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## TO MAINTAIN THE CHINESE EMPIRE

### SENSATION CAUSED BY UNITED STATES NOTE

#### Opposed to China Granting Exclusive Rights to Corporations or Companies in Manchuria.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Feb. 20.—The Tribune today prints the following special cablegram from Peking, China, under the date of February 19th:

"A sensation was caused in diplomatic circles here today when it became known—the United States—through Secretary of State Hay, had sent a note to the Russian and Chinese governments, following closely along the lines of the Anglo-Japanese treaty of January 30th. The note is interpreted as a distinct breach of the stipulations of the treaties concluded between China and foreign powers, and thereby seriously affects the rights of American citizens."

"It restricts their right of trade, exposing it to being discriminated against, interfering with, or otherwise jeopardizing, and strongly tends to permanently impairing China's sovereign rights in this part of the Empire, while it seriously interferes with her ability to meet her international obligations."

"Furthermore, such a concession on China's part would be undoubtedly followed by demands from other powers for similar equal or even more extensive rights elsewhere in the Chinese Empire, and the inevitable result must be the complete wreck of the policy of absolute equality of treatment of all nations respecting trade, navigation and commerce within the Empire's confines."

"On the other hand, the exclusive right or privilege of opening mines, establishing railroads, or in any other way industrially developing Manchuria, can but be viewed with the greatest concern by the government of the United States."

"It is for these reasons that the government of the United States, now as formerly, maintains the sincerest desire of insuring to the whole world the benefits of full and fair intercourse between China and the nations on a footing of equal rights and advantages to all, submits the above to the earnest consideration of the Imperial governments of China and Russia, confident that they will give due weight to its importance, and that they will adopt such measures as will relieve the just and natural anxiety of the United States."

## BURGHERS DID NOT KEEP PRISONERS

### RELEASED SCOTS GREYS TAKEN AT KLIPDAM

Detachment of Cavalry Cut Off From Hamilton's Column Lost Two Killed and Eight Wounded.

(Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 20.—A detachment of Scots Greys, one of Great Britain's crack dragoon regiments, has been cut up by the Boers at Klipdam. Major C. W. M. Fielden and Capt. E. Usher were severely wounded, two men were killed, six wounded and forty-six captured. The news was received today from Lord Fitzbiter in a dispatch dated from Pretoria, February 19th.

The Scots Greys formed part of Gen. Gilbert Hamilton's column. The latter, while moving on Nigel on February 18th, engaged a force of Boers at Klipdam. The Scots Greys became detached, were surrounded and were cut off. Gen. Hamilton was unable to dislodge the Boers from their position, and he continued his march toward Nigel.

The Boers released the Scots Greys who had been made prisoners.

## UNFAIR GAMBLING.

How a Former Bank Cashier is Alleged to Have Lost \$50,000 Through Craps.

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Vincennes, Ind., Feb. 20.—W. Roberts, an electrician, created a sensation in a suit against Mathew Kelly and Dallas Tyler, charged with causing the downfall of Richard Davis, former bank cashier, by unfair gambling schemes. He testified that at the direction of Kelly he placed a new battery in the saloon and adjusted two saucer magnets under the bar, where it is alleged that Davis lost \$50,000 through craps.

## Cocos Island

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## NEW CHWANG CUSTOMS.

Lord Cranborne's Statement in the Imperial Commons To-Day.

(Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 20.—The under secretary of the foreign office, Lord Cranborne, in the House of Commons today informed Henry Norman, Liberal, that His Majesty's government did not doubt the good faith of Russia's promise to restore the administration of customs at New Chwang to the Chinese as soon as circumstances permitted this to be done.

## CAMERAS EMPLOYED.

Snap Shots Taken of Dowager Empress and Emperor of China During Reception.

(Associated Press.)

Peking, Feb. 20.—The Dowager Empress and Emperor granted an audience to the diplomatic corps today. The Dowager Empress was seated on the throne with the Emperor occupying a chair on her left, a step lower down. Baron Calkann von Wahlborn, the Austrian minister to China, addressed a congratulatory speech to the Emperor, and Prince Ching, head of the foreign office, read the Emperor's reply. The Dowager Empress and Baron Calkann von Wahlborn exchanged impromptu remarks.

The second audience, like the first, was insignificant because of the lack of order. The diplomats, on entering the hall, rushed towards the throne, scrambling for a sight of the Imperial party. The officials said the Emperor sneered noticeably several times, as in the case of the first audience. Their Majesties were subjected to the operation of cameras, which the Chinese consider undignified.

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## THE OPENING OF THE LEGISLATURE

### FORMAL PROCEEDINGS TOOK PLACE TO-DAY

#### The Speech From the Throne—Official Sessional Dinner Being Given To-Night by the Governor.

The third session of the eighth parliament of British Columbia opened this afternoon in the buildings across the bay. The beautiful sunny weather which seems to invariably accompany the function did not fail on this occasion, and this tempted out a large company of the speaker's guests. The removal of the order for Court mourning was seen in the revival of color in the gowns and head dresses of the ladies, and these blended nicely with the colors of the naval and military uniforms.

All the members were in attendance with the exception of Hon. Speaker Booth, whose illness has prevented him up to the present from leaving his home in Salt Spring Island. A letter was received from the Speaker this morning, however, in which he states that although regretting his inability to be able to attend the opening session, he trusts he will be able to be in the Capital in two weeks. Those acquainted with the Speaker's condition, however, fear that this view is too optimistic.

There was one other vacancy among the members, that of the Agent-General, Hon. J. H. Turner, and whose seat as one of the representatives of Victoria has never been filled. It was not expected that Smith Curtis, the member for Rossland, who has been on a protracted tour of the East, would be here in time for the opening, but the tireless representative from the Interior came in on last night's boat, and was seated at the opposition caucus last evening. He is full of fight, confident that the government's days are numbered, and in shape to put up a vigorous fight against Joseph Martin, in his latest role as leader of the Liberal party in British Columbia.

Richard McBride, flushed with his success as attested by the largely attended caucus of opposition members last night, was in his place, this time on the other side of the chamber, and was kept busy receiving the congratulations of his friends on his appointment as leader of the party.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor was attended by the usual military staff, including Commander Simpson, of the Esquimaux, and his officers, representing the depleted fleet from Esquimaux, Col. Mackenzie, Major Gordon, R. G. A., and the Engineer and Artillery officers from Work Point, Major Murray and the officers of the Fifth, Col. Worsnop of the Sixth, Col. Holmes, D. O. C., and other military men. A guard of honor was furnished by the Fifth Regiment. Owing to the absence of Mr. Speaker Booth the proceedings differed somewhat from the usual formalities. His Honor on entering was informed by the clerk that the Speaker was absent, and thereupon returned to allow the members to select their man. The government took advantage of the rule which permits a member to be nominated for a period of forty-eight hours to send a Speaker. C. E. Pooley was elected Speaker, being proposed by P. Gillison and seconded by J. Martin. His Honor thereupon returned and read the following address from the Throne:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly.

