

THE UNION DISASTER

Flames in the Mine, Which Prevented Progress of Rescue Parties, Have Been Extinguished.

VOLUNTEERS NEARING NO. 6

Heroic Workers Had Narrow Escape From Being Suffocated While Engaged Repairing the Damaged Shaft.

STATEMENTS MADE BY EYE-WITNESSES

Latest Details Regarding the Catastrophe—Some of the Bodies May Be Reached To-day—Dominion Government Instruct Officials to Render All the Aid Necessary.

Three days have now passed since the dreadful accident which has plunged the town of Cumberland and the province of British Columbia into mourning—sufficient time to allow of the details being gathered—and this evening the Times is enabled to publish the first connected and comprehensive account of the tragedy. The difficulties surrounding the task of obtaining the particulars have been peculiarly trying. There were three features which stood in the way. The first was the delay necessarily entailed in reaching the scene of the accident; the second was the indefinite character of much of the information obtainable there; and the third and perhaps the greatest lay in the fact that one wire, operated by a man accustomed to handling only small business, had to serve the demands of numerous papers all clamoring for the news.

The complete story which the Times publishes to-night embodies every scrap of information obtainable up to the hour of going to press, for, realizing the intense interest felt in the affair, coupled with the paucity of many to learn it personal friends have been involved in the catastrophe, the Times gave an open commission to other correspondents than its own to file everything that could be gleaned. The dispatches printed below embrace the result of their combined efforts, and may be regarded as a complete chronicle of the facts to date.

In addition to these, an eye-witness describes the scene when the accident took place. It occurred a few hours after the morning shift had gone to work and just when the business of the afternoon in the little town was beginning in earnest for the day. This eye-witness was walking along Main street at the time. Suddenly there was a roar at the shaft head, followed by a concussion, like the discharge of big guns. All eyes were instantly turned to the pit, business men and citizens rushing out of the stores and houses, with an intuition that

A Disaster Had Occurred. Instantly, broken timber, earth, coal, and other debris was thrown hundreds of feet in the air, while as the dust subsided, the lighter colored smoke issuing from the rent earth indicated only too truly that the rescuers would have to fight not wreckage and gas alone, but fire.

A headlong rush was made from all directions, for the roar of the explosion had carried the news far and wide. John Matthews, the resident manager, had just left No. 5 shaft, and he ran to the place summoning help at the top of his voice as he did so. Amid the excited and almost frantic crowd which hovered about the wrecked shaft he moved organizing parties, detailing relief gangs and generally attempting to direct the energy of the willing fellows who were eager to proceed with the work of rescue.

The subsequent fight with the flames, the long struggle with gas and debris, the succumbing of members of the relief party to exhaustion and to the influence of the gas, and the final relinquishment of the battle—all is told in the appended dispatches.

Until 6 to-night there had been practically no change in the situation at No. 6 shaft since the water was turned into the ruined pit from the 18-inch water-works main yesterday. Days and even weeks were committed as certain to elapse before the mine could be re-entered, and soundings of the ruined shaft bottom justified this view. Yet late this afternoon the unexpected brought a revolution of plans, for when the covering at the pithead of No. 5 was removed, and the fan started, experimentally, it was found to the surprise of everyone that the

Air Shafts Worked Perfectly, and after one hour and a half it was possible to descend. Then as the gas was gradually driven out, the men fighting death inch by inch were able at last to reach the passage connecting with No. 6, and as the lessening of the gases in the shaft and workings continued, a party finally managed to get 200 yards or more along toward the ruined mine.

The distance is not great, since nearly a mile is left to be traversed, but the advance is cheering since it shows the fire has subsided and the poisonous air surely being expelled. The company officials have declared that they will reach some of the ill-fated miners to-morrow afternoon, and with this encouragement the work is going forward with redoubled zeal on the part of the heroic volunteers.

The fateful Friday of the disaster has been followed to-day by the saddest Sunday that Union has ever known, rain falling dimly at intervals, while the people go about in silence, stand mutely watching the workers

at the battered shaft houses, or debate in lowered tones the causes of the catastrophe and the coming week's developments.

Concerning the former, it is pointed out that the rule as to thorough inspection of all workings before work commences was apparently strictly obeyed, Pit Boss W. B. Walker visiting every section of the mine under his charge just before 7 o'clock and giving the word that there was no sign of gas and all well. That it then was, or he believed it so, is evidence by the fact that Walker's elder son went with the ill-fated shift, while the father returned to their cheerful home and awakened his second son George, a bright lad of sixteen, to replace for the day an absent driver, the two having gone down the shaft together not 15 minutes ere they, with all the others, were destroyed.

Others Sprang Forward to their places, and little by little the repairs to the mid wall crept downwards until a point a hundred feet from the bottom was reached, at which further progress was blocked by fiercely raging fire.

In shaft 5 it was Pit Boss Walker with miners Kesley, Straug, McArthur and Coomb who formed the pioneer company of heroes. They started to fight their way to the connecting door between the workings of shafts 5 and 6, and had crept fully five hundred feet along the tunnel before the awful after-damp stopped all further progress. Twice again other parties of volunteers essayed this passage, but in each case were expelled by damp and forced to the surface, the strongest carrying their insensible companions, and all becoming unconscious when the strain was ended.

It was on the failure of these endeavors that all direct methods of rescue were reluctantly abandoned as futile and impracticable, and the flooding of the mine was decided upon as a last resource.

Flooding the Mine. (Special to the Times.) Cumberland, Feb. 16.—The first idea that there was fire between No. 6 shaft and No. 5, was a mistake, but the excessive amount of damp and smoke made it impossible to obtain access from No. 5. Every effort was made to descend No. 6 shaft, but they proved futile. A second explosion took place about 4 o'clock this morning, but fortunately no one was in the shaft at the time.

After the second explosion took place all hope of rescue was given up, as a fire was raging below. The hose was turned on, and is still pouring away in any relief necessary, and asking for particulars.

The town is beautifully situated in the foothills of the Barford mountains about 700 feet above the waters of the Straits of Georgia. It is dependent upon the Union mines, in which the firm of Dunsmuir & Sons is heavily interested, and the daily output of which is from 700 to 1,000 tons of steam coal. The finer coal is manufactured into coke, for the manufacture of which modern and extensive coke ovens have been provided. There are four regular churches in the town, the Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, and Methodist, beside a Chinese mission with a residing Chinese missionary. The town is more amply supplied with hotels, there being ten of these in the place.

The city has no electric light system, but it has an excellent and ample water supply derived from a point about a mile and a half above the town. This supply was completely shut off for domestic use yesterday while the mines were being flooded.

Thirteen miles from Cumberland is Union wharf, with which the mines are connected by a colliery railway, which conveys the coal out to the bunkers. Here it is loaded on the ships, Comox is nine miles distant, and is connected with Cumberland by a good wagon road. There is a telegraph line from Cumberland to Nanaimo, and also from Union Bay to Nanaimo, with telephone communication between the three points. The City of Nanaimo includes Union Bay in its port of call weekly, both on the up and down trip, and mails also come overland to Nanaimo.

No. 6 shaft is situated between the sawmill and the building now used as the company's office, but which was formerly Simon Leiser's store there. It is midway between the old and the new town.

Some of the Victims. A number of residents of Victoria, who formerly resided in Cumberland, knew some of the victims. The following information has been obtained in this way regarding the unfortunate fellows whose doom is now sealed:

William Walker, sr., was underground foreman in No. 6 shaft. He was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and was 45 years of age. He had resided in Union about ten years, was an elder in the Presbyterian church there, and a teacher in the Sunday school. He leaves a widow and a large family.

His two sons, Geo. W. and W. Walker, jr., were also natives of Scotland. The first named was 18 years of age, and underwent an operation for appendicitis here about six months ago. The other son was about 16 years of age.

George Turnbull was the youngest son of the former timberman in the mine, his father still residing at Comox on a farm. He was a native of Nova Scotia, and came to Union about ten years ago. He was 22 years of age.

John White was a native of Scotland, and came to Union eight years ago. He was aged about 40 years. He leaves a widow and large family.

