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Storm Swept News of Coast

Eastern States Visited by a Terrible Hurricane—Much Property Destroyed.

Several Vessels Driven Ashore, but Fortunately No Lives Have Been Lost.

(Associated Press)

New York, Nov. 1.—A hurricane came up from the Caribbean Sea and swept over New York yesterday and last night. Its fury is expected to extend itself today. At times the wind blew between fifty and sixty miles an hour, and was accompanied by heavy rain, that ceased about dawn to-day.

Hurricane signals were set yesterday from Maine to the Carolinas, but notwithstanding this warning shipping suffered heavily. Reports of wreckage were frequent, and the highest tide of the year occurred at various places.

At Rehoboth beach, Delaware, it was reported that the steamer Falmouth, in ballast from Portland, Maine, for Philadelphia, was stranded and the crew of fourteen were rescued by the life-savers.

The Assateague, Va., life-saving station reported an unknown two-masted schooner ashore off Fishers' Point. The crew was safely landed.

Along the New Jersey coast the tides were the highest in years.

Many wharves in Wilmington, N. C., were submerged and considerable damage done to merchandise in the ware houses.

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There is only one remedy known that has a definite action on the kidneys and liver and cures the most complicated ailments of these delicate filtering organs, and that is Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pill. This world famous kidney and liver cure has an enormous sale in all parts of Canada and the United States.

A GIGANTIC COMBINE

(Associated Press)

Philadelphia, Nov. 1.—The North American, one of the greatest financial combinations of the century is in the process of formation. The organizers of the Cosmopolitan Telegraph, Telephone, and Cable Co., recently incorporated in New Jersey, have obtained control of all the independent telephone companies in the United States, and aim to combine those with the great telephone companies and the New York cable companies. The capital interested in the venture includes \$10,000,000. John Jacob Astor, William C. Whitney, P. A. B. Widener, and William L. Elkins. Verification of the story was obtained last night from Mr. Widener at his home in Ogontz.

Those desiring free instruction in ART should apply to the Canadian Royal Art Union, Ltd., 228 and 234 St. James St., Montreal, Canada. The Art School is maintained in the Mechanics' Institute Building, Montreal, and is absolutely free. The monthly drawing will take place on Tuesday, October 24th, 1899, at the St. James St. office, for the distribution of Works of Art.

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And take a dose, from 1 to 4 pills. You will feel better quickly, easily, they will do their work, cure headache and biliousness, tone up the liver and make you feel happy again. 25 cents. Sold by all medicine dealers.

Closing In On Ladysmith

Late Dispatch Reports That the Situation Is One of Grave Anxiety.

Boers Occupy Their Old Position and Are Again Using Heavy Artillery.

Monday's Reverse—Opinions of Military Experts—Boer Losses at Elandslaagte.

Minister of Interior King Dead—Riotous Soldiers Cause Reign of Terror.

Collection of Hawaiian Customs Transferred to the War Department.

Mail advices received to-day from Honolulu gives news that James Anderson King, minister of the interior of the Hawaiian Islands, died of apoplexy on October 18. He, with his family, were at a watering place in Mokapu point. While in bathing, in about two feet of water, he was stricken and fell face forward in the water. His son attempted to raise him and at the same time called for assistance, but when it arrived life was extinct. Minister King was a native of Scotland, aged 67 years.

He is well known on the Pacific coast, having been master of vessels coasting in the early days as far north as Alaska. With the overthrow of the monarchy he became minister of the interior. He leaves a widow and several children. He was a prominent Mason.

The ship Sir George Curtis and bark S. C. Allen both from San Francisco, arrived at Honolulu October 18. They left San Francisco on October 8, on a race, and arrived within a few hours of each other. On the evening of the first day out a cabin boy of the Curtis, named Fred Gieseke, was washed overboard and drowned. The vessel was making thirteen knots an hour and darkness had set in, so no assistance could be rendered.

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A writer in the Lady's Realm states that the production of pins in the United Kingdom may be set down at two hundred and eighty millions a week. Up to the year 1840 pins were the result of long and tedious manual labor, every single pin being handled by fourteen workers before it reached the draper's counter. Now they are made by machinery in millions, and so insignificant is their cost that they are used largely as "change" by those tradesmen whose prices run into odd farthings.

But the most interesting point about pins, speaking of them collectively and not individually, is their ultimate fate. Of every hundred pins that are manufactured it is said that one is worn out or broken, and that the remaining ninety-nine are "bad."

What becomes of them is a question that has never been answered, and the writer in the Lady's Realm does not attempt to offer any specious solution of this baffling riddle. The fate of the two hundred and eighty million pins manufactured every week is one of those problems that no fellow can understand; and Dundreary indifference to its solution is the wisest method of avoiding the malady which lurks in any attempt to grapple with it closely.

According to M. Zola, the streets of London are paved with hairpins, and if a short-sighted man of letters discovers a hairpin on every paving stone it is justifiable to assume that thousands of the consumer pins are lining the cracks and crevices of every pavement and road in the United Kingdom.—London Globe.

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put itself practically between Sir George White and his camp.

We May Be Very Thankful that things to-day are not more serious than they are. The lesson has been a severe one. It is humiliating to find a nation of farmers beating soldiers at their own game, but the sooner a proper respect is had for Boer strategy and tactics, the better for our fortunes in Natal.

The paper calls attention to Sir George White's use of the word "capitulation," remarking that it suggests the word was used carelessly. It says: "We prefer to assume that the column fought until it was cut to pieces and all the ammunition was gone." Capitulation is a word of shame. Troops in the field, cannot capitulate without disgrace, and disaster is not necessarily dishonor."

Referring editorially to the situation the Daily Chronicle says: "In view of the patent failure of the campaign and of the terrible humiliation of the British

the organs of the vatican, the Italian newspapers sympathize with England in her misfortune.

From Kimberley, London, Oct. 31.—Advice from Kimberley, under date of October 27th, received through a dispatch rider at Orange river October 20th, reports that all the wounded are progressing favorably.

It also appears that as they are unable to blow up the pier of the Modder river bridge, the Boers are demolishing them stone by stone. They have blown up practically every culvert from the Modder river to the Orange river.

War Notes.

The legislature building at Durban has been transformed into a hospital for the British and Boer wounded who will be treated alike.

A research from Sir Alfred Milner, governor of Cape Colony, says that he has issued a proclamation in reply to the

Cape Colony, in the course of which he has warned British subjects to disregard all such annexation pronouncements.

The Kaiser's farewell message to the British Royal Dragoons, the regiment of which he is honorary colonel, on its departure for South Africa, expressed His Majesty's hope "that all might return unscathed and well." It is generally taken as a proof of Germany's official neutrality.

At Montreal last night Lord Minto made a stirring speech in defence of Gen. White, who he declared had won his Cross time after time and who deserved sympathy in his hour of sorrow. The news from Ladysmith was termed a disaster, but he considered it "merely a reverse, a check which would only stimulate them for the work that is to come."

The London Daily Mail referring to an offer made through Mr. Hiral Maxim, from 200 American gentlemen who propose to give £250 each and to provide thrown horses and equipment, tendering their services to the British in South Africa, says: "Of course this offer cannot be accepted, but it is not less gratifying as a proof of the good-will of our American cousins."

Twenty-four traction engines are to be dispatched to South Africa.

Cairnethens, Scotland, electors, have adopted a resolution condemning the attitude of Dr. Gavin Brown Clark, Radical, the member for Cairnethens in the House of Commons, on the South African question and asking him to resign.

Mr. Clark was formerly consul-general of the Transvaal in London.

The Irish Nationalist papers are quite silent.

The Dublin Evening Herald, Mr. John Dillon's paper, says:

"A big bully triumphant is no lovely spectacle, but a big bully beaten is no very agreeable of disgrace."

The Dublin Evening Herald ridicules the idea of Great Britain matching Russia after Gen. White's message.

No pains are taken abroad, especially in France, to disguise the satisfaction felt in consequence of the British rebuff. In Paris every means of spreading the news was utilized, and though some of the more dignified papers adopted a

Respectful and Sympathetic tone the majority were overjoyed.

The Patrie hung the Transvaal and Orange Free State flags out of the office window.

