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**THAWING FROZEN MAINS.**  
 Electricity Has Been Successfully Used at Elmira, N. Y.  
 (Associated Press.)  
 Elmira, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Electricians in the employ of the local water company have succeeded in thawing out frozen water mains. A positive wire was inserted at one end of each hundred foot section, and a negative wire at the other end. The current was then turned on and the ice rapidly melted. This is one of the first times this has ever been done. The mains were six inches in diameter, and located in the outlying portions of the city.  
**ENGINEER KILLED.**  
 (Associated Press.)  
 Altoona, Feb. 18.—A west-bound freight train on the Pennsylvania railroad collided with a locomotive at Greenville, Pa., shortly after midnight. Christian Crummett, of Altoona, engineer of the middle division, was killed.  
 The special train bearing the body of the late Senator Hanna and the funeral party, en route to Cleveland, was delayed an hour by the wreck.

**THE CHICAGO DISASTER.**  
 It Is Believed Cause of Fire Being Carried Over Theatre Has Been Found.  
 (Associated Press.)  
 Chicago, Feb. 18.—The cause of the wave of fire and superheated air which swept over the Iroquois matinee audience, bringing instant death to hundreds, has been discovered by the corporation councilmen. The new theory will be demonstrated before the grand jury.  
 The investigations of Alfred Mace, a public appraiser, covering a period of over three weeks, led to a large air chamber above the east wall of the building. Within this chamber into which led ventilating ducts from every part of the theatre, Mr. Mace found a large electric fan, which, when in operation, produced a draft of great force. He is convinced that this fan was operating during the fire, and that the draft it produced sucked the fire from the stage across the auditorium and against the east wall. He found the iron leaves of the fan melted in places, and believes that the draft it produced, was great enough to draw the fire itself into the air chamber.

## HUNDREDS OF RUSSIAN SAILORS PERISHED

**Were Either Killed or Drowned When Cruiser Variag and Gunboat Koreitz Were Destroyed Off Chemulpo.**

(Associated Press.)  
 Berlin, Feb. 18.—A dispatch to the Cologne Gazette from Chemulpo reports that seventeen officers and four hundred and thirty-nine men of the Russian warships *Variag* and *Koreitz* were either killed or drowned when those vessels were destroyed.

**SHOT BY ALEXIEFF.**

How Viceroy Dealt With Officers He Considered Responsible For Disaster.

New York, Feb. 18.—A St. Petersburg correspondent, according to a cablegram to the World from London, says:

"I learn from official sources the news of a dramatic sequel to the Russian disaster at Port Arthur on February 9th.

"After the attack by the Japanese, Viceroy Alexieff summoned before him the Russian officers whose negligence was the main cause of the defeat. After cross-examining them on their conduct, Alexieff was convinced a lieutenant among them was most culpably guilty.

"It is declared that Alexieff drew a revolver and shot the young officer dead before his comrades.

**RUSSIANS ON THE YALU.**

Three Thousand Soldiers Are Now Encamped Opposite Wiju.

Seoul, Feb. 18.—Three thousand Russian troops are reported to be encamped on the Yalu river, opposite Wiju.

**READY FOR LONG WAR.**

Japan Has Large Stores of Supplies and Excellent Facilities For Repairing Ships.

San Francisco, Feb. 18.—William McC. Osborne, collector of customs at

Fusan, Korea, is here on a vacation trip. Speaking of Japan and her ability to maintain a long war, Mr. Osborne says she has laid in large quantities of supplies for her army, has plenty of coal, ample construction and repair facilities for the needs of her navy, and in other respects is on a war footing never before attained by any nation in such a short space of time.

**RUSSIA WAS UNPREPARED.**

People Urged to Wait With Patience For News of Success of Troops.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—An official proclamation explaining the unpreparedness of Russia for war, and the necessity for the exercise of patience by her people has been issued here. It is as follows:

"Eight days have now elapsed since all Russia was shaken with profound indignation against an enemy who suddenly broke off negotiations and by a treacherous attack endeavored to obtain an easy success in a war long desired. The Russian nation, with natural impetuosity, desires prompt vengeance, and awaits feverishly news from the Far East.

"The unity and strength of the Russian people leave no room for doubt that Japan will receive the chastisement she deserves for treachery and provocation to war at a time when our beloved sovereign desired to maintain peace among the nations.

"The conditions under which hostilities are being carried on compel us to wait with patience news of the success of our troops, which cannot occur before decisive actions are fought by the Russian army.

"The distance of the territory and the desire of the Emperor to maintain peace were the causes of the impossibility of more complete and earlier preparation for war. Much time is now necessary in order to strike at Japan blows worthy of the dignity and might of Russia, and while sparing as much as possible the shedding of blood of her children, to inflict just chastisement upon the nation which has provoked the struggle. Russia must await the event in patience, being sure that our army will avenge a hundredfold that provocation.

"Operations on land must not be expected for some time yet, and we cannot obtain early news from the theatre

of war. The useless shedding of blood is unworthy the greatness and power of Russia.

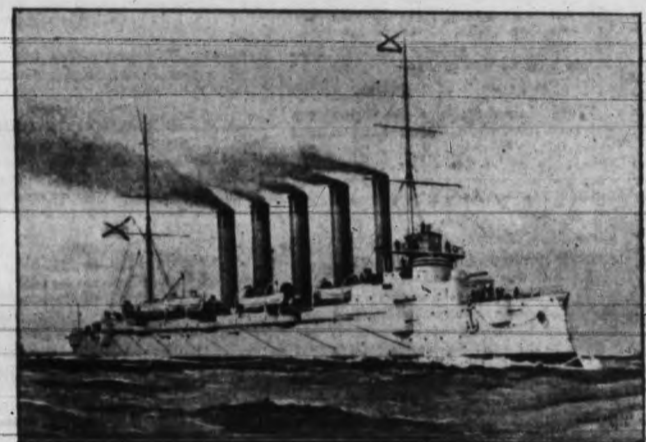
"Our country displays such unity and desire for self-sacrifice on behalf of the nation's cause, that all true news from the scene of hostilities will be immediately due to the entire nation."

M. Peteska has been relieved from his temporary post of minister of finance and transferred to the Council of the Empire.

**OFFICIAL NEWS BACKING.**

Russian Navy Department Has No Information of Loss of *Variag* and *Koreitz*.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—No official announcement of the disaster off Chemulpo, Korea, has yet been made here, although the papers are printing stories of the loss of the *Variag* and *Koreitz*. The St. Petersburg Gazette asks:



**RUSSIAN CRUISER ASKOLD.**

The *Askold*, which was slightly damaged during the Port Arthur engagement of February 9th, is a favorite type of cruiser in the Russian navy, and there are nine of them either built or completing. In 1898 competitive designs were asked for and among the six firms which competed were Krupp, Camp and Vulcan Company. The *Askold* was built by Krupp. Its dimensions are as follows: Length, 420 1/2 feet; extreme beam, 49 feet; mean draught, 20 1/2 feet; displacement, 6,100. Her armament consists of twelve 6-inch, twelve 3-inch, eight 3-pounders, and two 1-pounders. Of her torpedo tubes two are submerged and four above water. Her 6-inch guns have

shields, five are for bow and five for stern fire. The guns have a firing area of 270 degrees. Her armor is as follows: Deck slopes three inch; turret 2 1/2 inch; casemates (4) four inch; conning tower six inch; hoists, one and a half inch; funnel bases, one and a half inches sloping. Instead of the usual deck with inclined engine hatches slightly raised, the *Askold* has a high armor plating the base of her five funnels. She has three screws. With 20,300 horse power, she steamed 23 1/2 knots for six hours. The *Askold* was suddenly ordered to put to sea for her trials when only one boiler was in use. Within two hours she was steaming at the rate of 23 knots.

"What are we going to do with the millions subscribed for the navy?" and continues, "we cannot patch up a useless garment; let us start fresh."

