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REBELS MAY RETURN HOME

Cape-town, March 7.—An undated telegram from Colesburg says that the Australian regiment has been honored by a visit from Lord Kitchener.

The Australian column has been largely reinforced.

An official notification has been issued that the Queenstown proclamation of Feb. 22nd, regarding certain terms offered the rebels by General Buller in event of their surrendering, has been withdrawn, but these '31' arms against England may return to their farms upon surrendering their weapons and receiving a pass, but they are liable to be called to account later on.

No Boers Near Ladysmith.
Ladysmith, March 5.—There are no Boers within 20 miles of here. Plenty of supplies are available, and the troops are quickly recovering their strength.

Many of the volunteers have been granted furloughs.

The Halifax Garrison.
Ottawa, March 7.—A Canadian officer will command the new battalion forarrison duty at Halifax to replace the Leinster regiment, which goes to South Africa for active service. The name of Lieutenant-Col. Vidal, of the Royal Canadian Regiment, who is now attached to headquarters staff at Ottawa, is mentioned as the likely commander. He is second in command, and all officers will be chosen from the regular forces in the Dominion.

Patriotic Fund.
Ottawa, March 7.—The Canadian Patriotic Fund has reached \$151,190.01.

Mason Withdraws Resolution.
Washington, March 7.—Mr. Mason gave notice that to-morrow, after the morning hour, he would enter a motion that the committee on foreign relations be discharged from further consideration of his resolution expressive of the Senate's sympathy with the Boers. It had been in the hands of the committee since December 6th.

Another Canadian Dead.
Ottawa, March 7.—A cable has been received stating the Dominion policeman W. J. N. Ross, a member of the first contingent, died at Kimberley of malarial fever. This will make 11 deaths altogether out of 34 members of the contingent from Ottawa.

In Memory of Fallen Canadians.
Montreal, March 7.—The M.A.A.A. has started out with a subscription of \$500, with the ultimate object of raising \$100,000 for the erection of a monument in this city toward the Montreal heroes of South Africa, who have fallen, and who may fall.

Wounded Doing Well.
Ottawa, March 7.—Col. Otter cables the militia department this morning that Lieutenant McLean, of St. John, N.B., with the first Canadian contingent in South Africa, has been adjudged a "D.O." to Gen. Colville.

Lieut. Strazson Ryerson reports all the wounded doing well.

Sir Roderick Cameron, a native of New York, has offered to pay for all freight going to the Canadian troops in South Africa by the steamer "Maria," sailing from New York on March 15th.

DISPUTE OVER MINING SHARES.
(Associated Press.)
Toronto, March 7.—C. J. McQuinn, mining broker of Montreal, has instituted proceedings against George Gooderham of this city, to recover 25,000 shares of a stock in the War Eagle mine, a rights issue of shares. McQuinn claims that he and two other parties, named Volney and William, were parties in the acquisition of the War Eagle mine, and that it was agreed that they should get 252,000 worth of stock at eighty cents on the dollar. He says for the amount necessary to purchase these shares.

The defence declares that the plaintiff was paid 25,000 shares in full of all claims, but complained that he had sold 212,000 shares on delivery. Mr. Gooderham agreed to supply these, but McQuinn only allowed sales up to 100,000 shares.

The case is likely to last a couple of days.

BRITISH IN ENEMY'S COUNTRY

London, March 7.—4:16 p.m.—A special dispatch from Durban says a flying column of British troops, from Zululand, has entered the Transvaal and will be daily skirmishing with small parties of Boers.

The force consists of mounted infantry, Natal scouts and artillery, all commanded by Major Prendergast.

The column first crossed the border on February 26th.

It now occupies an entrenched position on Catara Hill, nine miles within the Transvaal.

TRANSVAALERS RETIRING.

Biggarsberg, Boer Camp, March 3.—The Federals have fallen back on the Biggarsberg chain, crossing Natal south of Dundee.

The retreat from Ladysmith was due to the mistake of a certain commandant in ordering his men to retire from the key of the position, without any reasons for the movement.

On receipt of the bad news from the Modder River on Wednesday, it was resolved to send the wagons back to Biggarsberg, and soon long strings of ox-wagons lined the road. Over a thousand wagons took the westerly route to the larger southwest of Ladysmith.

Another convoy was sent to the foot of the Drakenberg. A large number of tents captured from the British at Dundee, and also the ammunition, were abandoned as worthless.

The chief difficulty was in dismounting "King-Tom."

BULLER PRAISES THE TROOPS

Durban, March 6.—General Buller, in a general order regarding the relief of Ladysmith, says:

"The two forces, during the last few months, have achieved with conspicuous gallantry and splendid determination, and are an honor to the Queen and the country."

The Ladysmith garrison for four

THE BRITISH ADVANCE.

London, March 7.—Lord Roberts telegraphs from Osofontein:

"Advance, March 7. Enemy in full retreat followed by our troops. Casualties few."

The text of Lord Roberts's dispatch is as follows:

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The Enemy Increasing

Boers Are Massing Near Oatfontein to Resist the British Main Army.

They Have Mounted Guns and Are Busy Building Trenches.

London, March 6.—The British forces under Lord Roberts still pause in the neighborhood of Oatfontein, while stores, remounts and fresh troops stream toward him from the Cape.

The British position also continues to improve in minor spheres of the campaign. Natal is clear of Boers, and Cape Colony is nearly so.

The Boers seemingly are pursuing the course commended by the strategists and are concentrating to resist the British main army.

Various messages from correspondents with Lord Roberts report that the enemy are increasing continually on his front, extending as one correspondent writes, 10 miles as another says, 18 miles. The lowest

Estimates of Their Number give the Boers 10,000 men, with smaller bodies moving north and south of the British lines. Each army is on both sides of the Moller River. The Boers have mounted eight guns on top of kopjes, and though they appear to be too far away for inspection, the British scouts report they are using pick and shovel industriously.

Military opinion is that their present position merely screens more easily detached ones.

A daily news dispatch from Moller River, dated Monday, 6th, and describing the Boer position in front of Lord Roberts, says: "The Boers seem to be busy entrenching. They have mounted eight guns on high kopjes."

None of the military experts endeavor to fetter Lord Roberts's plans, but it is suggested that he is quite willing to give the Boers

Time to Assemble all their men in order to deliver a smashing blow more effectively.

The sounder view in favor of annexation of the Transvaal and Free State which is being promoted among the supporters of the government in the House of Commons continues to receive signatures.

The memorial to Mr. Balfour affirms that the time has arrived for plain speaking inside and outside of parliament, and that Lord Salisbury's words are being construed into a pledge against annexation, and Lord Roberts's proclamation into a promise of non-conciliation of Boer property.

Mr. A. G. Hales, the Daily News correspondent, who was captured by the Boers on February 9th, was released at Bloemfontein and put through the lines near Sterkstroom. He telegraphed that the Boers

are demoralized, but adds that they have been treating the British wounded splendidly.

A dispatch to the Standard from Oatfontein, dated Sunday, March 4th, says: "Gen. Joubert is reported to be in supreme command of the Boer forces."

Dutch Rising. Capetown, March 6.—Nearly the whole of the Dutch population of Pretoria and Kenhardt districts are in rebellion. Many of the Dutch from neighboring districts are reported to have joined them, and Lucas Steinkamp, commanding the Boers, is reported as marching on Capetown.

It is believed that Victoria West will rise. It is thought that the total number of men in arms will exceed 3,000. The general opinion of loyalists is that a strong force of British will be required, as a reverse would spread the rebellion.

The Dutch church has issued a manifesto in favor of the Boer republics retaining complete independence.

Many women who are reported to be great shots are among the Boer prisoners arriving here.

Coleberg, March 6.—The British advance camp is now at Ockloosport River, several miles beyond Aletskanting.

Robels Aggressive. Orange River, Cape Colony, March 6.—The recent British victories have had a wonderfully quieting effect upon the rebel Dutch, most of whom in the neighborhood of Douglas are reported disarmed and about returning to their homes.

Delagoa Bay. London, March 6.—Replying to a question in the House of Commons today, the parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, Mr. Broderick, said no negotiations were proceeding between Great Britain and Portugal regarding the acquisition of Delagoa Bay or any other port on the East African coast.

Through Yankee Glasses

The War in South Africa as an American Cousin Sees It

The Boer as a Fighting Man—Soldiers by Instinct and Farmers for Livelihood.

Mr. Julian Ralph, war correspondent of the London Daily Mail, in a recent letter from Honey Nest Kloof, says: After the Belmont battle I walked over the entire field, and between what I saw and what was told me by our officers and men who had taken part in the assault, I learned more about the Boers as fighting men than I had been able to gather all over the Cape Colony in the preceding four weeks.

To begin with, the English reader may picture a kopje or hill in this country as a pile of boulders—a stone heap. It may be a hill or a small mountain—50ft. or 1,500ft. in height, though in the battle-fields where we have thus far fought the kopjes have not been above 500ft. or below 150ft.

All have been heaps of loose boulders, and the practice of the enemy has been to lift and carry the smaller rocks about so as to build breastworks of them.

Behind these, always built around the tops of the hills, the Boers hide and shoot.

Let me describe the top of one small hill in the Belmont engagement, the one in which the Boer commander had compelled the poor men of his command to live for weeks. I took it that these were men of the servant and the laborer class. Their dead, whose untidy and neglected bodies I saw seated as the British bullets and bayonets found them, confirmed this theory, for they were poorly clad, unshaven, and hungry-looking.

They were of that class of Boer whom James Bryce describes as having started at a seventeenth-century standard and deteriorated for 300 years. I knew when I saw such men among the dead, the wounded, and the prisoners, how it could be that white men could misuse the white flag and mock the sacred purpose of the Geneva Cross.

In nearly every case where men had been compelled to starve and live there was a tea-kettle, an extra coat for night covering, a sack in which food and clothes had been brought and which next had served as a pallet, some medicine, unvarnished biscuits or bread-cakes, junks of blintz or

Jerked Meat, and a Kitchen Knife. The food, the dirt, and the extraordinary profusion of cartridges and cartridge-wrappings were all mixed together, but the earth and the disorder were not so offensive as the grimy, beastly condition of the dead.

A few commanding breastworks had been built for a citadel on the crest of the kopje above the ring of erics.

In one of these I found a young Boer dead, with a bullet hole in his forehead. He was of a superior type, intelligent of face, neatly dressed, and had been shooting with gloves on his hands. Had he lived to escape he would have been one of the very great many Boers who were seen flying down the farther side of the range of kopjes and leaping upon their horses or into their Cape carts and "spiders." They had done what damage they could to us, and now that their own lives were endangered they demanded their own safety. This is according to Boer principles—in keeping with the etiquette and conventions of a people who know neither etiquette nor convention in war. It is not by guess-work that I thus describe their methods. It is what our prisoners have told me.

If I could write steadily for a week (and if there were not such strict censorship as fetters me) I could not exhaust the list of peculiarities, eccentricities, anomalies, and novelties of this war waged against us by an undisciplined force of rebels who are soldiers by instinct.

Slayers by Training, and farmers or cattle-raisers for livelihood. But I could not fit in all that week state a more astonishing fact than that at some of these battles the better-class Boers have come to battle in their carriages like gentlemen driving to the Derby at home, and having done their best, have retired in the same way, leaving their vassals to cover their retreat.