Superintendent's Report. The following is the report telegraphed by P. D. Little, superintendent of the Union mines, to Premier Dunsmuir on Saturday.

"Union, Feb. 16.—We arrived at Union at 10 o'clock last night and found the men driven out of No. 6 shaft with heat. I had a consultation with Russell, Morgan, Sheppard, Matthews and others, and decided to try and get the air from No. 5 shaft, using No. 6 as an upcast.

We tried that until 4 o'clock this morning, when she exploded again, not heavily. Then all said it would be better to flood No. 6 shaft, and the work at once, and afterwards try to work through from the fire. All hope of any living was given up before we reached here. None of us who came up had any hopes, either.

"As far as I can get at the number of men, there were 20 whites, 9 Japanese and 32 Chinamen down below. "I cannot tell how long it will take to fill the shaft to the roof at the bottom."

"No. 5 shaft and workings are all good. Both shafts are covered until the water gets up. There appears to be considerable fire in No. 6."

MINISTERIAL REFERENCE. In the city churches yesterday feeling reference was made to the great calamity which had befallen the mining settlement of Cumberland.

Rev. Dr. Campbell, at the First Presbyterian church, yesterday morning made sympathetic reference to the sufferers by the awful explosion at Union mines. He said that nothing so terrible had happened in our fair province since the catastrophe in the mine at Nanaimo about twelve years ago. "It is well to pray for the bereaved, and as Christians it is our duty to do so," said Dr. Campbell, "but our prayers should be accompanied by a desire to help the widows and children who may need help."

He was sure the company in whose employ the unfortunate victims of the disaster were, would devise liberal things, and, judging from the past history of the First Presbyterian church, he knew the people would respond cheerfully when a call for help should be made. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Our hearts, he said, led for the honest toilers who so suddenly and in so terrible a manner lost their lives, and our heartfelt sympathy would be extended by their sorely bereaved relatives.

Rev. Elliott, in his sermon in the Metropolitan Methodist church on Sunday evening with a few remarks in reference to the explosion at Union. He was glad to see that the press had taken up the matter of urging support to those thrown into poor or destitute circumstances by the deplorable accident, and while he thought this would be forthcoming in no unpraiseworthy way, yet he could not but regret that assistance in an instance of this kind was necessary. Things were a little out of joint as they now existed. When men entered the " jaws of death " to furnish the world with the necessities of life they should be so remunerated that those dependent on them should not be placed in a position of distress or poverty when disaster of this kind overtook them. He did not speak directly of the Union colliery disaster in so saying. Men made laws for the protection of institutions, and after a while he hoped they would make them for the better protection of themselves.

A Berlin dispatch says the president, whose death was announced on Friday, was Moritz Herrman.

Kruger and The King

Rumor That Ex-President Has Written Asking For His Personal Consideration.

Dewet's Commando is Harassed on All Sides—Typhoid Fever Among Troops.

(Associated Press.) London, Feb. 18.—There is an unconfirmed rumor here that ex-President Kruger has drafted a personal letter to King Edward VII, setting forth the Boer case and asking for His Majesty's consideration.

The Times correspondent at De Aar confirms the report that Dewet's commando is "extremely exhausted" and "harassed on all sides."

Typhoid fever. The secretary of state for war gave the ever increasing number of cases of typhoid fever among the troops, thus partially accounting for the long casualty lists. In October there were 508 cases and 98 deaths; in November 1,313 cases and 208 deaths; in December 1,605 cases and 280 deaths. The total since the beginning of the war to December 31st is 19,101 cases and 4,233 deaths.

SPANISH POLITICS.

The Cabinet Will Resign on Friday—Silvela May Be Called In.

(Associated Press.) Madrid, Feb. 8.—The carnival fetes in the provinces have passed without disorder. He had resided in Union about ten years, was an elder in the Presbyterian church there, and a teacher in the Sunday school. He leaves a widow and a large family.

Hon. J. I. Tarte States That It Will Be Completed Next July.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—In the House to-day Sir Hibbert Tupper moved for papers and accounts in connection with the building of telegraph lines in the Yukon and British Columbia. He said it was scandalous that these papers were not brought down sooner.

Hon. J. I. Tarte said that when the accounts and particulars were brought down it would be shown that there was nothing in what Sir Hibbert Tupper said. Mr. Charleson had done great work and ought to get credit for it. Only about fifty miles had to be completed to permit of a telegram being sent direct from Ottawa to Dawson. This would be made possible next July, when the line would be completed.

KING AND CYCLIST.

The Former Was Slightly Bruised in a Collision.

(Associated Press.) London, Feb. 15.—According to the Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail, while King Christian and Prince Waldemar were promenading on Saturday a bicyclist collided with the King, whose leg was bruised and whose clothing was soiled with mud. The bicyclist, ignorant of the identity of the King, began to abuse him, when Prince Waldemar seized him and handed him over to the police. The man then grew very apologetic and King Christian ordered that he be released.

OVER A HUNDRED DEAD.

Work of Recovering Bodies of Victims of Baku Fire Still Continues.

(Associated Press.) St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—In the official report of the fire which broke out on February 5th in the magazine of the Caspian & Black Sea Company, at Baku, Russian Transcaucasia, it is admitted that 127 fatalities resulted from the conflagration, and that a number of other persons are expected to die from the results of their burns. The search for bodies is still being carried on.

A HOAX.

(Associated Press.) Chicago, Feb. 18.—A dispatch to the Chicago Times-Herald from Waterloo, Iowa, says: "Editor Van Metre, of the Waterloo Tribune, whose purported interview with Pat Crowe and confession from him in connection with the Cudshy kidnapping case have gone broadcast over the country, declared the whole matter a hoax."

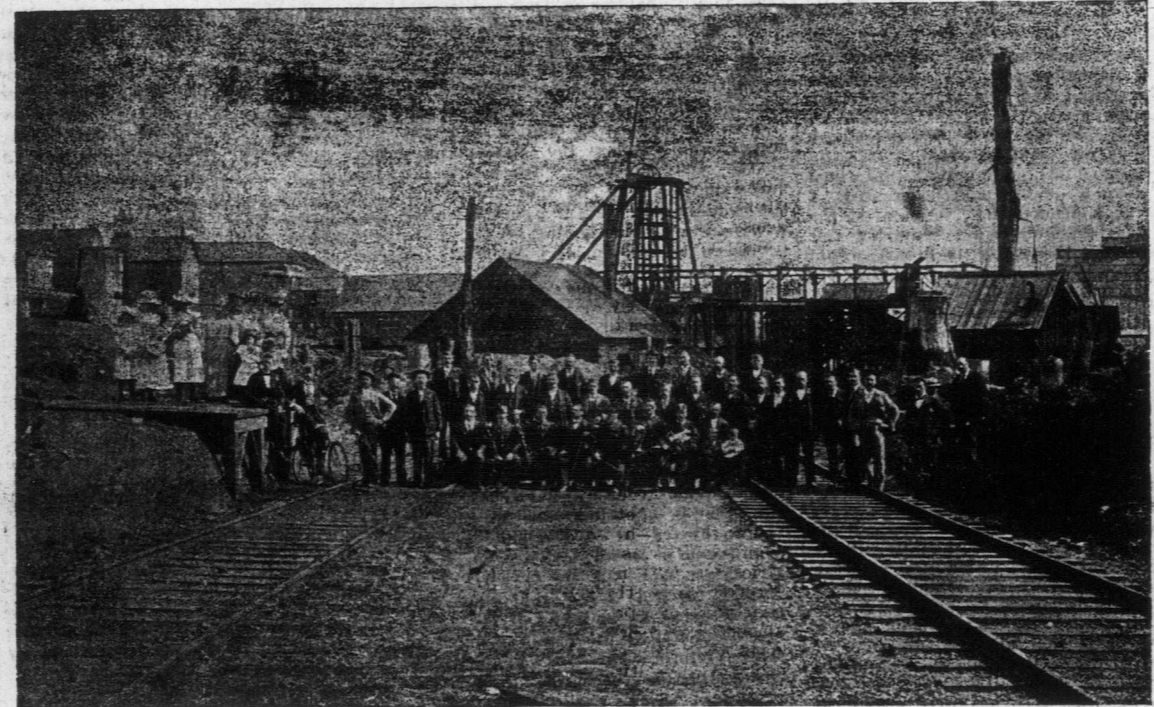
COMMISSIONER OGLIVIE.