Count Orloff Davkloff, the philanthropist and close friend of the late Czar Alexander III, has given \$500,000 to

**Alexieff Reported to Have Shot Lieutenant Whom He Held Mainly Responsible for the Port Arthur Defeat.**

the Red Cross Society, \$200,000 for a hospital for wounded sailors and soldiers, and \$200,000 for a school for orphans of the war.

The Korean minister announces that although 30,000 Korean troops are stationed at Seoul, his government preferred not to take up arms against Japan, because of the loss of the *Variag* and *Koreitz*.

been captured by the Russians, arrived today at Shanghai. The steamer *Hai Ping*, which arrived at Shanghai today, reports that she was fired on by the Russian ships and forces when seeking shelter in the outer roadstead of Port Arthur, and that she was then ordered to Dairen, where she was detained four days in spite of her captain's protests. The Russian gunboat *Mandjur* remained at Shanghai in defiance of the orders of the Chinese officials to leave port.

**FOR EAR EAST.**

Volunteers Under Forty Years of Age Will Be Accepted For Service Under Alexieff.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—The war office is willing to accept volunteers for service in the Far East. They must be under forty years of age and have had military training. These volunteers will be enrolled in the reserve battalions under Viceroy Alexieff.

**CHILIAN WARSHIPS.**

According to Press Britain May Make Additional Purchases.

New York, Feb. 18.—A correspondent of the Herald telegraph from Valparaiso, Chile:

"La Union, a clerical paper, confirms the rumors by saying negotiations are being carried on for the sale of more warships to England, adding, that all is now a question of agreeing to the price."

"The minister of foreign affairs denied the rumor, and one of the highest chiefs in the navy neither confirmed nor denied it. The interviewer gave the impression that negotiations are proceeding with a foreign power."

**SYMPATHIZE WITH JAPS.**

Victory For Russia Would Mean Closing of Manchuria and Korea to Protestants.

New York, Feb. 18.—"All the Protestant missionaries in the East are on the Japanese side," said Rev. D. Spencer, who has just returned to New York from Japan. He has spent twenty-eight years in that country in missionary work.

"Victory for Russia would virtually close Manchuria and Korea to Protestantism. The orthodox Greek church would rule. The Japanese, on the other hand, welcome our missionaries. Absent from the East, religious prejudice is ever Japanese rule. Our missionaries are not in personal danger in any event. Japan is in deadly earnest. The war is to them a struggle for existence, and for that reason I sympathize with that nation."

**KAISER'S OFFER.**

German Hospitals Ready to Receive Wounded Russians and Japs.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—Emperor William has notified the Czar and the Mikado that the German hospitals at Kiau Choo and Yokohama are available for the care of men wounded during the war.

**RUSSIANS RELEASED.**

Passengers on Steamers Arran and Ekaterinoly Allowed to Proceed to Destination.

Nagasaki, Feb. 18.—Five Russian prisoners detained on board the steamer *Arran* and one on the steamer *Ekaterinoly*, were released at Sasebo today and allowed to proceed to their destination.

**SECRETARY HAY'S NOTE.**

Britain's Formal Assent Not Yet Given as Details Are Incomplete.

London, Feb. 18.—Great Britain's formal assent to Secretary Hay's note on China has not yet been given, as various details, notably status of Newchwang, require further elaboration. At the same time the foreign office says the answer to the note is not intended to be an acceptance of the broad principles of the note.

**RUSSIAN ATTITUDE.**

Decision Will Probably Be Announced Within a Week.

Paris, Feb. 18.—Following another conference between Foreign Minister Delcasse and United States Ambassador Porter, it is understood that Russia's formal assent to the American note will be announced within a week. It now appears that responsible Russian officials made known that with the exception of Manchuria from the operation of the note Russia saw no objection to its acceptance.

This was considered sufficient to permit France to accept, with a reservation respecting Manchuria, Russia's formal assent to the American note. The pressure of war operations has been postponed until February 21st. The reasons for the postponement are not known.

**BRITISH STEAMER SAFE.**

The *Hai Ping* Is Reported to Have Arrived at Shanghai.

Tientsin, Feb. 18.—The departure of the Chinese imperial troops from Pao Ting Fu to Kin Chau, previously fixed for today, to guard the frontier, has been postponed until February 21st. The reasons for the postponement are not known.

The British steamer *Hai Ping*, from China Wang Tao for Shanghai, which was overdue when last reported in Port Arthur, and which was believed to have



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THE MOBILIZING OF RUSSIAN TROOPS

OFFICERS CONFIDENT OF CRUSHING ENEMY

The Report That Two Russian Warships Were Torpedoed on Sunday is Confirmed.

London, Feb. 18.—Japan is most successfully keeping her plans secret. Not a single item of news which could be of possible service to the enemy has been permitted to leak out.

MOVEMENTS OF RUSSIANS

Three thousand troops, the correspondent continues, are crossing Lake Baikal every day. The report that Russian officers were ashore when Port Arthur was attacked is absolutely false.

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Annual Meeting of the Richard III. Development Company, Limited, which has made such remarkable progress in their mine at Mount Sicker, was held yesterday at Dunsmuir. The attendance was excellent. C. H. Dickie, ex-M. P., presided. The directors' report was presented. It was as follows:

The directors beg to submit herewith balance sheet, covering the period from the date of incorporation to the 31st of January last.

The company has steadily pushed the development of the mine, and now have a total of 2,650 feet of workings, which include shaft 300 feet, drifts, upraises and crosscuts, 2,000 feet.

Ore has been found in all of the four drifts west of the shaft and in the 430-foot drift ore bodies were encountered, of which the shareholders were informed by a circular letter in September last. Before starting on this ore it was decided to sink to the 50-foot level. This has been done, rich ore was encountered, and stoping is now being proceeded with from this level.

The balance sheet shows the estimated value of ore raised during the carrying on of the development work. Sufficient work has not been done to make it possible to determine with any accuracy the tonnage of ore in sight, but undoubtedly large bodies will be encountered as stoping continues. The mine is in good shape to guarantee a small daily tonnage for at least several months, but the indications are such as to lead the directors to believe that large bodies of high grade ore will be encountered in the immediate future.

A sample ton of ore was shipped to the Ladysmith smelter, and the assay shows values of 3.20 per cent. copper (wet); silver, 85.00; and gold, .06. The smelter returns show the net proceeds after deducting their charges, of \$24.94. This, it should be noted, is the value on a commercial basis.

A contract has been entered into with the Northwestern Smelting & Refining Company, of Crofton, V. I., for the treatment of our output. The arrangement of this contract the directors gave careful consideration, and with the result that the terms are as advantageous as could be expected.

The retiring directors are Mr. H. Smith and Mr. T. A. Wood. Both these gentlemen are eligible and offer themselves for re-election to the office.

An offer from the Richard III. Mining Company to take over the mine with all assets and assume all liabilities will be placed before the meeting. This will give the necessary capital for development and provide for the final payment on the mine under the purchase agreement. This arrangement is distinctly in favor of the shareholders, and the acceptance of the offer is recommended.

The managing director will report fully to the general meeting on all matters connected with the company.

On behalf of the board of directors, C. H. DICKIE, Chairman.

This proposed reconstruction of the organization under the name of the Richard III. Mining Company was ratified.

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Mr. Dickie, in his address, spoke enthusiastically of the prospects at the mine. At present they were working in an easterly direction, and was four feet wide, and still widening. The ore in the chute would give total values of \$100 a ton.

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Mr. Caine reached his best height in "The Eternal City." He made his interest cumulative and his climax striking and logical. The Rossi of Mr. Morgan is well paired with the Roma of Sarah Truax, who, during her three years of leading work at the Grand Opera house, Pittsburgh, proved power and versatility of a marked degree. When it is known that Frederick de Belleville has the role of Baron Bonelli, the Italian Premier, and Frank J. Bangs that of the Pope, it will be seen that the play is strongly cast in all the most prominent characters. Each of the twenty-nine other original hand-picked production, seen for five months at the Victoria theatre, New York, surrounds Mr. Morgan and the mastery music setting written for the play by Mascagni composed of "Cavalleria Rusticana," is played in full at every performance.