More numerous than those who come in carriages to battle are those who send their best horses ahead and ride to battle on inferior animals. They "knee-batter" their best horses, turn out upon the veldt the poorer ones they have hidden, and when retreat is ordered—run down the kopjes and mount their best steeds in order to be able to obtain a cavalry chase, which has thus far been impossible because the horses of our few mounted men have either had too much work earlier in the day or have been overwhelmed by fire from unexpected quarters.

I have heard that the only uniforms in the Boer ranks are those of the Transvaal Artillery, but if this is true, and any one, accustomed militarily, I have not yet seen them. All whom I have seen have been clad like the farmers and villagers we have met with all along our line of march. They wear short coats, trousers of patterns that are often so

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An Indication of Thin Blood and Poor Circulation.

There are many people who suffer from cold hands and feet. They are constantly bugging the stove and complaining of the cold, when other folks are comfortable.



The trouble with these people is that their blood is thin and watery and their circulation is poor.

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Mr. James Kelly, the popular Hamilton, Ont., shoemaker, 75 York St., said: "Five years ago I had a severe sickness which left me in poor health. I suffered from fluttering of the heart, sinking feelings, shortness of breath, and numbness and coldness of the hands and feet."

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"They have restored healthy circulation of the blood and removed the numbness and coldness in the extremities. I am now in better health than I have been in years."

CROMWELL AT MARSTON MOOR. Sweeping down the line, the Ironsides smashed one regiment after another, until in the fading summer evening, Cromwell had almost driven the Royalist army, and came to their left wing, where he saw the Royalist horse charging the routed Yorkshire foot.

Immediately he reformed his thoroughly trained squadrons almost on the same ground where Goring's horse stood at the beginning of the battle, and fronting the same way. The front of the association formed beside them, and just before daylight the Puritan cavalry and infantry met their final charge.

Goring's troops were retreating from their pursuit. Cromwell's men were receding from their last charge, in which Lucas himself had been captured. They were scattered like chaff by the shock of the steel-foot Cromwellian troopers, riding back to camp, and the remaining Royalist foot shared the same fate. The battle was over just as night fell, stopping all pursuit. But there was "life" and pursuit. As at Waterloo, the very obstinacy with which the right had been made the center—the

night was down on a scene of wild confusion, with thousands of fugitives from both armies streaming off the field through the darkness; for the disaster to the right wing of the Parliamentary army had resulted not only in the rout of all the Yorkshire men but half of the Scotch, but also in the three Parliamentary commanding generals, Leven, Manchester and Lord Fairfax, being swept off in the mass of fugitives. The fight had been won by Cromwell, not only by the valor, coolness, keen insight, and power of control over his men, which he had showed in the battle itself, but by the two years of careful preparation and drill which had tempered the splendid weapons he used so well.

From Theodore Roosevelt, in February Scribner's.

BROWN WRITES SMITH ALL ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO JONDS. My Dear Smith—Your pointer was a peach. I left for Chicago immediately after I saw you, and of course brought my ticket over the Wisconsin Central by train from St. Paul to Chicago. I had plenty of time in St. Paul to go up town and get my supper, as my train leaves St. Paul at 7:40 p. m. I returned to the depot about 7:20. When passing through the gates, the gateman said, "There's your train to the right." I handed my grip to the gentlemanly porter, who placed it in my berth. (You will notice I call this my train, while it really belongs to the Wisconsin Central. I could not help but feel that I owned the train, and even the food that the employees are so courteous.) I then prepared myself for the comforts in store. Well, talk about travelling—I have travelled all over the wide world, but never had a more delightful trip than this one from St. Paul to Chicago over the Wisconsin Central. I retired about 10 p. m., and enjoyed a good night's rest in the Pullman palace car; only woke up once during the night, and that was when the porter poked me and said, "Mr. Brown, please don't snore so loud, you disturb the rest of the passengers." I at once fell asleep, and awoke again about 7 a. m., and prepared myself for breakfast; went into the dining car about 8 a. m., and partook of a most sumptuous meal. All meals are served in a car, as you know. My entire trip was a most delightful one. I will never cease to praise the Wisconsin Central R. & I know that your sentiments are the same.

Our friend Jones reached Chicago via another route, and was six hours late. Consequently he missed connections for New York, and cannot make connection there with steamer for the Paris Exposition. Jones has given up his trip, and will return home via the Wisconsin Central R. Your friend, BROWN.

P.S.—Since you were in Chicago, the Wisconsin Central R. have changed their terminals, and are now running into the Central Station, at Park Row and 12th St. This does not affect the Wisconsin Central R. Illinois Central and C. & G. St. L.

THE MINING DISASTER.

It is Feared That One Hundred and Twenty-Five Men Perished in the Red Ash Mine.

Fire Creek, Va., March 6.—The explosion at the Red Ash mine this morning was the worst disaster ever known in the New River district. Although most heroic work by the rescuing party has been going on incessantly all day it is impossible to-night to estimate the full extent of the loss of life and property.

More than 50 dead bodies have already been taken out, and the most reliable estimates obtainable puts the number of victims of the mine explosion at 125. The bodies as a rule are so mangled as to be beyond recognition. Nearly all of the men employed were white and most of them were married and had families.

Red Ash mine is a large drift and the explosion occurred near the entrance, which was thus closed by the falling slate, entombing a large number of miners.

Every assistance possible was rendered by the C. & O. Railway Company and by the adjoining mining towns. Relief parties from great distances arrived as soon as possible.

About 10 a. m. the rescuers recovered ten bodies. Seven of them were already dead and the other three were delirious. As the miners were located at different places in the drift and the explosion caused the falling slate to block the rooms in the different parts of the mine the work of rescue met with one great obstruction after another.

The mine was very heavily timbered in the different drifts, and it was for this reason it was feared that those who had not been killed by falling debris at the time of the explosion, would be poisoned by these connected timbers and suffer death from suffocation. Air was pumped into the mines by engines on the surface, which were kept working after the explosion, but it was feared that air would be pumped into the drifts only a short distance as the coal, some of which carried shut off all possibility of reaching the interior. The pumps and all other machinery in the mine were demolished so that everything had to be done through temporary arrangements on the surface.

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BIGAMIST SENTENCED. Cornwall, March 6.—Yesterday Wm. Hammett, alias Henderson, was found guilty of bigamy and sentenced by Judge Pringle to five years in Kingston penitentiary.

About twenty years ago Hamilton married Miss Henderson, who died some ten years later, and on May 3, 1893, married Miss Alexander, daughter of a respectable farmer living at Tweed. Two children were born to them and Hammett married his wife and located at Cardinal, where he became acquainted with Miss Ida Gardner, of Morrisburg. After a few weeks' courtship they were married by Rev. Mr. Anderson, Church of England minister of Morrisburg, under the assumed name of Henderson.

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NIBHILIST PLOT. St. Petersburg, March 6.—The discovery of Russian and Polish nihilist plots have led to renewed police precautions. On all the Russian frontier the police are exercising extreme vigilance, and are guarding the Czar's movements. The entire route of the Czar's visits to barracks, theatres and public functions are doubly patrolled by secret police, while the guards about the Winter Palace and along the Neva Quay are particularly numerous.

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News From The East

Civil War in China Expected as a Result of Empress Dowager's Action.

Strange Rumors From Japan - Fatal Accident on U. S. S. Wheeling.

When the pilot clambered up the Jacob's ladder thrown over the big side of R. M. S. Empress of India in the Straits yesterday, his advent on deck was awaited with more than ordinary interest. Exactly some of the passengers, generally the ladies, gather to watch his coming, but now not only the passenger folk, but the officers and those of the ship's company that could get there all awaited him. The world was again to be touched through him, by the people of the lines. Eleven days ago they sailed from Yokohama, and as they left the Japanese port the column of General French, after relieving Kimberley, had started after Cronje. Had the colonel made good his invasion? Was Ladysmith relieved? Hope alone and perhaps the faith in the supremacy of the British arms was the only answer to these questions. Therefore, as can be imagined, the war was fought over and over in the imaginations of those on board, for great was their interest in the war, some of the ships' officers, having relatives with the gallant Canadian regiment. These when the pilot came on board and told of the relief of Ladysmith and the surrender of Cronje and his army, there was a celebration on the liner, and it is on record that were it not for the unlimited supply, there would have been a famine in the bar. Great was the joy on the steamer at the receipt of the news.

The Empress of India had a good trip from the Orient. The weather was fair throughout. She had an average complement of passengers for this time of year, thirty saloon and 250 Asiatics. In her hold she had 2,300 odd tons of the usual Oriental cargo. Among the saloon passengers was G. T. Buckett and Mrs. Tuckett, of Hamilton, Ont., who have been touring the Orient. Mr. Tuckett is the well known T. & R. tobacco man. Capt. T. F. Jewell, of the U. S. S. Wheeling, was returning from the Philippines. It is rather below the dignity of a war in the Philippines, but what he did say was "that the situation was well in hand." Capt. E. C. Hamilton, Mrs. and Miss Hamilton, of Victoria, were completing the circuit of the globe. He is a retired officer. Mr. R. Boyce is a German merchant of Yokohama. Mrs. and Mrs. H. Carstens are on a honeymoon trip from Hongkong. Mons.

Pierry, Gallier and Le Bret are a party of French tourists. Chief Justice H. S. Wilkinson was returning to London from Japan. Rev. W. K. McKibben was on his way to the United States after several years residence at Swatow, where he has been engaged in missionary work. He says the people of that city have broken out in rebellion. Shortly before he left the people of several hundred villages were in revolt and requests had been sent to the Viceroy at Canton to send troops to suppress the rebellion. General Wong Kuan Fook had been sent with a force to the Chinese gunboat Chao Ts by Li Hung Chang.

According to news contained in the files received by the Empress the Swatow rebellion will be a mere trifle in the face of further rebellion which is threatened in China. The recent coup d'etat of the Empress Dowager of China in which the Emperor Kwang-su was dethroned and the six-year-old son of Prince Tuan named as his successor, bids fair to embroil the Celestial Empire.

In Civil War.

All the Chinese papers devote considerable space to the talk of impending revolution. The North China Daily News says the Chinese have been thrown into great excitement all over the country by the deposition of the Emperor. Many of the officials, gentry and literati of the province of Hopei have drawn up memorials protesting against her recent actions, which they are taking personally to Peking, notwithstanding the fact they may forfeit their lives in so doing. Their memorials also demand that the Emperor be allowed to again take up the reins of government. Telegrams have also been received by the Tsung-li-Yamen from the Chinese in the Straits, and Southern Pacific, America and the Indian Ocean, conchided in the same strain. Moreover, should the Empress persist in her policy of dethroning the Emperor many of those sending proclamations announce their intention of returning to

support the dethroned Emperor, at Swatow the Chinese are already in revolt, and in many other parts of the empire they are taking up arms against the Bimpress and the Manchus. The Reform party, who are at the head of the movement to foment rebellion, are in receipt of a telegram from Kang Yu Wei, sent from Singapore, in which he says he can raise an army of 40,000. The China Gazette of the 3rd says a telegram was sent by the reform leader to Viceroy Chang-Chih-tung at Wuchang, and General Yuen Chih-hai in Shantung, urging them to come to the rescue of the Emperor and offering the above stated number of troops for the same purpose. The same paper says the Empress Dowager and her advisers being afraid of a revolution have applied to the Russian government for help, and that accordingly Russian troops are expected at Peking. It is reliably reported that the Japanese government has through its minister at Peking, protested against this action of the Empress Dowager. She is said to depend upon the Manchus (the Hunan brigades) of Prince Tuan, the father of the new heir apparent, for protection and to suppress any disturbances. His troops number nearly ten thousand, and are hand in glove with the Boxers and other anti-foreign bands in Shantung, Chihli and Honan.