(Associated Press.) Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Despite the announcement from Dawson City, via Victoria, the government has not yet received any official intimation of Mr. Oglivie's resignation as commissioner of the Yukon.

RETURNED UNOPOSED.

(Special to the Times.) Nanaimo, Feb. 18.—J. H. Hawthornthwaite has been returned by acclamation to the provincial legislature.

The subscription list for sufferers by the Cumberland disaster opened by to-day. Hundreds of dollars have already been subscribed.



THE WRECKED SHAFT, NO. 6, UNION MINE.

was a touch of gripe that kept Harry Wilson at home and saved his life, while young George Walker unwittingly went in his place to death, and the temporary engagement as the pit boss kept P. Roy from going down to get his tools, as he otherwise would have done and shared the general fate.

Among the others in the mine were J. M. Davis, Geo. R. Steele, single; Simoi, Bouo, Bardisoni and Crossetti, all married with families.

While in all the history of mining disaster there have been few so lacking in tragic emotional display as this, the men of Cumberland, in their

Heroic Endeavors to Rescue their imprisoned fellow workers, have shown themselves worthy of every tradition of their callings, beyond which higher praise cannot be spoken.

As soon as the explosion, in series, shook the earth, the third on the distance from the shaft-head, and the cloud of smoke was seen coming up from the air-shaft, the miners instinctively knew that the mine was on fire and its workmen prisoners, and they forthwith commenced the rescue preparations.

Rescue Party at Work. (Special to the Times.) Cumberland, Feb. 17.—The whole city supply of water was last night diverted into the mine by a flume, and was kept running until noon to-day, when the water had risen 40 feet in the shaft. This being considered sufficient to extinguish the fire, and flow was stopped.

No. 5 shaft was opened in the morning and the fan started again.

About 2 o'clock, a party ventured below. Everything was satisfactory. The expedition got within 300 yards of the partition between 5 and 6, when they found the brattice destroyed, and they could get no further. A number of men are at work repairing the brattice, and will work all night. (Thos Russell, underground manager, Vancouver Coal Co.; Frank Sheppard, inspectors of mines Morgan and McGregor, are supervising the rescue work. They will work four-hour shifts.

Premier Dunsmuir, C. E. Pooley and Jas. McGregor, inspector of mines, came up on the Joan last night, and this morning inspected the mines, making several trips to No. 5. The whole town is in mourning.

Aid From Dominion Government. (Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Ralph Smith, M. P., is of the opinion that there is no hope of escape for the 65 men entombed in the coal mine at Cumberland. The mine is in Smith's constituency.

As soon as the news of the disaster was received Mr. Smith interviewed Hon. William Mulock, minister of labor, in regard to relief, and as a result Dominion officials in the west were notified to do everything in their power in that connection.

Mr. Smith is deeply concerned about the matter, and proposes to do everything possible here for the victims and their dependents.

Mr. Mulock, at Mr. Smith's request, wired to the mayor of Cumberland offer-

ORDER RESTORED.

Is Quiet, But Martial Law Has Not Been Removed.

Feb. 16.—King Alfonso, the Regent and several other members of the Royal family, drove about this afternoon, accompanied by palace guards. The drive was a special incident. The city is calm. Martial law, however, continued until after the carnival and will then be removed. If the tranquillity continues.

Evening Gen. Weller posted in a proclamation stating that in violation of the tranquillity which prevailed during the carnival, he had decreed the suspension of the carnival, and that he would then be removed. If the tranquillity continues.

FOUND THE CORPSE.

Vault of King Milna's Great-Grandmother Was Discovered. (Associated Press.) Howitz, Austria Hungary, Feb. 16.—A trouble was experienced to-day in digging out King Milna's wife to be buried in the side of his great-grandmother, sea Obrenovitch, wife of Milos, founder of the dynasty. The whereabouts of the vault could not be discovered until a continuation was discovered who attended the funeral of the Princess. The vault was opened they found the wooden coffin had fallen apart and the corpse was exposed. It was in a remarkable state of preservation. The dress were quite recognizable, and the ornaments and silk robes of the Princess were intact.

COMMISSION AT WORK.

Colonial Government is to Be Established in Island of Luzon. (Associated Press.) Cebu, Province of Pangasinan, Feb. 14.—The United States-Philippine commission arrived here this morning and will organize a provincial government to-morrow. The commissioners were received by a crowd of men with bands of music and were directed to the United States army headquarters. Welcoming speeches were given on the way. Gen. MacArthur notified the commission that the province of Tayabas is sufficiently quiet for provincial government, also that pacification of the other southern provinces, Batangas, Laguna, De Bay Cavite, will be hastened if provincial government is begun. The commission will organize Tayabas on its way.

FIFTY PER CENT.

Fashioning, Feb. 16.—Count Cassial, Russian ambassador, this afternoon signed a cablegram from the Russian high office, confirming the report of the issue of the decree imposing increased duties on certain United States ports by Russia, and he took steps to run the state department accordingly. It is believed that a grave crisis has been reached in the trade relations between the United States and Russia. The immediate effect of the Russian decree when it becomes operative, on Feb. 1st, will be to increase by 50 per cent. the duties on United States machinery, steel and iron goods.

FOUR MINERS DROWNED.

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 16.—In the flood of the Santa Rita mine, 200 miles north of Hermosillo, Mexico, four miners were drowned, including the superintendent. A blast had opened the main water. The main tunnel was flooded, and while the miners in the upper end escaped, the workers in the lower end were caged like mice in a trap.

PRIVY COUNCIL DECISION.

London, Feb. 16.—The privy council has dismissed the appeal of Livingston Ross, and has upheld the judgment of the Queen's Bench of Lower Canada in the matter of conveyance of the Buckingham estate.

CANCER CONQUERED.

The New Constitutional Remedy Bringing Joy to Many Canadian Homes. The sufferer from cancer or tumor need no longer despair. A new way of escape from this terrible disease has been opened up, which has brought joy to hundreds of hearts here in Canada and in the United States. The knife, the paste and the disaster have at last been vanquished with all their torments, and now any cancer sufferer can take treatment in his own home without enduring any pain or inconvenience. The new constitutional remedy has revolutionized the treatment of cancer. Its action is through the blood on the cancerous tissue, which it completely destroys, and cures the disease permanently. If you desire more information about this remedy, send 2 stamps to MESSRS. STOTT & BURY, Bowmanville, Ont., for their new book, "Cancer, Its Cause and Cure."

Mining News

The Lardean. Men are hard at work on the other property adjoining the of Camborne. The work being principally of open cuts and led a strong lead carrying large of free gold. This claim is said of the most promising prospect the Fish creek camp.

During the course of driving ches of galena were encountered, as a solid body is exposed. Several have been sacked.

na, owned by Messrs. Thornburn, and Menhenick was sold the other H. W. Jackson, manager for the company operating in the Fish creek, for a substantial cash price, a large slice of stock in being floated to develop it. This is the largest silver-lead prospect creek, have a four-foot lead of ore exposed, giving returns of \$50 to the ton in all values.

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Stranded in Bay City

Deserters From Schooner Borealis in Hard Straits at San Francisco.

Ship Ilaa Arrives at Last, But Lost No Life Boy-Other Marine News.

The deserting sailors from the Victoria sailing schooner Borealis are stranded in San Francisco, according to the Call. Referring to the schooner's experiences, which have been briefly mentioned before, that paper says: "The British sailing schooner Borealis has had a good season off the coast, but still the men did not like the vessel, and they were willing to forfeit their 'lay' if they could only get ashore. Five of them bribed the night watchman, and one night last week while the schooner was off Fort Ross they stole one of the ship's boats and the ship's compass and started in pursuit. About ten minutes after the men had got away Capt. Muno came on deck and walked aft to see how the schooner was heading. When he found the compass gone, then he missed one of the boats he knew what was the matter and called all remaining hands. With three hunters and a boat steerer he got into another boat and started in pursuit, after telling the mate to head the schooner inshore. Just as day was breaking the deserters were sighted. Their boat was under sail, but when they saw the other boat coming they started to take to the oars and pulled with their utmost strength. Captain Muno caught them as they were making a landing, but told them to keep on moving as he wanted his boat and the ship's compass. Yesterday the men reached San Francisco, footsore and weary. They are without money, and some of them would be glad to be back on the Borealis again."

