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Pictures of Roman Martyrs

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Discoveries Made in "Buried House" in Which St. Paul "Dwelt Two Years."

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Sir Chen Luang Chang, the Chinese minister here today received a cablegram from his government stating that absolute peace prevails in China, and that there is no sign of anti-foreign agitation.

PARIS, Feb. 3.—In the fifth game of the international chess tournament between Frank J. Marshall, of Brooklyn, and J. Janowski, of this city, played here tonight, the local player defeated Marshall. The score now stands two wins each and with a game drawn.

STRIKE AT PORTLAND FAIR.

General Walk-out of Workmen is Highly Probable.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 3.—The strike inaugurated at the fair grounds yesterday by about 100 carpenters is still on. The contractors say they will not grant the demands of the union. The prospect for a general walk-out of all the workmen employed on the grounds is promising. The workmen say that unless the employers grant the terms of the union a general strike will be declared. Several small disturbances occurred today.

RAILROAD LOBBY GETS IN ITS WORK

Government Decides to Allow Chairman of Commission Extra Privileges.

OTTAWA, Feb. 3.—A resolution conferring special favors on judges appointed to the chairmanship of the railway commission, was the subject of a vigorous discussion in the house today. Mr. Maclean led off with an energetic attack on the principle of the resolution, which would make the chairman of the commission practically independent of the government and parliament.

RETURN TO SURFACE IN THIRTY SECONDS

From Depth of Thirty-eight Feet.

NEWPORT NEWS, Feb. 3.—With representatives of the Argentine republic and British governments, among others, the "X" today submerged 38 feet and returned to the surface in 30 seconds. This is the record of the "X" in the first trial. The second trial was one minute. Another record was broken in filling the ballast tanks for the first time. The "X" was submerged in 30 seconds and returned to the surface in 30 seconds.

MAGNIFICENT SUN SPOT DISCOVERED

One Tenth of Surface of Luminary Covered by Darkness.

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—A sun spot, believed to be one of the largest and best defined ever observed, has been discovered by a local astronomer. Projected through a small opera glass on a sheet of white paper, a disc measuring six inches in diameter was discovered. The sun spot was almost in the middle of the luminary. The spot will be visible for seven days.

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GO-BETWEEN HAS BEEN JAILLED.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 2.—The investigation of the legislative scandal was tonight. A number of witnesses were examined and at midnight an adjournment until tomorrow was taken. The testimony reported during the afternoon was corroborative of the affidavit presented by the manager of the Continental Loan Association. Joseph Jordan, a newspaper correspondent who is known to be the go-between, was arrested late tonight.

FREE POLAND IS NOW THE WATCH WORD OF MOBS IN THE STREETS.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 3.—While the peaceful settling of the strike trouble was being enacted in St. Petersburg, anarchy was rampant in other parts of the empire. In Poland a most serious state of affairs exists. The economic aspect of the situation has been entirely lost sight of by the workmen. The strike is now a general strike.

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Because it is sometimes a slow and lingering malady, people are prone to overlook the destructive tendencies of kidney disease. They forget that the wasting process brings about a change in the cellular tissues, which practically renders the kidneys useless, and the body is left a prey to various ailments.

Continued paleness and loss of flesh, pains in the back and loins; dry, harsh, skin, severe headache, and aching joints; scanty, highly-colored urine; painful, scalding urination; stomach troubles and irregular bowels are among the symptoms of kidney disease. It is a disease that is caused by downy suffering few diseases are so compared with kidney disease, and the result is a frequently fatal, and coming suddenly, and unexpectedly.

By their direct and wonderfully prompt action on the kidneys, Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills call a quick halt to the advance of kidney disease. By their combined action on kidneys, liver and bowels, they prove effective in complicated cases, in which ordinary kidney medicines bring little or no relief.

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills have thoroughly proved their genuine and indisputable merit, and you can use them with a knowledge of certainty that you will receive all the benefit that would be derived from the attention of the most expert physician. One pill a day, after a lax, at all dealers or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

### Resuming Their Activity

Russian Army Again in Motion on the Japanese Left Flank.

Constant Skirmishes All Along Front of Both Opposing Forces.

Japanese Again Accuse Enemy of Mutilating Their Wounded.

THE DESPOT'S PLEA.

Portland Oregonian.

The Russian aristocrat and oligarch, winning and ending under the criticism of the world, begs and bickers and enters into a series of petty squabbles. He is not at all for liberty, and any demonstration that he makes in that direction is met by a series of blows. The despots in the world are not to be trusted. They are not to be trusted. They are not to be trusted.

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By the degree of Minister Prentiss, it will be a criminal offence from this time forward to take sockeye salmon from the Fraser above the New Westminster bridge.

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Kuropatkin Attacked Hardened Troops Accustomed to Rigors of Climate.