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The annual meeting of the congregation of St. Paul's church, Victoria West, took place on Monday evening, with a good attendance of the members and adherents. The pastor, Rev. D. MacRae, presided.

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After the business was disposed of, refreshments were served by the ladies.

SCENT-MAKING. A scientific experimenter, who is described as a devoted lover of flowers, is said to have discovered a method of extracting the perfume and bottling it, leaving the blossoms as perfect in form and color as before.

To perform this marvel he employs an electrical apparatus with positive and negative poles. The scents of flowers are diffused in the form of tiny particles, of course, invisible to the eye. These particles are attracted towards the positive pole of the machine, and then passed into a glass vessel containing alcohol or some other fluid capable of absorbing or dissolving the odor.

When the contents of the jar are sufficiently impregnated with the scent the jar is withdrawn and replaced by a fresh one.

So powerful is the apparatus that the inventor asserts that a single rose held in front of the receiver will in a few seconds convert a pint of rainwater into rosewater.—Cassell's Saturday Journal.

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Forecasts. For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Friday. Victoria and vicinity—Southerly winds, mostly cloudy, with occasional rains. Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, unsettled and mild, with rain. Reports.

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THE BOSTONIANS TO-NIGHT.

The Bostonians appear at the Victoria theatre to-night in "The Serenade." The Seattle Post-Intelligencer contains the following regarding the appearance in that city of the Bostonians:

"The Bostonians appear to-night at the Grand, and gave 'The Serenade,' and in consequence there will be an epidemic of 'I Love You, I Adore You,' among the boys of the city, both large and small. The song which made such a wondrous hit that the monks in the monastery all sang it, the tailor attempted to learn it, and the duke sought the life of the tenor who made it popular, is still fresh and attractive in spite of wear, and the comic opera, as well as the members of the company, was again received with enthusiasm.

"As upon his former visits, W. H. Macdonald, with his striking stage presence, was a favorite. He was Alvarado in 'The Serenade,' and sang the song to Dolores, which forms the theme around which the opera is constructed. The opening chorus of the male voices was given with much dash and spirit, Howard Chambers' voice leading in 'Piff, piff.' George Fiske rendered with great taste and feeling the beautiful love song to Yvonne. The role of the ballerina dancer who is in love with Alvarado, and who carries a

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POLICE COMMISSIONERS AGAIN.

The city council of Vancouver is having trouble with its police commissioners.

At the last session of the Legislature the power of appointing the commissioners was taken by the government.

The action of the Vancouver council reminds us that we have a police commissioner question on our own hands.

There is a mystery about our case that is fascinating. Why is it that the government refuses to make the appointments when there are any number of gentlemen willing to take the job?

There are many candidates in the field who are filled with but one desire. That desire is to institute reforms.

They are convinced that all has not been done in the past that could be done to improve the moral position of Victoria.

They favor a change and would adopt a new system if they were given the power.

There can be no doubt that it is the wish of the government to appoint reformers on the police board and that the Premier and his colleagues and advisers are merely deliberating upon the qualifications possessed by the various aspirants.

That will be made clear when the appointments are gazetted.

But in case dissatisfaction should arise in Victoria as well as in Vancouver over this "perennial annual," and if just to set at rest the tongues of scandal-disseminators and sepiets, we would suggest that an inquiry be instituted into the matter of the relationship of police commissioners to various civic institutions.

Why should the government be so anxious to gather appointments into its hands which cause so much trouble at the beginning of every year? Why should the men known as the "beetlers" of the party be able to "hold the government up" in regard to the disposition of jobs which are of no monetary value to their possessors? It is not in the nature of the "beetler" to serve either municipality or province "without money and without price."

There is a mystery behind that drawn curtain. If the screen were rent in twain much that is hidden as to the source of livelihood of those "who toll not, neither do they spin" would be made plain.

Vancouver council is to be commended for protesting against the introduction of such a system in its city. The more determinedly it insists upon the McBridge government keeping its dirty hands entirely within the mess it has made of provincial affairs the better Vancouver will be served.

CAUSES OF THE WAR.

The present war in Asia is the culmination of nearly half a century of Muscovite intrigue. To thoroughly understand the situation and comprehend the reason why Great Britain, the United States and Japan are virtually united on one side and Russia, Germany and France on the other, we must look up the records of diplomacy back to the year 1860.

A special contributor to the London Times points out how adroit the Russians were in the first move by which they were enabled to plant their feet firmly on the coveted soil of China.

In that year the dominions of the Czar did not extend below the great ice fields of the north. Before it expired they were in possession of a harbor that was clear of ice for the greater part of a twelve-month.

The allied forces of Great Britain and France then occupied Peking. The occupation was to be only temporary, but the favored son of the sun and moon and all the heavenly bodies did not know that. General Ignatieff laid the foundations of his great reputation by persuading Prince Tung that he could relieve the celestial race of the presence of the barbarians in short order.

Backed by his powerful sovereign he guaranteed that the allies could be made to pack up within a specified date—a date he knew had already been set by the allies.

Would China be willing to mark her gratitude for such a service by a slight recognition of frontier? The terrified Prince Tung jumped at the proposal. The capital was evacuated in accordance with the original plan, and although Ignatieff had no more to do with the withdrawal than the man in the moon, he obtained his recognition of the frontier in the shape of the cession by China to the Russian Empire of the whole of the maritime province of Manchuria, now called Primorsk, with six hundred miles of coast and the fine harbor of Vladivostok, down to the mouth of the Tumen.

Then the Russian diplomat rested from his labors in northern Asia for the space of thirty years. He was busy freeing the serfs and fixing up things in Europe, paying special attention to the extension of his boundaries southward. The course of human events brought around the time for the development of his plans regarding his dominions in Asia. Land transportation had been brought to a high state of economy and efficiency. To connect the various sections of the Russian domain by rail had been brought within the realm of possibility. In 1891 it was decided to construct a railway across the great lone land of Siberia. Then the limitations of Vladivostok as a seaport became apparent. It was sealed up for almost a third of the year by the breath of nature. Languishing diplomatic eyes were cast southward again upon the dominions of stagnant, apathetic China. The close of the war with Japan gave the Russians the excuse they were looking for, and they obtained the permission of the Chinese rulers to divert a branch of their military line southward to Port Arthur. The history of that transaction explains the attitude of the various great powers of Europe and Asia towards each other to-day. The Times contributor points out that "it was in 1895, after the treaty of Shimonezaki had brought the war between China and Japan to an end, that the Manchurian question reached its maturity. By that treaty China had ceded Port Arthur and the Liaotung peninsula, which form the southern extremity of Manchuria, to Japan. Russia realized that, if the Japanese were once permanently established in that position, she would have to renounce the best part of her schemes for the consolidation of her possessions on the Pacific. She obtained, for political reasons which had very little to do with the merits of the case, the support both of France and of Germany, and, on the plea that the presence of the Japanese would be a menace to the independence of China and Korea and a permanent danger to the peace of the Far East, the three allies compelled Japan, under forcible pressure which she was not in a position to resist, to restore Port Arthur and the Liaotung peninsula to China. The Japanese ministers, rightly interpreting the drift of Russian policy, sought at least to obtain from China a pledge that the territories thus retroceded to her should never pass into the hands of a third power; but they had to waive the point, as they were assured that Russia not only had no designs upon Manchuria, but would resent such an imputation upon her disinterestedness."