The Presse predicts a general revolt of the Dutch population in South Africa. The Soir hints its regret that France did not adopt a different attitude during the Fashoda crisis.

The Courier du Soir thinks that the Continental powers will propose arbitration.

M. Yves Guyot, in the Siecle is almost alone in supporting Great Britain against the Boers.

The Boers Confident.

London, Oct. 31.—Capetown advises that the Boers are gathering in considerable force at Dewdrop south-west of Ladysmith, while large forces of Boers are advancing over the Helpmekaar road. A big camp of Boers is to be formed between Harrisson bridge and the camp at Dewdrop, which it is said will extend four miles.

An Englishman who has arrived at Alwal North from Pretoria, whence he was expelled by way of Bloemfontein, says that when he left Pretoria all the stores there were carrying on business as usual. President Kruger was still there and he did not see any wounded at Johannesburg.

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The First Army Corps.

The following are the regiments in the 1st army corps: Gen. Sir Redvers H. Buller in command.

1st Division.

Lieut.-Gen. Lord Methuen in command.

1st Brigade.

Maj.-Gen. Sir H. E. Colville in command.

3rd Grenadier Guards—Gibraltar.

1st Coldstream Guards—Gibraltar.

1st Scots Guards—London.

2nd Brigade.

Maj.-Gen. H. J. T. Hildyard in command.

2nd Devons—Aldershot.

2nd West Yorkshire—Aldershot.

2nd Royal West Surrey—Portsmouth.

2nd East Surrey—Woking.

14th Hussars (squadron)—Newbridge.

7th, 14th and 60th Field Batteries and Engineers—Aldershot.

2nd Division.

Maj.-Gen. (local lieut.-gen.) Sir C. F. Clery in command.

3rd Brigade.

Maj.-Gen. A. G. Wauchop in command.

2nd Black Watch—Aldershot.

1st Highland L.L.—Devonport.

2nd Seaforth Highlanders—Port George.

1st Argyll and Sutherland, Highlanders—Dublin.

4th Brigade.

Maj.-Gen. the Hon. N. J. Lyttelton in command.

1st Durham L.L.—Aldershot.

An Outburst of Loyalty

Citizens in Public Meeting Condemn School Trustee Merchant's Letter.

He Is Called Upon to Resign His Position on the Board.

There might possibly have been room for a few more in the council chamber of the City Hall last evening, but their pressure would have sadly inconvenienced those who were there, for as it was standing room was at a premium and before the meeting came to an end, short as it was, the place was insufferably warm. The large audience was practically unanimous in regard to the matter discussed, and the motion expressing censure upon Mr. William Merchant's action in writing the letter published in the Times on Saturday last was carried with but about half a dozen dissentients.

Those who attended in the expectation of being a very excited meeting were disappointed, for with the few exceptions during the speeches of Mr. Walter Morris and Mr. Alex. Wilson there was little of anything approaching to disorder.

His worship the mayor took the chair promptly at 8 o'clock, and Major H. Williams was elected to the position of secretary.

The mayor called upon those present to give all the speakers a fair hearing, saying that while all might agree as to the unwise of writing such a letter as that complained of it was nevertheless the duty of everyone to listen patiently to what might be said on either side of the question. This petition in response to which the meeting was called was read and then Major Williams read from the Times of Saturday Mr. Merchant's letter.

Mr. George Jeeves then proceeded to move the first resolution, and before doing so took occasion to refer to an editorial reference in the Times. He said he acknowledged the charge that he and the other signers of the petitioners are "hot heads." He would always be a hot head on such occasions as that which called this meeting together. Any man was entitled to write what letters he wished, but he was compelled to take the responsibility for it.

Mr. Merchant's position as school trustee made the writing of this letter all the more reprehensible. He was elected to that position by the votes of the people and they have the right, being dissatisfied with his conduct, to turn him down.

Mr. Jeeves concluded by a reference to the action of the Boers in 1881 when under the protection of a flag of truce British soldiers were shot down, and then Mr. Williams was asked by the speaker to read the motion, which was as follows:

Be it resolved that in the opinion of this meeting the conduct of William Merchant, customs appraiser, and one of the school trustees of the city of Victoria, in writing the letter addressed to Bishop Cridge, Dr. Campbell, Bishop Perrin, Revs. J. C. Speer and Robert Hughes, published in the issue of the Victoria Daily Times on the 28th day of October instant, is offensive and unpatriotic in the extreme, unworthy of one occupying the position of school trustee, and an offence in the service of the Dominion of Canada, and meets with the unqualified disapproval of this meeting, which hereby demands of him that he resign forthwith his position of school trustee.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution, together with a copy of the said letter so published be forwarded by the chairman and secretary of this meeting, accompanied by a suitable covering letter, to the Premier of the Dominion of Canada, and also to the senators and members of the House of Commons for the province of British Columbia.

His worship then read the following letter from Mr. William Merchant, the reading of which was interrupted occasionally with boos and derisive cheers.

Haughton Street,

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 31, 1899.

To the Chairman of Public Meeting:
Dear Sir—I gathered by the daily newspapers that a public meeting was to be called to discuss a letter written by me and published in the Daily Times. As I have received no invitation to attend a course usually adopted in meetings of this kind I have no course left open but to remain at home.

I should have much liked to be present, believing that a Victoria audience would be ready to accord fair play to any one, however unpopular his cause may be.

Permit me, however, to say in defense that the whole of my letter was dictated as a religious man to religious teachers. I had for years advised the safety and character of Bishop Cridge. I had worked in harmony with Dr. Campbell and Rev. J. C. Speer on moral and religious matters. I had read Bishop Perrin's strong demands for religious teaching in our schools. And it appeared to me that these gentlemen had forgotten for a time their profession as ministers of Jesus Christ in their other capacities as citizens.

The letter was written in a vein of satire, without one particle of intentional malice, ill-feeling or disrespect; the only intention of which was to arouse the thought of Christian people to the horrors and desolation of war. And in so doing I have offended against the rules of kindly feeling and good taste. If either of the gentlemen attacked will say that I have done him wrong, or misrepresented him in any way, I freely and unreservedly apologize to him.

May I further say that nothing I have said or done can fairly be construed as an expression of disloyalty. The first letter I wrote upon the subject made the statement that in the event of war, "no loyal British subject could but desire the success of the British arms."

Depriving as I do the sanguinary method of dealing with international disputes, I cannot but believe, and have freely expressed the opinion, that there could be but one result of the war, and that is the

sovereignty of Great Britain over South Africa. There are prominent men in Great Britain, of high standing in all political parties and in all religious circles, who have spoken and written with feelings of horror at the thought of war, and no one ever charged them with disloyalty. Sir Edward Clarke, M. P., for Plymouth, Mr. John Morley, M. P., Mr. J. T. Bright, ex-M. P., have all deprecated a recourse to arms. And as a lifelong advocate of international arbitration, I have ventured to openly express sentiments of that character.

I might have written under an anonymous signature, in which case I would have avoided an unpleasant notoriety. But whilst this would have been easy, it did seem to me a coward's course. I should believe that the intelligent citizenship of Victoria would readily discern between an honest avowal of humanitarian doctrine and an apparent reflection upon the patriotic

character of the country.

In conclusion, I wish to avow in the clearest terms my loyalty to the British Empire. I am an enthusiastic admirer of her institutions, the purity of her laws, and the integrity of her judges. And my best and highest aspirations are connected with the British flag, and I think I am no less a patriot because I sorrow over the miseries and dissensions caused by war.

I have the honor to be
Your obedient servant,
W. MARCHANT.

Then came the following letter from Bishop Perrin, which suited the audience very well, and the conclusion of which was marked by a perfect hurricane of cheers.

Bishopspoke,

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 31, 1899.

My Dear Sir—I beg to thank you for the invitation to be present on the platform this evening, but I fear that it would be a mistake if I accepted, as it is most desirable that all personalities should be avoided.