THE ILLA ARRIVES.

The British ship Ilaa, Capt. Thornburn, which was reported off Cape Beale last Monday, sailed for the Royal Roads yesterday morning and from her anchor charge there has been taken into Esquimaux by the tug Cleave. Much has been written regarding the condition of the ship, and it was feared for a time that she had been lost, as a life buoy alleged to be marked "Ilaa, Liverpool," had been found on the West coast of the island, together with other wreckage. Capt. Thornburn, however, denies that he lost any buoy, as he has aboard now the same number as when he left London. The effect of the voyage on his life buoy was the placing of reinsurances on the vessel, and the speculators in which are heavy losers through the vessel's arrival. It was on June 21st that the Ilaa left London for Victoria, and she had in her cargo of 200 tons of merchandise, a large quantity of Christmas goods. On the river Plate a terrible storm was encountered, and the vessel's masts were carried away, and she was put into Monte Video for repairs. The voyage was resumed on November 11th, and Capt. Thornburn reports that strong head winds were encountered throughout the winter of the trip. After discharging a quantity of naval stores the ship will be towed around to enter wharf. She will later be taken to Vancouver, for which city she has nearly 1,000 tons of cargo, a large quantity of which is cement. R. P. Rithet & Co. are the vessel's local agents.

THE NEWS CONFIRMED.

J. H. Greer, local agent of the White Pass & Yukon railway, has received a telegram from Manager E. C. Hawkins confirming the news given in the Times a few days ago of the sale of the Canadian Development Company's properties, including the latter's fleet of twelve steamers. The fact that the railway company has had the practical management of these steamers during the past year has been known almost to the cable, but the definite acquisition of them is an altogether different matter. The sale virtually means the absorption of the way company of the Canadian Development Company's business in the north.

MINISTERS HOME.

The Attorney-General Pleaseth With His Reception By the Ottawa Government. The premier's party, with the exception of Hon. Mr. Dunsuir himself, reached Victoria on Saturday night. The party brought over Hon. D. M. Eberts, his stenographer, Oscar C. Basse, the premier's secretary, R. E. Gosnell, Mrs. and Miss Dunsuir, and Messrs. J. Hunter and C. E. Pooley, who accompanied the party to Mission. The premier went on directly by train to Vancouver, and the railway company has had the practical management of these steamers during the past year has been known almost to the cable, but the definite acquisition of them is an altogether different matter. The sale virtually means the absorption of the way company of the Canadian Development Company's business in the north.

DIED.

At Nelson, on Feb. 11th, Mrs. James McGhie, aged 84 years. At Vancouver, on Feb. 13th, Gretta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Maxwell, aged 9 years. At Vancouver, on Feb. 16th, Miss Eda Goddard, aged 22 years. At Ashcroft, on Feb. 12th, Mrs. James Ashcroft, aged 51 years.

Ogilvie's Resignation

Dawson Dispatch Confirms Report That the Governor Is Leaving the Yukon.

Geo. T. St. Cyr, Convicted of Murder, Attempts Twice to Take His Life.

Assumes His Duties

Rev. Mr. Blyth Opens His Victoria Pastorate Under Favorable Auspices.

Will Act as Chaplain at the Opening of the Provincial House.

Rev. R. B. Blyth, the new pastor of the Congregational church, arrived on Saturday night, a full day ahead of time. She had a stormy passage, and because of blockades on the northern railway consequent to heavy snowfalls and severe weather, brought only five passengers. The most important item of news received by the steamer was that confirming the report of the resignation of Governor Ogilvie, of the Yukon Territory. This was contained in a dispatch from Dawson to the Skagway News.

George T. St. Cyr, who was recently convicted of murder, made two attempts on the 8th inst. to take his life while awaiting the execution of his death sentence in a Dawson jail. The prisoner, feeling sorry for the disgrace brought upon his family, endeavored to break his neck by jumping head foremost out of his bunk, but only sustained slight injuries. Although a guard has been placed over him, he declares that he will yet kill himself.

Another dispatch from Dawson to the Skagway papers says Walter Evesky has been appointed German consul in that city.

The Klondike market is now feeling a great shortage of lemons and oranges, frozen varieties of which are said to be selling for \$85 per box.

W. H. White, of the Dawson gold commissioner's office, has been appointed recorder at White Horse.

Another Dawson dispatch says: "At a meeting of the Yukon council the comptroller reported that the territorial treasury is empty, and that the revenues to be derived from the usual source would not be forthcoming for some time. The announcement of the comptroller was not unexpected, as the regular reports showed that the funds available had been overdrawn. The council, without debate, authorized the comptroller to overdraw the bank account as the expenditures should make it necessary."

YESTERDAY'S FUNERALS.

Obsequies of a Number of Citizens Conducted.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Susan Flockhart took place from the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Donaldson, 64 Dallas road, at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Services were conducted at the house and grave by Mr. Phillips, of the United Brotherhood Society. The following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: W. J. Power, J. Robertson, T. Moffat, J. Greig, T. Main and A. Peden.

The remains of the late H. Wager were laid at rest yesterday afternoon. The funeral took place from the residence of Mr. Beaton, 55 Henry street, at 2:15, and at 2:45 from the Metropolitan Methodist church. Appropriate services were conducted by the Rev. Elliott S. Rowe. The choir was in attendance, and rendered several sacred songs. The body of the church was well filled, as both the Sons and Daughters of England were present, besides the employees of the post office and the many other friends of the deceased. Many beautiful floral designs were presented, among which were wreaths from the Daughters of England, the Sons of England, the clerks at the post office and the poetmen. The following acted as pall-bearers: J. Nankville, C. J. Beaven, C. M. Haynes, E. P. Spence, R. J. Reid, F. Tubbs. Services at the grave were conducted for the Sons of England by the chaplain, Bro. W. Bull, assisted by President E. M. Haynes.

PENDER ISLAND ROADS.

To the Editor: Will you kindly allow me space in your columns to contradict a statement which I saw in your daily of 11th inst. about Gulf Islands, signed Clara Menzies. She says the roads are badly kept owing to the inexperience of the road masters. As for masters, there is only one, and that is myself. I think I have all the experience that is required to build roads on the island, and should know a good road from a bad one.

S. B. COLSTON, Road Foreman. Pender Island, Feb. 16th.

The strength of Queen Sophia is increasing. She is now able to pass a few hours out of bed daily.

A CONVINCING ANSWER.

"I hobbed into Mr. Blackmon's drug store one evening," says Wesley Nelson, of Hamilton, Ga., "and he asked me to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism. He is walking with a cane and limps slightly from the effects of a remarkable accident. On Saturday, February 9th, he was crossing a large glacier on Gold Peak mountain. This mountain is over 7,000 feet high and Mr. Wolfe was near the summit. The side of the mountain has an angle of 45 degrees, on which are glaciers, and suddenly he lost his foothold and found himself sliding with lightning like speed down the side of the mountain. In a few seconds he lodged in the flat of Wild Horse creek, a distance of 2,000 feet from where he

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KAMLOOPS. At the annual meeting of the Farmers' Institute Mr. Noble was elected president; Mr. Currie, vice-president; J. F. Smith, secretary; Messrs. Wallace and W. W. Shaw, directors.

REVELSTOCK. At a meeting of the city council on Friday night the mayor stated that the C. P. R. fire brigade would co-operate with the city brigade in case of an outbreak of fire, and had obtained interchangeable coupling hose for the purpose. Ald. Medina suggested that it would be well in that case to have an occasional combined practice of the two brigades.