Rev. W. K. McKibben, a missionary who is returning to the United States from Swatow, says that without doubt trouble is looming up in China. When the Emperor was dethroned it was a great set back to reform, but such a clamor has been raised that the Empress has been obliged to issue an edict which practically reinstates him. This is the first time public opinion has ever accomplished anything in China, and this, at this time, is most significant.

Capt. T. F. Jewell, of U. S. S. Brooklyn, was a passenger on the Empress, together with a time expired gunner of the Wheeling, and from the latter was learned news of a fatal accident on that vessel on January 27th at Hongkong. It was the day of the German Emperor's birthday, and as the gunners were firing a salute a gun exploded, killing Gunner's Mate Campbell instantly, and seriously wounding six others—Lieut. Commander Reilly and Gunners Nelson, Conroy, Brite and two others. Nelson afterwards died from the effects of his wounds. The governor at Hongkong in return for the collections taken up in the American ship for the "Widows' and Orphans' fund for the Transvaal war, has raised a subscription of a thousand dollars, which is being sent to Campbell's people.

Telegrams from Peking to Japanese papers say it is reported that Russia has sent warships to the mouth of the Yalu river, and is expected to send troops from Port Arthur to Korea. One dispatch to the Mail says troops have already been despatched.

The approaching Japanese Naval Manoeuvres will be a very important one. The ships are expected to take part in them independently of the torpedo craft, the squadrons of Yokosuka, Sasebo and Kure contributing their quotas to swell the strength of the standing squadron.

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This, the Japan Advertiser says, if what may be called Japan's first post-bellum display. The date has not yet been fixed, but it will be some time between March 26th and April 10th.

Mount Asama is in eruption. On the morning of January 22nd at about 7 o'clock, a loud rumbling noise was heard to proceed from Mount Asama in Shinshu, and was immediately followed by a severe shock of earthquake at Saku district in the province. In connection with this occurrence, volcanic ashes are reported to have fallen at Urawa, Omiya, Iwatsuki, Kawagoya, Kumagaya, Kuribashi, Honjo in Tokio and other places between 9 and 10 a.m., and it is said

UNNATURAL HUNGER

A Sure Sign of Hidden Dyspepsia.

"It was necessary to eat dinner at 11 o'clock," says Mrs. C. E. Oilman, 1131 Preston St., Rockford, Ill., "in order to have strength to prepare the moonday meal for the family."

"While I was drinking coffee I felt so faint at 11 o'clock that I was unable to proceed with the work unless I had lunch. If I missed the 11 o'clock meal, I was attacked with a severe sick headache."

"My complexion at that time was a slight, great blotches appearing on my face, and I was so nervous I could sleep but a few minutes at a time, and would wake in the morning more tired than when I went to bed."

"Our grocer called my attention one day to Postum Cereal Coffee. This was about three years ago. I immediately quit the use of coffee and took up Postum having it prepared properly. The change produced a remarkable result. In a week or two I was able to leave off the 11 o'clock lunch and take my dinner in the regular way with the rest of the family. My blotchy complexion disappeared and a natural complexion took its place. Now I can go from morning until night without a meal, if I desire, and no headache or inconvenience of any kind appears. I sleep sound as a baby, and my kidney trouble, which was more than serious, has entirely disappeared."

"A lady friend was recommended to try Postum, and a short time after, told me she was disgusted with it for it had no taste. I asked her if she held it carefully fifteen minutes after the real bubbling commenced. She said no, and in reply to another question, said she used only one heaping teaspoonful to the cup. I explained to her that she must use two heaping teaspoonfuls to the cup and let it boil long enough. The next time I saw her she said she used Postum conscientiously and that it had made a great change in her health and the health of one or two members of her family."

It seems plain from this experiment, that one is justified in the inference that Postum is a natural food for many human beings, and sets up all sorts of diseases. The remedy is plain enough to abandon the coffee and use Postum Cereal Coffee, which is sold by all grocers at 15c and 25c a package.

that the ashes which fell at Omiya, Urawa and Kawagoya reached a depth of about 2 inches.

A Miyazaki dispatch to the Kobe Chronicle, dated the 17th Feb., states that there has been an eruption of Kirishikanyama and four persons have been killed.

The eruption of Asama was still continued when the Empress sailed. On Feb. 20th it was rent by a great explosion, and the city of Yokohama was shaken by earthquake. The natives had all left the vicinity of the mountain, but many Americans and Europeans who remained may have been overwhelmed. A party that had gone to investigate had not returned when the steamer sailed.

Rioters are threatening the Chinese railway builders at Kau Mi, and the German authorities at Tientsin port have sent 180 men and two guns to Kionchow to protect the railway men and the line.

The Tokio police are in receipt of a letter from George W. McNeasey, chief detective of the New York force, asking for the arrest of one Henry Allen Sharp, aged 30, who eloped some time ago with a young actress known as Pearl or June, Aldrich aged 28, after stealing some \$3,000 belonging to his father. A reward of \$500 has been offered by his father. It is supposed that the couple left for Japan by the Empress of China.

The bill for the equalization of religion has been defeated by the Japanese diet. The vote was 121 to 108.

The U. S. S. Oregon was at Yokohama when the Empress sailed.

Japan's mining laws have been amended to allow of mines being worked by foreigners.

Li Hung Chang has taken charge at Peking. On his arrival a plot was discovered in a Guy Fawkes to blow him up and those with him when the ceremony of installation took place. Another plot to poison him was frustrated on Jan. 21st.

SUB-COMMITTEES MEET.

And Discuss Sorby Harbor Scheme Yesterday Afternoon.

The sub-committees on real estate and revenue in connection with the general committee on preliminary investigation of the Sorby harbor scheme met yesterday afternoon in the city hall, but accomplished nothing definite. There were present Mayor Hayward in the chair, Ald. Brydon, and Messrs. Shallock, Holland, Forman, T. B. Hall and Sorby.

In commencing proceedings the mayor explained the object of the meeting, arising out of the discrepancy between Mr. Sorby's estimate of the revenue and that of the committee dealing with that matter. So far the two committees had forwarded no report as to their joint consideration of this question, and it was most unfair that Mr. D. R. Harris, who was given to understand that the bodies were to take place should be so uncommunicative. The mayor expressed his opinion that the council would not vote the money until the committee had reported.

A. D. Brydon and Mr. T. B. Hall explained

the money should be voted under any circumstances as the information derived from the borings would always prove valuable, even though it were deemed inadvisable to carry out the scheme. They believed that the estimate of the revenue committee that the tonnage for the year amounted to 47,000 was a fair one, which would make the revenue at about \$70,000. Mr. Sorby's estimate of the tonnage was \$74,000, and the revenue \$95,000.

In explanation of his figures, Mr. Sorby pointed out that the steamer Anur was carrying 10,000 tons a year, but Mr. Shallock opposed this estimate, and held that Mr. Sorby had based his total calculation on the amount of freight passing in and out during 1897-1898, which it will be remembered was the year of the big Klondike rush. During that year 93,000 tons of dutiable goods passed through the customs house as against 76,000 for the previous year, and 77,000 for last year.

Mr. Sorby replied that he would estimate on the average for the last five years, while as to the revenue the committee on that subject had calculated on a wharfage of 50 cents per ton. He had investigated this question, had interviewed leading merchants, and ascertained that they paid an average rate of 61 cents per ton. Messrs. Brackman & Ker at present paid no wharfage, having wharves of their own, but the speaker maintained that if the scheme was carried out they would pay the wharfage, and that he would estimate on the average for the last five years, while as to the revenue the committee on that subject had calculated on a wharfage of 50 cents per ton. He had investigated this question, had interviewed leading merchants, and ascertained that they paid an average rate of 61 cents per ton. Messrs. 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RULE OR RUIN PARTY. The Conservative leaders and their organs have had an example of what their onslaughts on the French-Canadians of Quebec may possibly lead to. Goaded and enraged by the taunts of papers like the Montreal Star, a number of hot-headed students from the French-Canadian University of Laval have indulged in rioting and violent demonstrations in that city. We in Canada know that these things are nothing more than the antics of a few disorderly boys, but the event has been headed by a number of American papers as the beginning of an outbreak against British rule in the Eastern province. The newspapers in the United States are only giving currency to neutral conditions in speaking of this as the beginning of a rebellion when they have been reading for months in the columns of the Star and its unscrupulous contemporaries that the French-Canadians of Lower Canada, numbering about two millions of people, were disloyal to the British crown. These papers say now their utterances were only applicable to a few of the leaders of the Liberty party, but the large majority of the French-Canadians are followers of Laurier, and in that very fact lies the reason for their venomous attacks. They realize that these people can never by any possibility become followers of Sir Charles Tupper, and they want if possible to stampede the electors of the English-speaking provinces to their side by shouting that the people of Quebec are disloyal. Our French-Canadian fellow-citizens, as every one who has studied their peculiar situation admits, as a matter of fact are the sturdiest patriots. Some of the greatest lights of the Canadian and American literary world have come down here and lived with them, and we have their undivided testimony to that effect. The French were the first settlers in what is now known as Canada, and although they were conquered by Britain the generosity with which they were treated by their conquerors removed the sting of defeat and never since that memorable day when

two gallant generals fell on the Plains of Abraham have they given evidence of a desire to change their allegiance. Although tempted at the time of the American War of Independence by the sly tongue of Franklin to take sides with the southern colonists against the British they remained true, and more than once since have they not only resisted the tempter but have actually laid down their lives in a war which is admitted to have preserved this great Dominion to the British crown. Let us remember these things in treating the question from another aspect. We must not forget that our French-Canadian fellow-subjects are not British by blood and that their relations with the Mother Country are not the same and cannot be expected to be so intimate as with us who were either born there, have relatives living there or have otherwise imbibed the traditions which so tenderly bind our hearts to Britain. Their unequalled religious, social and political freedom which they enjoy under the British flag, and when a few, a very few, members of parliament insisted that parliament should have been called before taking action in the matter of sending our volunteers to South Africa they were perfectly within their rights in making this demand. They were not carried away by their emotions and were simply asking the constitutional view, and that they were right is proved by the action of the British government in summoning the Imperial parliament to take a vote on the credit necessary to meet the expenses of repelling the Boer invasion. The government of Canada understood the sentiment of the country and concluded that to summon the representatives of the people would mean an unnecessary expense, and hence it acted without consulting parliament, and the majority of the French-Canadians now agree with the decision of the cabinet. These and papers in Quebec representing both political parties which are opposed to Canada taking any part at all in the South African war, but it is not going to do any good to abuse them for that; the more reasonable course would be to endeavor to convince them of the error of their ways. They will get over it and come over to our side in time, just as those public men in the English-speaking provinces who were at one time in favor of Canadian independence have now changed their minds, and some of them are now sitting in our legislatures and are amongst the loudest of the loyal shouters. We repeat that the cry of disloyalty which has been raised against the French-Canadians by the Conservative press is a purely partisan cry and that it has been deliberately decided on for the purpose of destroying the prestige of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the English-speaking provinces with the mistaken idea that there by they may get rid of the first French-Canadian Premier we have ever had in Canada. They cannot find any legitimate fault with the administrative acts of the government, so even at the risk of wrecking the Dominion they resort to the race, and religion bugaboo, but they will fail again just as they failed in 1896. AN AGREEMENT THAT WAS NOT BINDING. At the time of the defeat of the government on the redistribution bill it will be remembered that the action of Mr. Martin in voting against the measure surprised everybody, including the members on the government side of the House. The member for Vancouver had announced that he was in favor of the bill, and it was the common belief that although the administration could not survive many days, this particular measure was not likely to be the one on which it would go down. That the government members were not without substantial reasons for their faith in their ability to get the redistribution measure through the House and agreement which Mr. Kellie has placed in our hands, and which will be found in another column, demonstrates. As Mr. Kellie points out, Mr. Martin was to give the measure his support upon certain conditions, and if these conditions were not observed in the bill as originally introduced, then the necessary amendments could be made in committee of the whole. As the measure did not reach committee, but was killed on the second reading by Mr. Martin's vote, the member for Vancouver evidently did not consider the agreement binding upon him. No doubt Mr. Martin will be able to give a reason for refusing to carry out what seems to us to have been a plain and easily understood compact, but we must confess that we cannot even guess what it will be. As the case is presented by Mr. Kellie, Mr. Martin appears to have broken his promise. Perhaps Mr. Martin can put the transaction in a more favorable light. THE YUKON MAIL SERVICE. The condemnation of everything in connection with the administration of the Yukon country by the opponents of the present government we expect as a matter of course. Most of the adverse comments emanate from Sir Herbert Tupper, whose special line of policy is to discredit everything pertaining to the departments of Mr. Sifton and Mr. Mulock. Frequently complaints have appeared in regard to the mail service to Dawson City and other northwestern points, and we print the following communication to show, taking all the circumstances into consideration, how