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OKIO, Feb. 3.—The troops which captured Port Arthur, once from the Chinese and then again from the Russians, have administered a defeat to General Kuropatkin's army which is a hard lesson to be learned. Field Marshal Oyama has sent a despatch to Imperial Headquarters indicating that the conquerors of Port Arthur were sent by him, owing to their long practice under arms and their tried ability to withstand the hardships of the Manchurian winter. The result of the struggle so far has proved the wisdom of his course.

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Recommend Changes That the Imperial Decrees be Curtailed.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 2.—The report of the recent deliberations of the committee of ministers has been given out for publication. The committee of ministers distinguished these fundamental points as bases for the defence laws: First, prevention of violation of laws; second, investigation of the powers and methods of action of those responsible for the administration of laws; third, responsibility of officials.

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THE WATERWORKS AGREEMENT.

With reference to the article of yesterday's issue dealing with the subject of the preliminary agreement between the city and the B. C. Electric Railway Company for supplying the latter power, Mayor Barnard desires to make it plain that there is a strong financial reason for its having been entered into. The amount involved in the scheme, if carried out, is very large, and it would be useless to go before the ratepayers with a bylaw increasing the city's liability to such an extent, unless it could be shown that it also provides for a definite and sufficient revenue. He and the other members of the council responsible for the agreement consider it a wise precaution to have gone to the company and got an agreement beforehand which would make that revenue a certainty. There are other sources of power on the island besides Goldstream and these are being considered by the company in case the present agreement is not confirmed. In the absence of such agreement, after passing the bylaw, the city might be without the best customer and the only large customer it would have outside of its own consumers. It is true that the agreement is in the nature of monopoly, but so far as Goldstream is concerned the Mayor maintains that it is the pitting of one monopoly against the other, and it is for the ratepayers to decide which one they prefer. It is a very big question and a very difficult one to handle in the best interests of Victoria, and the Mayor and council, whether they were right or wrong, undoubtedly acted in what they considered the best way to conserve those interests. The money feature of the proposal is a serious one. The liabilities of the city are already very large for the population. The cost of education, with which we deal elsewhere, is considerable and steadily growing. There are many requirements in the way of public improvements. The Mayor, therefore, thinks that from a practical point of view, the improvement of the waterworks system in a comprehensive and satisfactory way should involve a source of revenue sufficiently large to justify it. Without that definitely in sight the chances of passing a money bylaw providing for the expenditure of at least one million dollars would be slim. Mayor Barnard also justifies the making of a "secret" agreement on the grounds that it was not good policy to make known the steps that were being taken, until the council had the bargain concluded. He claims, too, that the very best bargain possible was made with the company. The foregoing, we think, a fair statement in a general way of the Mayor's position, regarding which there seems to be a good deal of misconception, and which, in justice to him, should be made plain.

LOCAL COST OF EDUCATION.

The cost of education in Victoria is large, and growing larger all the time. In fact, the rate of increase is such as to cause apprehension in the minds of many as to the result of it all. We do not say it is too high. This important question is considered to be sufficient to justify the cost. Whether that be true or not is a matter each man must settle for himself. We wish, however, to call attention to the facts of the case. The total expenditure for education in Victoria for the last three years has been: In 1902 \$86,138 In 1903 78,963 In 1904 77,035 For the current year the estimates of the school trustees are \$83,085. Salaries have increased from \$45,880 to \$60,900. At the same time, the per capita grant which the city gets from the Government has not been increasing in the same proportion. In fact it was less in 1904 than in 1903. For three years the figures are: 1902 \$32,415 1903 35,530 1904 33,276

It is claimed that there is a special reason for the drop last year, and that it will come up again. It is stated, too, that the yearly increase of pupils is about 100, not sufficient, some think, to justify the rate of increase in expenditure, which was \$4,000 in one year and over \$14,000 in four years. It must not be lost sight of that we have a very efficient board of school trustees, and that our schools are modern in spirit and efficiently handled by the staff of teachers. In their zeal to make them as good as can be shown by comparison elsewhere in the Dominion, the trustees have increased the expenditure accordingly. Whether the public is getting results of a practical and useful nature to justify it is a matter for each man to decide. As school systems go we believe we have as good as any in Canada, and the justification of its cost

depends upon the point of view the reader takes. The Colonist has expressed its views of the nature of some of the things that are in the curriculum, and while it has its own views on the subject generally, has no desire to say that the defenders of present day systems are necessarily wrong. They are evidently still strongly in the majority or we should not have called attention to the expense to the community involved. Because the cost is high, however, it ought not to be a ground of objection. The question is whether the results of all this school going are what they should be; and in Victoria the cost is sufficient to cause the ratepayers to seriously consider that phase of the case.

WHAT THE ELECTION MEANS.