KAMLOOPS. At the annual general meeting of the B. C. inland board of trade the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: N. J. Hopkins, president; F. J. Elson, vice-president; E. T. W. Pearse, secretary; council of the board, J. F. Smith, J. M. Harper, M. P. Gordon, J. R. Michell, A. D. Macintyre, E. Goulet, J. Gill, C. H. Strutt, Dr. Procter, J. Vair, W. H. Peggs and F. J. Deane.

MOVIE. A successful fall was held here on Thursday, February 7th, for the benefit of the sufferers by the recent fire. The proceeds came to \$152, and with this nearly \$200 have in all been raised for the local fire relief fund.

The people are well pleased at the result of the recent fair, which brought in \$200 more than was expected. There were previously 30 Chinese in town, now there are none.

NEW WESTMINSTER. W. Townsend went with a painful accident the other day, in consequence of which he is now confined to his house with a broken collar bone. He was attending to some brick-work on a house at the corner of the street, and was carrying a brick which appeared to be part of the scaffolding, but which had only been placed there temporarily by an assistant, and was precipitated some distance to the ground, striking the man on the head.

As a result of playing with fire-crackers, Arnold Archibald, a boy of 16 years of age, the eldest-son of A. L. Archibald, has, it is feared, lost the use of his right eye.

The Firemen's Benefit Association has elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Hon. President, Mayor Townley; Hon. Vice-President, A. W. Cameron; President, Chief Carlisle; Vice-President, C. L. Thompson; Secretary, Capt. James Lester.

The meeting of those interested in good roads at the city hall on Wednesday night had a very slim attendance. The meeting was presided over by the disagreeable weather. Mayor Townley presided. In view of the fact that the annual meeting will take place on the first Monday in March, a provincial board of roads was elected to conduct the affairs of the body until that time. The board is constituted as follows: President, Colonel Warren; Vice-President, Mr. H. Bell-Ing; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. O. L. Spencer; Executive Committee, Mr. J. E. Miller, Mr. W. Hodson, Mr. Harold Clarke, Mr. H. Henderson and Mr. T. H. Calland. No definite programme of operations was decided upon, but it is understood that an arrangement will be sought with the city council for the expenditure of the moneys collected from the bicycle tax, in a way that will benefit the association and the council.

Mr. Garden has decided to run as an independent against Mr. Macpherson in the bye-election.

Arrow Lake, president of the Van Andia Copper & Gold Company, on Friday received a cable from Mr. J. Lowles, of England, who recently withdrew his proposal to purchase the Van Andia mine and property, and has expressed his willingness to meet Mr. Treest in London, New York or Vancouver. This is taken, by those locally interested, to indicate that Mr. Lowles is prepared to reopen negotiations for the purchase of the property.

The city council has consented to the request of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company that the franchise be consolidated, so that their franchise from the city may expire in the year 1918. In exchange for this concession, the company allows the city a greater percentage of their profits, and agree to extend their lines to Hastings.

Private J. Wallace, of the first contingent, arrived home on Saturday. He was met at the station by a large number of people.

The death occurred at the city hospital on Saturday morning of Miss Eda Goddard, aged 22 years. The deceased was a friend of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lord, of Howe street, with whom she had been residing. Her relatives are all in the Old Country. Miss Goddard had been ill for a considerable time, her death being due to pneumonia.

ROSSLAND.

Leon Bodkin, a hucker at the Le Roi mine, was accidentally killed on the 9th inst. while working on the mine on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. No one was with him at the time of his death and the exact circumstances must forever remain in some doubt. The mountain is covered in snow and the hucker was working in a place where he had been working for some time. He was struck by a piece of rock and the point striking against a stick of dynamite concealed beneath instantly exploded it. The force of the explosion so near at hand was such as to kill him instantly. The left arm was almost torn from the body and the whole of the head and face shattered beyond recognition. Death must have come at once, bearing in mind the noise of the explosion, the companions of the deceased rushed to the spot and picked up the fallen form of their late fellow worker. Life was already extinct, and the body was taken to the hospital for burial.

At a recent session of the Orange Grand Lodge, the following were duly elected officers for the ensuing term: President, W. J. Power; Vice-President, R. Bell; R. W. J. D. G. M. W. Bradley; R. W. G. Chap. Rev. Dr. Reid; R. W. G. T. Duke; R. W. G. D. Moffat; R. W. G. L. G. H. Taylor; R. W. D. O. C. G. Harzevans; R. W. L. Chapp; Rev. J. Reid; D. G. S. A. Anderson; D. G. Lect. of B. A. John Wallace. The above were then duly installed into their respective offices by P. G. M. Bro. H. Bethour.

NELSON.

Judge Irving on Tuesday ordered a non-suit to be entered in the case of Fawcett v. C. P. R., the trial of which began on Tuesday morning. The action was brought by the parents of the deceased contractor, whose death resulted from a braking accident at Robson in October last.

The news of two serious accidents, one fatal, which occurred near Silverton last week has reached the city. As the result of a faulty blast, Dave Davis, a well known miner, was seriously wounded about the head at the Queen Bee mine last Saturday. Both of his eyes were badly injured, and he is now in Spokane being treated by an eye specialist. Roderick Cameron, foreman at the Alamo concentrator, was instantly killed

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Re-Union of Volunteers

The "Fighting Men Home From the Wars" Will Foregather Here.

Preparations by the Local Boys to Receive Their Gallant Comrades.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The gallant fellows who went out from all parts of the province to risk, and if needs be give their lives for the flag, will have a royal time together in the Capital next week. The survivors of the Victoria contingent met last evening in the Drifard hotel to make arrangements for the reception of their comrades in arms, and discussed the preliminary arrangements with an enthusiasm which indicated in an unmistakable manner with what eagerness they are looking forward to the re-union, and to a resumption of that closest of all relations between men which is born of mutual hardships and cemented by common wounds and sufferings. About a dozen of the local boys talked the matter over last night, and made their own arrangements in harmony with the purposes of the government as disclosed at the meeting.

The Mainland men are expected to arrive on the Charmer on Tuesday evening. Half an hour before she steams into the harbor, namely, at 6 o'clock, the Victoria veterans will fall in at the drill hall in their war worn khaki, with field service caps, and march under the command of Sgt. Northcott to the C. P. N. wharf. It is expected that they will be joined there by a band—possibly the Fifth Regiment band—and will be ready to receive their comrades as they step off the boat. The whole parade will then be taken in charge by the senior non-commissioned officer, or possibly by Capt. Burstell, recruiting officer for the South African constabulary, who is expected to arrive in Victoria on Monday evening. The government yesterday wired to Capt. Burstell apprising him of the arrangements for the guard of honor and asking him if he would assume command. It is hoped he will do so as he was in charge of a Company for a time at the front.

The little detachment will then proceed up town to the Drifard hotel, where, after time has been given for a short rest and an opportunity to renew acquaintances all round, the men will sit down to a dinner. It is not promised that the men will be exactly the same as that served so often to the same men in the last twelve months, in which hard tack and black coffee formed such a prominent part, but the same good fellowship which knit the hearts of these men together in the strongest of brotherhood—that of arms—will undoubtedly not be lacking. It is intended that this dinner no matter what the character of subsequent ones may be, will be confined strictly to the men of the contingents with two exceptions. These will be Lieut.-Col. Benson, D. O. C., and Major Johnson, who will be asked to occupy the chair and vice-chair respectively.

The following day will be given over to the boys for their own enjoyment and for the reception of such hospitalities as may be decided upon by the city. While these have not yet assumed a form when they can be definitely stated, the indications are that the men will have no cause for complaint on the score of inhospitality. Unfortunately there is no theatrical attraction for Wednesday night, but to even this may be overcome, and in any event everything possible will be done to make the men feel that they are not only the honored guests of the government of British Columbia, but of the city of Victoria as well.

The Vancouver and Mainland contingents are urged to bring puttees and other field equipment if possible.

During their stay in the city the members of the guard will be quartered at the Drifard, as guests of the government. Their transportation expenses and pay allowances will be met, and already steps are being taken to insure them the freedom of the city during their visit. A banquet of a public character is suggested for Wednesday night, although something more informal and perhaps more acceptable to the men may be substituted.