The Boxer troubles followed, and all the world knows the manner in which that outbreak was adopted as an excuse for the seizure of strategic positions by some of the powers. Great Britain and the United States were forced to act in defence of their own interests, and the national alignment of the world beholds to-day the result. Japan, possibly under the advice of her friends, has acted throughout with great forbearance under intolerable provocation. Whether she will succeed in her enterprise is a matter of great moment to mankind, but whether the war can be confined within its present area is of greater consequence. Russia is evidently in a hostile mood towards Great Britain and the United States. Whether she will be able to work her allies up to the point of intervention must remain a matter of considerable doubt until Mars has given his decision and the day of final adjustment arrives. That will be a critical period.

A CITY'S DISGRACE.

Toronto the Good, the City of Churches, the place set upon a pinnacle as regards reputation for public and private morality—Toronto has been humbled in the dust. The politicians, who are at the root of all mischief, are responsible for the humiliation of Canada's model city. As becomes a highly respectable and very holy place, Toronto is Conservative in politics. It has never completely shaken itself free from the shackles clasped upon its wrists by the late Right Rev. Bishop Strachan. Consequently, although sectaries predominate in the place, the influence of the Tory of the old unreasoning, irreconcilable school still dominates the political sentiment of the inhabitants thereof.

The cause of the downfall of this interesting town is not fully understood yet. The investigation now being held will probably roll up the curtain and expose the root of the disease to all the world. It has been demonstrated that the municipal voters' list were regularly and systematically stuffed. For whose benefit this felonious work was carried on has also to be revealed. There has just been one faint ray of light let in upon the situation. The match was struck in the reading of a communication calling the attention of a former Mayor to a certain felonious transaction. He was notified that a whole batch of names had been put on the voters' lists and that the persons bearing the names were not qualified. His Worship investigated and advised the informer to mind his own business; the names had been put on behalf of a political party.

Mr. Howland was the mayor in question. He is a Tory of the old school. His forbears were closely associated with his reverence Bishop Strachan. He dislocated the municipal service when he was in office because he could not break himself of his aristocratic habits and get down to business before eleven o'clock in the morning. The only thing that was ever known to move him, was the shock of the revelations and the mention of his name in a vulgar, common way in connection with them. Mr. Howland was so thoroughly roused that he astonished his set by appearing before the court of inquiry at 9.45 one January morning when the mercury was crouching low in the thermometer. He might have acquiesced in the falsification of records a thou-

sand times without disturbing the consciences of his associates within the inner circles, but it is said he lost caste beyond recovery when he violated all the canons of his "set" by appearing in public before 10 a.m. But that may merely be the gossip of the newspapers, which in these days of the reign of democrats have no respect for natural born rulers.

Anyhow, it is quite apparent that Mr. Howland did not signify his approval of the stuffing of the lists because the names put on without authority were Liberals. They were all Tories, and they were put on for the purpose of handing the municipal machinery over to the Tory party, which is in dire distress in these days of Grit activity because it is denied the privilege of governing and of gathering up the rewards of those who govern. We expect there will be a season of cleansing in Toronto and that the face of that enterprising city will be washed of its Tory impurities. Possibly clean lists there will have the same effect as the purging of the records had in Victoria. The elimination of the "pluggers" may leave the capital of Ontario also in the hands of the Grits. Who can tell?

Schools of Matrimony are the latest institutions of learning to be established in the United States. It is not stated whether they are intended as an antidote to the divorce court. It is simply announced that young men and women desiring to enter the wedded state are expected to take a course of instruction and receive a diploma before they take the plunge. This normal school is to be established in Iowa. If the Legislature approves a course will be obligatory upon all matrimonial candidates.

Victoria should set on high her banners as a winter resort. We have not had so strong enough this winter to support a gull. In the East the frost has penetrated the ground to a depth of from five to eight feet. The frigid zone has been extended away down south. Locomotive engines have been frozen to their tracks. There should be a great wave of immigration to the coast before next winter. Victoria is the only place guaranteed immune from the incursions of John of the Nurtigen Zone.

Russian commanders have a summary manner of dealing with officers who are negligent and careless. They shoot them on the spot. The world was perhaps of the opinion that the time had gone by when men high in authority exercised the dual functions of judges and executioners.

Russia now pins her faith on the breast of her land forces. But she was just as full of faith in the powers of her navy a few weeks ago. The fighter is usually a fighter, on land or on sea.

Evidently the ice crop will be an abundant one in the East this year.

TOO MANY SQUIRITS.

R. K. Kernighan. I asked him his opinion: Is it government or what? Whose fault is it? What's the reason? The country's got dry rot? Something's blue moulding the nation. Whatever it is, it hurts. And he answered, "This yer country raises too many squirts."

"Thur's too many cock-robin doctors. While there's scarce a good birded man. An' peewee lawyers are thicker. Than the dust on a grand mill be. Bob-o-link preachers air numerous, This yer I boldly asserts, This kentry"—his visage was humorous—"She cultivates too many squirts."

"Thur's too many agents an' drummers, I reckon thur's pedlars galore, Thur's too many tiddy-wink farmers A-keeping hotel or a store. Taint thistles, ner yet 'talst ragweed, Ner docken, ner witch-grass, wot hurts. Our crop as a nation's testuosity. Smothered up too many squirts."

RIVALS.

London Chronicle. Addition, the last new metal, and arsenic liberalism, the last new animal. And themselves rivals for public notice in the great hall of the Natural History museum. But whereas only one, or at most two, persons can enter the dark tent at a time to see radium—any afternoon twenty or thirty persons may be seen waiting their turn—half a dozen people can stand round the splendid trophy recently brought from the Fayoum desert of Egypt by Dr. Andrews, who hopes shortly to set forth on another expedition to the same region. With its remarkable pair of front horns and almost perfect skull, it is a splendid trophy to be placed before the statue of Sir Richard Owen, who to the popular imagination needed only a bit of bone from which to describe an animal. Named after Queen Arsinoe, who had a palace in the Fayoum when it was more habitable than it is to-day, the monster must have become extinct long before her time, probably at the dawn of civilization.

WHITAKER WRIGHT AND OTHERS.

Detroit Tribune. In contrast with the case of Whitaker Wright is that of ex-Mayor Ames, of Minneapolis. Under our system of justice the criminal has many loopholes of escape. His guilt may be as black as midnight. The evidence may be conclusive beyond peradventure, but after a conviction is pronounced, if the slightest flaw can be found in any part of the procedure on the part of the people, the criminal avoids the consequences of his crime unless the people can traverse the same ground once more without error. A mere flyspeck on the information or writ of indictment counts for more than volumes of convincing evidence. As to Mayor Ames's guilt, there is no question in the minds of his fellow-citizens, but he has escaped the toils of the law in one way; some of the crooks who robbed St. Louis have escaped in other ways. "Call it this sort of escape," continues the "public treasury will continue to be in danger, and those who live by bribery and corruption will insist that they are engaged in strictly legitimate business."

CONSIDERATION FOR GOVERNORS.

London Chronicle. That is only an ordinary incident behind the scenes of the private education of young England. The sons of the government are very worse. A few years ago the present governor was looking over a house at Clifton—kept by an estimable lady as a very high-class preparatory school. On the top floor was a room with eight beds. "And the boys are well looked after," for the gov-

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ness sleeps there," said the proprietress, pointing to the bed in the corner. On the landing without there was a linen closet, unlighted, unventilated. But the fingers thought the governess might not like to dress in the same room as the boys," said the kindly proprietress in explanation.

HIS FATE. Toronto Star. Man's life grim fate with trouble fills So many woes to harry him, And if he dodges other ills, Some woman's sure to marry him.

NO ONE TO BURY. Buffalo News. A Glasgow man desirous of taking a house on the Ayrshire coast asked one of the natives if it was a healthy place. The answer he got was this: "Man, I think it is; for when our new graveyard was made we had the shoot a man the get it opened."

MEN YOUNG AT A HUNDRED. There Are Scores of Centenarians Found Among the Nomads in Northern Africa.