The Winnipeg Commercial has an editorial on the result of the Ontario elections which contains some rather noteworthy observations. It says that it was more than a mere partisan victory for the Conservatives. "Its significance is not so much that the Conservatives won, and the Liberals were defeated. It was the inevitable revolt against grafting and corruption; it was an emphatic declaration by the people of that Province that Premier Smith should be held responsible for any extensive corrupt practice by the party benches, or have such abuses summarily put down. While G. W. Ross deplored certain disgraceful irregularities, to use a familiar euphemism, during his administration, he claimed his own hands were clean. The party organs made great capital of his personal reputation for being 'straight,' but Ontario has at length declared that the alleged 'straightness' of its leader is no justification for the returning of a corrupt government to power, especially when the leader in question has shown himself unable to cut loose from the corrupt influence. That is a very excellent epitome of some of the reasons for the defeat of the Ross Government. The Commercial refers to the principles upon which it came about as "a straight business proposition." Mr. Ross did not, or could not, deliver the goods he had promised to the people. It adds another, which it claims contributed materially to Ross's defeat. "He had secured the support of the temperance vote on various occasions, by promises which were not made good. The temperance party gave him chance after chance to fulfil his pledges, but while they rallied to his support, he temporized and practically turned them out. The promissory note, oft renewed, at length went to protest, with the result—political bankruptcy."

THE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE.

We are in receipt of the thirty-seventh annual report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries for 1904. It deals, however, with marine matters only, the fisheries being dealt with in a separate volume. The subjects which come under the control of the Department are very numerous and important. They are lightness and the various other aids to navigation, such as hydrographic surveys, buoys and beacons, lifeboat stations, signal service, wireless telegraphy, Dominion steamers, steamboat inspection, coasting trade, pilotage, examination of mariners, marine hospitals, etc., etc. The report in question contains an account of an expedition to Hudson Bay and the Arctic islands. Naturally the account of such an expedition should be interesting on account of the important object in view. Unfortunately for this purpose, it is made up of particulars of the character of a diary, which are very minute but of little practical value. We understand that Mr. Lowe is making another report for the annual report of the Geological Survey, in which no doubt the important results will be summarized. The volume this year has a number of half-tone illustrations, which adds to its interest and value. For instance, there is a picture of the new Canadian armed cruiser "Ganado," which is the nucleus of the Canadian navy. She has a speed of 22 miles per hour and an armament of four automatic quick-firing guns. It is understood to be the intention that this vessel should make a cruise to the West Indies during the winter, and it is possible to have her attached to the North American squadron, something, however, which does not seem to find favor in the eyes of the Admiralty. The object of that, of course, would be to give the crew a training in the regular service. The Dominion Government has now 23 steamers in its service, besides 15 tugs, the cost of maintaining which is over \$300,000. It is interesting to note that the developments in connection with wireless telegraphy and submarine signalling have received careful consideration, and much, we are informed, has been done in the way of utilizing them in the interests of navigation. Last year the hydrographic survey work formerly in charge of the Department of Public Works, and also of the Department, was taken over, and in this respect increased attention is being paid to British Columbia, the waters of which have been very imperfectly charted. On the whole the report shows that the Minister of Marine and Fisheries has a very important department to administer. Over \$2,150,000 was expended last year by him in all branches of the service.

MUNICIPAL BOOKKEEPING AND OTHER MATTERS.

Mr. A. R. Tregeant, secretary of the Vancouver Property Owners' Association, in yesterday's Colonist had something to say about a system of municipal bookkeeping, and in his particular recommendations, the subject has been a live one for a number of years. It has formed the subject of the deliberations of the association representing the municipalities of the Dominion which have met in Eastern Canada during the past few years. On the subject of municipal bookkeeping, there are many common headings. In Ontario and British Columbia there are statistical departments to acquire data, among other things, on the water supply, the gas supply, and so on. In no other Province is this the case. It is obvious that it is important that there should be municipal statistics, and it can hardly be denied, there should be a uniform method of keeping accounts of such Province in order that schedules may be prepared to give the different heads of expenditure and revenue in a way that should permit of comparison of municipalities with municipal accounts could suggest important and should be given effect. Of course, every bookkeeper has his own ideas about the best method of doing it, and the essential feature of the proposition is to arrive at a uniform method. It is not necessary that the public should have this in view, which, if adopted, would have placed the matter in a proper footing, but it is difficult to obtain general concurrence. Only organization can effect that. In regard to the other recommendations in this connection, the public should not be burdened with the responsibility of what might be called educational lectures on the subject of municipal bookkeeping, which has been discussed in the Colonist, and is in line with its policy. Omnipotent must necessarily be what is essential to the education and what are not; but it is obvious that some of the studies at present in the schools are of a very superficial nature, and it is a serious question whether the ratepayers should be taxed for what is not of general benefit. It is not necessary that there be a limit somewhere, which should be a limit somewhere, which should be a limit somewhere. The suggestion that at least