I have much pleasure in welcoming you to the third session of the ninth parliament of British Columbia.

Since you last met the province has been favored with a visit of the Prince Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York. The warm welcome and loyal enthusiasm which everywhere marked their reception demonstrated to them the continued and increasing devotion of his subjects in this part of the Empire to the person of His Majesty, and the very favorable impression produced on their Royal Highnesses was to me exceedingly gratifying.

I have to inform you that the coronation of His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII. will take place on the 26th of June proximo. The premiers of the several provinces of Canada have been officially asked to attend, and it has been my pleasing duty to convey to His Excellency, on behalf of my first minister, an acceptance of this invitation.

It is to be regretted that the war in South Africa unavoidably still continues. There is, however, every indication of hostilities being brought to a satisfactory conclusion at an early date, when an opportunity will be afforded to the citizens of this province bearing arms there to return to their homes.

In view of the nature of the conditions which affected the mining industry during 1901, it is especially gratifying to know that the output of the mines considerably exceeded that of any previous twelve months, and that the year closed with several detrimental causes removed, and with prospects of greatly increased activity and development.

Negotiations with the authorities at Ottawa, begun last year, have been continued by my government, and a conference has been agreed to for the further discussion of matters affecting the

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Picture Puzzle. Sallie and Tillie received pretty valentines. Can you find the boys who sent them?

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THE REFERENDUM VOTE IN MANITOBA

TOOMBS LOST HIS DEPOSIT IN LISGAR

Charles Bullock Sentenced to Death-Arsenic Production in Ontario-Seeking a Bounty.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 19.-Attorney-General Campbell announced in the local House this afternoon that the referendum vote will be held on March 27th next, and the prohibition act will come into force on June 1st, if any of the three following conditions are fulfilled: 1. If 45 per cent. of those on the list vote in favor of the act, 2. If the 60 per cent. of the voters on the list vote in favor of the act, 3. If the 75 per cent. of the voters on the list vote in favor of the act.

GRAIN IMPORTS

Rumor That Chancellor of Exchequer Will Impose Tax, But Exempt Colonies.

Toronto, Feb. 19.-The Evening Telegram's London cable says it is rumored that the chancellor of the exchequer has decided to tax foreign grain imports, the colonies being exempt.

The Birmingham Post, popularly called Mr. Chamberlain's organ, repeats, on what it calls "high authority," the assertion that the Canadian government has decided to lay a state cable across the Atlantic to facilitate the transmission of Anglo-Canadian news and promote commerce. The cable companies say that anything less than two cables would be useless.

WHISKEY SEIZED.

Detroit Dealer Imported a Twenty-Gallon Cask From Ontario.

Washington, Feb. 19.-The treasury department has decided a case involving the right of a citizen of the United States to import whiskey from Canada in certain sized packages.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Charles Bullock was found guilty tonight of murdering Leone Statton at Battle River in April last, and was sentenced to be hanged at Fort Saskatchewan on March 20th.

TO RELIEVE BLOCKADE.

The C. P. R. has decided to secure cars from the Great Northern railway and ship wheat to Duluth over the Great Northern to relieve the grain blockade.

ARSENIC.

Toronto, Feb. 19.-Ontario is able, so far as raw-material is concerned, to produce arsenic enough for all America, and this will be done if a bounty on production is granted, says Joseph James, of Hamilton, who is acting in the interest of foreign capitalists.

ST. JOHN, N. B., FEB. 19.-MISS EMMA SULLIVAN, 35 years old, disappeared from home in a blinding snowstorm on Monday night, and has not been seen since.

BRANDON, MAN., FEB. 19.-THE KELLY HOUSE ON Sixth street was damaged by fire early this morning to the extent of \$500 or \$600. The loss is covered by insurance. The fire is supposed to have originated in a burning chimney.

OTTAWA, FEB. 19.-ACCORDING TO the statement of Prof. Radcliff, assistant deputy commissioner, the government districts in the Northwest Territories received from 10 to 20.81 cents per pound for butter, while other creameries received only from 14 to 19 cents.

MONTREAL, FEB. 19.-CHARLIE SAVAGE, alias Will West, alias John Scott, wanted in Portland, Ore., for stealing a trunk containing \$100,000 in jewelry, was arrested here this afternoon on an extradition warrant issued by the Pinkerton detective agency.

J. J. GIBB, PRESIDENT OF THE OTTAWA RIVER NAVIGATION CO., DIED THIS MORNING.

ENGINEER KILLED.

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 19.-A double header freight train on the Columbus, Sandusky & Hocking railroad was wrecked today by a broken rail at Shepards, a suburb of Columbus, killing the engineer and injuring five others.

PEISIAN RUGS, INDIA TABLE CLOTHS, INDIA DUCKS, TIGER SKINS, IVORY WARE, HAMMERED BRASS, GEORGE CARTER, 10 BROAD ST., NEXT DRIARD HOTEL.

PLAN PRESENTED.

Meeting of Committee Appointed to Arbitrate Labor Troubles.

DUPLICATE TOURNAMENT.

The J. B. A. players are practicing persistently for their tournament with the Seattle team on Saturday afternoon.

ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL CONTEST.

On Saturday afternoon the handball experts from Seattle and the J. B. A. players will again meet in what promises to be an exciting contest.

CAPITAL CLUB MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Capital Club, which was held yesterday at 45 Johnson street, proved of a very interesting character.

WINNIPEG BONSPEL.

Winnipeg, Feb. 19.-Several bands in the Winnipeg curling bonspiel will be reached to-morrow.

WARM MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE.

An animated meeting of the executive committee of the Victoria City Basketball Association held last evening to discuss the letter of protest from the Vancouver team.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH ON SATURDAY.

Saturday will be prolific of international contests, in which the teams will be the J. B. A. and the Seattle Y. M. C. A.

INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL.

A few more matches are to be played before the intermediate league will be completed.

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Table with 4 columns: Played, Won, Lost, Draw. Rows for Victoria West, Columbia, and Boys' Brigade.

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A CRISIS.