The object of the meeting will

it seems to me, be attained if a quiet and dignified protest is entered against the tone and content of Mr. Merchant's letter, and the writer expresses his regret for having sent it to the newspaper, and the editor for having published it. If, on the other hand, Mr. Merchant thinks that he has committed no offence against religion and the children as a body, I hope that he will appeal to their opinion by resigning his position as a trustee of the school board, and offer himself for re-election. If the vacancy has to be filled by the board, he will at all events know the opinion of his fellow-trustees, and if he has to appeal to a wider constituency, so much the better. I am

Yours faithfully,
W. W. COLUMBIA.

The motion was formally seconded by Mr. William Turpel, and then Mr. Walter Morris rose at the back of the hall. In response to urgent calls for "platform," Mr. Morris made his way to the rostrum and commenced his address by saying he believed the men in the audience to be Britishers and from Britishers he expected to obtain fair play. He believed that when Mr. Merchant wrote the letter of which they were complaining he was in a state of great mental excitement (Derisive cheers). The speaker believed there was no man in the room who knew Mr. Merchant who would fail to give that gentleman credit for being sorry for writing that letter. To err was human, but to forgive was Divine. Two wrongs never made a right and it would be making two wrongs to pass the resolution that had been read.

Mr. Morris asked his audience to give Mr. Merchant credit for the good work he had done, but there were hisses and cries of "Oh," which made it necessary for his worship to call for a fair hearing for the speaker.

Mr. Morris then referred to the stand taken by John Bright and Milner Gibson at the time of the Crimean war and the strong condemnation of their course expressed by the people of Great Britain at the time, condemnation which changed into approval before John Bright passed away.

As to the letter itself, it had been addressed to several reverend gentlemen and they had expressed themselves willing to forgive and forget it. Why then should not that audience do the same?

If it were not that the war fever was strong upon them the people in that hall would not feel as they then did in regard to the matter.

His worship had just received a letter from Rev. R. Hughes, which he read at this stage:

Dear Mr. Jeeves:—Thanks for your kind note received this morning.

I shall not be able to attend the meeting of which you speak.

In reference to Mr. Merchant's unhappy letter, I would like to say that much as I regret and resent the sentiments expressed therein, I earnestly trust that nothing will be done to injure his position in the city. The feeling which has been aroused in this matter clearly shows that the peo-

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Sincerely yours,
ROBERT HUGHES.

In response to very urgent calls Mr. C. H. Lugrin, editor of the Colonist, then addressed the meeting. He had not come with the intention of speaking to the motion now before the meeting, as he had another one he intended to ask them to accept. As he had been called upon, however, he could not decline to express himself on this matter. The second letter from Mr. Merchant, read by his worship that evening, seemed to the speaker merely an aggravation of the writer's offence. Mr. Merchant appeared desirous to brave the thing out, and the first offence therefore called upon, however, he could not decline to express himself on this matter. The second letter from Mr. Merchant, read by his worship that evening, seemed to the speaker merely an aggravation of the writer's offence. Mr. Merchant appeared desirous to brave the thing out, and the first offence therefore called upon, however, he could not decline to express himself on this matter.

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Referring generally to conditions in South Africa Mr. Hunter said the conduct of the British government had been characterized by extreme patience and a desire to arrive at a peaceful settlement of the questions at issue. The verdict of history would be that the course of the government was right. (Applause.)

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FOR UNIFORMITY

The Dominion Government Asked to Establish a Standard Size for Fruit Packages.

The following resolution was adopted at the regular semi-annual meeting of the Board of Horticulture, just concluded:

In view of the uncertainty prevailing as to the sizes of fruit packages, the Board of Horticulture desires to express the opinion that it is advisable that the sizes of the various fruit packages should be established by law, and to that end expects of this resolution to be sent to the minister of agriculture of the Dominion and to the representatives of the province at Ottawa, with the object of securing legislation on the subject.

Similar resolutions have been adopted at different times by the Board of Horticulture, and the Central Institute, but it is considered to be a question that can only be dealt with by the Dominion government.

Mr. Wilson then reminded his hearers of the meeting in the Drill Hall, when the volunteers left, and asked how many had any respect for the prayer that was asked on that occasion? This led to more disorder, and when Mr. Wilson went on to say he had always known Mr. Merchant to be on the right side, in politics as well as in other matters, there was such a noise it was impossible for him to proceed. The mayor asked Mr. Wilson to leave politics out of the question, and at the same time appealed for a fair hearing for that gentleman, reminding the audience that he had only come up on the platform at their request and was therefore entitled to courtesy from them.

Mr. Wilson continued by reminding his hearers that war is murder and the audience again became noisy. He also asked how many of those who were making the noise were voters and some of those seated around the platform wanted to have a standing expression given, but this was not done.

Mr. Wilson concluded by saying the letter complained of had been written mainly to the clergymen, some of whom had replied, others would doubtless follow and that should be satisfactory to every tender heart. As he stepped from the platform, Mr. Wilson fired a parting shot, saying, "Well, I don't suppose I have pleased any of you, and in fact I don't care."

Mr. Jeeves referred to the last speaker's reference in regard to his "Hatches" and his "Hoos," by saying that he came from the old land. He had the magnificent education of eight weeks' schooling, and if Mr. Wilson had

started out in the world handicapped as badly, Mr. Wilson wouldn't have done any better." This called forth the loudest cheering of the evening, the audience keeping it up for a minute or two.

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THE BOER DESIGN.

There is no doubt at all that the plan of the Boer commanders in Natal is, if possible, to wipe out General Stewart White's entire command, either by death or capture, advance farther down Natal, seize some of the splendid defensible points within striking distance of Pietermaritzburg, and from that place threaten, perhaps, Durban.

Colonel is sent to this by the desperate energy of the Boers in pushing their way south by sheer force of numbers, and their determined attitude in front of Ladysmith. We do not believe it possible that so large a body of British troops as General White has now under his command will be unable to cut their way through the Boer lines and make good their retreat upon Pietermaritzburg, where they will be able to effect a junction with other considerable bodies of British troops now hurrying on the country to reinforce White's detachment.

Supposing, however, that through unforeseen accident the British general were forced back upon that objective of the Boers, Pietermaritzburg, it can readily be seen that the position of affairs in Natal would be most critical for the British. The Boers, let it be remembered, have been following out a well-defined plan of campaign; that anyone cannot see; there have been no meaningless moves; meaningless some of them may have appeared at first, but not now, they were parts of a scheme of strategy that proves the Boers have, directing their armies, men who know the war intimately in most of its details.

COMING TO CANADA.

From private advices recently received in this city, it is learned that a considerable number of Scots Farmers, not long ago, held a meeting to discuss the prospects of the profession in the old country, and to listen to argument for and against emigrating to the colonies. A strong party amongst the farmers were for going to Australia on account of its climatic advantages (after it had been settled that the prospects for the farmer in Scotland were not as they might be).

Fortunately, the claims of Canada to the attention of those practical men had advocates present, who soon put the meeting in possession of the facts with regard to the climate of Canada. It is curious to learn that those farmers, amongst the most intelligent men to be found anywhere, were astonished to hear that the Canadian summer was almost tropically warm, that the spring was as genial and sunny as that of France, and that the autumn was remarkable for its length and dryness. Even those shrewd farmers, although many of them have relatives living in the Dominion, were surprised to learn that the Canadian winter was not the principal season of the year in Canada. This is what such absurdities as Kipling's poem, "Our Lady of the Sierras," and so-called romances of Canadian life by experts who have never been within three thousand miles of Canada, can do. After much discussion it was practically agreed by the meeting that if there were to be any emigration, Canada was the place. The reasons for the choice were that no other part of the Empire showed so much present prosperity or better prospects for the future. In addition, it was mentioned that the present government of the Dominion was of a character

which had been noted in the dispatches that the Boers have shown something like a genius for transporting and mounting heavy ordnance through the roughest kind of country. Now, large cannon cannot be handled in that way except by experts in artillery and engineering, so there must be some truth in the statement that the Boer artillery, may be ranked as first-class, and that

the men behind the guns are trained to their work.