there should be certain branches that should be specialized and made optional at a specified fee, is well worthy of consideration. The ordinary requirements of education in a Province like this, in which administration is so expensive are sufficiently onerous without including subjects that may properly be classed as luxuries, not entering into what is essential and necessary. For instance, Latin and Greek, while part of a scholar's equipment, no more than chemistry or natural history, are essential of a common school education. We must get down to a practical basis, and the tendency to enlarge the curriculum to take in every possible "glory and feat of the day" is detrimental to the best interests of the country from an educational point of view.

THE WATERWORKS.

The tentative agreement between the city and the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, published in yesterday's Colonist, together with Mayor Barnard's interpretation of its terms, will furnish food for thought to the ratepayers of Victoria for some time to come. This is a possibly important subject from the point of view of the ratepayers, but there appears to be an important fact underlying their conclusions which would place the city in a far better and more independent position if acted upon. This is the opinion expressed by three eminent counsel, to whom the case was submitted, that the city possesses a right to utilize the sources of water supply within a wide radius of its boundaries. If that opinion possesses any value, and Mayor Barnard expresses the conviction that it is correct, then there should be no occasion for the city to enter into an agreement as to the water supply to be installed in a new system of waterworks. If the city has the absolute right to draw water from any source it finds the most available, why should it abrogate that right in the hands of a private individual or corporation? The Esquimalt Water Company has rights which must be respected, but the ordinary rights of the city in the public health and the general well-being of the community, they merely become a question of degree of expediency. The position which the city council has taken in the matter would seem to be that so far as the future preservation of the city's rights are concerned, those of a couple of private corporations. The fair play spirit of the property owners of Victoria may be depended upon to respect the vested rights of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company and those of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, when a disturbance of those rights is rendered necessary by the public need. It is well that the city's paramount rights should be considered primarily in the event of a proposed agreement, but that they are not in any manner imperilled by a too complacent bearing upon the arguments of interested corporations. Until such time as Mr. Adams, the San Francisco expert, who has been retained to make a report on the waterworks situation, has completed his task, it is useless to discuss this proposed agreement, to have the city appear to contain provisions and conditions which will require the most careful consideration before being seriously entertained as a final arrangement. Indeed, in looking over the whole situation, the question naturally presents itself, why the ordinary rights of the city should necessarily of entering into any agreement with the tramway company. If the city is supreme in the premises, why be time enough to consider the company's case when the determination of a source of supply and a new waterworks system have been arrived at. Then the tramway company, or any other large consumer of water, should be given full opportunity to secure a supply from the city on the best terms which they can make, but in the meantime the water should be left open and all large consumers should be given an equal chance, for it is surely not the intention of the city council to saddle the community with a monopoly.

THE E. & N. RAILWAY.

The people of Victoria are intensely interested in the negotiations now going on in connection with the E. & N. Railway by the C. P. R. The fact that nothing new to state in addition to what appeared in yesterday's issue of the Colonist, is a strong indication that the arrangement of details, and the confirmation of these by the C. P. R. authorities in Montreal. For some time there has been obvious that a company largely interested in Victoria as the C. P. R. is would seek to own and control the E. & N. Railway. The fact that it is proposed to have the railway in possession of a company that can be controlled as part of a general system, making the interests of Victoria and the island of Vancouver a part of the general system. Assuming that the negotiations now under way will be successful, the result would be that the E. & N. Railway would be under the control of the western terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The efforts of the company will be concentrated upon extending it to the north end of the island of Vancouver, and the possibilities of freight. The C. P. R. is a business corporation and undertakes nothing for the public good. The management realizes that Vancouver Island possesses great potentialities in minerals, timber, fisheries and agriculture, and that some time in the future these resources will materially contribute to the profits of the company. An independent system of railways, owned and operated by a corporation of the financial resources of the C. P. R., is not to be undertaken lightly, and the success of the E. & N. Railway, as a part of the system, becomes identified with the success of Victoria and the island of Vancouver. It is therefore, in every effort to direct travel thitherward and to assist in every way possible in the development of the island, that the island becomes a matter of certainty. The Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern is something in the future, the possibility of which is more or less uncertain. The C. P. R. is a present fact and a success. The old adage that a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush is here well exemplified. That the C. P. R. may become a railway, the future is not to be forecast. The position of the C. P. R. in Nova Scotia is 1,939,196 88. In New Brunswick is 1,899,184. In British Columbia is 25,882,234. In Manitoba is 17,649,175. In Ontario and Quebec is 108,233,107,978,249 84. It will be noticed that the net decrease of 4 is the natural increase, which is explained by the fact that the new agent for the Northwest coast agency, British Columbia, has deducted 231 from the aggregate. The result of his success in securing a more accurate census than appears to have been taken by his predecessor for some time past, which reduces the discrepancy to 18, attributable to fluctuation. It seems difficult in some quarters to get a view of the situation, but it is less than justified, that the Indian is a dying race, doomed to extinction before the time to come. The statistics fall to support this view of the situation, excepting in so far as concerns the picturesque savage of British Columbia and his civilized neighbors, has disappeared. In consideration of the extent of the Indian population, it is pertinent to enquire whether there has been discovered any ineradicable, inherent defect, whether mental, moral or physical, in the Indian's constitution to prevent the successful direction of the forces by which he maintained himself in his original environment, into channels which will enable him to survive in the struggle for existence under civilized conditions. In so far as some few tribes are concerned it would appear as if there were something endemic in their constitution which suggests the ultimate disappearance, unless it can be discovered and remedied. It may be admitted, moreover, with regard to the race generally, that it might succumb if exposed on the threshold of contact with civilization to the same extent with the European, or to knowledge of the unscrupulous, but it has been amply demonstrated in the older Provinces that with protection and direction the Indian can hold his own in all essential respects. It is, however, with his physical constitution that we are more concerned. The fact that it cannot be denied that there is prevalent among the Indians a scrofulous condition, generally hereditary, which predisposes them to mesenteric consumption, and still more to phthisis and other pulmonary, bronchial and catarrhal affections, the chief cause being the change from the Indian's life of a vitiated atmosphere of the small, over-crowded, dark and ill-ventilated houses to the fresh air of the open air, or the wigwam, constituting a condition which, aggravated by unclean habits, and the use of promiscuous excrement, produces a scrofulous condition for the development and propaga-