A session of the Legislature which promises to be notable was opened this afternoon. The government, after consulting and negotiating with Liberals, Conservatives, Independents, leaders of parties or of wings of parties, in fact, with any man in the House, or out of it, who promised to add to its strength or furnish up its tarnished reputation, approaches the place where it must give an account of its doings, crippled not only as regards its support, but with an incomplete Ministry, rendering it a matter of doubt whether it has been transacting the affairs of the province legally for the past four months. Probably the Premier has not yet ceased his efforts to secure recruits. It would not be surprising to be told that his agents are at work even now in the ranks of the opposition, promising portfolios or anything the heart of a politician can desire, even agreeing to disavow Mr. Martin, his followers and all their works, in order to stave off defeat. Possibly he may achieve a modicum of success. He is a powerful man in one sense, but not in the sense which makes for success as a leader of men or for prominence as a statesman. One thing is assured, the government has not a working majority. Unless the unexpected happens, it will be defeated before the session is very old. It has committed officers which cannot be defended, by word or vote, by any member who has a proper regard for the oath he took when he entered the House. The vacant chair of Mr. Turner silently condemns the Ministry which is short in more than mere members as it meets the House to-day. A government which is determined to remain in existence even if it has to offer up as a sacrifice to its ambition one constituency, would go through the same performance, if it considered it expedient, with half the province. To keep a seat vacant which cannot be filled in accordance with the desires of the men who would rule willilly is an act entirely new idea in statesmanship. One would naturally expect that this will be one of the first practical matters to engage the attention of the House. Any man who calls himself a Liberal, or even a true Conservative, who desires to maintain the liberties of the people, and condones by word or vote such an act, will establish a case which may be used with considerable advantage against him when he stands before the bar of public opinion.

The Dunsmuir government has issued a very comprehensive programme for the session. It appears certain that much of it will not be acted upon. Such measures as pass will be brought up by a stronger party than that of the government. An extremely interesting time is expected. By its acts of folly the administration has delivered itself into the hands of the opposition. The latter is composed of heterogeneous elements, even as the government party is, but there is no reason why its members should not sink every other consideration save that for which they were elected and lend their energies harmoniously and heartily to the work of securing responsible government for the province, which can only be accomplished by the defeat of a government which has prostituted its powers, placed insuperable obstacles in the way of provincial development, and now clings to power in the face of general condemnation simply because certain men desire to remain ministers of the Crown and draw the salaries attached to the positions. The Premier is said to have a more worthy object in view in his desire to remain at the head of even a remnant of a government. But it will be hard to convince the average elector that the progress of the province should be stayed even for a year in order to gratify the ambition for social distinction of any man.

at this time. It is evident now that in the event of a government defeat, with all the seats filled, a party could be found sufficiently strong to administer affairs until the present Legislature completes its natural term of existence.

THE VACANT SEAT.

Now that the members from the various constituencies are assembled in readiness for the work of the session, it would be interesting to the electors of Victoria to hear an expression of opinion upon the action of the government in refusing to constituency the toll number of representatives to which it is entitled. No doubt the matter will be discussed in the House, but a very few are privileged to listen to the debates there. If a public meeting were held on some evening during the week (we suppose the House will adjourn until Monday, according to indefensible custom) the government would have an opportunity of giving expression to its views. The administration may have a reason for its action which may be considered perfectly valid when thoroughly understood. It is never satisfactory to condemn a man or a collection of men without hearing the case for the defence. If the matter can be arranged the Times feels justified in guaranteeing a full house and a patient hearing to both sides.

TREADGOLD NIGHTMARE.

As was expected, it turns out that the dispatch sent out from Dawson to the South newspapers was untrue as to the alleged facts and generally utterly unwarranted. The Treadgold concessions service for the economical working of the territory, and the evident intention of the government was that the miners should be benefited in having the necessary hydraulic facilities placed at their services for the economical working of their claims. The rates at which the water shall be supplied are to remain under the strict supervision of the government, which is in itself a guarantee that no injustice shall be inflicted upon anyone.

The dispatch stated that the Treadgold syndicate, whose chief offence appears to consist in being backed by British capital, would be allowed to take possession of all lapsed or vacant claims on Hunker, Bear and Bonanza creeks. It was also alleged that all claims which might become vacant had been included in the concession. It is hardly even necessary to say this is false. The only advantage given the syndicate is the doubtful one of working the abandoned claims, which it hopes to do successfully by reason of the superior facilities it will have at its disposal on account of its large amount of capital. Even then the individual placer miners will be deprived of none of the rights they at present enjoy, as if any one of them considers the abandoned or vacant claims are worthy of his attention he may stake them off in advance of the company, and it will have no power to dispossess him. The syndicate will be compelled to stake its claims in the same manner as the individual miner, therefore it must be evident that no injustice can be done to anyone.

In places where the ordinary placer miner cannot work on account of the lack of water, the Treadgold people will operate. They will develop claims in such localities, which must be worked in a superior manner to that employed in ordinary cases, or remain dormant and inaccessible forever. Large and expensive plants will be required for this work, and the expenditures in connection with the installations of them should be of great benefit to a large number of people not only in the Klondike but on the "outside," chiefly in Canada, we hope. The government on its part, acting on behalf of the people of Canada, will reap the advantage of collecting the royalty on the increased gold output. The benefit will be almost all conferred upon the miners, who will be supplied with water over an increased area, and enabled to exploit so much the larger amount of territory. It seems reasonable to suppose, therefore, that the concessions are in the interests of the country as a whole. There will be increased activity, greater demand for labor, larger supplies of goods will be demanded from such centres as Victoria and Vancouver, and a few years' experience will prove that the government was actuated solely by a desire to conserve the interests of all concerned in its action.

The Tourists' Association promises to be a very useful institution. If the interest can be kept up until a practical illustration is given of the work which may be accomplished under judicious management, the permanence of the organization may be regarded as assured. The population of this wealthiest continent in the world is increasing literally by "leaps and bounds" and it must have its relaxations and amusements. No better place as regards climate and sports of all kinds can be found than around this city. But the right class of people must be informed of these things.

The Colonist attributes the defeat of the Conservative candidate in Lisgar to the work of the Liberal "machine," whatever that may be. We suppose the Conservatives have a "machine," too, but it must be badly out of order. Richardson, with his private "machine," beat Toombs, too.

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The Liberals of Great Britain have at last taken a sensible position with regard to the war with the Boers. Lord Rosebery is no longer turning up his little finger. The party has accepted his policy, which comes very near to regarding him as leader. The people will now be prepared to listen with patience to Liberal criticism of the government. The London Daily News has passed into other hands and it is expected its pro-Boer mouth will be closed also. The lesson to the Liberal party should be a salutary one. There may have been in the negotiations preceding the war and there may have been mistakes in the conduct of the succeeding operations, but there is a time for the ventilation of these matters. The duty of the moment is to bring the war to an end and to safeguard the future. The country should be unanimous upon these points because they must seriously affect the disposition of the Boers. As it is there is some foundation for the statement that the attitude of the opposition encouraged the burghers to persevere in their efforts to secure their much-desired independence. These latter developments will no doubt hasten the end. Then the Liberal leaders will have their opportunity.

Lame Back In the Morning.