The interesting point is as to whether the Boers will hurry out of Natal and through the Drakenberg passes into the Transvaal and Free State when the news reaches them that General Buller has set out to occupy their territory. It is impossible that the republics can have enough men along the borders to offer any serious resistance to the forces that will be under the eye of the commander-in-chief. Time, it can thus be seen, is an important element in the struggle. The Boers will be no doubt arguing that if they can succeed in crushing White and thus gain further prestige, attracting more volunteers to their flag, they may be able to win the independence they have set themselves to in Natal and then present something like a determined front to General Buller.

The Boers are known to hold the abilities of General Buller in the highest esteem; they are not anxious to meet him, and they seem to think that if they can weaken and wear down the forces now in Natal they will be able to hold him off in his march to Pretoria. The slow arrival of the troops from England is telling severely against British interests in South Africa, and here again the cunning of President Kruger and his council are plainly displayed. They knew perfectly well the tremendous difficulties in the way of transporting to the Transvaal, such an army as would be required to cope with the forces of the republics; hence their seeming eagerness to precipitate the war. It was their only chance, and they took it.

The disaster at Ladysmith on Monday will serve to stimulate our men to exertions that will make each a hero in the fight. The reverse is the worst in British annals in its completeness and the enormous number of captured, but it is not for a moment to be believed that any such piece of luck will fall to the Boers again in this campaign.

SIR HIBBERT'S SEARCH FOR INFORMATION.

When Sir Hibbert Tupper was searching for information on which to base his attack on Mr. Sitton, he was not always successful in obtaining what he was looking for. Among others that he wrote to was Major R. J. Morgan, of Seattle. The Globe publishes the correspondence, and we reproduce it in the Times as a disinterested tribute to the government and officials of the Yukon, which, it is needless to say, Sir Hibbert does not read in the House.

ON MAY 26TH LAST.

On May 26th last Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper thus addressed Major R. J. Morgan of Seattle, U. S. A.: "My Dear Sir: I would be very much obliged if you would kindly give me such information as you may possess in regard to the mal-administration of public affairs in the Yukon. I am informed that you have had some personal experience in the Yukon." This letter, dated from the House of Commons, Ottawa, and bearing the signature of a titled Canadian and ex-Cabinet Minister, must have surprised the American major. There is certainly more of the soldier than the diplomat in the way in which his surprise was expressed. His reply was dated at Dawson, Y. T., July 31, 1899, and ran as follows:

"My Dear Sir: I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of May 26th, asking me if I would kindly furnish you with such information as I might possess with regard to the mal-administration of public affairs in the Yukon. As an officer of the United States army, I was somewhat surprised to receive such a request from a member of the Canadian parliament. In the United States it would, to say the least, be considered very ungrateful for a member of Congress to seek information of the nature which your communication suggests from a citizen of a foreign country on a matter of internal economy. For your information, however, permit me to say that I have seen some of the reports which have been published in the newspapers, in which exception has been taken to the administration of governmental affairs in the Yukon Territory, and in which officers who were sent in here by the Canadian government were charged with incompetency, corruption and misbehavior in their conduct.

"Regarding the public administration of affairs in the Territory, I do not say that there is absolutely no room for criticism; that is a matter of opinion; but in a Territory situated so far from the seat of government, where communication with the outside world has been so difficult, and in a Territory where perfectly new conditions presented themselves, to which could not be applied legislation long established by precedent, I cannot see any reason why the Canadian government acted upon the best information which was obtainable under the circumstances, and which they considered most suitable to conditions existing, and I am sure that such legislation has been enacted subject to adjustment, as circumstances might advise and experience teach. That is all one could rationally expect. As far as the conduct of officers of the government is concerned, I might say that I have been in Dawson since July, 1897, except when business called me to the outside. During my sojourn here I have resided in the neighborhood of fifteen or more mining interests, and in consequence have had business to transact with most of the officers sent in by the government, with the Commissioner of the Territory, the Gold Commissioner, the Crown Attorney, the Crown Timber and Land Agent and others, and have also met them outside of business circles. I have always, with one solitary exception, been treated with the greatest courtesy by every officer of the government with whom I came in contact, and my business was transacted in a most satisfactory manner. That solitary exception was an underling in the Gold Commissioner's office, now no longer in the service of the government. On behalf of the company I represent, I had particularly to consult Major Walsh, and on those

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occasions not only was I treated with every courtesy, but my business was put through in an expeditious and business-like way, and I have always considered that he upheld the dignity of his office as a gentleman should.

"As far as the charges of corruption are concerned, I have no knowledge whatever of any corruption on the part of officers of the government. I am at a loss to know from whom you could have learned my name, to write to me in this matter, but may say that I can refer you to any of the leading men of Seattle, as I was for several years Deputy Sheriff of King County, Washington, and also Chief Deputy Collector of Customs, Naval Division, New York City. I am, sir, respectfully yours,

R. J. MORGAN.

Hon. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, O-

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria
Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Nov. 1—5 a.m.—The vast high
area mentioned yesterday still covers the
Canadian Territories where it is raining
clear and moderately, east weather. Min-
neapolis reports a minimum temperature of
10°. The weather, which at present is fair
over the Pacific slope, is likely to become
unsettled, as there are indications of an
approaching low area off Vancouver Island.
Victoria—Barometer, 30.16; tempera-
ture, 47; minimum, 46; wind, 4 miles N.; weather,
fair.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.14;
temperature, 44; minimum, 44; wind, 5
miles E.; weather, fair.

Nanaimo—Wind, 8; weather, fair.
Kamloops—Barometer, 30.36; tempera-
ture, 42; minimum, 40; wind, 6 miles S.;
weather, fair.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.08; tempera-
ture, 40; minimum, 38; wind, calm; weather,
cloudy.

Neah, Wash.—Barometer, 30.14; tempera-
ture, 50° minimum, 48; wind, 12 miles E.;
rain, 0.2; weather, cloudy.

Portland, Oregon—Barometer, 30.16; tempera-
ture, 46; minimum, 44; wind, 5 miles W.;
weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.16; tempera-
ture, 52; minimum, 52; wind, 5 miles E.; weather, fair.

Forecasts
For 23 hours ending 5 p.m. Thursday.

Victoria and vicinity—Easterly to south-
erly winds, partly cloudy, showers probab-
ly on Thursday.

Lower Mainland—Easterly to southerly
winds, partly cloudy, followed by showers
on Thursday.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

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To-morrow evening the annual so-
cial of Majestic Council, Royal Arcan-
um, will be held in Pioneer hall, Broad-
street.

The first practice game of the reor-
ganized basket ball team of No. 1 Co.,
of which E. M. Burns has been elected
captain, will be held on Friday evening.

At a meeting of the Board of Licens-
ing Commissioners of South Victoria
held yesterday a license for the Wil-
lows hotel, Cadboro Bay road, was granted to
G. H. Prescott.

Don't you often hear it said that ad-
vertising is a fine art? You require the
truth neatly and plainly put. When you
hear that "HONDI" Ceylon Tea is the
best and purest on the market you have it.

The Stikine River News says Hunters
Smith and Brewster took a flying trip
up the Iscot river, and made a killing;
six enormous grizzly bears, averaging
1,400 lbs. apiece, having fallen victims
to their unerring aim.

A convention of the British Colum-
bia branch of the Dominion Alliance
opened in Vancouver this morning, Rev.
J. C. Speer, president, and Rev. J. P.
Knox, corresponding secretary and
treasurer, went over on last night's
steamer to attend the sessions.

The Victoria Association Football
Club practiced at Beacon Hill this af-
ternoon. Matches have been arranged
with the Viragos at the Canteen
grounds, and with the Columbias at
Beacon Hill, next Saturday. The
schedules of the season will be drawn up
at forthcoming meetings of the League.
The Intermediates meet at Victoria on
the 18th and the Seniors at Nanaimo on
the 11th.

The manager of the Home for the
Aged and Infirm acknowledges with
thanks, the following donations received
during the month of October, viz.: Mrs.
E. A. Wilmett, Mr. N. Shakespeare and
Mr. Geo. Marsden, reading matter; Mrs.
Quagliari, reading matter and news;
Mrs. H. Holmekin, reading matter
and Scotch whiskey; Mrs. W. R. Jackson,
clothing and easy chair; Mrs. Rob-
inson, Mrs. E. H. Stad-
thagen, clothing; Messrs. Pithier &
Leiser, Scotch whiskey; Mrs. Wm.
Munro, white shirts and boots; Mrs. G.
R. Jackson and Mrs. Stephen, read-
ing matter, fish and clothing.