The steps to be taken by the city will doubtless be decided upon at a meeting of the patriotic committee which has been convened for 3 o'clock this afternoon at the city hall. Apart from any official action which may be taken by the municipality, it is hoped that citizens will fling out their banners on the outer wall and give the city a gala appearance in keeping with the occasion.

It was decided at last night's meeting that the guard should meet for drill at the drill hall on Wednesday forenoon. Those who are lacking in portions of their uniform are asked to communicate with Sergt. Jos. Northcott, who is undertaking the duties of storekeeper.

The guard itself will parade in review order, khaki uniforms with service caps. In all thirty-six men have signified their intention of being present, while this number will doubtless be considerably increased before the day of opening. The provincial secretary yesterday received the following additional names in acceptance of the government's invitation: Pte. Smethurst, Victoria; Pte. Wilson, R. C. F. A.; Pte. Stewart, B. C. R.; Pte. Victoria; and Pte. L. B. Porter, C. M. R., New Denver.

The government is showing commendable energy and liberality in connection with the arrangements and the opening of the session of the century promises to be a memorable one because of the presence of these representatives of Canadian loyalty.

To the men themselves the occasion will be of a red letter character, and it was impossible to listen to the joyful chat last night without being convinced that interesting as the event will be to the public, it will be doubly so to the men themselves.

PTE. STEBBINGS "WATCHED."

At the Mount Baker hotel last evening Pte. W. H. Stebbings was presented with a beautiful gold watch and an illuminated address by the residents of that district. The presentation was made by Lieut.-Col. Benson, D. O. C., who, in a neat speech, referred to the reputation which had been established for Canadian soldiers by Pte. Stebbings and his comrades, and welcomed him back to his home. W. W. Grime read the following address:

To Private William H. Stebbings, of the First Canadian Contingent:

We, your friends and neighbors of the city of Victoria, B. C., and especially of the Oak Bay district, wishing to testify our appreciation of your patriotism and courage, so nobly displayed whilst serving as a British Columbia volunteer with the first Canadian contingent in the Boer war, here, by beg your acceptance of the accompanying gold watch, as a token of our esteem and regard. We rejoice in the fact of your possessing the distinction of being the youngest member of the detachment of Victoria volunteers who, by their gallantry and devotion to duty upon the battle-fields and dusty veldts of South Africa, covered themselves with glory and honor, and earned the admiration of the highest military authorities in the field, together with the gratitude of the city and province which they so worthily represented. May the gift which we have so much pleasure in presenting to-day, help to remind you, in years to come, of the joy felt by your friends at your safe return from the perils of the war, in which you fought so well as a loyal soldier of the great and good Queen Victoria. We feel convinced that, should the occasion again arise, your city and your country could count on your service on behalf of King and Empire in the cause of freedom and right. We wish you every success and a long and happy life.

The recipient made a feeling reply to the address.

THE NAVY LEAGUE.

It will no doubt interest the people of British Columbia, and of this city, to know that a branch of the famous Navy League, of London, England, is likely to be formed here. A number of prominent gentlemen of this city, some of which are retired naval officers, have subscribed to become members of the Navy League in London, England, in order to form a branch here, the being the first condition to obtain a branch. They have sent forty odd dollars to London for that purpose, with an application for a charter which means alone a branch can be formed. The application having been sent, a charter will be granted under a minute of the executive committee in London. They have also appointed an hon. secretary pro tem, to receive the charter when granted. All the requirements for forming a branch having been fulfilled, all that is now necessary is to await the arrival of the charter and upon receipt of same the branch league is formed.

There are already about fifty branch Naval Leagues throughout Great Britain, and this one will represent the Pacific naval station. The Navy League is strictly non-party, and now a very powerful institution in England, organized in the latter part of 1894, in which the Hon. Mr. Balfour, then premier, has been so active and prominent a figure for the last five years as president.

The great aim of the league is to impress upon all British subjects "the paramount importance of maintaining an all-powerful navy as the best guarantee of peace." "Lest we forget," and do not allow our minds to dwell on this subject.

Capt. Mahan, United States navy, has said: "The British fleet should be strong, as it guarantees the peace of the world." Lady members or associates are eligible to join the league, and in fact their membership in England is earnestly requested. Everyone throughout the province in sympathy with the objects of the league, or desirous of becoming a member or associate of the branch when formed, is requested to send his application, giving address, to the hon. secretary of the proposed Navy League, P. O. Box 337, Victoria, B. C., pending the arrival of the charter, so that the organization may be taken up directly after the charter is received, and all names sent in, will be kept in a register for that purpose, to be referred to when the reply from London is received.

CUMBERLAND NOTES.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

A most interesting social in connection with the Anglican church was held in Pte.'s hall on Tuesday evening. The platform was prettily draped by Chas. Macdonald, whilst in the body of the hall small tables were arranged here and there, on each of which was a flower in bloom. In spite of the inclement weather a goodly number turned out, and the hall was just comfortably filled. The music was supplied by the Anderson family, assisted by Mr. Victoria, with the organ. Amongst the most interesting items on the programme were a duet by "Me and Sister Su," Mr. Stanley Blegg and Mr. Barrett; "The Gipsy Comrades," in character, with gipsy scene in the background, Mr. Ramsey and Miss Smith, and a tableau which exhibited some of that beauty and elegance for which our town is noted. "The Guardian Angel" tableau was also very beautiful.

After an interval of about half an hour, during which the coffee, sandwiches, ice-cream, etc., was served, very interesting farces entitled "Apartments," was given. Here Amanda, the Irish servant girl, caused endless amusement, and the dramatic closing scene fairly brought down the house. The singing of "God Save the King" closed one of the most enjoyable evenings ever spent in Cumberland.

Mr. Collis superintended all the arrangements, and many thanks are due her for the enjoyable evening, as well as for the forty odd dollars netted by the Ladies Guild.

"Dot, the Miner's Daughter," will be given on the 27th in aid of the hospital. Mr. Bennett, the stage manager, is getting things in shape, and a great success is expected.

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YORKSHIRE SOCIETY.

Annual Banquet is to Be Held Next Tuesday Evening.

From our advertising columns it will be seen that the Yorkshire Society's banquet, which was such a great success last year, postponed from January 25th in consequence of the death of Queen Victoria, is to be held on Tuesday next, when a splendid rally of Yorkshire blood is expected.

All are invited who can comply with the open-air constitution as follows: Men born in Yorkshire, or whose parents were born in Yorkshire, or who having one parent of Yorkshire birth, have personally resided in Yorkshire for a period of five years, provided they are not members of any similar county society. The broadness of this society's basis, together with its apparent large-heartedness, seems to be in full accord with the broadness of that grand old shire, and the welcome which is extended should be largely patronized by all who wish to spend a jolly evening.

Gay Throng Of Maskers

Brilliant Ball Given Last Night By the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

The Floor Thronged With Merry Makers—Valuable Prizes Awarded to Dancers

(From Friday's Daily.)

For weeks past energetic committees of the F. O. E. have been busily engaged in preparing for the second masquerade ball of the order. The initial assembly last year was such a pronounced success that even the hard working committees were dubious as to whether their efforts this year would equal those of last. But all doubt was dispelled last night when Assembly hall was thronged with a merry crowd of masqueraders, and the Eagles added another laurel to their fame as entertainers.

The scene within the big building about 10 o'clock, when hundreds of maskers occupied the floor, was extremely pretty. Costumes of every hue and pattern from dainty to grotesque met the eye, their brilliant glows being modified by shades of red and other colors. The supper room was also appropriately decorated, the entrance to it being embellished with British and United States flags, and the great nobles of the order. The walls were decorated with shields and other devices, while cosy sitting out rooms were provided at the corners for those who wished to rest from the excitement of the dance.

Some of the costumes were very interesting, while others were equally interesting in their homeliness. The masqueraders, with her basket of "clams," hobbled with Topsy in her search for her doll; strapping soldiers in khaki threaded the mazes of the waltz with mounds of Japan; cavaliers of the reign of Edward, than the late Seventh, negotiated the cake walk with ebony damsels, while Chinamen, frans, organ-grinders and their monkey, officers in scarlet and blue, sailors, cowboys, ballet dancers, and all made up a throng more motley in its complexion than could be seen anywhere outside of a ball room.