There are many people who find it a difficult task getting up in the morning, on account of a terrible pain and soreness across the small of the back that makes rising a painful and discomforting operation. Ever know what it was to have your back so bad that when you'd try to get out of bed you'd almost scream with the pain? Can't do much of a day's work starting off with a back as bad as that—not fit for pleasure either. Well, all this backache and pain, this stiffness and soreness comes because the kidneys are clogged up, can't do their work properly, and your back has to suffer for it. Just try a box or two of Dr. Pitcher's Backache Kidney Tablets. What a change you'll find coming over you! You'll be able to spring from your bed in the morning as lively as a cricket, and feel refreshed and fit for your daily duties.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

In Chambers before Mr. Justice Walker the following were disposed of: Bancroft vs. Bancroft—Application by F. B. Gregory for an order for discovery and for leave to issue interrogatories. Application granted by consent. F. B. Gregory for plaintiff and B. G. Goward (for McPhillips, Wotton & Barnard) for defendant. Re Estate of M. J. Smith, deceased—Application for an order appointing guardian. Order made. L. Cruise for applicant.

County Court. The following actions were disposed of before Mr. Justice Drake: Dubois vs. Maltraver—Adjourned until next sitting of the court.

Kerr vs. Scowcroft—Action against the defendant as indorser of a promissory note, for the sum of \$150. Judgment for plaintiff with costs. W. H. Langley for plaintiff; J. M. Bradburn for defendant.

Baigallop vs. Heller—Action by plaintiff as one of the next of kin of Rosa Marx, against defendant as the administratrix of estate. S. P. Mills, K. C., for plaintiff. Stood over.

The Egyptian perfumes, according to ancient authorities, were mostly made in Egypt from materials imported from Arabia, Persia, and Central Africa.

SPENCER'S FIRE SALE. More New Bargains For Friday and Saturday

Boys' Clothing

Russian Blouse Suits, were \$4.75, for \$2.75. Better quality, were \$7.50, for \$4.50. Overcoats, were \$5.75, for \$2.50. Suits for boys of from 5 to 9 years marked cheap, \$4.50 and \$5.75 Suits for cheap, \$2.50. 8 Military Coats for small boys, were \$5.75, for \$2.50.

Men's Suits

What are left go at about half price.

Underwear

All sizes in boys' Fleece Shirts and Drawers, 25c, and 35c, each for all. Sizes from 24 to 32. Small sizes in Scotch Wool Underwear, 15c. Oddments at 25c, 45c, and 50c. Half price.

Men's Underwear

We mention just one Bargain and a good one. Pure Lamb's Wool Shirts and Drawers \$1.00 Shirts each.

Men's Outside Shirts

Galated Shirts, with collars, 45c. Striped Cotton, Oxford Shirting and Flannelette Shirts, 35c, each. Shirts without collars, were \$1.00, for 50c. \$1.00 and \$1.25 Shirts for 25c. Sizes, 16, 18, 17, 17 1/2, and 18. These Shirts are soiled, but well worth buying at 25c, each. Better qualities, 50c, and 85c, each.

Caps

Home Spun Tweed Caps, \$1.00 quality for 50c. 50c, and 75c, caps for 35c. 50c, caps for 25c. Boys' Tweed Caps, 15c, and 25c. \$1.00 Leather Tams, for 50c. Plush Tams, for 50c. Leather and Corduroy Tams for 50c. Corduroy Tams, 35c.

Hosiery and Underwear

More Bargains in this department for this week's shoppers:

Black Cashmere Hose, lace feet, were 50c, for 35c. Ladies' Ribbed Cashmere Hose, 18c, pr. Better Grade, 25c, and 35c. Children's Cashmere Socks, were 25c, for 12 1/2c, pr.

Misses' Ribbed Cashmere Hose, were 35c, and 50c, for 25c, and 35c, pr.

Silk Underwear

Some of the best bargains were overlooked by the underwear buyers of this week. Pure Silk Vests, were \$5.00, for \$2.60. 8-Thread Pure Silk Vests and Pants, were \$6.50, now \$3.75. More Spun Silk Vests, 35c, each. Silk Vests with embroidered fronts, were \$1.50, now 75c.

Ladies' Long Sleeve Vests, Drawers to match, wool and cotton, were \$1.00, for 65c.

Men's Ties and Collars

See windows to-day for Ties at 15c, 25c, and 50c, each. The new artistic Tie, worth 75c, each. All Four-in-hand and Flowing End Ties go at 25c. We don't want to have one tie in the store in a week's time that was here at the time of the fire. Best English Collars, 4-Ply, all-linen, 15c. Canadian all-linen Collars, 8c. Turnover Collars, 8c. Ordinary Shape Collars, Cambric, 5c.

Blouses

Ladies' Organie Muslin Blouses, Friday, 50c. Be sure and see these Blouses early Friday morning, they won't last long. Various patterns in the lot.

Kid Gloves

French Suede Gloves, well worth \$1.00, for 50c. Tan Color and Undressed Kid Gloves, 4-clasp, to-day, per pair, 50c.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 20-5 a. m.—As mentioned yesterday, an ocean low pressure area has spread to the Coast, where it has caused high southerly winds and a general rain on the Pacific slope from California to Vancouver Island. As a portion of this disturbance is centered over northern British Columbia, our weather is likely to remain unsettled and mild, with rain. A thaw still continues between the ranges and in Alberta, while further east the temperature is from 10 to 15 degrees above zero.

Forecasts. For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Friday. Victoria and vicinity—Fresh southerly winds, unsettled and mild, with occasional rains.

Lower Mainland—Easterly to southerly winds, moderate to fresh on the Gulf, continued unsettled and mild, with rain.

Reports. Victoria—Barometer, 29.71; temperature, 52; minimum, 47; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.74; temperature, 53; minimum, 49; wind, 4 miles E. rain, 4; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.68; temperature, 42; minimum, 40; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.58; temperature, 34; minimum, 32; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Nanaimo—Barometer, 29.04; temperature, 52; minimum, 50; wind, 20 miles S. E. rain, 4; weather, rain.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.75; temperature, 29; minimum, 24; wind, calm; weather, clear.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Best Fraser River Salmon, 5c. to 10c. per tin. Mowat & Wallace, grocers, corner Yates and Douglas streets.

On Saturday evening a stoker will be given by the Boiler-makers' union in the Sir William Wallace hall.

The marine firemen will meet on Sunday evening to organize a local union, the charter for such having arrived.

Court proceedings are being taken to dissolve the partnership existing between Jackson & McDonnell, as proprietors of the Savoy theatres in Victoria, Vancouver and Dawson.

A public meeting, under the auspices of the Victoria branch of the Lord's Day Alliance, will be held in Temperance hall on March 5th. This was decided at a meeting of the executive of the organization held in the lecture room of St. Andrew's church yesterday afternoon.

All aboard for Crofton, the new steaming tug. On and after February 1st a daily passenger and freight service will be inaugurated between Victoria and Crofton and way points, first-class steamer, connecting with V. & S. railway. Trains will leave the V. & S. station at 7:45 a. m.