The announcement that Jacob Litt's
popular "In Old Kentucky" is to re-
appear in this city at the Victoria theatre
to-night will arouse more than ordinary
interest among theatre-goers, notwithstanding
the fact that the production is
now familiar from frequent tours of the
country. It is doubtful if any American
play of recent years occupies a position
so secure in the hearts of the public. "In
Old Kentucky" is chiefly notable for its
faithful depiction of life as it actually
exists in the romantic blue-grass region.
The play also abounds in such novel fea-
tures as a pickaninnies band, a horse race
and other stage innovations, but the na-
tural manner in which they are introduced
has been responsible for their continued
popularity in the face of widespread
imitation. The original company is re-
tained and a complete new scene equipment
has been provided.

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street.

Mr. and Mrs. K. K. K. have removed
the hair store to 33 Douglas street, near
Fort.

Have you seen the \$1 per dozen
Printed Caps and Saucers at R. A.
Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street?

The charge against Al Kee for sup-
plying intoxicants to Indians was this
morning dismissed in the city police
court.

Don't forget the Sons and Daughters
of St. George's masquerade ball Novem-
ber 1st. Twenty-five prizes. Look out for
the tickets.

Lord Mayor's Pudding Bowls, Pudding
Moulds, Pudding Bowls, and Jelly
Moulds, all sizes, at R. A. Brown &
Co.'s, 80 Douglas street.

Commencing to-day declaration of
qualification as voters for householders
will be received by the city assessor. Ap-
plications will be received until the first
of December.

The brick work of the addition to
the electric light building was completed
this morning, and in the course of a
month the cement floors and interior
finishing will be finished, and the addi-
tion ready for the reception of the dynamos.

Latest betting on Jeffries-Sharkey
contest at Savoy Theatre.

Reduced rates to the East, over
the Northern Pacific Railroad effective
September 12th, the second-class rate
to Chicago will be reduced to \$4.60, sec-
ond-class rates to all points east of
Chicago, will be reduced also. E. &
Blackwood, agent.

In order to give all those who have
the individual license qualification
as voters an opportunity to pay in
the amount of their license, and thus qualify
as voters, Assistant Treasurer Smith
will be in the city hall until 8 o'clock
to-morrow. As this is the last day upon
which they can register, this opportunity
should be embraced by all interested.

While many of the city churches are
growing under a load of debt, the
churches in Victoria West are not only
free of debt, but are obliged to increase
their accommodation. A few weeks ago
the congregation of St. Saviour's church
decided to build an addition, and now
the management of the Methodist church
in the same district are contemplating
a similar increase in accommodation. The
church has of late proved entirely in-
adequate, especially for the evening con-
gregations. Under the pastorate of Rev.
J. F. D. Knox the debt has been entire-
ly wiped out, and it is now only a ques-
tion of a little time before material im-
provements will be made to the build-
ing.

For many years past Perseverance
Lodge, I. O. G. T., have given Saturday
evening concerts in Temperance hall
during the winter, beginning with the
first Saturday in November. Those who
have had the pleasure of attending these
entertainments will no doubt be pleased
to learn that the 1898-1899 series will
begin on Saturday first, under the same
management as has heretofore made
them so interesting and successful. A
committee of three from the lodge are
in charge, of which Mr. J. G. Brown is
the secretary. Although a nominal ad-
mission fee is charged, the entertainments
are of a high order and judiciously
arranged to please all tastes, without of-
fering any, and they should prove a
drawing card during the winter.

Although there was not so large an
audience in A. O. U. W. hall last evening
as the merit of the entertainment deserv-
ed, there can be no question that those
who attended were well pleased, and the
hearty applause proved the satisfaction
of the audience with Miss Oliver's ability
as a delineator of Scotch character.
The task of rendering acceptably
the many characters in Barrie's "The Little
Minister" is sufficiently difficult to ap-
peal to the average elocutionist, and at-
tempted by any other than one gifted
with dramatic power would have
been an ordeal for the listeners. It is
sufficient then to say that throughout
Miss Oliver kept her audience in good
humor, and the most disappointing feature
of the entertainment was that the
audience, after the curtain call, did not
applaud her.

Among the passengers who arrived
by the Danube were Capt. F. Harper, of
the N.W.M.P., who went in to Dawson
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The body of the young boy, James
Spence, was found yesterday off the
Jordan river by an Indian, Joseph, who
reported his discovery to Police Officer
Daykin at Carmannah. The latter at
once communicated with the department
here, and arrangements are being made
to day to bring the body to town. The
boy was a son of Wm. Spence, of 100
Johnson street, and ran away from
home about two years ago. The sack
was also found. The body was removed
by the Indian to a spot close to the west
side of Jordan river.

Probably no young actor now before
the public has been more successful than
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Swedish dialect comedy. Mr. Hend-
ricks has been singularly fortunate. In
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character he has done more for stage
literature than nine-tenths of our actors,
too many of whom—more's the pity—are
content to be mere imitators. Mr.
Hendricks now has a new play to offer,
"A Yenuine Gentleman," and it will
be given at the Victoria theatre on Sat-
urday evening by special arrangement
with Jacob Litt. The chief character is,
of course, a Swede who has but recently
taken up his abode in America. Mr.
Hendricks' portrayal of the rôle—a char-
acter he has made distinctly his own—
needs no endorsement. It is already es-
tablished as one of the most striking
and humorous characterizations of our
time. In this new play, however, Mr.
Hendricks introduces his auditors to a
new kind of Swede—a young mining
engineer whose education has not been
neglected. The qualities which make
these sons of the Northland good citi-
zens are brought out with vigor and
characteristic humor, the unfailing good
nature, the unimpeachable integrity,
the courage, the steadfastness and the
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Swede are nicely portrayed by the clever
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Caught in
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River Steamer Stratton founders
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BROOKS-MCKINNON.

Popular Victorians unite in Holy
Matrimony:

A pretty wedding took place on Mon-
day evening at the Bishop's residence,
Esquimalt road, the contracting parties
being F. Brooks, carpenter-builder in the
employment of Mr. T. M. Brayshaw, and
Miss S. McKinnon, of Rock Bay. The
bride was attired in white silk, trimmed
with satin, and wore a crown of orange
blossoms. The bridegroom, Miss Martin,
was in cream cashmere, trimmed with pink.
After the nuptial knot was tied, the party returned to the residence of
Mr. Brayshaw, 17 Broughton street,
where dinner was waiting. The party
then adjourned to the dance-hall and
kept the merriment up until the small
hours of the morning.

A partial list of the many costly pres-
ents received follows:

Mrs. T. M. Brayshaw, wedding cake;
Mr. T. M. Brayshaw, oak bedroom suite;
22 names, clock and three pictures; Miss
Martin, china tea set and ornament; Mr.
and Mrs. Cole, glass berry dishes; Mr.
and Mrs. R. A. Hunter, glass berry
dishes; Miss Johnston, glass berry dishes;
Mrs. Rowlinson, glass fruit dishes; Mrs.
Hooper, glass cake stand; Mr. McCork-
ell, tablecloth; Mrs. Hutchinson, table
cloth; Mrs. and Mrs. F. Smith, glass
water set and tray; R. L. N. McKinnon,
pickle jar; Mrs. Whitfield and Mrs.
Lindsay, pickle jar; Mr. and Mrs. Brook-
er, silver salts; Mrs. Lions, glass water
set; Mrs. Strickland, glass water set and
silver tray; Mr. Verd, pair glass
vases; Mr. and Mrs. Irvin, two pairs glass
vases; Mrs. Rosine, silver and glass
water set; Mrs. H. Geak, alarm clock; Miss
Hart, biscuit dish; Mr. and Mrs. H. Billings-
ton, alarm clock; Mrs. Capt. Martin, photo-
graph and frame; Mr. and Mrs. Henderson,
hall lamp; Mrs. Hard lamp; Jas.
Plester, lamp; Mr. A. Leblanc, reception
chair; Friend, table carving knife
and fork.