tion of the diseases referred to. As a consequence of the sanitary state of the Indians at this stage during any given year, resolves itself very much into a question as to whether atmospheric conditions during the winter and the spring have been favorable or otherwise for the development of the diseases enumerated. The annual severity of last winter affected the general health detrimentally, and increased the death rate, but so far as the future preservation of the race is concerned the hopeful feature is that the general effects were largely confined to bands which have not come under the influence of improved food, dress, dwellings, personal habits, etc., etc., which are so greatly alleviating. If not eradicated, the main cause of excessive mortality. Despite the unfavorable season, it is encouraging to observe that in every instance excepting that of British Columbia, the birth has exceeded the death rate, and of the 109 deaths in excess of births in the unexcited Province 88 occurred in the West Coast agency, and the majority are directly attributable to the determined obstinacy with which these particular Indians cling to their potiches, and in connection therewith congregate and crowd together in a manner which produces the most unsanitary conditions.

OUR INDIAN WARD.

While the term "dying race" may apply to the Indians of the United States, it is not applicable to the Indians with respect to the native tribes of Canada. In the annual report of the Department of Indian Affairs, received by the Hon. Mr. O'Brien, the statement is made that the tribes under the immediate supervision of the Department have exceeded the deaths by 262. For the preceding year the number of births was 2,311 and of deaths 2,149, so that as compared with it there has been a net increase of 162. Province. CENSUS, 1904. In De. Quebec..... 11,998 11,149 83. Nova Scotia..... 1,399 1,998 68. New Brunswick..... 1,899 1,894. 5. British Columbia..... 25,882 25,234. 648. Manitoba..... 17,649 17,591. 58. Outside treaty limits 22,084 22,084. 108,233,107,978,249 84. It will be noticed that the net decrease of 4 is the natural increase, which is explained by the fact that the new agent for the Northwest coast agency, British Columbia, has deducted 231 from the aggregate. The result of his success in securing a more accurate census than appears to have been taken by his predecessor for some time past, which reduces the discrepancy to 18, attributable to fluctuation. It seems difficult in some quarters to get a view of the situation, but it is less than justified, that the Indian is a dying race, doomed to extinction before the time to come. The statistics fall to support this view of the situation, excepting in so far as concerns the picturesque savage of British Columbia and his civilized neighbors, has disappeared. In consideration of the extent of the Indian population, it is pertinent to enquire whether there has been discovered any ineradicable, inherent defect, whether mental, moral or physical, in the Indian's constitution to prevent the successful direction of the forces by which he maintained himself in his original environment, into channels which will enable him to survive in the struggle for existence under civilized conditions. In so far as some few tribes are concerned it would appear as if there were something endemic in their constitution which suggests the ultimate disappearance, unless it can be discovered and remedied. It may be admitted, moreover, with regard to the race generally, that it might succumb if exposed on the threshold of contact with civilization to the same extent with the European, or to knowledge of the unscrupulous, but it has been amply demonstrated in the older Provinces that with protection and direction the Indian can hold his own in all essential respects. It is, however, with his physical constitution that we are more concerned. The fact that it cannot be denied that there is prevalent among the Indians a scrofulous condition, generally hereditary, which predisposes them to mesenteric consumption, and still more to phthisis and other pulmonary, bronchial and catarrhal affections, the chief cause being the change from the Indian's life of a vitiated atmosphere of the small, over-crowded, dark and ill-ventilated houses to the fresh air of the open air, or the wigwam, constituting a condition which, aggravated by unclean habits, and the use of promiscuous excrement, produces a scrofulous condition for the development and propaga-