much real ground there is for complaint: Dawson, Y. T., Feb. 13th, 1900. To the Editor:—From time to time various adverse reports from the outside reach us concerning the mail service in and out of the Yukon Territory, and we are at a loss to understand upon what foundation such reports are based. As a matter of fact the mail this winter has been handled in a most satisfactory manner, both incoming and outgoing, the distance between Dawson and Bennett having been frequently covered in from 8 to 10 days. Notwithstanding the many difficulties attending travel on the Yukon river between the closing of navigation and the freeze-up, hardly a break was made in the receipt of mail from the outside. Just at that period, of course, it was absolutely impossible to take mail out. The distribution of the mail also has been accomplished with remarkable exactness, considering the many inconveniences under which the post office department labors. The last mail which reached Dawson contained, we are informed, approximately 40,000 letters. It arrived about noon on the 10th inst., and was ready for delivery at 9 a. m. the following Monday. The Canadian Development Co., as carriers, and Mr. Hartman, the postmaster, are making the most painstaking efforts to render the service an efficient one in every respect, and we deem it a simple matter of justice to contradict the false reports above referred to. Respectfully yours, ALASKA-COMMERCIAL-COMPANY, Per Wm. M. Heron, Agent. The discussion in the House of Commons at Ottawa of the political situation in British Columbia, which was precipitated by Colonel Prior's question yesterday brought forth nothing which was not already known. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's intimation, however, that an immediate appeal to the people is imperative may have the effect of changing the programme of Premier Martin in regard to postponing the elections until the month of May or June. It may be quite within the power of the Lieutenant-Governor to allow a government, only one member of which was chosen by the people at the polls, to administer the affairs of this province for four months, but it would be better—more constitutional, as the Colapost would say—if the departments were administered by representatives of the people. At a meeting in London of the board to which is entrusted the duty of looking after the interests of the Pacific cable a protest was laid against the action of the governments of Victoria and New South Wales in granting land line privileges to the Eastern Extension Company. It was pointed out to the governments of these colonies that as they were primarily interested in the new cable, and as the proposed concessions might prove a serious blow to the project, in the interests of all concerned the reasonable course would be to withdraw from the position they had taken. It is the general opinion that the protest made at the meeting is likely to have a good effect, especially as it is known to express the sentiments of the Imperial government. It is reported that Mr. Hearst, the owner of the San Francisco Examiner and New York Journal, is going to Pre-toria to consult with Oom Paul as to measures to put an end to the war. If the American millionaire could postpone his trip for a little while he might meet Kruger in Capetown. He will not be there in accordance with the original programme of enjoying a dance, to be sure, although the British might not object to that, but he might have learned something by experience (which he could impart to Mr. Hearst as to his foolishness in entering on the war at all. The news from South Africa today confirms the view expressed at the time that the moral effect of the disaster to Crook would be far-reaching and would probably bring the end of the war within sight. The Boers seem to be on the run in all directions, and are so scattered as to be unable to offer effective resistance to the British forces. It is announced for the first time that a column of British troops is operating in the Transvaal, which may be taken to indicate that the retreating Boers may find a force cutting off their retreat on Pretoria. Here is an example of how the British preference works: In 1897 the monthly average of Canadian exports of butter to the United Kingdom was 392,000 pounds; in 1898 the average per month was 314,000 pounds, and in 1899 it was 1,624,000 pounds. That is the effect of drawing British attention to Canada. It is almost time we heard something from General French and his flying column. They generally have had business on their hands when there has been no news of their doings for two or three days. WHAT A TALE IT TELLS. If that mirror of yours shows a wretched, sallow complexion, a jaundiced look, mottled patches and blotches on the skin, it is a liver trouble; but Dr. King's New Life Pills regulate the liver, purify the blood, give clear skin, rosy cheeks, rich complexion. Only 25c. at F. W. Fawcett & Co.'s drug store. Questioned in the Imperial House of Commons yesterday by a member of the opposition, disturbances at Montreal, Mr. Chamberlain said he regretted the "unfortunate" and briefly recounted the occurrences, saying he was hoping to add that a telegram on Monday evening, showed that the disturbances were over. If you are annoyed or distressed by Catarrh of the Little Nerve Pills. Dyppepsia makes you nervous and nervousness makes you dyppeptic either one renders you miserable, and these little pills cure both.

Yosemite in Trouble The Big Sidewheeler of the C. P. N. Co. Strikes Near Shell Island. Was Floated Through the Efforts of Islander—She is Badly Damaged.

Steamer Yosemite, the big side wheeler of the C. P. N. fleet, commanded by Capt. Sears, which, since the steamer Islander began her daylight service to Vancouver, has been running tri-weekly as a freighter in conjunction with the passenger steamer has been badly injured, if not wrecked, in the vicinity of Sidney. After tendering the Empress yesterday she loaded her cargo and left in the early morning for Vancouver. All went well until she was passing Sidney, when she struck on Shell Island, about two miles above the town, and remained fast, despite all efforts to back her from the reef, which held her prisoner.

The Islander, which left her berth some hours after her predicament, went to her assistance, and about 10 o'clock pulled her from the reef. The passenger vessel then resumed her voyage, and the sidewheeler started after her, but her injuries were too great to allow her to continue the voyage, and the Islander was signalled to return and stand by. So great was the injuries to the Yosemite that the water began to creep up in her hold, and it looked for a time as though she would founder. The Islander returning was laden with her, so that if the water continued to gain on her she could be kept above water until she was hoisted. The two steamers were fastened to each other in this way until 2 o'clock this afternoon, when the Islander let go and continued her voyage to the Mainland, and the damaged Yosemite proceeded under her own steam to Sidney Island to be hoisted until such repairs could be made as will enable her to return.

The steamer Willapa, which returned early this morning from the West Coast, went on the assistance of the wrecked Yosemite about 1 o'clock with Mr. Vincent, general manager of the C. P. N. Co., and Mr. Joe Clark, chief of the construction department of the company, on board. The Yosemite was well filled with freight. The Islander will, in consequence of the accident, be late in returning from the Mainland tonight. The C. P. N. Co. had nothing to say of the accident beyond the fact that the Yosemite had gone ashore and the Islander had pulled her off. The details above were learned from those at Sidney, Shell Island, where the accident occurred, and is said to be a dangerous locality.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION. Societies of Churches Forming an Association for Securing Better Municipal Government. At a meeting of delegates appointed by the young people's societies of the various churches of the city held in the Epworth League room of the Metropolitan church last night, it was decided to attempt to form a union, having as its object: 1st. The closer relationship of all our young people. 2nd. The interchange of views in connection with the successful carrying on of the work of Christ. 3rd. The preparation for organized effort for the better municipal government, and any other matters that may from time to time demand the attention of the union.

A meeting has been called for Tuesday, March 20th, at 8 o. m. in the school room of the Metropolitan church for the purpose of organizing, when the officers will be elected. The following have been selected to give ten-minute addresses, advancing arguments in favor of such union or otherwise: Rev. J. C. Speer, Metropolitan church; Rev. Leslie Clay, St. Andrew's Protestant; Rev. Dr. Wilcox, Calvary Baptist; Rev. Dr. Wilson, Reformed Episcopal; Rev. Mr. Payne, First Congregational. All pastors and all members of young people's societies of the city are invited to be present.

VANCOUVER NOTES. The Septic Tank System—Barnett Mill to be Enlarged. (Special to the Times.) Vancouver, March 7.—There have been several long delays in commencing the installation of the septic tank system of sewage disposal. The contract for putting in two tanks was let about four months ago to Mr. H. D. Wylie, then manager of the system in America, and representing the English patentees. A letter has been received from Mr. Wylie stating that he has obtained control of the patents for Canada, and that a new contract must be entered into with himself personally. The city solicitor advised at the council meeting on Monday night that this could be done, and it is now said that the work of construction will be hurried.

The new mill of the North-Pacific Lumber Company at Barnett, owned by the McLarvins of Ottawa, expects to close down in a few weeks to construct a very large addition that will make the capacity of the mill twice as much as at present. The new planing machine will be the largest in British Columbia. F. Buscombe is the only nominee for the presidency of the Board of Trade, the annual meeting of which will be held next week. Present President, J. L. Macdonald, has refused to stand again.

WORLD'S CHAMPION HEALER. "I tried many remedies to cure piles," writes W. R. Smith, of Tatham, Ill., "but found no relief till I used Bucklen's Anal Ointment. One of the best cures I have known, and the best sale in the world. 25c per box, guaranteed by F. W. Fawcett & Co., druggists.

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ONTARIO FINANCES. (Associated Press.) Toronto, March 7.—The report of the financial experts appointed to examine the finances of the province says that the treasury assets alone show a net provincial surplus of \$2,000,000.

MONTREAL STUDENTS. (Associated Press.) Montreal, March 7.—At a meeting of McGill students today an invitation was extended to the students of Laval University to accompany the former in a demonstration to be given to Strathcona's House upon its arrival in this city. The Laval students, however, at a meeting this morning, decided not to accept an invitation should one be sent them from McGill, fearing that to do so would after the recent disturbance might cause trouble.

MURDERED AT CARDS. Long Branch, N. J., March 6.—Wm. White, of North Long Branch, was murdered early today in Laid street, Lancaster. The murderer escaped. White had two or three companions were playing cards and got into a dispute. Words led to blows, and in the scuffle some one stabbed White. Some of the witnesses of the affair have been arrested. The slaying is said to have been done by a foreigner. No trace of him can be found.

PROFESSOR'S SUICIDE. Bangor, Me., March 6.—Prof. F. L. Harvey, of the University of Maine, shot and killed himself at his home in Orono this morning. He had been suffering from mental troubles resulting from overwork.