Service will commence to-morrow (Friday) evening, at 7:30. Rev. Montague N. A. Cohen will preach on "Public Worship" (Part II), or "Why I Do Go to Synagogue." The subject on Saturday morning will be the second of the series on "Women in the Jewish Religion," entitled, "Women of the Talmud and Midrash."

The Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist church held their monthly missionary meeting on Monday night. Dr. Service, who has been for some time working among the Indian missions on the West Coast, addressed the meeting in this connection, his subject being entitled, "Missionary Methods," which was one of interest. A business meeting was held at the close.

The death occurred in Nanaimo yesterday of Babakah Jane, wife of James Brown, of Nanaimo. She deceased only three days after her husband's pneumonia being the cause of death, which came as a great shock to her many friends in this city and Nanaimo. The remains will arrive in the city on to-morrow's train, and the funeral will take place from her parent's residence, 79 Pembroke street, on Saturday. The deceased leaves a husband and five sons to mourn her loss. She was the fifth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Walsh of this city.

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The players of this city will soon have an opportunity of hearing and seeing Miss Florence Roberts, the gift-American actress, who is now touring the Pacific coast under the direction and management of the well known theatrical firm of Belasco & Thall. Her repertoire is extensive and headed by the much talked of play "Zaza," by David Belasco, which created such a furore in London, New York and Eastern centers. This production will be given on the first night of Miss Roberts' engagement at the Victoria theatre, commencing Monday night. Miss Roberts is supported by an exceptionally strong company. The company carries a special carload of scenery, and the plays are magnificently mounted and elegantly costumed. "Camille" is the bill for Tuesday night, and the much talked of "Sapho" will close the engagement on Wednesday evening.

The meeting of the Veterans' Association is fixed for to-morrow (Friday) evening, and not this evening, as announced in the Colouist.

Our customers tell us "It's something strange to get good values in teas in Victoria and coffees in Victoria." Direct importers, corner Douglas and Johnson, phone, 803.

That property you listed last week with J. E. Church, 14 Tronace Ave., has been sold. If you have more at the right price, he has a purchaser for it.

The favorite route from this city to Nanaimo is now by the Victoria & Sidney railway and steamer Iroquois. Train leaves every Monday and Thursday at 7:45 a. m. Single fare \$1.50. Return, good for 10 days, \$2.50.

A basket social and dance will be given by the Victoria District Farmers' Institute in Agricultural hall, Seaside, to-morrow night, commencing at 8 p. m. A special train leaves the Hillside avenue station at 7:30 o'clock.

At St. Joseph's hospital yesterday John Sullivan passed away in the 70th year of his age. The funeral will take place from the Victoria undertaking parlors at 8:15, and from St. Andrew's cathedral at 8:30 on Saturday morning.

The work committee of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Royal Jubilee hospital will be at the hospital at 2:30 to-morrow afternoon. All members inclined to assist during Lent are urged to attend as there is a great deal to be done before Easter.

Some important suggestions for those who have not tried Capital Cigars; 10c. buys one, large or small. Don't waste your money on something that does not commend itself. Capital and "Gold's Own" Cigars are standard brands, come to stay and have won great merit. Sold by all dealers.

An interesting debate took place at the meeting of the mock parliament in St. Andrew's lecture room last evening. The proposal of the government to reduce the tariff was ably defended by Messrs. Grant, Corbett, and Von Cramer, while Messrs. Black, Wilson and Prins led a spirited opposition.

The body of Edith Curran arrived from Seattle on the steamer Rosalie this morning. She is a daughter of W. H. Curran, of Kenderby, B. C., and leaves two sisters residing in this city. The funeral will take place from Rock Bay avenue to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

To-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock the annual meeting of the delegates of the various branches of the S. P. C. A. in the province will be held in the city hall. Among the speakers expected to be present are R. F. Green, M. P., J. F. Fulton, M. P., P. Price, M. P., J. P. J. C. Brown, M. P., Foreman, of Vancouver, and C. C. Fisher, of New Westminster.

The residence of D. Fulton, Third street, was last evening the scene of a very pleasant farewell party tendered to Miss Peables, of Ontario, who has been visiting friends here for the past several months. About 30 were in attendance, and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Miss Peables will spend a few days at Vancouver and some time at Nelson on her way to the East.

The monthly general meeting of the Victoria, British Columbia, Board of Trade will be held on Friday next commencing at 3 o'clock, when the following business will receive consideration: Development of Vancouver Island, with special reference to Mount Sicker and Alberca; fish traps and fishing matters generally; Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire, to be held in London, and the meeting of the Dominion Board of Trade, Ottawa, in March.

The second of the series of Lenten organ recitals will be given after evening on Sunday next at St. John's church, the preacher being the Lord Bishop of the diocese. In addition to the organ recital, the Rev. G. Hicks will sing "A Dream of Paradise," with violin obligato; G. Hicks will sing "Fear Not Ye, O Israel"; H. Moxon will sing "King David's Lament," and Jesse Longfield will play a violin solo, "Schubert's Serenade," and the concluding organ solo.

Capt. Gaudin is greatly incensed over what is attributed to him in the morning paper in regard to the usage of the word "Reliance" in connection with the story of wreckage found off Cape Beale. According to his dispatch by the Times, San Francisco, are not contained therein, and must have been added, for what purpose he cannot say. The Times quoted the exact words used by Lighthouse Keeper Patterson, which were that there had been found thirty feet of three-inch rubber belting at Cape Beale marked Bowers Rubber Co., fully warranted, Reliance, San Francisco. The inference which the Times drew from this was that the Reliance was the name of the vessel lost. Capt. Gaudin, however, places a different construction on the inscription, and believes that the word "Reliance" gives the quality of the belting, although conceding that the conclusion arrived at by the Times is not an unreasonable one. Belting, the captain explains, is only used on ships carrying donkey engines, and is not likely to be found on schooners.

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OPPOSITION ARE READY FOR FIGHT

RICHARD M'BRIDE IS SELECTED AS LEADER

Eighteen Members Ranged in Hostility to the Government—Active Fight Commences on Monday.

The members of the opposition in the legislature held a caucus last night in the Diarrid hotel when the situation was thoroughly talked over and a definite arrangement reached in regard to the course of those who oppose the present government during the session. The caucus was attended by eighteen members of the House, and was prolonged until about 5 o'clock this morning.

A course of action was mapped out, and R. M'Bride, ex-minister of mines, was selected as leader during the session.

A feature of the caucus were the overtures made on behalf of the government for the members of the opposition to return to the government fold for the purpose of freeing the administration of the incubus of Joseph Martin. Alluring promises were made, and it is understood that an offer was made to give the opposition the two vacant portfolios, and the Speakership, if they would come to terms. The offer was indignantly spurned, a number of the members expressing their determination to abide by the decision reached prior to the New Westminster convention and remain in hostility to the administration.