The Skagway Alaskan of October
25th says: It is reported that the Olive
May is a total wreck in Tagish lake and
the Stratton is aground on a sand bar
near Selwyn; that the steamer
Anglian is aground in the ice below Selwyn,
which means her destruction; that the
Close is in a cove near Selwyn, and
may possibly survive the breaking of
ice in the spring, and that the Matlock,
the Sevenoaks and other scows are frozen
in above Selkirk, with slight prospects
of reaching Dawson this season.

The steamer Olive May, of the Ben-
nett Lake and Klondike Navigation Com-
pany's fleet, struck rock off Tagish,
and sank, and the steamer Stratton became
jammed in the ice 100 miles east of
Dawson, and was crushed so she is
a total loss. No passengers were lost
on either craft, and those on the Stratton
were saved with great difficulty.

The Stratton was bound down the river
with passengers and a general cargo,
including 32 pouches of mail and a lot of
express matter, which is said to have
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E. L. Rugg, a commercial traveller of
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Charles E. Kerr, of Toronto, and W. D.
Inglis Wright, of London, are recent ar-
rivals at the Oriental.

O. G. Hayne and C. Jeffrey Sherriff, of
London, came down from Nanaimo to-day

Provincial News.

MOVIE.

Captain Milford, late of the Indian army, died suddenly at Moyie city on Thursday night. Dr. Green, of Cranbrook was in attendance. Captain Milford was well and favorably known in this section, having resided near Moyie for several months.

TRAIL.

Mr. T. S. McElvey has secured a timber grant of eight square miles of land opposite Trail, and will put in a winter road.

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SOUTH SAANICH.

Special to the Times.

Saanichon, Oct. 30.—At St. Stephen's on Sunday, 29th October, a harvest festival service was held. The church was decorated with admirable skill, the pulpit of foliage and fruit blending most harmoniously. The music also was good; Mrs. F. G. Christmas presiding at the organ.

A harvest festival will be held in Saanichon church on Saturday, 4th Nov., conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, assisted by the Rev. W. Miller, and the organist and choir of St. Barnabas, Victoria, who have very kindly consented to attend. The service will be at 3:30 p.m., and the train leaving Victoria at 2 p.m. will arrive in time.

VANCOUVER.

J. Fitzgerald, of Steveston, was fined \$25 by the police magistrate Monday for stabbing his former mate, J. Twigg in the leg.

The news of the appointment of Mr. John Gibbons, M.R.C.V.S., as provincial government inspector under the Contagious Diseases of Animals Act, will be well received in Vancouver and elsewhere, Mr. Gibbons being very favorably known in his profession in respect of which he holds a high British diploma. Mr. Gibbons has taken prominent part in helping in the movement for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals—News-Advertiser.

The two latest additions to the city's fire-fighting machinery were publicly tested on Granville street on Monday. The machines were the new aerial truck and the fire engine, both purchased from the Waterloo Engine Company, of Brantford, Ont. The prices, delivered in Vancouver, were: Aerial truck, \$3,400; fire engine, \$3,000. The two with the extra horses required represent an expenditure of nearly \$10,000 for fire protection. In addition to this the city has also purchased a new Champion chemical engine and has increased its fire department by several men.

ALBERNI.

Special to the Times.

Alberni, Oct. 30.—Mr. Brewer went up to look at the Eclipse claim near the Three W's at the beginning of the week.

The C. P. N. Co.'s boat Willapa brought no freight last trip, having a cargo of swashes on board. They promised to send another boat to bring the freight along, but she hasn't arrived yet, consequently Alberni supplies are at a pretty low ebb.

Mrs. Taber and children and Mr. Elton drove out today (Sunday) en route for Vancouver, where Mr. Taber, C. E., is dangerously ill with typhoid.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for a sports ground here are apparently at a deadlock, as nothing has been heard from them since they were appointed, yet I believe they had a good offer from Mr. Pemberton, agent for Anderson & Co.

Some of the local artists are busy getting up a bigger troupe so as to give entertainments during the winter, something badly wanted in this little town.

Mr. H. S. Lowe went out on Thursday's stage. He took some grand samples of rock from him, the Golden Slipper and other claims. Mrs. Lowe, we are sorry to say, is unwell.

Mr. A. Watson, of the New Alberni, is the proud father of twins, the only man with that distinction in Alberni.

Work is being done on the Teddy Whiffle, on the Samanito road. The ledge looks well.

Mr. Hayes was in and out again at the beginning of the week. Work is being steadily pushed at the mine.

Two old Alberni boys, J. Jones and F. Dickinson, were amongst the contingent from Victoria for the Cape. They were both well known here.

We are having regular fall weather now, Mt. Arrowsmith looking very wintry with its coating of snow.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The case of Regina vs. James Blake, burglary, came up before His Honor Judge Bole in the Speedy Trials Court on Monday morning. The prisoner is the man who was arrested a week or so ago for breaking into Mr. McPhadden's shop, on Columbia street, during the night time, and having pleaded guilty, came up for sentence. It appearing he had already been convicted of a similar offence in Vancouver, his honor sentenced him to three years in the penitentiary.

Mr. R. H. Cheyne, recently appointed to a position on the staff of the provincial jail, has resigned that position to accept a situation at the Royal City Mills.

The death occurred on Sunday of Mr. James Phillips, in his 73rd year. He was a native of Cornwall, England. Deceased lived there until he was 26 years old, when he went out to Australia, and for two or three years engaged in mining. He then returned

home, but when the news of the gold excitement on the Fraser river reached him he decided to come and try his fortune in British Columbia. He married Miss Ladner, sister of Messrs. W. H. and T. E. Ladner, of Ladner. In the spring of 1880 he left England, accompanied by his wife and child (Mr. J. E. Phillips), and his two sisters-in-law,

reaching Victoria on May 23rd. Later, the late Mr. Phillips came over here and the piping now on hand it will be possible to explore the ground to a depth of 800 feet; this can be increased to 2,000 feet with the additional piping.

Development work on the Pretty Girl at Horsefly creek, the property of the New Golden British Columbia, is proving very satisfactory. The shaft is now 1,000 feet deep, and the ore is proving of splendid quality, the assay returning giving: Gold, \$1.60; silver, 50 ounces; copper, 22 per cent.

At the Big Dipper group, which joins the Sullivan on the west, has several men now employed in the work of developing the property and the shaft is now down 300 feet in iron carriages.

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Boundary Country.

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A drift is being run on the Snowshoe at the 300-foot level. The drift is in ore.

A carload of machinery, including the compressor plant for the new drills for the Dominion Consolidated Mining Company, of Fairview, reached Penticton last week.

G. W. Rumberger is developing the Yukon, a claim about one mile from Phoenix, on the wagon road. The work will consist of a 100-foot tunnel and surface work. There is a large showing on the property.

The tunnel on the Banner, in Greenwood, is beginning to give indications of being near the ledge, and a good one, body is expected to be run into in a few days.

On the Winnipeg, in Wellington camp, sinking has been commenced on the ore body uncovered by the railroad graders. The shaft will be sunk to a depth of 300 feet and a drift run from it to the present working shaft on the property.

The Golden Crown, Wellington camp, is being developed from the 300 and 150-foot levels. Good ore is being taken out at the 300 foot level. On the dump are two large blocks of ore taken from the shaft, one about 3,000 and the other 2,000 pounds weight.

Work on the Little Cariboo mine, in Camp McKlonkey, will be resumed within a few days.

Some nice specimens of ore from the Burns claim in Deadwood camp, sinking last week, the specimens contain native copper, peacock copper and copper pyrites. The Burns adjoins the Buckhorn, and is the property of the Buckhorn, and is the property of the Canadian smelter works with the men, they having demanded a flat rate of 20 cents per hour. It is stated that the management offered to pay the men the same rate as that paid in Northport, concern, and that this offer was at first refused, but finally the men accepted the arrangement and continued working, all cause for friction having been removed. The output for the week is very satisfactory and shows how work is being pushed along on the shipping properties. The recent surface strike of the Black Bear-ground of the Le Roi is well remembered, and as the management is pushing development in the Black Bear tunnel to strike the ledge shown on the surface, some interesting news may be expected shortly on this head.