Perhaps it is the nomadic, outdoor life they lead; perhaps it is merely due to heredity, but the fact remains that the Arabs of northern Africa are among the most long-lived people in the world. "I saw through Morocco, Algeria and Tunis," said a man who recently returned to America from a long tour in the north of Africa. "But the queerest thing of all was the multitude of centenarians. They were as common as blackberries here in August, and a man or a woman had to be at least 130 to enjoy any sort of long life."

"It is quaint and refreshing to step aside for a moment from the bustle of modern life and make acquaintance with men whose fathers or grandfathers were Barbary corsairs. "It is a treat to drop into coffee houses where public story tellers rivet the attention of a crowded audience and where the jars of All Baba are still in common use, to frequent public squares where sukkacharmers, barbaic musicians and other story-book delights are a commonplace; to meet a kadi hiding to court on a white mule, and to meet with people who tell you stories of djinns as if they were everyday occurrences."

"All this and more you can enjoy in Morocco, Algiers and Tunis—though the French are doing their best to spoil the old world charm of the last two countries. "A gray-headed old man of 70, who is trying to sell curries to a tourist for three times their value exclaims: 'By the beard of the prophet, may my grandfather die if what I tell you is not true!' Looking at his gray beard, you think he is quite safe in calling down that curse upon himself, but when you make inquiries you find that he really is a great big fellow, aged about 110, and that the old gentleman is still going about doing business on market days."

"Life is not wearing in Moslem Africa. A man never does anything in a hurry there. Naturally he does not even grow old in a hurry. When he is 70 he is beginning to get better. When he is 80 he is in the flush of youth; he is no longer counted as one of the boys, but not until he is at least 90 does he expect people to pay honor and reverence to him as a veteran, and even then he must take a back seat and listen deferentially when the hale and hearty centenarians approach."

ONLY CHANCE. "I have written dozens of articles and never had one accepted," sighed the discouraged author. "Write something on vaccination," advised his friend. "Vaccination?" "Yes; it might take."

There are sufficient people in England and Scotland paying the annual tax imposed by the inland revenue upon the use of armorial bearings to produce a sum of over £2,000,000 a year. The great bulk of this sum is paid, says the Genealogist Magazine, by people who care not an atom either about their family or their arms, but pay the tax regularly simply because they have carriages or plate heraldically decorated.

SPENCER'S Western Canada's Big Store. SILK DEPARTMENT TWO SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY No. 1. All our winter's stock of Corduroy Velveteen will be sold on Friday at 50c. yard. This material is an extra heavy corded velveteen, 27 inches wide, and is especially suited for children's coats and suits, also Ladies' Shirt Waists. Our regular special price is 75c.; Friday, 50c. The following list will show that the shades are all good, Carlinel, Brown, Royal, Tan, Black, Fawn, Castor, Cream, and Light Brown: No. 2. Four-piece Quilted Satin, 24 inches wide, extra quality and all good shades, will be sold on Friday at 50c. The following shades in this material: Pale Blue, Nile, Yellow, Old Gold and Brown will be found useful for many purposes. Regular price \$1.25; Friday, 50c. yard.

Christy's Sample Caps. A complete set of sample Caps, from one of the best English makers. Values, 35c., 50c. and 75c.—Friday, 25c. each. A Car of Go-Carts on Sale Friday. The price range is \$4.50 to \$28.75. Rugs Made From Remnants of Carpet at Special Prices. 20c. Drapery Muslin, ..... Friday, 12 1/2c. yard 18 pieces in this lot: 32 to 46 inches wide.

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## City News in Brief.

Good dry cordwood at Johns Bros., 250 Douglas street.

The city dayrmen met last night in the city hall. The meeting was for the purpose of discussing private business.

The Companions of the Forest will give a social dance this evening in Sir William Wallace hall. Good music is promised, and refreshments will be served.

Finnan haddie, salmon bellies, black cod, kippered salmon, salt salmon, hoppers and kippers, at lowest prices at Erskine's grocery, corner Johnson and Quadra streets; telephone 106.

G. Jennings Burnett has been to Vancouver for the purpose of giving a recital on the new organ imported from England by the Wesley church. Mr. Burnett's recital in the Terminal City hall has made him very popular.

Victoria Camp, No. 52, C. O. W. O. W. will meet to-morrow evening. Refreshments will be served during the evening. The friends of the camp will be entertained. Music with dancing and cards, will have a place in the evening's programme.

The Victoria Dancing Club held its regular weekly dance in the A. O. U. W. hall last evening. The function was a masquerade character. Music was furnished by Mrs. Davies, with A. H. Maynard as master of ceremonies. Supper was served during the evening.

There will be a concert at the Salvation Army hall to-night, commencing at 8 o'clock. The band will be in full force. There will also be selections on the mandolin, violin and harmonica, accompanied by the band and organ. Mrs. Eeclies will give an exhibition of club singing.

The marriage of Mr. John G. Dillon, of the Princess Beatrice, and Mrs. Anne J. Jones, of this city, took place last evening at the residence of Mrs. David Kinzie, 50 Kingston street. Miss Mary A. Inbert acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. Harold Norman attended the groom. The evening was performed by Rev. W. Leslie Clark. Mr. and Mrs. Dillon left last night for Seattle.

A special general meeting of the board of trade is called for Friday next at 8 o'clock. Among the business coming up are the following items: Report of committee, concerning harbor commissioners; report of committee on railway via Butte Inlet; report of committee on safety of seaborne life and property, and report of committee on joint meeting of the British Columbia Board of Trade.

Mrs. Ewing presided at yesterday afternoon's meeting of the Spring Rides Mothers' Club. A very interesting paper on "How to Develop Self-Control in the Child" was read by Mrs. King. She pointed out that it was absolutely essential that the teacher should be familiar with the subject she was trying to teach. An excellent address along the same lines was delivered by Mrs. Stadthagen. Both ladies were accorded a hearty vote of thanks, after which refreshments were served and the meeting adjourned for a week.

The funeral of the late Captain Francis W. Wise took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30 from the family residence, No. 7 Dallas road. The services were conducted by Rev. W. Leslie Clark. Miss Grace King assisted in the clerical duties at the house by singing appropriate solos. The pallbearers were Capt. J. E. Butler, Capt. Henry Smith, J. H. Lawson, T. G. Mitchell, J. K. Rebbel and J. A. Thompson. There was a very large attendance of friends and many floral emblems, which testified to the esteem in which the late Capt. Wise was held.

A very successful rehearsal of the oratorio "Creation," which is to be repeated on March 8th in aid of the Lifeboat Association, was held last night. There was a large attendance, promising a most successful presentation. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Lady Joy have kindly consented to become patrons, and other prominent citizens are expected to extend their patronage. The co-operation of the Daughters of the City will be invited by the committee. Miss Grace Helen Bradley has written from Tacoma her willingness to take the soprano solo. Manager Taylor, of the Royal Bank of Canada, will act as honorary treasurer, and tickets for the performance can be obtained from him or from the secretary of the Lifeboat Association, Joseph Peirson.

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Messrs. Challoner & Mitchell will conduct an especially low sale of umbrellas to-morrow and Saturday. Further particulars will be seen in the advertisement.

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The class in physical culture in connection with the J. B. A. A. will not meet this evening, in consequence of the Paardeberg celebration. The class will meet on Friday evening instead.

It was stated in yesterday's issue that Lt. Kawah, of this city, was a colonel in the Japanese army. This was an error, his rank being that of captain in the Fourth Artillery of Oosaka.

At Christ Church cathedral, in addition to the daily service at 10 and 5, there will be held to-morrow (Friday) a children's service, with instruction by the vicar, at 11 and a special service, with address, by Rev. W. B. Allen, at 7.45.

The Valentine social, advertised to be given by the Emmanuel Baptist church ladies on Friday evening, has been postponed till Monday evening next, 22nd ult., to allow of more elaborate preparations being made. The event is sure to be a most enjoyable one.