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(From Friday's) The Empire Cannery, to the Empire cannery, to the quail harbor, it should be mentioned that the largely due to the emergency of Mr. Wm. Musie with Messrs. J. H. Todd resorted in the concern.

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Contract Awarded.—The Contracting Company, which immediately with the and their cannery plant built, has it is understood that the entire control of the city for this city, and a party a franchise which valuable one.

Missing Man.—Friend Langman from Parry Sound as to his whereabouts ago he went to Skagway, C. P. R. boat, and he has since. He belongs to the local office, and any information about his whereabouts should be sent to the local office, secretary of the local office.

The Fire Record.—For the month of Jan. 1, 12:55 a. m., fall 1:50 a. m., fire at Colbert's gasoline explosion, loss 3:30 p. m., fire on roof of premises on Johnson street, loss 4:00 p. m., fire at Nesbitt's Catherine street, loss 4:30 p. m., fire at Leiser's, approximate loss \$10,000.

Of Coos Bay.—In the Illustrated London News, an illustration is given of the recent treasure hunt on Coos Bay, the Administration of the text accompanying it says a book called "On the Treasure" has been written by Mr. Mortimer, one of the says that Admiral B. Dean's regarding the Capt. Hackett of Victoria.

After Hardy Bay.—largely interested in town at Hardy Bay, and in days, been approached requirement of his holdings, arising out of this being a question of the property of the new station. It is that Captain J. T. Wainwright, of the new station is admittedly an admiralty station, and that the sea vessels and at all times vessels of any kind.

Public Library.—The Dr. J. G. Hand, assured on Tuesday last and is himself with the manager of the library, and in about three months' time will be removed to the building on Yates street, arrangements of that sort likely to be in readiness. The books at present in the library are a large number of cases, in a more dilapidated, and they will be replaced by new volumes, and that at least one thousand required to be expended in the way of new books.

Platinum Found.—A Danesby, Ontario, has just been found by Bob B. Donnelly, two laymen, a striking gravel sixty-two, were meeting fair prospects struck with a hammer and sent it up in investigation by daylight ascertain what was beneath it to Grand Forks, which was found to be platinum. Five pounds equal one-tenth of an ounce of platinum, it is to be pure mineral. It is owned more than \$15,000, brought to Dawson to be government assayer.

Appointed Guide.—Mr. pier of this city has just a nomination from the militia at Ottawa, appointed as a guide for the military guides are an auxiliary. To the regular militia, a duty to supply the army with all necessary, regarding the country, roads they are stationed in the vicinity extends from her and the appointment of this extensive territory, a more reliable than Cumberland News.

Chinatown Celebrations.—Chinatown may be proud his beauty sleep from a for a period of time. The Celestial New Year commenced. The Chinese been granted the permit to hold a public and a more honored custom of affixing doilies, and for once in the that they are going back for their captivation. Besides the right to work in Chinatown, of course, the Chinese accounts, of course squared up in preparation over of the feast, the being conducted in the good; the oil paper lanterns, the good luck paper, Taoist prayers float to beseech good fortune, and offerings to the "fung" had unseen spirits are sent of the doors of Chinatown. With their "glad raiment" would make a Siwash and visiting cards like to be seen in the streets, are visiting, and eating of their friends. "Kou" which is the Chinese for "New Year," is heard on Chinatown has forgotten week.

Appropriate Badge.—highly appropriate for the structure for the use of the lumber delegates consists of a piece of wood, which is cut wide, and in front is a of a bundle of shingles. "We only ask your party" described. Rough Voyage.—Capt. Wellington, with Francisco on the 30th. As rough as the sea has experienced in his sea. The steamer was a half day making the



Bearing On the Water Question

Expert Arrived From California Yesterday and Today Consults With Commissioner.

Mayor Bernard Makes Public Terms of Alleged "Secret" Agreement.

(From Friday's Daily.) Arthur L. Adams, the expert on waterworks matters, who has been engaged by the city to give an opinion respecting suggested improvements, arrived in the city yesterday evening and is a guest at the Diarrid. Today he will visit the water commissioner's office and, with Mr. Hayman, go over the mass of data which the latter has prepared respecting the matter in hand.