The music was in excellent condition, and suitable music was provided by an orchestra under the direction of Bro. J. M. Finn, stationed on a dais at the foot of the hall.

Best of the dancers masqued for the awarding of prizes, this difficult task devolving upon a committee consisting of His Worship Mayor Hayward and Bros. White and Hoan, visiting members of Act No. 1, of Seattle; Bro. Davis, of Act No. 12, of Nanaimo, and Bro. Brown from H. M. S. Warspite.

During the supper hour a fancy bicycle race was given by Reidson on the ball room floor. This unique feature proved to be of the greatest interest not only to the dancers but to the spectators who sat around the outer fringes of the room.

THE DOWAGER EMPRESS.

Her Condition Reported to Be More Serious Than at Any Time During Illness.

London, Feb. 15.—The Daily Mail has the following from its Berlin correspondent: "It is learned that the condition of Dowager Empress Frederick is more serious than at any time during her illness. King Edward is expected to visit her within a few days."

Best comic character, Miss Durham, as Topsy (sent-fuss bottle of perfume). The gentlemen prize-winners were as follows: Finest costume, Mr. Maynard, who was garbed as a grandee of Spain (Crawford bicycle); best historical character, Fred. Patton, whose tall, slim figure was encased in the long striped trousers and the star-covered coat of an Uncle Sam (Christie hat); best historical character, S. Dalby, as a loonk (silver watch, iron bottle); best sustained character, J. Madden, who was ducky to the life (pair of razors and strop); most comical character, A. Gilmartin, as a monkey (jail of shoes).

Best jurelines, Misses Henderson and Jones.

Best cake walk, Mr. Goodwin and Miss Whitfield.

Best set of dancers, Mr. and Mrs. J. Oliver, James Penketh and Mrs. Lancy Oliver, J. Madden and Miss S. Willie, D. McLeod and A. Nother.

The supper was provided by James Robinson and staff.

Officers For Year

Elected at Session of the Grand Council of British Columbia Royal Templars.

J. Johnson, of New Westminster, Is Grand Councilor—Interesting Sessions.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Yesterday morning's session of the Grand Council of British Columbia, Royal Templars of Temperance, was taken up largely with routine work. The meeting was held in the A. O. U. W. Hall, Grand Councilor McArthur presiding.

The committee on credentials reported three delegates from New Westminster, one from Chilliwack, and two from Vancouver, entitled to the grand council degree.

An interesting report was read from the grand councilor and referred to the several committees for consideration. The report of Grand Secretary J. Johnson was a very encouraging one. Two new councils had been instituted during the year, while the membership had increased by over 50. The sick and funeral benefit fund had had a gratifying record during the year. The membership in the fund had increased, and the cash balance was also larger than last year. During the year there had been heavy expenditures for benefits.

The grand treasurer's report was presented, showing a healthy condition of the finances, and an increased balance.

Upon assembling again at 1:30 yesterday morning, the report of the grand councilor from several committees. An adjournment was made upon the invitation of Bro. W. A. Gleason to visit the dry-dock at Esquimalt. The delegates were shown through H. M. S. Warspite, and witnessed the preparations for floating the vessel.

At 5 o'clock business was resumed, the sessional committees transacting considerable business.

At the evening session the committee on memorial brought in a report expressive of sorrow upon the death of the late Queen, and condolence to the Royal family, the memorial to be forwarded through the Governor-General of Canada.

A report dealing with improvements to the select degrees was adopted. The committee upon temperance and prohibition presented a report containing many suggestions.

The committee on the sick and funeral benefit funds also reported, suggesting improvements.

Dr. Ernest Hall, upon an invitation to be present and address the council, was attentively listened to by those present.

A number of members of Victoria Council No. 2, were present at the evening session.

TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The grand council opened in due form at half-past nine o'clock, the grand councilor presiding.

The trustees presented their report, recommending the payment of sessional dues, and giving an approximate estimate of the expenditure and revenue for the coming year.

A general discussion on certain clauses in the constitution took place, and resulted beneficially to the grand council. This concluded the routine business of the grand council.

The election of officers for the ensuing year next took place, and resulted as follows: Grand councilor, J. A. Johnson, New Westminster; grand vice-councilor, Mrs. B. F. Heney, Vancouver; past grand councilor, J. C. McArthur, New Westminster; grand chaplain, Rev. J. P. Bowell, New Westminster; grand secretary, J. J. Johnson, New Westminster (re-elected, 7th term); grand treasurer, J. B. Langdale, Vancouver; grand auditor, H. L. Calvert, Agassiz; grand herald, J. H. Lee, Victoria.

Grand trustees, J. C. Robertson, Chilliwack, 3 years; E. S. Cook, Nanaimo, 2 years; and T. J. Beatty, Vancouver, 1 year. Medical referee, Dr. Brydone-Jack, Vancouver. Executive committee, J. Johnson, A. J. Paterson and Robt. Brickland.

The above officers were next installed by R. Buckland, acting Dominion councillor. The following officers were next appointed: A. Horwath, Agassiz, grand scribe; J. Paterson, Vancouver, grand clerk; Mrs. H. E. Troope, New Westminster, grand superintendent of cadets.

The thanks of the grand council were tendered the members of Victoria Council No. 2, for their kindness during the stay of the grand officers and delegates while in the city.

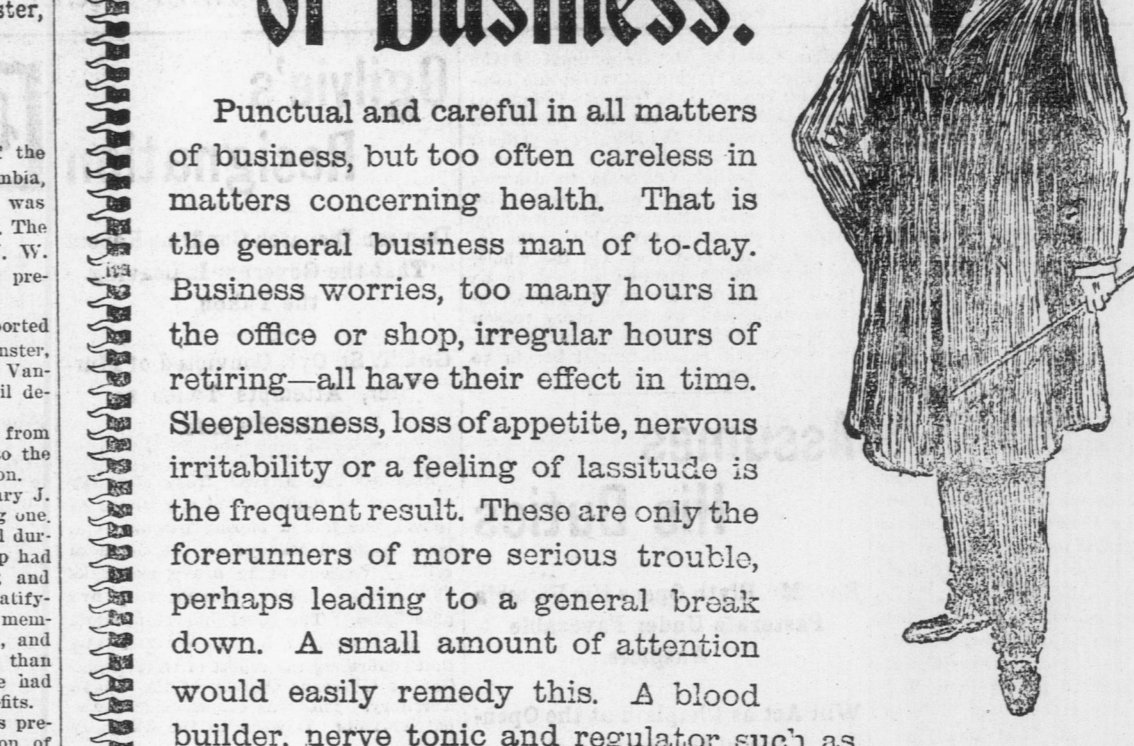
A special vote of thanks was tendered to the grand medical referee, Dr. Brydone-Jack, Vancouver, for his kindness during the year.