It is understood also that the Premier undertook, if a truce would be accepted, to renounce his alliance with Joseph Martin, and to express his regret for the course he had pursued.

Richard M'Bride, who was selected as leader, was seen this morning and confirmed the report that he had been selected for that post. He added: "The convention did me that honor, and I will have the assistance during the session of an able and energetic team consisting of Messrs. H. D. Helmecken, R. F. Green, Capt. Tatlow, A. W. Neill, Denis Murphy and C. W. Munro. Mr. Green was selected as whip.

The convention, considering the diverse elements of which it was composed, was wonderfully harmonious, and the attitude of the party to the Dunsuir-Martin government was one of pronounced hostility.

"We are now thoroughly organized, and although we do not intend to occupy a position of factions opposition on the opening day of the session, we will commence active and aggressive action when the House reassembles on Monday. We believe that in the event of the government being defeated, as seems probable, that an appeal to the country will be entirely unnecessary, and that a good strong working government can be formed to carry on the business of the House to the end of its statutory term."

"The question of the introduction of a proper measure of redistribution will early engage the attention of the party. The members, too, regard the conduct of the government in declining to open the Victoria seat as monstrous, and will do all in their power to bring on that by-election without delay."

"I may add that we have the positive assurance of the hearty co-operation and support of the Liberal-Labor members, Messrs. Smith Curtis and J. H. Hawthornthwaite."

As nearly as can be learned the following members were present: Messrs. Clifford, Curtis, Fulton, Garden, Green, Hayward, Helmecken, Kidd, Munro, Murphy, M'Bride, McPhillips, Neill, Rogers, E. C. Smith, Tatlow, Taylor and Gifford.

A member of the government said today that he has no political regard to the outcome. If a vote was to be taken on the election of the Speaker this afternoon, the government will have at least four of a majority. Several of the members who attended the opposition caucus last evening were at the government caucus this morning and pledged their support to the government.

An interesting meeting of Dominion Lodge No. 4, I. O. O. F., will be held this evening, when there will be work in the second degree. A full attendance of members is desired.

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WELL KNOWN CITIZEN DIED THIS MORNING

H. N. Short Passed Away at His Residence, Oak Bay, This Morning—He Was a Pioneer.

Death this morning removed one of Victoria's most widely known pioneers in Henry Short, the Douglas street gunsmith. His demise was not wholly unexpected, as he was in the meretricious grip of a malady which could have none other than a fatal termination. He has been ill for many months, but he never recovered from the shock caused by the death of his daughter a short time ago, which he believed to be his end.

Previous to his last attack of illness a fortnight ago, he was able to get out for a few days, but was shortly afterwards confined to his bed again, growing gradually weaker until this morning, when he expired at his residence, Ross Bay.

Henry Short was a native of Cork, Ireland, where he was born fifty-one years ago. He came to Victoria in 1862, having left London on the ship Tyne-mouth, which brought out a large number of well known pioneers, the majority of whom have already passed into the great beyond.

Unlike many of the early comers, he did not fall a victim to the gold fever, and consequently did not embark in mining enterprises. Instead, he engaged at once in the gunsmith business, his first establishment being a little structure on the corner of Pandora and his end, Government streets. Subsequently he removed his business to Fort street, where he built up a thriving trade. He removed to Douglas street about ten years ago, and until his illness was always to be found in his premises as enthusiastic as when he first embarked in business in this city in the early sixties.

Short was an active sportsman and an energetic, skillful votary of both the gun and rod. He was full of life and hearty spirit, of a benevolent disposition, and will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

He was a member of the Victoria Lodge, A. O. U. W., and a member of the Pioneer Society.

He was an ardent lover of music, and many a time in the good old days delighted the pioneers by his splendid voice. He was leader of Christ Church Cathedral choir for many years, and subsequently conducted the choir of the Reformed Episcopal church.

He leaves a widow, a daughter and two sons, Nugent and Richard. Further notice of the funeral will be given.

SAVES A THOUSAND. Proceedings Arising From Arbitrators' Award Settled Out of Court.

The legal proceedings taken by the civil authorities to set aside the award of a majority of the arbitrators in the matter of expropriating the lot at the corner of Wharf and Government street for the purpose connected with the Victoria reclamation scheme, has been settled out of court. The owners of the lot have accepted the city's offer of \$3,750 and costs of reference, in lieu of the arbitrators' award of \$9,750 and costs. The city saves exactly \$1,000 as a result of the appeal.

Regarding the political situation he said: "My attitude in the House will be exactly as it has been. When Mr. Martin drew his case last session I stated I would stand as a representative of Liberalism and labor, and would speak for myself alone. I have always been an opponent of the Dunsuir government and will continue to give it my uncompromising opposition. Rossland riding was entitled to seven times as many delegates as Esquimalt, yet the latter had twice as many delegates, and the faction deliberately voted down a proposal to partly correct this. In place of the convention being made to unite all Liberals, thus insuring future success at the polls, it was coarsely engineered to help out the overweening self-centring ambitions of one man. The moment it was seen that the leadership would cause a split, the appointment should have been left in abeyance. Mr. Martin's immediate ambition was satisfied, by means of which the least said is the soonest mended. Imagine Sir Wilfrid Laurier or Edward Blake packing a convention for such, or any other purpose."

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THE STEAMER ANUR FROM LYNN CANAL

BRINGS DETAILS OF AVALANCHE DISASTER

Indians Near Dawson Found in a Starving Condition—Bertha Passed in Fitzhugh Sound.

Calling first at Vancouver and then continuing her voyage from Skagway, the 42, P. N. Steamer Anur arrived here last night with a small number of passengers from points in the North.

The steamer brings news of the bodies of Thomas McDevitt, James Lodge, and Chris Jensen, the three men who perished in a snowslide on Prince of Wales Island on February 2nd, having been recovered by a searching party ten days later.

Five days after the disaster the sloop Columbia brought the news of the occurrence. A search party of 15 was sent to the scene, and started for the scene of the disaster.

A story of starvation also comes in the Anur's mail. The return to Dawson of a constable sent up the Klondike to investigate the condition of the starving Indians reported up there, discovers things to be about as bad as they will be can.

CREW MUTINIED.

Steamer Zealandia, which arrived at San Francisco from Australia and Hawaii on Monday last, brings advices from Tutuila, Samoa, under date of February 4th, that the three-masted American schooner Alice McDonald, with a cargo of coal from Newcastle to San Francisco, is tied up in Pago Pago harbor, and her crew, which mutinied, is under arrest.

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of the United States ship would not have a moral effect on the crew. Capt. Sebree persuaded the crew to go to sea.

Among the 500 tons of naval stores which the British ship Belford is discharging in Esquimaux are 4,000 yards of electric cable wire for the new look-out tower being erected there.

Capt. Hall, of the steamer Queen, who arrived from the south on Monday night, reported that he had sighted a derelict schooner a few miles north of Cape Mendocino.

