the old Book which lay on the table beside her bed. He saw her turn to it when she was happy, when she was wretched, and when she was dying. So it came that there was nothing so near to a child's heart as his mother, her Bible and her Saviour. But that woman is long ago dead and buried. The modern mother talks of her as of some coarse animal whose ignoble life was starved out in a cage. Her own feet are set in a cage, and she is hushed to sleep on her breast while she sings that sweet story of old, when Jesus was here among men. She manages political causes, civic affairs, countless domestic and foreign missions. Art, literature, social and helpless humbly claim her. She rises every morning knowing that a blotched old world is waiting for her to set it right.

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