Upon motion, the thanks of the grand council were ordered to be conveyed to the management of the O. P. N. Co. for their kindness in making special rates to the grand council.

The grand council was closed in due form at 1 o'clock to meet again in Vancouver in 1902.

The Man of Business.

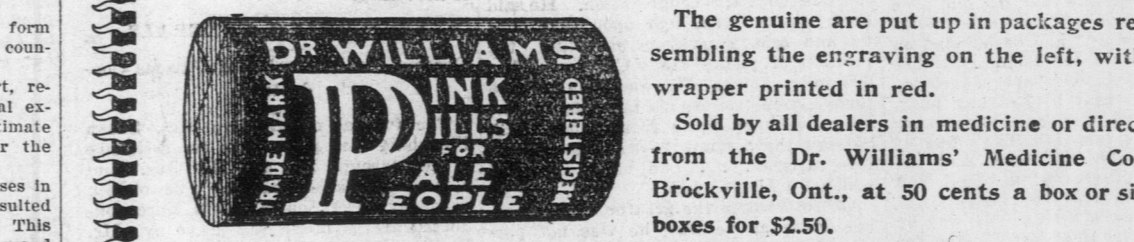
Punctual and careful in all matters of business, but too often careless in matters concerning health. That is the general business man of to-day. Business worries, too many hours in the office or shop, irregular hours of retiring—all have their effect in time. Sleeplessness, loss of appetite, nervous irritability or a feeling of lassitude is the frequent result. These are only the forerunners of more serious trouble, perhaps leading to a general breakdown. A small amount of attention would easily remedy this. A blood builder, nerve tonic and regulator such as



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is just what is needed. Hundreds of business and professional men who have been careless of their health have finally obtained complete restoration by the use of this medicine. What Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done for others, they will do for you. But you must get the genuine—substitutes never cured anyone and never will.

Among those who very emphatically praise Dr. Williams' Pink Pills is Neil McPhee, Esq., J.P., Glenora, P.E.I. He says:—"About four years ago I was very much run down from overwork. While thus weakened I contracted a severe cold; neuralgia followed, and I found my health shattered generally. My appetite was very fickle; I frequently passed sleepless nights, and was in a distressed and discouraged condition, as I had tried a number of medicines without benefit. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills were recommended to me and I decided to give them a fair trial. After using a few boxes my former health and strength began to return. In the course of a month I was as well as ever, gaining in flesh and with a splendid appetite. I have now the utmost confidence in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and recommend them as the best tonic and constitution builder I know."



The genuine are put up in packages resembling the engraving on the left, with wrapper printed in red. Sold by all dealers in medicine or direct from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50.

Stories of The Campaign

Corp. Seymour Hastings O'Dell Addresses the Veterans in Pioneer Hall.

Canadian Adventures in South Africa Recalled in an Interesting Manner.

A good audience greeted S. H. O'Dell at the meeting of the Veterans last night, and no one went away disappointed. The speaker did not pretend to give a history of the South African war or to deliver a formal address upon it. He aimed, as he said, at giving something of what he, a member of the Royal Canadian Regiment, saw during the Boer rebellion. The address was interspersed with anecdotes of the campaign which aided to the interest. Sketches of many of the battles were made to serve as a valuable help in his explanations, and by means of them the audience were given a much more intelligent idea of the relative positions of the opposing forces and of the different parts of the army than they would have otherwise obtained.

Col. Wolfenden presided, and in opening the meeting referred to the great loss which the Empire had experienced in the death of the late Queen, since they had met at the last meeting. He said that the condition of Dowager Empress Frederick is more serious than at any time during her illness. King Edward is expected to visit her within a few days.

The fight was continued next day, when the work of trying to drive the Boers out of the position was found to be difficult. A continual cannoning had no effect, as they were literally underground. By digging trenches at night from the river bottom the British obtained a line of entrenchments close to the position of the enemy. Finally the order was given to charge upon the enemy's position during the night. This attack was discovered by the Boers in order to give the alarm. At 3 o'clock the 4,000 of the enemy opened fire upon them. Only those who dropped on their faces escaped.

The surrender of the enemy was a result of successive manoeuvring followed and Bloemfontein was reached by the Canadians. Marching into that town they presented a sad appearance, weary, gaunt, hungry and ragged. The march of the 10th Brigade, in which Canadians took part, from Bloemfontein to Pretoria, was described by Mr. O'Dell. The distance of 401 miles was accomplished in 45 days, having general actions on nine days and skirmishes on eighteen days. In that march they captured the towns of Thaba Nchu, Winburg, Ventersburg, Kroonstadt, Lindley, Heilbron, J'burg and Pretoria. The column consisted of 11,000 men, 4,000 horses, 8,000 mules, 30 field guns, two 5-inch guns, 23 machine guns, and six pom-poms.

The speaker graphically described the magnificent sight which was afforded him of looking from a high plateau near Thaba Nchu upon the approach and passage of Gen. French's command in pursuit of the retreating Boer force of 10,000 men.

Perhaps the prettiest fight was the one at Sand Ridge. At Kroonstadt Lord Roberts expressed his appreciation of the work done by the Canadians. It was here that they rushed out to meet a convoy which it was fondly expected would furnish rations, but to their dismay it was made up of hospital supplies, and iron bedsteads.

At Lindley the speaker took sick and was sent back to Kroonstadt to hospital. After a few days there he fled from the ward and set out to rejoin his regiment, accomplishing it at Springs, near Pretoria.

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Cave-in of Roof Pre... Present—The... Tod

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The first bodies have been from the shattered shaft in the mine. Such is the intelligence from the scene of the late cave-in this morning, which removes the question of the fate of the men who had their way in from the latter. It is probable that before this reaches its readers Minno's body also be found, and possibly other.

The first body to be taken out of Duncan McInnes, who, with some Japs, was in the work proximity to the tunnel collapsed No. 5 shaft, and hence in the path of the rescuing party as they did their way in from the latter. It was found the body of a Jap, it is probable that before this reaches its readers Minno's body also be found, and possibly other.

The announcement that the men have been taken out is so indicating that the fatalities were Worked So Faithfully ever since the catastrophe steadily overcoming the difficulties.

This is all the more pleasing news received last night as encouragement in the reporting of the "cave-in" which was Cumberland at 8 o'clock yesterday stated that the rescuing party been within 70 yards of No. 6, and they expected to have to dig way through debris and work distance of 150 yards, before they come on any bodies. It is possible this estimate may have been over that the bodies were found the entrance to the tunnel the instinctive running of the men, avenue of egress when the took place, and before they come by the fatal gas.

The difficulties with which the men had to contend were of the kind. No. 5 shaft was full of the daring fellows who were with the work of

Recovering the Bodies had to take air along with the in spite of this successive ramp drove them back. The of the brattice work and other also had to be presented, a discouraging condition, being driven with wooden material the steel head of a hammer another explosion. When they were obliged to keep near the floor the gas to float above as possible.

At the hour of filing this dispatch the gravest doubt was felt as to whether No. 6, and up to the effect to the work of the repaired timbering had to do with such materials as were at hand in the afternoon at 4 o'clock was much brighter round Manager Matthews, who have labored most unspareingly, came out of No. 5 shaft, reported that work there was progressing.

Progressing Very Satisfactorily that he had descended to within 85 feet of the bottom, and the shaft free of gas, and none by the second explosion. By this time a comparison of the mine familiar with the work of the men when they were taken out, and the conclusion was reached that two-thirds of the bodies covered without pumping. Some will never be reached until they are believed to be the workings are the overall manager, sr., and a number of his not known whether or not to any more whites.

At the Base of the Shaft though it is believed there are others.

TROLLEY CAR DERAILED.

Twenty-nine Persons Injured—Several May Die.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 15.—Twenty-nine persons were injured today in the derailment of a trolley car en route from Dayton, Ky., to this city. It is feared several of the injured will die. Only one passenger escaped unhurt.