On her last trip south from here the steamer Unatilla had a very stormy passage, and was considerably buffeted about.

The British steamer, Queen Mary, will not reach here until Sunday night. The British steamer, Queen Mary, 2,262 tons, Captain Simpson, is chartered to load a cargo of raw sugar at Java for Vancouver.

DOMINION OF CANADA SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS

For Disposal of Minerals on Dominion Lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories, and the Yukon Territory.

COAL. Coal lands may be purchased at \$10.00 per acre for soft coal, and \$20.00 for anthracite.

QUARTZ. Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding Free Miner's certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.

A Free Miner's Certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of \$10.00 per annum for an individual, and from \$50.00 to \$100.00 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A Free Miner having discovered mineral in place may locate a claim 1,500x1,500 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing honest notices, one at each end on the line of the lode or vein.

At least \$100.00 must be expended on the claim each year or before the expiration of the term of the lease, or the lease shall be null and void.

PLACER MINING, MANITOBA AND THE N. W. T., EXCEPTING THE YUKON TERRITORY. Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square, entry fee \$5.00.

DREDGING IN THE YUKON TERRITORY. Six inches of five miles each may be granted for a term of twenty years, and is renewable.

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Of such severe diseases as scrofula, runningsores, salt rheum or eczema, shingles, erysipelas and cancer, as well as boils, blotches, pimples, constipation, sick headache, dyspepsia, and all disorders of the stomach, liver, kidneys, bowels and blood.

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Pacific Coast Steamship Co. For South-Eastern Alaska. Leave Victoria, Feb. 15, 22, 29, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.

For San Francisco. Leave Victoria, Feb. 15, 22, 29, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.

Steamer Senator. Connects at Sidney with morning train DAILY FOR CROFTON.

Steamer Iroquois. Connecting with the Victoria & Sidney Railway, will sail (weather permitting) as follows:

Monday—Leave Sidney for Nanaimo at 8:45 a. m., calling at Fulford, Ganges, Mayne, Fernwood and Gabriola.

Tuesday—Leave Nanaimo for Sidney at 7 a. m., calling at Gabriola, Kuper, Chemainus, Vesuvius, Maple Bay, Burgoyne, Ganges, Cowichan and Mill Bay.

Wednesday—Leave Sidney at 8:45 a. m., calling at Fulford, Beaver Point, Ganges, Galiano, Mayne, Pender and Saturna.

Thursday—Leave Sidney for Nanaimo at 8:45 a. m., calling at Mill Bay, Cowichan, Ganges, Burgoyne, Maple Bay, Vesuvius, Chemainus, Kuper and Gabriola.

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Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Board of Licensing Commissioners at its next session for a transfer to Jesse Geddes Christie of the license now held by me for the sale of wines and spirituous liquors by retail upon the premises known as the Market Exchange Saloon, situate at No. 30 Fort Street, Victoria, B. C.

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THE OPENING OF THE LEGISLATURE

(Continued from page 1.) relations of the province of British Columbia and the Dominion of Canada under the terms of union.

A report will be laid before you concerning the results of the commission to enquire into, and adjust where possible, freight rates on agricultural products. It is satisfactory to state, as a consequence, that substantial reductions have been made and shipping facilities have been improved.

The subject of fishery development is one which has been receiving greatly increased attention, and the efforts of my government are in the direction of placing the industry on a more satisfactory footing.

Measures will be submitted for your consideration having for their object the encouragement of immigration and the settlement of unoccupied lands.

Under the authority of legislation of last session, agreements have been entered into with several companies for the manufacture of pulp and paper, and negotiations are now being carried on for the establishment of these industries.

Negotiations are being carried on for the purpose of securing the construction of a railway from the Inlet to Yellowhead Pass to connect with the railway system on Vancouver Island, and for the construction of the Coast-Kootenay railway.

Legislation will be introduced dealing with taxation and assistance to hospitals.

Estimates of revenue and expenditure have been carefully prepared with a view to strictest economy being exercised, and will be submitted without delay.

I now leave you to your deliberations, with the sincere trust and belief that your efforts will be productive of much good, and earnestly invoke on your behalf the Divine blessing.

To-Night's Dinner. The dinner to be given by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor at the Drifard Hotel will be one of the largest ever given on the occasion of the opening of the session. It will take place at 8 o'clock at the Drifard. The following being the invited guests:

- Hon. J. H. Ross, Governor of the Yukon Territory, arrived from Dawson by the steamer Amur last evening and spent the day with friends in the city. He leaves tonight for Ottawa. The Governor corroborated the views already expressed by him and telegraphed to the Times regarding the Treadgold concession.

P. P., Mr. John Oliver, M. P. P., Mr. C. E. Pooley, M. P. P., Mr. S. A. Rogers, M. P. P., Mr. A. W. Smith, M. P. P., Mr. E. C. Smith, M. P. P., Mr. Jas. Stables, M. P. P., Mr. R. G. Taylor, M. P. P., Mr. Thos. Taylor, M. P. P., Hon. S. Shimizu (Japanese consul), Lieut.-Col. Grant, R. E., Major Monro (11th Regiment, C. A.), Lieut.-Col. Holmes, D. O. C., Hon. Judge Harrison, Major Gordon, R. G. A., His Worship the Mayor, Hon. A. E. Smith (United States consul), Mr. Lowenberg (German consul), Major Jones, Rev. E. S. Rowe, Rev. W. L. Clay, Lieut.-Col. Wolfenden, Mr. W. S. Gore, Mr. J. McE. Smith, Mr. J. A. Anderson, Mr. A. C. Reddie, Mr. J. R. Anderson, Mr. H. A. Maclean, Mr. R. E. Gosnell, Mr. Gamble, Capt. R. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, A. D. C., Mr. W. Fleet Robertson, Capt. Richardson, Mr. S. Y. Wootton, Lieut.-Col. Worsnop, Commander C. H. Simpson (H. M. S. Egeria), Lieut. Barker (H. M. S. Virago), Mr. Alex. Robinson, Mr. C. H. Lugin, Mr. H. M. Graham, Mr. W. A. Ward, Mr. T. R. Smith and Mr. A. B. Powell.

ITALIAN PARLIAMENT. Speech From Throne Refers to Necessity For Social Legislation.

(Associated Press.) Rome, Feb. 20.—King Victor Emmanuel opened parliament to-day, with considerable ceremony. The speech from the throne referred to the tranquillizing effects on the country of the government's liberal policy, and to the excellent relations existing between Italy and all the powers. "A policy," said His Majesty, "which bears in mind all our rights and all our duties, and has earned us a large share of goodwill and flattering testimonies of the esteem in which our country is held by foreign nations. The confidence which Great Britain and Brazil placed in me by selecting me as arbitrator is very pleasing to me. Thus in the concert of the great nations, the defence of our interests and fidelity to our alliances and ties of cordial friendship are fully reconcilable with Italy's supreme aim, namely, peace."