Mayor Bernard yesterday gave out for publication the much-talked-of "secret agreement" between the council and the B. C. Electric Railway Company, which is an heretofore unpublished document. This step was decided at a meeting of the aldermanic board Wednesday afternoon, but the document was not handed to the council on that day, although a request for it had been made and refused several days previously.

Explanatory remarks were made by the mayor and council to enter into a secret agreement respecting the city's rights in connection with the Goldstream water supply. The mayor stated that it was undertaken purely as a precautionary measure—the idea being to protect the city against the possibility of an event of the kind which has occurred in that direction. Should Mr. Adams' report be such as to show that the city is not necessary to the scheme, the status of the city will in no wise be affected by the agreement.

Mr. Adams' report is expected to be ready in a few days. It is believed that the city will be able to secure a better price for the water than it is now paying. The agreement provides for a minimum of four million gallons of water to be supplied to the city at a rate of \$100,000 per annum, with the option of increasing the supply to six million gallons if the city so desires.

Fruit is Nature's Laxative.

Fruit contains certain principles which act like a charm on the liver and bowels, and is the best and strongest.

Memorandum of Agreement Between the Corporation and the City.

Whereas by an indenture, dated the 22nd day of October, 1897, made between the Equilmatt Waterworks Company of the one part, and the Corporation of the City of Victoria, British Columbia, of the other part, the said corporation contracted and agreed to take from the Equilmatt Waterworks Company the right of operating and maintaining a waterworks, power house and generating plant, a minimum of four million gallons (imperial) of water daily, and has determined to acquire the undertaking of the Equilmatt Waterworks Company by purchase or otherwise.

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Carries Much Cargo To New Zealand

Mlowera Will Have Large Shipments When She Sails Tonight.

Athenian to Carry Naval Stores From Esquimatt to Hongkong-Eurasia Chartered.

(From Friday's Daily.) Steamer Mlowera, which will sail for Australia via ports tonight, will have a large amount of freight consigned to the Star printing works. The cargo is largely due to the influence of that country's trade preference. Up to a few months ago few shipments of goods were sent to New Zealand, but indications now are that considerable trade between Canada and the island colony is about to be established.

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MURDER DONE ON BOARD TREMONT

Bloody Affray Between Filipinos Who Were Passengers on Oriental Liner.

When the steamer Tremont sailed from Victoria on her last outward passage, she had on board a number of Filipino passengers. A bloody affray broke out on board, resulting in the death of one of the passengers. The incident occurred on the night of the 2nd inst.

The man attacked was asleep at the time the murderous assault was made upon him, and was mortally wounded before he could utter a cry. The remainder of the men had hardly time to realize what had happened when one of their number, who was a doctor, went to the wounded man's assistance and the murderer at once turned on him and drove his weapon into the flesh of his victim's back.

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RUSSIAN REFORM PROPOSALS.

Moscow, Feb. 3.—At a private meeting of the provincial nobility yesterday, the doctrine that Behring was a closed sea, and was all under our jurisdiction westward, to a line drawn from the Aleutian archipelago, and that west of that line to the Siberian coast the sea was international.

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Cariboo Wants Prospecting

Mr. Harry Jones M. P. Says the Great Country is Only Scratched.

Wants Reduction of Charges to Bring Exploration and Development.

With the opening of the present week, the coming of those visitors whose names are supplemented with the letters M. P. P. may be looked for. The representatives of the house generally speaking, his idea is that the tariff of charges which the prospector and placer miner has to meet is too high.

"For one thing," said Mr. Jones, "we think that the water rates are too heavy. These rates, for a mile of 100 inches, \$10.50; 200 inches, \$20; 300 inches, \$30, with a diminution of charges after the first year's payment. We propose to ask that the charges be fixed at \$2.50 for 100 inches, \$5 for 200 inches, \$7.50 for 300 inches, \$10 for 400 inches, and five cents per inch for anything after that."

"We also claim that the rent on leases, \$75 for a half mile of ground, is too high, and will ask that it be reduced to \$30 a year; also that the rent of bench ground, which is now \$25, be cut down to \$25 per annum. Asked for the argument upon this request was based, Mr. Jones explained that the present law was practically stationary. There was no expansion through the exploration of ground and the development of later resources. This he attributed to the fact that the scale of charges militated discouragingly against the enterprise of the prospector and miner with small capital. He thought if the suggested changes were made there would be more ground taken up and more prospecting done.

"Cariboo," said Mr. Jones, "is a big country. It contains over 90,000,000 acres of land and there are 100,000 miles of rivers, and a large area of bench ground. There are hundreds of miles of territory which have been prospected, and yet no one knows whether there are diggings there or not, but there is no reason why there should not be. The indications are favorable.