The next game in the provincial league series will be played at the drill hall on Saturday evening between the Vancouver hockey team and the J. B. A. A. players. The game will be played in the second part of the programme, and promises to be a hotly contested match.

The Provincial Orange Grand Lodge of British Columbia is meeting at Loder with a large attendance. On Tuesday evening a grand chapter of the Royal Black Knights was instituted in that town. There are two other lodges for members of the highest degree in this province, one at Victoria and one at Vancouver.

To-morrow evening the Knights of Pythias of this city will celebrate the forty-first anniversary of the founding of the order by a social after the close of the regular business of Far West Lodge, No. 1. The second rank will be conferred on one candidate, and there will be some other important business. Visiting brothers are cordially invited.

G. A. D. Filiton, the furniture dealer, has opened a branch store in 83 Douglas street, Clarence hotel block, side of the new furniture store. The old stand, 129 Douglas street, nearly opposite the city hall, will be continued, and known hereafter as the second-hand department. At the same time new goods will be found in this store.

A few evenings ago Mr. and Mrs. John Davy celebrated their silver wedding. The event took place in Semple's hall, Victoria West, an enjoyable evening being spent by all present. There were many of the Daughters of the English and the Musical and Debating Society present. The hosts were the recipients of many valuable presents from their friends.

Judge Harrison will hold courts of revision and appeal for the Victoria and District as follows: At Parkside, on Monday, March 19th, at 11 a.m.; at Sidney on Tuesday, March 20th, at 12 noon; at John Camp's, Saanichton, on Tuesday, March 20th, at 2 p.m.; at the Royal Oak, on Wednesday, March 21st, at 11 a.m.; at the court house, Victoria, on Thursday, March 22nd, at 11 a.m., for the city and coast islands.

As a result of the ball lately held by the Eagles, that society is being called upon to break some records in initiating candidates. Since the ball was held ninety applications were received. A special session was called at which forty-nine applicants became members, and on Wednesday night eight more were taken in. Thirty-three are still waiting to be initiated, and there are besides many more applications not yet acted upon by the Aerie. Another special meeting, in all likelihood, will be called to dispose of the large number of applicants. The receipts of the ball amounted to about \$625, leaving a balance on the right side. At the last meeting of the Aerie something like \$500 was received by the secretary in fees and dues.

The forthcoming local engagement of the well-known Polard's Lilliputian Opera Company, which takes place at the Victoria theatre all next week, promises a season of innocent pleasure for the young people of all ages in this city. The company is now newly costumed throughout. It is natural to suppose, therefore, that the last engagement's success will be more than duplicated now. All of the favorites remain in the cast, including Daphne, Connie, Alice, Ivy, Merle, Jack and Fred Polard, Willie Thomas, Teddie Macnamara, etc. The local offerings will be, in the order named, Monday and Friday nights and Saturday matinee, "The Belle of New York"; Tuesday night, "A Gaiety Girl"; Wednesday, "The Girl of the Year"; Thursday, "The Day After Tomorrow"; Friday, "The Millionaire". Popular prices, 25c, 50c and 75c. Seats on sale to-morrow.

# WORK BEING DONE IN LOCAL YARDS

## SHIP BUILDERS ARE HAVING HARVEST TIME

Damage to the Steamer Tees—Eleven Sealers Have Sailed to Date

Marine Notes.

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There is other important marine work in progress at this port such as the contract on the Princess Victoria, in preparing her it is believed for a double service between the ports of Victoria and Seattle and Vancouver and Vancouver and the overland to the steamer Princess Mary, which is getting ready for operation on the Skagway run. This overhaul has been in progress almost from the time the ship was laid off the route last fall, and as a result when the steamer again enters dry dock she will be able to maintain, it is thought, her reputation as the greatest of the northern fleet. There will be some interesting rivalry for this position this year. The owners of the City of Seattle have realized that to keep pace with the P. R. many important improvements had to be effected on that steamer. She is therefore being overhauled by the hands of machinists and carpenters for the last few months, and will come out in the spring better than she has been for the last few years.

SEALERS NOW OUT.

Schooner Ida Etta, Captain O'Leary, will probably get away for sea to-day. She has a full crew ready to embark at once. She will make the tenth schooner of the Victoria Sealing Company's fleet to sail to date, or a total of twelve, including a couple of independent vessels. There is still a big fleet of sealers left in the upper harbor, of which there will be many more to sail.

On the last trip down the coast of the steamer Queen she took among her passengers eight of the sealing company's captains who were going to the different reservations to arrange, if possible, for native crews. If such is successful there will be as many more schooners fitted out for sea this coming week. These skippers are expected home on the steamer Queen City, which left Bamfield at 4:30 this morning, and will be due to arrive some time to-night.

Exposed to view on the Star ways in the upper harbor the bottom of the steamer Tees gave evidence of the fact that the vessel struck a smooth rock on Trial Island, and also that she was ashore for nearly her full length. The hull in consequence is bruised in many places, but only about an inch in diameter. It is here, too, that the greatest injury has been sustained. Several frames are pressed in, and from the appearance of the plates surrounding it would seem that the greater part of the weight of the ship fell here also. There are many other barges of a less serious character noticeable elsewhere on either side, and it is possible that in all a score or more plates will have to be removed and straightened. The whole repairs will occupy five or six weeks.

MAY CEMENT SCHEDULE.

There is a report emanating from New Westminster that the steamer Victoria, of the Victoria Terminal line, will run between that city and Sidney, in the near future. The boat would dock at the new Great Northern wharves near the Westminster bridge, and would call at Port Guichen.

Inquiry made at the local office of the company yesterday by the city engineer in confirmation of denying the report.

MARINE NOTES.

The steamer Queen will sail for the Bay City this evening with a small list of passengers from this city. Among them will be J. W. Morris and bride and Miss A. Harper. The City of Puebla of the same line arrived from San Francisco last night.

In Lagan canal on February 8th the Skagway liner Dolphin, belonging to the Alaska Steamship Company, had fifteen feet of her starboard rail torn away by huge seas which she shipped.

The police yesterday afternoon removed from a news board in Chinatown a document to which their attention had been directed. It was very carefully separated from the board, taken to the police station, and dried in order that it might be interpreted. According to the interpreter it warned Chinese against assisting the police to capture the assassins of Min Quan, who was murdered in the Chinese theatre, and told them to pay no attention to the reward of \$150, which had been offered for the apprehension of each of the fugitives. It threatened punishment to all who helped the police in connection with the case.

Dr. Riggs, of the Terminal City, has received from New York a fine piece of radium, amounting to just three-tenths of a grain. He purchased it to use in connection with his medical practice, for the cure of superficial cancer and persistent skin diseases. It has already been tested locally, being given a twelve-hour exposure to a case of cancer. The bit cost the doctor \$150.

# COMMISSIONERS NAMED.

Appointments Will Be Gazetted For the City This Evening.

The government has at last taken action with respect to the appointment of police and license commissioners. The appointments are expected to be gazetted to-night. There is a well founded rumor that the police commissioners for Victoria will be Ald. H. M. Grahame and Geo. Russell. The license commissioners will be Ald. Vincent and J. T. Croot.

# THE TOURIST TRAVEL.

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# PAARDEBERG DAY.

Celebration in Honor of Canadians' Bravery in South African War Will Take Place To-night.

In honor of the patriotism of Canadians, and among them many Victorians, Paardeberg Day will be fittingly celebrated at the drill hall this evening. An excellent and varied programme will be given under the auspices of the Fifth Regiment. It is expected that the citizens will give evidence that they have not forgotten the bravery displayed by the Canadian contingent in South Africa, and will in consequence crowd the drill hall this evening. The distribution of prizes will take place, followed by an excellent programme. The greatest care has been taken in the preparation for the entertainment. By beginning at 8 o'clock it will be completed by 11 o'clock. The complete programme is as follows: 1. Bugle band; 2. Physical drill with arms; No. 3 company; 3. Boxing contest; 4. Physical drill, without arms, Nos. 5 and 6 companies; 5. J. M. Finn's band; 6. Sword exercise, No. 4 company; 7. 13-pounder drill, Nos. 1 and 2 companies; 8. Log of war, No. 5 company vs. the regiment; 9. Tableaux, Soldiers of the King; "God Save the King."