Both Mr. Hastings and Mr. Kirby, of the War Eagle and Centre Star, are away this week, but the work of constructing the temporary compressor plant for both properties, the head of the Centre Star shaft, is being pushed vigorously.

Velvet.—The main drift is in for a distance of 398 feet. From the 250-foot level an upgrade is being made to the 100-foot level. This upgrade has been made on the ledge for a distance of 40 feet. Full force is at work.

Coxey.—After some delay the Coxey sent out its first shipment to Northport this week, 350 sacks or about 20 tons being sent down on Saturday. Men are continuing the work in the lower tunnel, which is now in 700 feet.

California.—The work of cross-cutting and drifting from the main tunnel continues.

Gertrude.—A compressor plant for the Gertrude is now looked for, and it is expected that arrangements for one will shortly be completed. The north drift is now in 112 feet, and the south drift 100-feet.

Mascot.—All the workings are in ore, Virginia.—Ore continues to be extracted from ledge No. 3, and a carload has been sent to the smelter.

Ethel Group.—Work continues on the cross-cut on the 67-foot level, and it is anticipated that the ledge will be encountered in the next few days. The showing in the cross-cut is of a favorable character.

New St. Lino.—The foundation of the compressor plant is being placed in position and the work of installing the machinery is making satisfactory progress. The work of driving the cross-cut from the tunnel continues.

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Britain's Friends.

The following extract shows the British who their friends are.

The papers comment on the splendid success of negotiations, resulting in the away countries and the deep sympathy of the great kindred nation across the Atlantic."

The Standard sums up the feeling of the nation thus: "From the United States and our colonies along we hear the voice of friendly sorrow and encouragement. But that suffices; all others are welcome to congratulate themselves over the misfortune of Great Britain."

Will Bulletin the News.

The war office has made a welcome concession to the public in their desire for news. Hereafter every post office will be open on Sunday morning, and will post copies of all dispatches received by the war office up to 1 a.m. on Sunday.

Senate Committee in Conference.

London, Nov. 1.—The cabinet meeting today was the exception to the rule, but afterwards was the defence committee of the cabinet, consisting of the Duke of Devonshire, Mr. A. J. Balfour, the Marquis of Lansdowne, and Sir Michael Hicks Beach met at the foreign office, and held a long conference with the commander-in-chief, Field Marshal Lord Wolseley.

Died Arxius.

Brussels, Nov. 1.—Dr. Loyds' diplomatic agent of the Transvaal, has received the consent of the British secretary of state for war, the Marquis of Lansdowne, to allow a telegram to be sent to Pretoria to ask the number of killed and wounded on the side of the Boers.

Germans Urge Mediation.

Berlin, Nov. 1.—The Tagblatt says Count Bothmer, president of the German peace societies, has telegraphed to Queen Victoria praying her to accept the mediation of the United States in the war with the Transvaal.

Another Contingent Proposed.

Montreal, Nov. 1.—In view of the British reverse at Ladysmith, it is suggested in military circles in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Quebec, that a second Canadian contingent be sent to the seat of war.

Burned in Effigy.

Toronto, Nov. 1.—Kriegs was burned in effigy by 1,300 students last night.

Quebec, Nov. 1.—Captain Howard, of Gatling gun fame, who proffered his services to the government to go with the South African contingent, arrived yesterday too late to catch the steamer.

The Sardinian.

Quebec, Nov. 1.—The Sardinian passed Fane Point, a hundred miles below here, at 11:10 last night. All well on board.

The Hospital Ship.

London, Nov. 1.—The American ladies hospital ship committee met at Walwyn House to-day. Lady Randolph Churchill presiding. The fund now amounts to between £7,000 and £8,000, while one American drug firm in London offers an entire medical outfit. Lady Randolph Churchill is busy corresponding with Miss Clara Barton and others of the American Red Cross Society. She proposes to devote any surplus to sending out a thoroughly equipped ambulance corps, in addition to the ambulance ship.

SPAIN CLAIMS THE ISLAND.

(Associated Press.)

Madrid, Nov. 1.—A sensation was caused in the senate yesterday, by the declaration of Count Dalmenas that owing to the ignorance of the Spanish-American peace treaty commissioners, three islands of the Philippine group, the two Batanes and Calayan Islands, both north of Luzon, were not included in the scope of the treaty. These islands, he asserted, ought to be made the base of negotiations for the liberation of the Spanish prisoners.

REVOLUTIONISTS REPULSED.

(Associated Press.)

Lima, Peru, via Galveston, Nov. 1.—Just preceding an attempt was made at Pisco, department of Lima, to start a revolutionary movement. The promoters captured the custom house, where a stock of arms and ammunition was stored, and then attacked the barracks. They were repelled by the government troops and fled into the hills at the back of the town.

200 SOLDIERS DROWNED.

(Associated Press.)

Colon, Columbia, Nov. 1.—A report has reached here that two armed government steamers destroyed seven insurgent vessels, one of the latter sinking, it is rumored, with 200 soldiers.

The government troops were victorious in a pitched battle with the insurgents near Bucaramang.

MONTREAL MINING MARKET.

(Associated Press.)

Montreal, Nov. 1.—Stock exchange morning board—War Eagle, 2813, 278; Payne, 107, 1014; Montreal & London bid 44; Republic, 129, 117; Sales—War Eagle, 500 to 280; Payne, 500 to 105.

DEATH OF MR. A. D. FABER.

(Special to the Times.)

Aberdeen, Nov. 1.—Mr. A. D. Faber, C. E., P. L. S., died suddenly of typhoid fever in St. Paul's hospital. Deceased was a native of England.

CANADIAN NEWS NOTES.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, Nov. 1.—Archibald Reedy, C. P. R. brakeman, is dead as a result of injuries received, being crushed while coupling cars on Monday.

A two million dollar iron, timber and transportation company is being organized by the same capitalists, who organized the Consolidated Lake Superior Company.

The Ontario government to-day issued instructions to the crown authorities to institute proceedings against five persons charged with corruption in North Waterloo election, which caused the unseating of Mr. Beattie, Liberal.

Word has been received from London that General Manager Gamble, of the Dominion Bank, is in a precarious condition. In London he has suffered recently from German seeking health. He starts for home to-day. His recovery appears to be despaired of.

The old magazine building at the old fort was destroyed by fire last night, presumably through the pranks of Hallowe'en celebrators.

Hawthorne, Nov. 1.—Arthur Coutois was killed here yesterday by a plank falling on him.

Prestcott, Ont., Nov. 1.—Sir Charles Tupper and Messrs. Foster and Whiting, leader of the Ontario opposition, addressed a meeting of Conservatives here last evening. Both Federal and Provincial politics were discussed in every particular.

SENATOR MILLS NOMINATED.

(Associated Press.)

Chatham, Ont., Nov. 1.—The Bothwell Liberals have nominated Hon. David Mills as their standard bearer at the next general election. The minister of justice was defeated in that constituency in 1896, and was afterwards called to the senate.

FATAL BOILER EXPLOSION.

(Associated Press.)

Sheffield, Eng., Nov. 1.—A boiler explosion at the steel works of Southern and Richardson here this morning killed four, and injured twenty persons.

VICE-PRESIDENT HOBART.

(Associated Press.)

Paterson, N.J., Nov. 1.—Mr. Hobart passed a comfortable night.

A MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

(Associated Press.)

Quebec, Nov. 1.—A repetition of the Cordeau-Vian-Pressey murder case is looked for in the case of Thomas Mooney, a Lake Beeton farmer, who was found with his head split in the woods near his own home on Saturday. The victim's wife, Margaret Ann Charters, Dubé, a neighbor, and two sons, Xavier and David, have been arrested, and are held by the coroner as witnesses.

The Exposition.

If the success of the first Seattle Industrial Exposition depended on Weisbach burners and colored calico, then success has been assured. It is said by the papers to have been the greatest exhibition ever given before in Washington, but the stadium does not impress the visitor with the greatness of former exhibitions. Somewhere in the neighborhood of 5,000 people attended the opening, and the crush can be better imagined than described when it is mentioned that the building and annexes are no more than a quarter of a mile apart. There is ten times more freedom of the right sort in Britain. At the present moment there are two Senators from Colorado, one of the most advanced states in the Union, where they have woman's suffrage, on their way to a British colony to enquire into the methods of legislation which make a country truly free. In this state of Washington justice bough and sold, and every law which affirms the rights of the people can be overruled by an injunction of the court, procured by means of bribery.