AN EDITOR FINDS A SURE CURE FOR RHEUMATISM. A. R. De Fluitt, editor of the Journal, Doylestown, Ohio, suffered for a number of years from rheumatism in his right shoulder and side. He says: "My right arm at times was entirely useless. I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and was surprised to receive relief almost immediately. The Pain Balm has been a constant companion of mine ever since and it never fails." For sale by Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. A. O. U. W. HALL. Four nights commencing Wednesday, March 7. WILLIS' Goontown 400. The Premier Colored Organization of America in a Rag Time Operatic Burlesque, Vocalists, Dancers, Comedians, Pretty Girls. 25-LEADING COLORED ARTISTS-25. The Black Bostonian Quartette and the Countess 400 Jubilee Singers. The event of the season.

WANTS. APPRENTICES WANTED for millinery, Columbia House, 51 Douglas Street. WANTED—\$2 per day wage, gentleman or lady, special work, position permanent; reliable firm, with best references; experience unnecessary. Address S. M. P. Field, Manager, 34th Street, New York.

FOR SALE. FIVE-ROOMED HOUSE FOR SALE—on easy terms. Apply 12 Francis Avenue. FOR SALE—Second hand upright 10 h. p. boiler, suitable for Klonkike. Apply Thorpe & Co., Ltd., David Street.

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SOCIETIES. VICTORIA COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 1, 1105 First Street, in every month at Masonic Temple, Douglas Street, at 7:30 p. m. B. S. ODDY, Secretary. SCAVENGERS. JULIUS WEST, General Scavenger, successor to John Dougherty, Yards and cesspools cleaned, contracts taken for removing earth, etc. All orders left with James Peil & Co., Port Street, grocery; John Cochrane, corner Yates and Douglas Streets, will be promptly attended to. Residence, 59 Vancouver Street. Telephone 138.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.
Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 7, 1900. An extensive storm area, which was of Vancouver Island yesterday, is spreading eastward, and is causing general rains over the Pacific slope, snow in the Rockies and Alberta, and high southerly winds along the Coast from this southward to California. The temperature is 10 below zero in Manitoba and vicinity. Cautionary storm signals have been hoisted here and at Vancouver this morning.

Forecasts.
For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Thursday. Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong southerly winds, becoming high on the Coast, unsettled and mild, with occasional rain.
Lower Mainland—Fresh to strong southerly winds, unsettled and rainy.
Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 29.43; temperature, 47; minimum, 43; wind, 16 miles S. E.; rain, 14; weather, cloudy.
New Westminster—Barometer, 29.44; temperature, 49; minimum, 38; wind, 24 miles S. E.; rain, 44; weather, fair.
Nanaimo—Wind, E.; weather, fair.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.46; temperature, 24; minimum, 21; wind, calm; rain, trace; weather, clear.
Burrville—Barometer, 29.52; temperature, 14; minimum, 12; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, 52; minimum, 52; wind, 6 miles S. E.; rain, 22; weather, fair.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

—See Countown 400, To-night.
—Rambler Bicycles—"the 21-year old wheels." Weller Bros.
—You will find it in the B. C. Guide; 5c per copy, 50c per year, in all book stores in B. C.
—The Youth and Beauty of Victoria and Vicinity procure the People's Trading Shampoos at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street.
—H. Dallas Heincken, president of the local Liberal-Conservative Association, has called a meeting of that body on Friday evening at 8 p.m.
—See Aggie's den of ferocious lions fed at Lyceum Theatre to-night.
—There will be a regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council to-night in St. William Wallace Hall, when the attitude of the labor council to the new government will come up.
—In St. James' church this evening, H. Wallis, staff engineer of H.M.S. Leader, will give a sacred lantern lecture commencing at 7.45. A special collection will be taken up in aid of the church funds.
—The Canadian residents of Portland, following the example of other Americans throughout the Union, are preparing for a concert to be given to raise funds for the monument to the Canadian soldiers who fell in South Africa.
—The receipts of the patriotic meeting at Metehosh held recently was \$170.55. Of this sum \$35.80 was raised through Miss Duke's recitation of "The Absent Minded Beggar," \$65.75 through the sale of tickets, and \$71 by subscription.
—The question of whether or not the appointment of AM. Yates to a portfolio in the Martin government will render it necessary for him to resign his position as alderman has been referred by Mr. Yates to the city solicitor for an opinion.
—The case of Robert Lines, charged with obtaining money, amounting to \$70, from Roderick Morrison under false pretences, in Adlin, was resumed in the provincial police court yesterday afternoon, and was ultimately dismissed. Mr. Geo. Powell appeared for the defence.
—See Aggie in the lion's den at Lyceum Theatre to-night.
—At the record of the series of Lenten organ recitals to be given in St. John's church on Sunday evening next, Mr. Lombard will be assisted by the following vocalists: Mrs. P. Pemberton, Miss Edith Carter and Mr. Herbert Kent; solo cornet, Mr. Walter North.
—Joshua Holland, who has acted as manager of the Victoria-Yukon Trading Co. since its organization, yesterday withdrew from the firm. His interest has been purchased by the remaining members of the company. Mr. Holland will engage in business for himself in the North.
—The matron of the B. C. Protestant Orphanage acknowledges the following donation during the past month: Mrs. Walker, stockings; Mrs. W. J. Smith, clothing; Mrs. Durick, clothing; Mrs. Bostock, toys; A. Friend, one box apples and one sack potatoes; Mr. King, cartage of same; Mrs. Mowley, clothing; A. Friend, 27 slates; Mrs. J. H. Todd, clothing; Mrs. Austin, two boxes cooking peas; Mrs. Melburn, clothing; Mrs. Morse, clothing; Miss Lucas, one pair boots; Mrs. Stephens (Salt Spring Island), \$1 for buns; Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, clothing, boots, etc.; Miss M. Hutcheson, Sunday school papers; Miss Jenkins, large scrap-book; Miss G. Edgerton, clothing; Mr. S. M. Robbins, four tons coal; Times and Colonist, daily papers; P. J. Dean (Kamloops), \$10.
—That the entertainment recently given by Mr. Wickens's class, assisted by other talent, in aid of the women's fund in the Provincial Jubilee Hospital, was financially successful, the following statement by Mr. Wickens will demonstrate: Gross receipts, \$227.25; expenses, \$17.00; printing and advertising \$17, professional assistance \$15, extra orchestral parts \$2, express, and truck hire \$6.50; total \$255.50. Fifty-seven complimentary tickets were issued to those who sold tickets or otherwise assisted in making the concert a musical and financial success. Mr. Wickens is desirous of taking this opportunity to thank Mrs. P. B. Pemberton and Mrs. J. D. Helmcken for their kind assistance, also Mr. Purcell (piano tuner for Waitts), and Messrs. B. F. Shepard, E. Brown, F. Merton, G. Woods, T. Brooker and S. Malpas, the door attendants and others whose services were gratis. The balance of \$171.75 has been forwarded to Mrs. Hasell, secretary Ladies' Auxiliary of the hospital.
—The best bill of the season at Savoy to-night.
—A most enjoyable meeting was held by Branch No. 1, Juvenile Foresters, in K. of P. Hall last evening, when officers were installed for the ensuing year. Two members were initiated as apprentices to the customs of Robin Hood, while a recapitulation of the year's work showed the lodge to be in a most satisfactory condition. There has been but very little sickness among the members, and 30 games have been added to the membership list. That the financial state is particularly favorable is evidenced by the statement that there is a total of \$600 in the treasury. The officers installed were as follows: C. R. Edlin, Patron; S. R. Thomas, Neill; S. W. H. Wolfe, J. W. Ed. Sellick; S. R. Henry Bird; J. B. Reginald Keown; Sec., James March; Treas., W. J. Gower. After the installation ceremonies, prizes were presented by the district officers to those contestants who secured the greatest number of members during the year. A large lantern exhibition was given by Mrs. O. C. Hastings, the majority of the views evoking great enthusiasm.
—Go to the drill hall concert to-night.

PLAGUE AT PORT TOWNSEND.
The Disease Which Fought Victims on the Japanese Steamer Nanyo Maru Was the Plague.
Bubonic plague has an existence nearer than Honolulu, for, according to the official statement of the officers in charge of quarantine stations on the coast, the disease, which wasted so many of the crew of the Japanese steamer Nanyo Maru at the Diamond Head quarantine station at Port Townsend, was not believed as then announced, but bubonic plague. The disease claimed many victims on the Japanese vessel, which is said by those who have seen it to be the filthiest that ever crossed the Pacific. There were seventeen cases in all on the vessel, of which three proved fatal. The steamer is still held in quarantine.
—Go to the drill hall concert to-night.
—Inspect Rambler and Ideal Juvenile bicycles. Weller Bros., cycle, Broad and Beroughton streets.
—The city council will hold a meeting this evening, when work on the estimates will be the principal order of business.
—The Rev. Mr. Speer conducted the services this afternoon in connection with the funeral of the infant son of Mr. Lawia, of South Pandora street.
—The only offender to occupy the attention of the police court this morning was William Emmett, who was fined \$2.50 or five days for drunkenness.
—P. C. Macgregor to-day closed the sale of G. T. Kane's and two cottages at the corner of Fairquhar and Quadra streets to Mrs. S. E. Oulson for \$1,500 and \$1,800.
—Imperial Cafe for afternoon tea, B. A. Stone's bread and buns; cosy rooms for ladies.
—Mr. John Fabula, curator of the provincial museum, is confined to his room suffering from a severe cold. It is probable that he will not be able to attend to business for some days.
—The Centennial mock parliament will not resume this evening, but will meet in all probability in a fortnight, when a measure will be introduced providing for the government control of the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors.
—The hon. treasurer of the Jubilee hospital begs to acknowledge with thanks receipt of \$12.85 from the Junior Bachelors and Benedicts of Victoria, as a donation towards the Jubilee hospital children's ward.
—On Monday evening Mr. Noah Shakespeare will give a stereoscopic exhibition in the Centennial church. He has collected some splendid war slides and also a series of views along the C. P. R. from the Atlantic to the Pacific.
—Provincial Constable Russel yesterday seized several boxes of lime ball dunks which were on sale at the store of Brown & Cooper, the season limit expiring the day previous. Mr. Cooper states that the dunks were secured by him during the season, and that he was a few he had not disposed of.
—Workmen have been engaged for some time past in destroying the old structures owned by Mr. Oliver and situated on Courmorant street, just above Government. There were several of these old shacks, the premises extending back to Esquard street. They were condemned several weeks ago.
—Go to the drill hall concert to-night.
—The remains of the late Wm. Turpin, who died at the Jubilee hospital on Sunday last, were removed to Hanna's undertaking rooms this morning by order of a number of his old acquaintances in the painting profession, who have his funeral arrangements in charge. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 10 a.m. the Rev. E. G. Miller officiating.
—Nanaimo Free Press refers to the company which opens to-night in the A. O. U. W. hall: "Countown 400 made a big hit at the opera house last night. There was a large audience present to enjoy the catchy rag-time songs and watch the funny antics of the players. The dancing was really something wonderful and the applause was well merited. All the members of the company handled their parts well and the large audience was convulsed with merriment throughout the performance."
—Bandmaster Finn has prepared an especially inviting programme for the patrons of this evening's midweek concert at the drill hall, the programme selected being a judicious mixture of the local grade of music—jazz, intermediate and popular. It includes, among others, the descriptive battle piece, "The Relief of Ladysmith" and a grand fantasia on "English Songs." The extra attractions are excellent and numerous, the band being assisted on this occasion by Mr. A. E. Goward, Mr. E. H. Russell, Master J. H. Gordon, Miss Lily Brooker, Mr. Ernest Powell and Master Edgar Fawcett.
—The regularly quarterly meeting of the board of licensing commissioners will be held on Wednesday afternoon next at 2.30 o'clock. The business will be of a light character, there being about half a dozen applications for license transfers. There is also no possibility of this list becoming augmented, as the law requires that all applications for transfers of licenses must be submitted a fortnight previous to the session of the commissioners. There having been no application to the board in succession of Ald. Brydon, who not long ago resigned, the personnel at present consists of Mayor Hayward and Mr. J. B. Lovell.
—The annual meeting of the B. C. branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society will be held in the school room of St. Andrew's church this evening at 8 o'clock. Suitable addresses will be given and appropriate music provided, while a report will be submitted outlining the work of the society throughout the year. The meeting will also be made up of the work of the parent society in the old land. The executive will meet at 7.30 in the pastor's study for the purpose of nominating officers for the ensuing year. It is important that every member should be present.
—Go to the drill hall concert to-night.