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# PREPARING FOR THE COMING CONVENTION

Programme for Entertainment of Delegates Under Consideration—Successful Gathering Assured.

An important meeting of the executive of the Victoria branch of the Provincial Mining Association was held last evening, at which, in addition to the members of the executive, a sub-committee of the Tourist Association, composed of Ald. Beckwith and Herbert Gutbert, was present. The object of the meeting was to mature plans for the reception and entertainment of the delegates to the mining convention who will assemble in the city hall on Monday next.

A reception committee, including the members of the executive of the Victoria branch, the city council and the president, vice-president and secretary of the Tourist Association, was appointed with His Worship Mayor Barnard as chairman. The meeting discussed the question of entertaining the visitors, and it was decided to hold amusements during the week, including, if possible, a smoking concert, a boxing match, military tournament and basketball match. Mr. Gutbert being appointed to arrange details. The canvassing committee made satisfactory reports, having succeeded in collecting a considerable amount, with many promises of further contributions if required, and they were requested to continue their work for the balance of the week. This morning a special committee waited upon the Mayor and Finance committee of the city with a request for small appropriation, and was promised favorable consideration. The committee then called upon ex-Premier Dunsmuir, who received them most cordially and donated \$50 to the fund.

A dispatch from Rossland, which appears in another column of this paper, announces that that city will send its full quota of twenty delegates to the convention, and the provincial executive is advised that other branches will do proportionately as well, so that a good attendance at the convention is assured. The executive of the Victoria branch earnestly invites the co-operation of the citizens of Victoria in securing the success of the convention, and to that end would urge all to enrol themselves as members and pay the annual fee of \$1. Membership rolls will be found at all the principal cigar stands, and at the offices of the honorary treasurer, Joshua Kingham, or the secretary, Frank I. Clarke. Membership badges may be had at Messrs. Challoner & Mitchell's or at the secretary's office.

The Japanese of Vancouver are also contributing to the Japanese war fund, and there is every reason to believe that the entire Japanese population in this province will respond liberally to the call made upon them. It is the intention of the local sub-committee of the Mikado to send a certain sum every month. The same stand has been taken by the Japanese of San Francisco, Seattle, and in fact, the whole continent. The little fellows are aroused to the highest pitch of enthusiasm and loyalty, a sentiment that is strengthened by every bulletin announcing the success on the sea of their countrymen.

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Best Quality English Sweaters, all colors. Regular \$2.75.  
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THE J. B. A. A. MEETING. The meeting of the J. B. A. A. will be held on Friday evening, and not this evening as reported.

THE WINNIEPeg HONOR. Winnipeg, Feb. 17.—The curling bonspiel is nearing a finish, and it is expected that to-morrow will see all the flints reached.

WRESTLING. New York, Feb. 17.—Tom Jenkins, of Cleveland, defeated Lundin, of Sweden, to-night in Brooklyn in a mixed wrestling match, winning the first and third falls.

DAVIS GOT DECISION. Tom Davis got the decision in last night's wrestling match at Nanaimo after putting up a splendid battle against Two Feathers.

LAUREL. The Argonaut Lacrosse Club held its annual meeting in the Tourist Association rooms on Monday night.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. The team played good form. Two teams from H. M. S. Flora, representing the quarterdeck and mainmast, and the foremast and foretopmast, played a drawn game at the Canteen grounds yesterday afternoon.

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ARMIES OF CZAR AND THE MIKADO JAPANESE AND RUSSIAN SOLDIERS; A COMPARISON

Writer Holds Russian is Likely to Prove More Than a Match for the Jap.

F. J. Norman contributed the following article to the London News recently on the rival armies which will be read with interest at the present time: In dealing with the Russian and Japanese land forces one must not forget that though the former are strangers in a strange land, this is so only to a comparative degree, for so like are the natural features and climate of the lands now occupied by them in the Far East with those they have been born and brought up in that they are, after all, very much at home in them, and perhaps in more sense than one. And the Russian soldier is a man of peculiarly hardy physique, and can dispense with much that men of a more advanced type consider necessities of life. In the possession of this last most useful quality in a soldier the Russian is immeasurably superior to the Japanese, and more over, he is just as good—if not a better—marcher. So far as intelligence and dash are concerned the Japanese is certainly his superior, but not so in stubbornness of purpose or those shikaring qualities that among many others distinguish a country-born soldier from a town-bred one, and very much to the advantage of the first.

Coming from a conquering race, and with all the prestige behind it, the Russian is only too likely to prove something more than a match for the very best troops Japan can bring against him, unless it be in very preponderating force—a very unlikely contingency, all things considered. The Japanese soldier is so far as a contempt for death is concerned—a rare plucked man, and, though many possess

Soldierly Qualities of a very high order indeed, far too many, on the other hand, are lacking in them. For since the recent huge increment Japan has made to her forces the conscription laws, like a huge casting net, have gathered into all ranks of her army a number of men who in no circumstances can be considered material likely to make good soldiers. For Japan, like India, and other Oriental countries too, has long had her fighting classes and non-fighters and outcasts. And then far too much capital has been made out of the conduct of Japanese soldiers in North China. The world was surprised to see how exceedingly well the so-called "pagans" behaved, and it seems almost a miracle that they should have allowed its surprise to overrule its judgment. They were a more or less picked body of men, and their authorities took every care to instill into them the idea that as they were on trial before the whole civilized world it behooved them to conduct themselves aright. This they most certainly did, and perhaps to one's surprise more so than to their own friends.

Since the recent huge increase in the Japanese army above mentioned the general physique of the men

has deteriorated to an alarming extent, and according to statistics compiled in one of the divisional offices it appears that of the youths who now come up for examination under the Law of Conscription only 20 per cent. are in a sound state of health, 12 per cent. sufficiently fit to be placed in the second grade, and the remainder being unfit for service. The minimum height has had to be lowered, and is now 4 feet 11 1/2 inches, or slightly less. To this must be added the fact that few Japanese town-bred soldiers, and these are very much on the increase in the army, but are not tainted with some form of disease, consumption, disease of the digestive organs and kakke, otherwise known as Indigestion, and the Malay peninsula as beriberi. One of the greatest authorities upon the country has called kakke "the national scourge of Japan," for, he says, "it attacks all, and with special frequency and violence young and otherwise healthy men." It is more or less contagious, and soldiers appear, and increasingly so, to be specially liable to it. And then, unlike their more fortunate comrades in the navy, Japanese soldiers are conscripted, and very often very unwilling ones too. For the Japanese conscription system is founded somewhat upon that of Germany, and though not so harsh is yet sufficiently so to make quite a large number of the men commit suicide every year.

The Japanese military officer is a fairly well-educated man so far as his professional duties are concerned, but matters outside of them he varies often in a remarkably ignorant, and more often still has little or no desire to be enlightened. He may be

Divided Into Three Classes: the highly-trained staff officer, invariably a keen soldier, well up in his duties, often well born, and a man of refinement and attainments of no mean order, and with some considerable knowledge of western lands and people and their methods; the second, a keen soldier, but lacking somewhat in education, and, in the main, the humdrum regimental or departmental officer, who does his duty, and that is all. The first will, if holding a high command or post, certainly belong to the Cho-shin-clan, the ruling clan in Japan where the army is concerned; the second or third may or may not be members of the same clan, but of this there is no doubt that unless a Japanese officer possesses exceptional abilities and qualifications his promotion to the higher grades—even though he may be a member of the Imperial House—is not in the least accelerated by interest or influence in high places. On the other hand, should an officer possess the highest of abilities and qualifications, and yet not belong to the Cho-shin clan, his chances of promotion to the highest commands and posts are absolutely nil. Such officers may, and very often do, exercise a beneficial and important influence upon the military and naval points of the Japanese officer, and this is due to training, and the fact that the higher authorities retain in their hands the power of ordering everything, even so-called "small" permitting their juniors to exercise a measure of discretion. Everything, even of the simplest nature, they insist upon being referred to them.