Another Contingent Proposed.

Montreal, Nov. 1.—In view of the British reverse at Ladysmith, it is suggested in military circles in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Quebec, that a second Canadian contingent be sent to the seat of war.

Burned in Effigy.

Toronto, Nov. 1.—Kriegs was burned in effigy by 1,300 students last night.

Quebec, Nov. 1.—Captain Howard, of Gatling gun fame, who proffered his services to the government to go with the South African contingent, arrived yesterday too late to catch the steamer.

The Sardinian.

Quebec, Nov. 1.—The Sardinian passed Fane Point, a hundred miles below here, at 11:10 last night. All well on board.

The Hospital Ship.

London, Nov. 1.—The American ladies hospital ship committee met at Walwyn House to-day. Lady Randolph Churchill presiding. The fund now amounts to between £7,000 and £8,000, while one American drug firm in London offers an entire medical outfit. Lady Randolph Churchill is busy corresponding with Miss Clara Barton and others of the American Red Cross Society. She proposes to devote any surplus to sending out a thoroughly equipped ambulance corps, in addition to the ambulance ship.

SPAIN CLAIMS THE ISLAND.

(Associated Press.)

Philippines, Nov. 1.—A dispatch received by the Maritime Exchange from Charles S. C. says the steamer Geo. L. Colwell, Captain Cuskill, from Fernandina for New York, has couplled. The captain was the only one saved.

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Ottawa, Nov. 1.—Sir Charles Tupper left for British Columbia this afternoon. He speaks in Winnipeg on the 7th, and will address some political meetings after reaching the Coast.

A CONFESSION MURDERER.

(Associated Press.)

A Dawson Crime Acknowledged by a Greek in Seattle.

The details of one of those mysterious crimes which have been a feature of the Klondike gold rush, are likely to be brought to light by a confession made in Seattle yesterday by a Greek who has just returned from the North. This man, John Sarge by name, has confessed that on the second of July, of this year, he murdered his partner, Lewis Ballos.

He states that the crime took place on the Klondike river, two miles and a half above the mouth of Bonanza creek. The facts of the case were communicated to-day to Supt. Hussey, of the provincial police, by Mr. Bernard Peltz, British vice-consul at Seattle, and it is probable that extradition proceedings will be instituted by the Dominion government.

The facts which have just come to light are regarded as supplementary to those which have been in the possession of Mr. Hussey for some time. These were to the effect that about the middle or toward the end of July the remains of a man were found on a hill claim on a spur of Last Chance creek, eight or ten miles from Dawson. A police investigation was held at the time and it was strongly suspected that a murder had been committed. The victim was believed to be a foreigner, probably an Italian, and that the crime had been committed by his companion. The shack had been partly burned over the body, this to some extent covering up the crime. The names of the parties as given in the confession alluded to, and the time and place mentioned, all seem to point to the cases being identical.

The labor market is well supplied at present, and unless the immigration from the East is checked there will be some hard ships during the coming winter.

The Tacoma and Seattle Electric Railroad Company, incorporated last spring, has let the contract for the construction

Progress of Seattle

The Sound City Said to Be Wide-Open and Business Is Booming.

How the Rising Generation Is "Stuffed" Regarding Conditions Here.

Seattle, Oct. 28.—I overheard a young man say to another the other day, "I am going to Seattle in *British Columbia*, and the one to whom this was addressed said, "That place is under the Queen isn't it well? I want to live in a free country." That is the idea a great many have in Canada, it is the sort of thing taught in the public schools, and the press does not correct the errors of the schools. The school teacher receives his appointment through political influence and his knowledge may be of the most superficial and narrow minded character. After being installed in the school house, he proceeds upon the assumption that children are like rows of empty buckets of equal size, to be filled with an equal amount of "schooling." The aggregate result is an equal amount of ignorance and prejudices. The only kind of literature the average youth of the Western States cares to read is the yellow journal and penny paper, and parents allow their little girls to read divorce and murder cases and ponder over them with pride and pleasure. It teaches them their self-reliance, they say. There is ten times more freedom of the right sort in Britain. At the present moment there are two Senators from Colorado, one of the most advanced states in the Union, where they have woman's suffrage, on their way to a British colony to enquire into the methods of legislation which make a country truly free. In this state of Washington justice bough and sold, and every law which affirms the rights of the people can be overruled by an injunction of the court, procured by means of bribery.

A good many years ago I was called upon to perform an operation on a planter who lived some little distance up the river and had crushed his foot in a cane grinder. The country doctor who attended him sent for me to come up to do the surgical work, and I decided to take off the three last toes. I had never met my patient before, and found him a grave, middle-aged man, with a strikingly handsome face and refined manners. His wife, who was very much younger, seemed to be deeply in love with him, and begged piteously to be allowed to remain in the room during the operation, but the planter refused to consent, and made me pledge him my word of honor that she would be kept out. Not only that, but he insisted upon her leaving the house and going to a neighboring town.

"As soon as he took the first few inhalations of chloroform I was sincerely glad she was absent, for he became immediately delirious and struggled furiously. Then, to my intense surprise, he poured on a torrent of hideous profanity, I never listened to anything so foul and shocking, and he kept it up all the time. I piled the knife, the operation was over and he regained his senses as he was quiet and courtly as ever. Later on I learned that he had been a rough river man in his youth and had obtained his education, made his fortune and married late in life. It was his constant study to overcome his physical deficiencies. Whether he had any promotion when he sent his wife away I can't say, but it was a wise thing to do, and gave me personally a valuable suggestion."

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On BIRTHDAYS.

Why do we celebrate birthdays? The answer is, when his birthday arrives, calls his friends together and says: "Rejoice with me! I am a year older, to-day than I was twelve months ago!" And then he withdraws to his room to put a little fresh dye on his hair, and to practice in the glass the assumption of a youthful and jolly air. The average man has to grow old. Why then does he act when his birthday comes around, as if it were a joyful occasion?

Doubtless the solution of the mystery lies in the fact that we all abhor and dread our birthdays. In our secret hearts they are the most melancholy days of the entire year. We therefore try to drown our wretchedness in seas of simulated gaiety. We are afraid to face the truth, so we call on our friends to come and watch by our side lest we be swallowed up with melancholy. Those friends know that their own birthdays are coming, and they wait in their turn the aid of other friends to help them through the canine forks of successive years. Therefore, they join in the pretence that birthdays are joyous occasions, and eat and drink and make merry with as much assumption of pleasure as they could show were the course of birthdays to be reversed, and were they to mark our rejuvenescence instead of our progress towards old age.

The only people who do not celebrate birthdays are unmarried ladies at a certain age. Therein they show wisdom, I have an aunt who never confessed to having a birthday after she had celebrated her twenty-seventh, she, at which date she was, as shown by the family Bible, thirty-four years of age. I have followed her example since I reached the age of well, let us say the age of indiscretion. I cannot forget the final date, and when my birthday comes round I shut myself up in my room with a copy of Richardson's "Clarissa," and spend the day in sleep. I refuse to be guilty of the hypocrisy of celebrating the day, as it were something to be proud of. I heartily wish I had been born on the 29th of February, or, better still, on some one of the days that were forever lost when the Julian calendar was superseded by the Gregorian. Though, to be sure, in that case I should now be even older than I am; so, on reflection, I withdraw that last wish.

Animals never celebrate birthdays. Savages, as a rule, know nothing of them. They are among the lowest forms of civilization. If we did not know the date of our birth we should be vastly happier; we could then condescendably believe we are several days younger than we really are. As it is, once every year the terrible fact that we are steadily approaching the age of grey hair, and gout and grandchildren, forces itself upon us. And yet we never fail to celebrate our birthdays, and friends wish us many happy returns of them, and we know that we are all a company of transparent hypocrites.—W. L. Alden in Pearson's.</