What Did It Cost?
Some Reflections on the Recent Celebration of a Great Event.
The Share Chinatown Had in Making the Affair Such a Success.
How much Victoria spent in celebrating the relief of Ladysmith last Thursday will probably never be accurately known, or even approximately. It was certainly a handsome sum in the aggregate, for the festival was one of the most open-handed and regardless of expense ever held in the West. Every body spent something, had many spent largely, even recklessly. The crackers, the unique feature of the celebration, and without which it would have been perhaps not quite so successful, can only be reckoned at a figure of very high terms. It is alleged that Chinatown was absolutely cleaned out of crackers that night and that had his Satanic Majesty dared to show his nose in Courmorant street last evening there was not a stray bunch of crackers or an unexpended bomb to prevent him working his infernal designs upon the Celestial population. They were in a bad fix and His Majesty lost a golden opportunity to scoop off some five thousand nice, fat prosperous souls of the Flower Kingdom to his own black dominions without let or hindrance.
For it must be explained that the burning of the crackers by the white trash has no efficacy in fending off China's chosen Evil Spirit from the sons of Cathay; the deed must be done by the hands and in the true spirit by the Chinese themselves or the foul fiend refuses to be scared away and hold in terror for the next ensuing lawful twelve-month. The foreign devils have no standing whatsoever in his court; they are personae non gratae there, and the heinous Chinaman that gets his crackers burnt for him by a white man, expecting thus to find grace, is advertising himself as a fool and his sacrifice is of no effect.
The really comic thing about the firecracker festival last Thursday is that at the beginning of the year the City Council declined to allow the Chinese to set off the annual shell-cracking bombardment, so that the immense consignment of those goods imported specially for the purpose of singing the fall of the Worst One, was sorrowfully stowed away on the back shelves with sighs, if not tears, and no hope that it would ever be required before damp and mildew first rotted the crack-out-of-shelf crackers and the stomp out of the bombs. These goods were looked upon as dead stock, and were so entered in the profit-and-loss account.
Then vague rumors reached the Chinese bosses that in the event of Ladysmith being relieved the white people would probably make a short "excursion" "of the handle" to the accompanying sale of such noise-producers and other suitable joy-indicators as were available. It is truly extraordinary the commercial astuteness of the Chinese. The white merchant is not in the same field with his Chinese friend at scenting business from afar and laying traps for selected profits. At any rate the incoming Empresses brought fresh consignments of the condemned and apparently useless fire-crackers. Canton wrote memorously enquiring if the Evil One was expected to take up his residence permanently in Victoria. The Victorian Chinaman merely chuckled and went on refitting ready for the event. They had faith in Ty-he Buller.
Hence, when the glad tidings came in on the wire and everybody wanted to make a noise of some kind to show how he felt, John was at the counter and Sing at the tally-book and something more than a land-office business was done. All day the white man's shakels clinked and glittered on the counters of the yellow traders; all day long, and nearly all night, the packages, boxes and bundles of explosive joy went forth from the counting sheds until on the eve of the celebration the streets were white with their heads sorrowfully and disappointed white men with dollars in their craps hastened off to other stores, there to get the same recreation. If there was a package of fire-crackers left in Chinatown that night it must have been retained for sentimental reasons, solely for the quarters was raised from red to end by celebrants who wanted to wind up the proceedings with a "jamboree" of flame and smoke and deafening racket that might be heard across the straits. But they were too late.
With a view to ascertaining as nearly as might be the amount spent by the white people in those Chinese commodities, a Times man tried yesterday to learn from the Chinese dealers what their share of the profits amounted to. The attempt was not very successful, though vastly amusing. If a Chinaman makes any asker after truth for a policeman or a tax-collector, that seeker's chances of finding any truth are about as slender as his likelihood of finding a treatise on sanitation on the altar of Joss. When a Chinese dealer sees a person enter his Celestial Emporium of Heavenly Delights, and beams brightly, he does not want to buy anything, he pops at once into the impregnable armor of "no savvy" and erases exasperating defiance at all the endeavors of the perambulating interrogation-mark to glean enough information to hide a Canadian five-cent piece. It is difficult for an enquirer to make progress. If he has not made facial control a study, he will not make much of it.

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HAPPENINGS OF A DAY ALONG THE WATERFRONT.
Steamer Tees will sail to-night for Skagway. Among those booked to sail by her are Capt. Clarence Cox, W. S. Whitaker, and a number of others of the crew of the steamer Skylark now lying at Houtaliqua. Turner Townsend, who takes in his famous dog team, went to be one of the best that ever went over the trail; G. H. Keays, R. Lucas, Misses Morrison, J. Pearson and A. C. Murray, manager of the Hudson's Bay store at Port Simpson.
Eric Pitcairn, formerly running the South Seas for the missionaries, has sailed from San Francisco for Cape Nome. She has on board 50 passengers and 200 tons of freight. The price paid for the charter of the brig was \$5,000, and as the charterer expects to receive \$15,000 for passengers and cargo, the trip promises to be a paying one.
A press dispatch received from Monterey reports the arrival of the sealing schooners Diana and Enterprise with 450 and 247 skins respectively. This news was received in private dispatches, and published in these columns some days ago.
All the ports of the Hawaiian Isles are now quarantined. The spread of the disease from Honolulu to Hilo and Kahului shows that the quarantine between islands is not complete, and no chances will be taken on the result.
One of the Chinese fishermen of the Empress of India died on the voyage. The body was embalmed and will be shipped back to China.
Steamer Amur left for Skagway last night. She will load a special cargo at Vancouver.
LAW INTELLIGENCE.
The full court sat again this morning. The Crown's appeal from Mr. Justice Drake's decision published a few days ago in reference to the succession duty on the Todd estate. Judgment was reserved.
Bank of B. C. v. Oppenheimer. The defendants appealed from an order of Judge Drake refusing a jury. The order appealed from was made because the pleadings were not settled at the time the application was made, and therefore it was premature. The appeal was dismissed, but the costs will follow the event of the trial. L. P. Duff for appellant and Gordon Hunter for respondent.
THE STOCK MARKET.
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New York, March 7.—The following are the closing quotations on the Stock Exchange: American Sugar, 98 1/2; Manhattan, 95; C. B. & Q., 123; American Tobacco, 104; Tebb, Coal, 55; Brooklyn Rapid Transit, 69 1/2; American Steel & Wire, 54 1/2; money banking at 2 1/2 per cent.
Chicago Markets.
Chicago, March 7.—The following are the closing quotations on the Board of Trade: Wheat, 60 1/2; Corn, 35 1/2; Pork, \$10.65.
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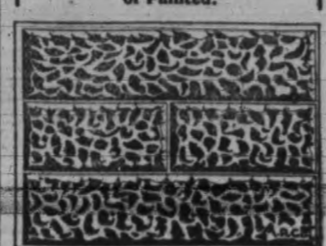
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Provincial News.

QUEBEC.

Charles MacLean, M.B., C.M., of Victoria, has been appointed resident physician at Quebec.

LADYSMITH.

Lady Smith is the name of a town-site recently established in the Bonaventure country, near Greenwood. The site has been partially surveyed, sixteen blocks of twenty-four lots each having been laid out. The Morrison claim and several other very valuable properties surround the town, the former being partially open to the townsite.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The school board estimates for this year total over \$28,000, of which over \$18,000 is for salaries and \$8,000 for a new wing to the brick school.

The death was announced yesterday of James McLeod, well known here and at Langley. He was about 40 years of age and leaves a widow and five small children.

Mr. H. R. Roughton met with a painful accident on Monday in which one of his thumb nails was entirely torn off.

CUMBERLAND.

Much enthusiasm was displayed on the receipt of the bond news from the Transvaal. Every bit of hunting that could be found was displayed in the most conspicuous places.

On Friday evening an entertainment was given by the children of the public school in Pike's hall. There was a large attendance and the children performed their parts exceedingly well. The first part consisted chiefly of songs, choruses and recitations. For the second part the South-west chorus was given. The proceeds go towards paying for the school organ.

The city council has passed a sidewalk tax by-law, so we are likely to get our streets put in better shape at last.

VANCOUVER.

The evidence on Thurlow street of Mr. M. Quigley, local manager of the C. P. R. telegraph office, was entered by a burglar on Sunday night. The man made himself scarce, however, on Mr. Quigley's appearance with a gun.

Colonel Dudley, of the 10th Cavalry, was attending to his duties at the camp on Monday morning for the first time since his recent illness, consequent upon the fresh amputation of his leg. He is now feeling very well.

The Presbytery of Winnipeg have consented to the call of Rev. R. G. MacBeth to the First Presbyterian church, Vancouver. The call was signed by 220 members and 85 adherents. The stipend promised is \$1,500 and manse with a month's holiday each year.

ROSSLAND.

Mr. Paul E. Johnson arrived in the city on Saturday evening from Greenwood. He is the general manager of the British Columbia Copper Company's smelter at Greenwood, which is now in course of construction, and which he says is about two-thirds completed. The biggest part of the big fire is finished. The blue and red brick above the furnace. The boiler house, the flower house, store house, blacksmith shop and carpenter shop are ready. Fifteen carpenters are now working on the assay office, laboratory and the manager's residence, and these will be finished about about three weeks. The smelter plant will come in hand in about three months. The smelter will be blown in on or about the 1st of August.

There was a rumor current on the street on Thursday afternoon that Stevens the third smallest patient who was sent to the hospital on Tuesday, had escaped and was wandering around the city. It was further stated that Stevens had applied to the Sisters' hospital to be taken in, but had been driven away from that institution during afternoon. An application to Dr. Reddick, the medical health officer, and to the Sisters in charge at the hospital proved that the story was unfounded. The Sisters said that no patient had applied for admission on Thursday, and that they knew nothing of Stevens or any other smallpox patient. Dr. Reddick, late in the evening, said that Stevens was safe in the isolation hospital, and he had not left or attempted to leave that institution since he had been first placed there early in the week.

NELSON.

The exports from the port of Nelson for the month of February are as follows: Lead button, \$20,000; gold button, \$38,700; other exports, \$1,100; total, \$61,200.

George Miller, who owned the building that was burned on Wednesday afternoon, lost \$250 by the mishap.