His Majesty dwelt at length on the necessity for social legislation, especially as regards the working people. Referring to the proposed divorce bill, His Majesty said: "In the relations of state and church my government intends to maintain strictly the separation of the civil from the spiritual authorities, to honor the clergy, but to confine them in their own domain to extend unrestricted respect to religious liberty of conscience, but to inviolably preserve intact the prerogative of civil power and the rights of national sovereignty."

THE BANK FRAUDS. Kelly and Tiles Plead Guilty—Sentences Have Been Postponed.

(Associated Press.) London, Feb. 20.—At the resumption of the hearing of the charges growing out of the Bank of Liverpool frauds today, F. T. Kelly, a book-maker of Bradford, and S. Tiles, another book-maker, both charged with complicity in the robbery, pleaded guilty. Sentences in their cases were postponed until Saturday.

Dick Burge was found guilty yesterday afternoon. Sentence in his case was also postponed.

In return for a mitigation of the prisoners' sentences, counsel for Kelly promised the restitution of £20,000. Counsel for "Dick" Burge, the pugilist, who was found guilty yesterday, and Tiles also promised their clients would restore all the money they had, but the judge remarked that he would not take promises. The money must be handed over. Hence the postponement of the sentences until Saturday.

Shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon the fire department was called to a blaze in the premises occupied by the Biograph Company, on Yates street, just below Broad. The slipping of his chair leg through a knot-hole on the elevated platform from which the machine was operated caused the operator to fall against the contrivance, the film of which became ignited from the arc light. The blaze was quenched by a chemical stream. A considerable quantity of the paraphernalia was damaged. The alarm was from box 21.

20 YEARS OF VILE CATARRH. WONDERFUL TESTIMONY TO THE CURATIVE POWERS OF DR. AGNEW'S CATARRHAL POWDER.

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B. A. Stewart, who, as announced in yesterday's paper, has just been elected to fill the vacancy at Leglar, Man., beating out the opponents, Messrs. Richardson and Toombs, is a brother-in-law of H. B. McIntyre, of the Times.

Thos. Taylor, Front Lake, Edwin C. Smith, Fort Steele, Chas. J. Munro, Chilliwack, and Thos. Gilford, are a contingent of provincial members who are making the Dominion their headquarters during the session.

H. Elia returned a few days ago from Dawson, where he has been representing the Upper Yukon Consolidated Co. for the past year. He comes down to Seattle on the Drifard.

M. S. Dillabough and J. D. Hopkins, of the staffs of the provincial asylum and penitentiary, respectively, are at the Drifard.

J. Oppenheimer, Vancouver, is at the Drifard, accompanied by Dr. Sidney Oppenheimer, of Greenwood, B. C. Geo. L. Courtney and wife and Miss Courtney are on the Sound on the Inlet this morning.

Smith Curtis, M. P. P., for Rossland, and Hugh H. Gilman, M. P. P., Vancouver, are at the Vernon.

Geo. Melz, Brown, executive agent for the C. P. R., at the Vernon, and Capt. Tatlow and daughter arrived by the Drifard last evening.

E. C. Hawkins came over from the Sound by this morning's Rossland.

C. S. Millard, of the C. P. R. staff, Vancouver, is at the Drifard. J. T. Wilkinson, of the Province, Vancouver, is at the Drifard. M. Lenz returned from the Sound by the Rossland this morning.

J. E. Gillson, M. P. P., for East Yale, is at the Drifard. A. E. Howse, of Nicola, is registered at the Drifard. A. B. Clifton, Rossland, is at the Drifard.

OFF FOR VANCOUVER. Sturdy Victoria 1 and 2 will Uphold Honor of Victoria in Terminal City.

The Victoria Intermediate and Junior and possibly the High school soccer teams will leave for Vancouver to-morrow night, and on Saturday will give battle to the Terminal City teams. The Victoria boys have been practicing diligently and hope to repeat their last performance, when they turned down the Vancouver visitors at Oak Bay. Another practice is in progress this afternoon, and the boys show themselves to be in fine fettle.

The Victoria Intermediate team is as follows: Full back, C. N. Gowen, Jr.; three-quarters, W. A. Blackburn (capt.), J. Patton, C. Newcombe and H. Marshall; half backs, L. Foote and W. Redfern; forwards, J. H. Corbett, W. Sweetland, M. Macdonald, H. Marchant, J. Lawson, H. Redfern, G. Willett and L. Vetter.

The Junior fifteen, Victoria and Vancouver, are: Victoria—Full back, W. Todd; three-quarters, H. Marshall (capt.), E. Tate, L. Netherby, W. Elliott; half backs, A. Pitts, W. Patterson, J. H. Corbett, J. Walker, McCarter, Gibson, Kerfoot, Kay, W. Newcombe, A. Newcombe; reserves, McInnes, Anderson.

Vancouver—A. Robinson, M. Johnston, A. Holmes, J. Johnston, H. Johnston, T. Lowrey, J. Revell, J. Tupper, G. Shoebottom, F. Brydone-Jack, C. Brydone-Jack, L. Fraser, W. Ellis, N. Smith, H. Walters.

According to the Vancouver News-Advertiser there will not be many changes in the ranks of the players in the Intermediate, Elia and Johnston will probably be put on the three-quarter line, and this will necessitate making some rearrangement of the team. McCarty and Latour will also be considered for the forward line. Merritt could be put on, too. It would strengthen the front. Bains, too, would make a splendid forward, and this arrangement would make the team much more aggressive.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS. Victoria Meteorological Office, 12th to 18th February, 1902. The chief features of the weather during this period were the abnormal amount of cloudiness and precipitation extending not only along the Coast, but inland to the Fraser river valley.

During Wednesday, 12th, and until the night of Thursday, 13th, the barometer was at its lowest level over the western portion of the continent, and the weather was fair, with light to moderate winds, along the Coast. During the night of the 13th and the day of the 14th, the barometer fell steadily throughout the entire Pacific slope, in advance of an extensive ocean storm, which, by the morning of Saturday, 15th, was centred (22-30 inches) off Vancouver Island. This barometric disturbance caused a southerly gale on the Straits of Fuca and a great portion of the North Pacific Coast, and a heavy and general rainfall throughout the Pacific slope from California northward to Canada. At the same time a remarkable warm spell occurred along the Coast, when the temperature rose above 50 here, 60 in Washington and 70 in Oregon. This warm wave, in conjunction with the heavy rains, caused the rivers to rise rapidly, and in some instances occasioned floods and wash-outs both on Vancouver Island, the Lower Mainland and in the adjoining States.

For 24 hours from 6 a. to Saturday, 15th, over two inches of rain fell on the Lower Mainland and 20 in Oregon. This rain, and one inch at Victoria. During Sunday and Monday this storm gradually extended

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