"In my opinion, it will remain undeveloped as long as these charges remain as they are. The only ground dealt with as if it was all pure gold, and of course, you, said the veteran, would not know the difference. There is plenty of ground to be prospected, and the best way to induce miners to go over it is to have the charges low.

Then as to assessment work, Mr. Jones remarked that a man taking up lease under present law is obliged to spend on it \$1,000 a year. An ordinary miner cannot do this. If he is able to pay the rental he is doing well, they said. He proposed that the government to reduce the assessment to about \$250 on each lease.

By making these amendments, Mr. Jones thought that the province would be the gainer from a revenue standpoint. While the specific charges would not yield so much, the aggregate would be greatly increased, he thought, through the enlargement of the industry arising from the prospecting of ground which is now lying unexplored in the wilderness. In the same way that revenue would be increased by the reduction of postage rates, the exchange would be gained by lessening the charges surrounding the placer mining industry.

Another matter which Mr. Jones said had been considered in his report was that of reducing the mining license. Payment of this fee, he said, is now evaded in cases by parties interested in mining properties, who would naturally each pay the fee \$5, concentrating their interests upon one of their number, so that only one of them would be liable. He proposed that the fee be reduced to \$2, and that it be levied upon all persons employed in any way in connection with mining should be chargeable with the fee.

GERMANY AND AUSTRALIA

Sydney Shipping Claims Some Damages Because of Action in South Seas.

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WANTS MINING LAW ENFORCED

Atlin Member Has Localized Grievance to Bring Before the Legislature.

Among the arrivals in the city yesterday was Dr. Young, M. P. of Atlin, who got in on the morning boat at 5 a. m. Dr. Young is accompanied by his wife and is down for the session of parliament, which opens on Thursday next.

Dr. Young brings a very encouraging report of conditions in the Atlin district, saying that the output for the present year promises to compare favorably with that of 1904, which was estimated at \$600,000. The doctor attributes much of the success of this year to the fact that the conditions in the camp to the placer miners, and the fact of the things which he has in mind for presentation to the legislature is the necessity of a strict enforcement of the placer mining act.

"In a word he will present to the house a grievance, namely, that large areas of land, which would be worked if made accessible to placer operations, are locked up by parties who have not complied with the law.

Dr. Young is also looking for the completion of the Atlin road, which is now in length from Atlin to Inlet, to give a more assured means of communication at all seasons of the year. This road, he said, has been an open question since it followed by the discoverers who first went into the country.

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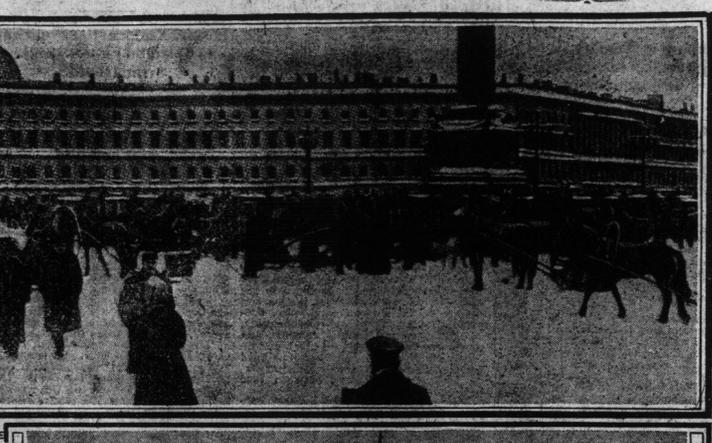
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The departure of Mr. D. C. Hutchison from the service of the C. P. R. and his old love, the Empire of China, was witnessed with very general and sincere regret on the part of the company officials and his former staff. He had been in the city for some time, and his departure was a loss to the company.

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Another meeting will be held on Friday next in Victoria, when the question will probably be finally decided.

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Along The Waterfront

Remona Brings News of Strange Contest for an Indian Bride.

Athenian Will Carry Naval Stores From Esquimaut to Hong-kong.

Steamer Remona of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company arrived at the outer wharf yesterday from Skagway. The steamer had few passengers, but brought news that Prince Colocoe-Mannid's party was enjoying good sport at their camp at Mill Haven. The Remona also brought news of a unique contest of rival lovers for an Indian woman—a canoe race of 90 miles from Juneau to the Glacier, a three days' hunting trip on the coast, and a return canoe journey to Juneau.

Several vessels ready to leave for various ports. Schooner R. W. Bartlett, Captain Nielsen, left Tacoma yesterday with a cargo of 60,000 feet, consigned to San Pedro. The British ship, the 'Tasman', is ready at Port Townsend with lumber for Melbourne. The motor charter to J. J. Moore & Co., and has been chartered to J. J. Moore & Co., and has been chartered to J. J. Moore & Co.

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