Fifteen ship carpenters, under the direction of Foreman J. M. Bulger, are engaged in the task of erecting the frame of the new tug to replace the Kaslo. The keel was laid a week since and the work is being hurried through. The fifty-six people who for the past two weeks have been quarantined upon the steamer Morley were given their tickets to leave by Health Officer Dr. LaBau on Friday night. Everyone was ready and waiting when the hour for departure arrived, and there was general rejoicing as the long imprisoned people stepped from the gang plank onto the dock. Not all, however, left until last night. Several remained until Saturday morning. William Hargreaves, of Winnipeg, who left for home on Saturday, had only the kindest words for all those employed aboard the Morley and for all others to whom was delegated in any way the care of the passengers. The meals, he said, were good, the berths were comfortable and there was always a large quantity of good reading matter on hand. Before the departure from the boat the passengers presented Captain McMorris and the crew with a testimonial, thanking them for their kindness and attention.

The first was to pay time checks for the men and the second was for the amount

of the provincial poll tax collected by the company from its employees. Last Friday week he asked for a few days' leave of absence on account of his health, did not start at once, however, and on Sunday he was very sick, one of his comrades in the office attending to him. He was not missed until Tuesday morning. The police were communicated with, but nothing could be learned of his movements since the day before (Monday) after he had taken lunch at the Hume hotel. The enquiry was, however, kept up and on Friday evening it transpired that Bowden had after all left for Spokane on Tuesday morning. Immediate steps were taken to follow him. No reason is assigned for his act except that he knew that his engagement with the company would terminate on the 10th instant owing to the closing down of the Mill Mines-Tribune.

After the relief of Lady Smith Nelson citizens celebrated the success of her husband. On Monday the following cable was received: "South Farmborough-Citizens of Nelson: Most grateful for kind congratulations. (Signed) Andrew Buller."

From 400 to 450 men are at work along the line of the Balfour extension, yet operations are practically only under way at one point, where M. Sullivan has started grading at camp No. 2. The balance of the men are working on the right of way, four miles of which has been cleared up to date.

Stones started grading on their section on Monday. The contractors state that additional work will be taken on as the right of way is cleared to permit of the number of men to be employed grading, and a conservative estimate places it at 1,200.

Chryson, the smallpox patient at the isolation hospital, is now in the final stage of the disease, and is recovering rapidly. Dr. Rose, house physician at the general hospital, has compiled his annual report for submission to the meeting of directors to be held shortly. From this report it appears that out of 316 patients treated during the year only four died, the percentage being 2.

A LONG CROOKED ROAD.

Love has a long way to go to reach the heart of the modern up-to-date young man. When he looks for a wife, he expects a good deal. Probably he expects more than he deserves.

He wants good looks, good sense, good nature, good health, good health, good health. He wants a woman who is physically weak and nervous, and incapable, is likely to be ill-natured too. The sweetest temper is ruined by continual sickness.

A woman whose nerves are constantly racked and dragged by debilitating drains and inflammation, cannot be a general companion or happy wife; and she is totally unfitted to be a mother.

These troubles prevail almost universally among women largely because of carelessness and neglect. There is no need of them. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a positive specific for the weakness and diseases of the feminine organism. It cures them radically and completely. It heals, strengthens and purifies. It is the only scientific remedy prescribed for this special purpose by an educated, skilled physician. It is the only medicine that makes motherhood easy and absolutely safe.

Its sale, through dealers in medicines exceeds that of any of all other medicines for women. It acts directly and only on the child-bearing organism. It allays inflammation, soothes pain, heals ulceration and gives the tortured nerves a rest. It does away with the discomforts of the expectant period and makes baby's coming easy and comparatively painless. Thousands of women have testified to its wonderful virtues.

All good druggists sell it, and honest dealers will not offer inferior substitutes for the sake of a little extra profit. Dr. Pierce has been for thirty years chief consulting physician of the famous Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y. His reputation as a skilled specialist in woman's ailments is world-wide.

Miss Lauretta McNeese, of Reno (P. O. Box 77), Washoe Co., Nev., writes: "I have been suffering from the same complaint for several years. I have tried many remedies, but nothing has done me any good. I have been advised to take your 'Favorite Prescription' and I have done so. I feel better than I have for years. I have been advised to take your 'Favorite Prescription' and I have done so. I feel better than I have for years. I have been advised to take your 'Favorite Prescription' and I have done so. I feel better than I have for years."

Mining News

Roseland Camp.

The Roseland Miner in its weekly mining review says: The week just closed has been an unusually quiet one in the mining circles of the camp. The good news from South Africa has improved the feeling in mining stocks somewhat, but the general situation remains unchanged.

During the week the B. A. C. machine shops were closed down, and although they appeared to be working away as usual on Saturday, nothing definite could be ascertained regarding their future operation pending the return to the camp of the general manager of the B. A. C. The B. A. C. is now working on the necessity of making repairs to the main hoisting gear of the mine. The repairs in question, it is said, will take about a fortnight, and until they are concluded the men will have to wait for employment elsewhere. It is expected, however, that by the 15th of the month work will be resumed as usual. So far as can be ascertained, the matter has no further significance.

Regarding the number of men employed in the camp proper and the Electrically operated hoisting gear, it might be well for those who feel at all nervous concerning the immediate future of the camp, to note the appended incomplete list of mines at present being actively worked in the section referred to. They include the following 28 properties: Evans, Arthur, Douglas, Portland, Velvet, Wallingford, Anaconda, I. X. L. O. K., Mountain Trail, Union Jack, Big Four, California, Giant, Jumbo, Ethel, Heather Bell, Norway Mountain, Cascade, Royal Gold, Gertrude, No. 1, John, Le Roy, White Bear, Sunset No. 2, War Eagle, Centre Star, Green Mountain, Iron Mask, New St. Elmo, Iron Colt, Columbia-Kootenay, Nickel Plate-Mascon and Bunker Hill.

While the number of men employed here has been reduced by the partial close down of the War Eagle, Centre Star and Le Roy, it will be noted that a larger force is still at work—far larger, indeed, than most people are aware of.

The shipments of ore from Roseland during the week past closed remain merely nominal, only 551 tons going to the smelters. The Le Roy sent out 615,000 pounds or 310 tons on the 27th. The Iron Mask had a small shipment of 20 tons and the Evening Star one car load of about 30 tons.

The Ore Shipments.

Table with columns: Mine Name, Week, Tons, Year. Includes Le Roy, War Eagle, Centre Star, Iron Mask, Evening Star, L. X., Monte Christo, Giant, Total tons.

Norway Mountain—Mr. F. S. Grieg, superintendent of the Norway Mountain Gold and Copper Company, whose properties are located some 20 miles northeast of this city, is very much pleased with the way in which that property is turning out, and is convinced that it has the making of a mine.

War Eagle and Centre Star—The new machinery for the War Eagle steam hoist has been duly installed in the big shaft house on the hill. All the pipe to connect the new machinery with the hoist is now in place at the shipping level has not yet arrived. Meantime the electrical compressor has been steadily working both sides, and the temporary group of five small compressors has been supplying air to both mines. The timbers for the new shaft house on the Centre Star are nearly all in place and the compressor building is partly finished and will be roofed in this week.

Dug's Hunter—Drifting along the three-foot vein on the lower level has continued during the week. The ore continues solid and clean from wall to wall, and is of a shipping grade. With three levels opened and each of them in ore, the management feels certain that it has a mine of considerable merit.

Jumbo—Mr. R. Galusha, the managing director of the Jumbo, has been in the city at the week overlooking the operations in the 450-foot level. While Mr. Galusha is reticent as to the condition of the mine, it is claimed that the showing on this level is very fair.

Green Mountain—Work on the shaft continues, and the 300-foot level has been reached. Superintendent Lowry reports that there is an excellent showing of ore in the shaft.

Big Four—Work on tunnel No. 3 continues, and the showing of ore is of a satisfactory nature. Some very high grade bunches of ore have been met with.

THE STARS AS TIMEKEEPERS.

Probably the majority of people suppose that the observatories obtain the correct time from the sun. When the average man wishes to give his watch the highest praise, he says: "It regulates the sun," not being aware that a watch which would keep with the sun around the year would have to be nearly as bad as Cap'n Cuttle's. The farmer may safely decide when to go in to dinner by the sun, but if the mariner was as confident that the sun marked always the correct time as the farmer is, he would be sure to be at times two or three hundred miles from where he thought he was. In other words, the sun—that is, a sundial—is only correct on a few days in each year, and during the intervening times gets as far as a whole quarter-hour fast or slow. These variations of the sun from uniform time caused no end of trouble between the astronomers and the fine clock-makers before it was discovered that the sun is subject to clock errors.

The clock, the worse it often seemed to go. But as the variations in sun time are now accurately known correct time might be obtained from the sun by making proper allowance, were it not for the difficulty of observing its position with such exactness. The large disk of the sun cannot be located so perfectly as can the single point which a star makes. For this reason astronomers depend almost wholly upon the stars for obtaining accurate time. It is the method of doing this which we propose to describe. There are several hundred stars whose positions have been established with the greatest accuracy by the most careful observations at a number of the principal observatories of the world. If a star's exact position is known, it can readily be located when it will pass the meridian of any given place—that is, the instant it will cross a north-south line through the place. The data regarding these stars are all published in the nautical almanacs, which are got out by several different observatories for the use of navigators and all others who have use for them. These stars are known as "clock stars."—Appleton's Popular Science Monthly.

"GARRY SUNSHINE WITH YOU."

A bright, fresh, sunny face is always inspiring, and it always denotes good health as well as a happy heart. Many faces that were once covered with gloom have been made bright and sunny by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which cures all skin eruptions, strengthens the nerves, and tones up and invigorates the whole system.

Constipation is cured by Hood's Pills, the non-irritating cathartic. Sold by all druggists.

MUNICIPAL NOTICE.

Point Ellice Bridge Accident Loan By-Law.

I hereby give notice that such of the electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, as are entitled to vote on a by-law for raising money upon the credit of the Municipality, are requested to attend at the polling places, or places of the ward or wards of the said Municipality, at which they are so called to vote, on Friday, the 16th day of March, 1900, from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m., and to record their votes for or against the passage of the Point Ellice Bridge Accident Loan By-Law, a copy of which By-Law is published in the Victoria Daily Times, and copies whereof are posted up at the City Hall, and at the Public Market Building, Cornorant street, and also in each ward and to take notice that said By-Law will not be valid, or of any effect, unless the vote passed in favor thereof be at least a three-fifths majority of the votes polled.

The polling places are as follows: For the North Ward, at the Public Market Building, fronting on Cornorant street. Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, this 28th day of February, 1900. WM. W. NORTHCOCK, Returning Officer.

To the Public of Victoria.

In view of the possible introduction of smallpox from the neighboring state of Washington, the provincial government has a contented purpose of legislating the "Regulations of the Provincial Board of Health re Smallpox." These "Regulations" give the Local Board of Health power to compel all persons who have not been vaccinated within the last 7 years to be vaccinated. The present circumstances do not indicate the enforcing of "compulsory vaccination," but the purpose of legislating the public health Board would certainly advise all persons to whom these "Regulations" would apply to be once vaccinated. Any one unable to pay will be vaccinated free by any physician in the city. I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant. R. L. FRASER, M. D., Medical Health Officer.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of James Hogarth, deceased. All persons having claims against this estate are requested to present them to the undersigned administrator of the will of the deceased, WM. TIMSON, P. O. Box 83, Victoria, B. C.

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.

STORE STREET, VICTORIA, B. C. — OPEN FROM 9 P. M. TO 10 P. M. The Institute is free for the use of sailors and ship-junkies. It is well supplied with papers and a temperance bar. Letters may be sent here in small shipments. A parcel of literature can be had for outgoing ships on application to manager. All are heartily welcome.

Wood's Phosphodine.

The Great English Remedy. Sold and recommended by all druggists in Canada. Only reliable medicine discovered. Sent in bottles of 25¢, 50¢, and \$1.00. A parcel of literature can be had for outgoing ships on application to manager. All are heartily welcome.

Free Cure For Men.

A new remedy which quickly cures men's weakness, varicose, etc., and restores the organs to strength. Sold by all druggists. Sent in bottles of 25¢, 50¢, and \$1.00. A parcel of literature can be had for outgoing ships on application to manager. All are heartily welcome.

ABBEY'S MEDICAL TALKS.

WE HAVE claimed considerable curative properties for Abbey's Effervescent Salt, and backed up our claims with the evidence of medical authorities. For the instruction of those who would like to try our preparation on the strength of this evidence, we shall give in this paper a series of medical talks.

In these talks we intend to prove by medical facts why Abbey's Effervescent Salt is the best remedy to be had for such diseases as:

- Loss of Appetite, Biliousness, Sick Headache, Constipation, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Spleen Affections, Nervous Depression, Sleeplessness, Indigestion, Heartburn, Piles and Hemorrhoids, Sea Sickness, Flatulency, Gout, Fever, Skin and Kidney Complaints.

It purifies the blood and clears the complexion. For the good of your health you should read these talks.

FOR SALE BY ALL DRUGGISTS. Price, 60 cts. per large bottle. Trial size, 25 cts.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE NORTH AMERICAN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

Head Office 112-118 King Street, West, Toronto. For the year ending Dec. 31st, 1900. RECEIPTS. Dec. 31, 1899. To net Ledger Assets \$ 2,977,451 64

Table with columns: Description, Amount. Includes Dec. 30, 1899 To Cash for Premiums, To Cash Income on Investments, Dec. 30, 1899. By payments for Death Claims, Prods, etc., By all other payments.

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Table with columns: Description, Amount. Includes By Premiums Outstanding, etc. (less cost of collection), By Interest and Rents, due and accrued, By Market value of Debentures and Stocks over cost.

Net Surplus \$524,418.01. The financial position of the Company is unexcelled—its percentage of net surplus to liabilities exceeds that of any other Home Company.

New Insurance issued during 1899 \$ 4,929,140 00 Exceeding the best previous year by nearly one million. Insurance in force at end of 1899 (net) \$23,045,400 00

President: JOHN L. BLAIRIE. Vice-Presidents: HON. SIR FRANK SMITH, K. C., M. G. Directors: HON. SENATOR GOWAN, Q.C., LL.D., E. GURNEY, ESQ., L. W. SMITH, ESQ., Q.C., D.C.L., JOHN N. LAKE, ESQ., D. M'CARRE, ESQ., Guelph, J. KEIR OSBORNE, ESQ., HON. SIR WM. B. MEREDITH, Chief Justice of Ontario. Managing Director: WM. M'CARRE, LL.B., F.I.A., F.F.S. Secretary: L. GOLDMAN, A.L.A. Medical Director: J. THORBUCK, M.D., Edin.

LEE & FRASER, CITY AGENTS. S. G. FAULKNER, PROVINCIAL MANAGER, VANCOUVER, B. C.

UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD THEOSOPHY.

New Century (weekly), \$1.50 yearly. Editor, Katherine A. Tingley, 49 West Broadway, New York. Publications devoted to teachings of Brotherhood on the broadest plane. Key to Theosophy, by E. P. Blavatsky, \$1.50; Ocean of Theosophy, by W. Q. Judge, 50c. For information of the work send 10c. to address: R. W. Newcomb, 166 Madison Avenue, New York.

ABY-LAW.

TO RAISE THE SUM OF \$200,000 TO SETTLE CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF VICTORIA OF DAMAGES ARISING FROM THE POINT ELICE BRIDGE ACCIDENT.

Whereas it is expedient to raise a sum of money for the purpose of settling all just claims now pending in the Supreme Court of British Columbia against the Corporation of the City of Victoria in respect of damages alleged to have been received in the Point Ellice bridge accident in the year 1898, and for that purpose of raising the sum of two hundred thousand dollars; And whereas it will require the sum of thirteen thousand four hundred and eighty-five dollars (\$13,485.00) to be raised annually by rate for payment of the new debt and interest;

And whereas the whole valuable land and improvements or real property of the said Corporation of the City of Victoria according to the last revised Assessment Roll for the year 1899 is \$13,907,814; And whereas it will require an annual rate of one mill and one-sixth of a mill in the dollar for paying such new debt and interest;

And whereas this By-law shall not be altered or repealed except with the consent of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council; And whereas a petition under Section 60 of the "Municipal Clauses Act," has been presented to the Municipal Council signed by the owners of more than one-tenth of the value of the real property in the said city requesting the said Council to introduce a By-law with the hereinafore recited objects;

Therefore the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria enact as follows: 1. It shall be lawful for the Mayor of the Corporation of the City of Victoria to borrow upon the credit of the said Corporation, by way of the Debentures hereinafter mentioned, from any person or persons, body or bodies corporate, who may be willing to advance the same, a sum of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) currency for altering money at the rate of four dollars and eighty-six and two-thirds cents to the pound sterling, and to cause all such sums so raised and received to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the said Corporation for the purpose and with the object hereinafter recited.

2. It shall be lawful for the said Mayor to cause any number of Debentures to be made, executed and issued for such sums as may be required, not exceeding, however, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) either in currency or sterling money (at the rate of four dollars and eighty-six and two-thirds cents to the one pound sterling) as may be required, each of the said Debentures being of the amount of one thousand dollars or its sterling equivalent, at the rate aforesaid, and all such Debentures shall be issued with the seal of the Corporation, and signed by the Mayor thereof.

3. The said Debentures shall bear date the first day of April, 1900, and shall be made payable in twenty-five years from the said date at such place either in Great Britain, the United States of America, or the Dominion of Canada, as may be designated thereon, and shall have attached to them coupons for the payment of interest and the amounts in the instalments may be either written, stamped, printed or lithographed.

4. The said Debentures shall bear interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum from the date thereof, which interest shall be payable half-yearly at such place either in Great Britain, the United States of America, or the Dominion of Canada, as may be desired.

5. For the purpose of raising annually a certain specific sum for the payment of the interest on the said Debentures during their currency there shall be raised annually the sum of eight thousand dollars, and for the purpose of raising annually a certain specific sum for the payment of the debt at maturity there shall be raised annually the sum of five thousand four hundred and eighty-five dollars.

6. The said annual sums in the next preceding paragraph mentioned shall be raised and levied in each year by a rate sufficient thereon on all the ratable land or improvements or real property in the Municipality of the said Corporation of the City of Victoria during the continuance of the said Debentures or any of them.

7. This By-law shall, before the final passage thereof, receive the assent of the electors of the said Corporation in the manner provided by the Municipal Clauses Act and amendments thereto, and shall take effect on the first day of April, 1900.

8. This By-law may be cited as the "Point Ellice Bridge Accident Loan By-law."

Passed the Municipal Council the 27th day of February, 1900.

NOTICE.

Take notice that the above is a true copy of the proposed By-law upon which the vote of the Municipality will be taken at the Public Market Building, Cornorant street, for the North, South and Central Wards, on Friday, the 16th day of March, 1900, that the poll will be kept open between the hours of 8 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m., and that Wm. W. Northcott has been appointed the Returning Officer of the said vote.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, City Clerk's Office, C. M. C. Victoria, B. C., 28th February, 1900.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to apply at the next sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria for a transfer to John Colman of the license now held by me to sell spirituous fermented liquors by retail upon the premises known as the Adelphi Saloon, situated on the corner of Yates and Grand streets, Victoria, from myself to William Roberts. Dated this twenty-first day of November, 1900. HENRY HARRIS.

Political Situation

Private Agreement Between Mr. Martin and Two Government Supporters.

Mr. Kellie Claims That Mr. Martin Violated the Arrangement.

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The Board of Licensing Commissioners will sit in the Police Court, City Hall, on Wednesday, the 14th, at 2.30 p. m. By order: WILKINSON J. DOWLER, G. M. C. Victoria, B. C., March 5th, 1900.

NOTICE.

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PROCEEDINGS IN THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Notice is hereby given that all of the placer mining claims, whole and fractional, the property of the Crown, in the Yukon Territory, will be offered for sale at public auction at Dawson, by the Gold Commissioner, on the 22nd day of July, 1900.

SPORTING NEWS.

THE RING. SCHOLES DEFEATS McDONALD. (Associated Press.) San Francisco, March 7.—The first of the series of the five nights of boxing and wrestling matches for the amateur championship of several classes, began last night in the Olympic club. The principal bout was between J. L. Scholes, of Toronto, Ont., champion amateur heavyweight of Great Britain, Canada, and the United States, and Frank McDonald, of the Redoubt Club, of Oakland. In the third round McDonald's seconds threw up the sponge.

THE GUN.

The Victoria Gun Club held a meeting last evening when five new members were elected, and arrangements initiated for the tournament to be held in the city next June. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, H. A. Porter; vice-president, Capt. Sears; captain, E. J. Wall; treasurer, W. H. Adams; secretary, John W. Switzer.

BASKET BALL.

There will be a practice match at the J. B. A. club house this evening, commencing 7.30 o'clock, preparatory to the exhibition game between the Bays and the Seattle Athletic Club team on Saturday evening next. The teams this evening will be as follows: F. Smith, W. Stephen, H. Galbreath, W. Laidlaw, and E. Burns; and M. Elnabson, F. Thompson, A. E. Botley, D. Fenlon and A. McLean. Mr. D. O'Sullivan will act as referee, and Messrs. Skene Lowe and A. C. Anderson as umpires. From these players the team will be selected to meet the Seattle aggregation on Saturday evening next.

MONTREAL MINING MARKET.

(Associated Press.) Montreal, March 7.—Stock Exchange, morning board: War Eagle, 137, 133; Payne, 129, 129%; Montreal & London, 32, 28; Republic, 28%; Sales: Payne, 500 at 128; Montreal & London, 115 at 31, 500 at 29, 500 at 28; Republic, 500 at 18, 6250 at 97.

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We have saved many doctor bills since we began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in our home. We keep a bottle open all the time and whenever any of my family or myself begin to catch cold we begin to use the Cough Remedy, and as a result we never have to send a way for a doctor and incur a large doctor bill. For Chamberlain's Cough Remedy never fails to cure. It is certainly a medicine of great merit and worth. D. S. Meakle, General Merchant and Farmer, Malibu, Boland county, Pa. For sale by Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria, and Vancouver.

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Per steamer Islander from Vancouver—J. Lee, E. Loggatt, W. Brennan, Geo. Rodler, W. O. Wallace, R. H. Dwyer, B. Dickenson, A. C. Gordon, A. White, Geo. Stone, J. Watson, A. Hally, J. Edwards, C. Hardy, M. B. Finn, C. W. Sisson, R. Baldoit, J. B. Ferguson, O. R. Loomis, S. O'Brien, N. P. Shaw, Geo. M. Rice, Mrs. Owen, T. Spofford, J. M. Spencer, A. Richardson, Mable Harper, J. Elliot, G. B. McDonald, W. J. Sutton, Mrs. Hector, Mrs. Gibson, A. H. Simpson, F. Dink.

EDWARDS.

J. Edwards, the Australian salesman, whose name is on the list of passengers on the steamer Islander, arrived last night, and is in the Dominion. He says he may give another "entertainment" here.

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