In Perfect, though, perhaps, somewhat intricate. For like some delicate and clever piece of machinery it may, if put to a severe enough test, break down, and then, though the Japanese are grand organizers, they are very slow about their work. In one thing, however, they possess an enormous advantage over the Russians, and that is in their intelligence department. Transport arrangements, other than marine, are entirely in favor of the Russians. The most best of burden in Japan is man, and remarkably clever he is, too, in carrying weights and handling and trundling along the light hand-carts of his native land; but then, the Japanese lower classes are not an altogether desirable class as camp followers. Russia has the whole of Siberia and Manchuria to draw her transport from, and remarkably fine transport too, and then, Russian soldiers, unlike the Japanese, are used to the handling of horses, mules and camels.

According to the latest statistics, compiled for the Japanese war office by the prefectural authorities, there were last July in Japan: Carts drawn by horses, 98,207; carts drawn by cattle (ox), 30,468; carts drawn by men, 1,215,353; jinrikishas, 295,717; sledges, 43,282; strollers, 629,102; mares, 795,274.

The above numbers, though correct, have undoubtedly taken in every cart, horse, etc., irrespective of whether or not they would be fit for transport services. The infantry is undoubtedly the best arm in the Japanese service, and though well armed and equipped, it is

Terrific Overloaded, and far too many of the men are of a sturdily poor physique, and wanting in soldierly qualities. The rifle is a good one, called Murata, but though lighter than the Russian, is scarcely superior to it.

The artillery are well armed so far as their guns are concerned, but the Japanese gunner is certainly not better than the Russian, perhaps not so good. The Japanese cavalry is bad, and very decidedly so, viewed from any point whatsoever. The horses are small and weakly, ill-shaped, badly bred and badly broken in, and the troopers the ablest riders and horsemen imaginable in the Japanese army, and a pity it is for Japan that they are so thrown away, for coming as they do from the better-to-do agricultural and Samurai classes, they could stiffen the ranks of either its artillery or infantry to quite an appreciable extent. Against the Cossacks, even the mounted infantry, the Russians have in the Far East, they will stand absolutely no chance.

CONCERNING DEPUTATIONS.

Mr. Gladstone's Definition—A Lord of Palmerston Story. Not everybody regards deputations so philosophically as Mr. Gladstone became accustomed to do. His definition of a deputation was, "a noun, signifying a man, but not signifying much."

It is interesting in the present condition of Peace Society, composed of representatives from Birmingham, Birmingham and Bristol, knocked at the doors of the Imperial Palace at Moscow. They had a long talk with the Emperor, and the Emperor's petion the Emperor to avert the impending war. The circumstances are interesting in the present condition of matters in the Far East. The Emperor received them magnificently, and although their pilgrimage proved abortive, he showed himself sensible of the excellent motive which had prompted it.

When the public reads that a hundred millions of yen have provisionally been set apart by Japan for war purposes it may perhaps get an exaggerated estimate of that amount. Although Japan has a gold standard, the yen is silver currency, and fluctuates with the price of silver, so that at the moment a hundred millions of yen means scarcely more than ten millions sterling. But even this is an immense amount in a country in which the wages of a skilful artisan are often not more than three pence a day.

The Japanese currency system is decimal. Thus the yen or dollar is divided into 100 sen or cents, the sen into ten rin, the rin into ten mo, the mo into ten shu, and the shu, finally, into ten kotsu. Government accounts do not take notice of any value smaller than a rin, but estimates by private traders are often descended to mo and shu, which are incredibly minute fractions of a farthing. No coins exist, however, to represent these illimitable sums.—London Chronicle.

MR. J. BEECHINOR, Happiness and Health After Years of Torturing Rheumatism.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

ROSSLAND. The Rossland branch of the Provincial Mining Association was reorganized for the ensuing year Tuesday night with 450 paid members. This will be increased to 500 before the end of the week. The association will send a full delegation of twenty members to the convention in Victoria next week.

SLOCAN. A serious accident happened the other morning at the Enterprise mine when a miner named Macdonald slipped and fell headlong down the shaft. The man was sharpened steel taken by a bunch of burden shifted, and to save it from falling Macdonald let go his hold on the ladder and fell over forty feet, striking the landing or staging at the next level. This probably saved the man's life; as the staging partly gave way, and so broke the force of the fall. Macdonald was taken to the hospital here, but he did not sustain any serious injury, and that he will be out again shortly.

VANCOUVER. Charles Hunter and John Mullin, the boy burglars who were convicted before the Hon. Judge Henderson for breaking into the Caulfield residence at Point Atkinson, each received a sentence of three months' imprisonment. This will make one year in all which they will serve, the three sentences running consecutively. Hunter and Mullin were sentenced to six months' imprisonment for having stolen goods in their possession, and received another three months from Magistrate Pittendrigh in New Westminster for attempting to escape from custody.

SELKIRK. Representatives of the Nelson library addressed the council at its last meeting on the subject of the city's annual grant to the library. It was pointed out by the delegation that the \$500 yearly grant was insufficient. The ladies usually managed to raise \$600 every year, but they thought the city should give a grant to pay the actual expenses, and the city gave \$1,000 a year. The library would be made a free one. The reading room is already free. Ald. Smith suggested that the request stand until the estimates were brought down for the year. Ald. Kirkpatrick thought that the Success Club might be applied to take over and manage the library, but his suggestion did not meet with favor. All Nelson thought that \$500 was really all the city could afford. The council agreed that the ladies had done an excellent work in the past, and certainly deserved great consideration in the matter, for the present, was laid over until the estimates are brought down.

KAMLOOPS. At the annual meeting of the board of trade, R. H. Alexander introduced two resolutions dealing with the tuberculosis and sanitation questions. While cordially in sympathy with the objects of the society recently formed in Victoria, he deprecated the attempt to make Kamloops the dumping ground for the hosts of consumptives that would be attracted here should a sanitarium be built in the city. He urged the local health authorities to enforce the law. California and Colorado were trying to get rid of their consumptives, and now British Columbia was making the mistake of trying to get them. He then moved the following resolutions: "That the board of trade ask the city council to take immediate action to carry out the health laws and regulations in regard to tuberculosis, and offering to co-operate in discussing and enforcing the same or any other means to control consumptive visitors to this town. That this board bring to the notice of the Dominion and Provincial governments, and the Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis in Canada, the harmful and against the interests of this city to have a sanitarium erected here, or in the vicinity, and that the name Kamloops should in no way be connected with such a scheme. That it be pointed out that while in sympathy with the objects of the association, it is possible to find a spot more airy and of better climatic conditions than Kamloops. That it has been found injurious to California and Colorado to bring in hordes of sufferers, and the strictest precautions should be taken before admitting such to this province, so as to safeguard the general health and prosperity." George Loney seconded the resolutions. The general trend of the discussion was one of strong disapproval of the plan to erect a sanitarium in the vicinity of Kamloops, while cordially approving of the building of such an institution at some point more remote from the coast.

DO GLASSES CAUSE COLD? Dr. George M. Gould has, in the British Medical Journal, put forward a somewhat novel theory as to the cause of colds. He suggests eyeglasses! He instances the case of a man, strong and healthy, who had two pairs of spectacles to correct his short sight; a strong pair for use in the theatre, and a weaker pair for driving, and a weaker pair for ordinary use. His family noticed that whenever he wore the stronger pair he immediately "caught cold," accompanied by hoarseness, a cold which at once disappeared when the weaker lenses were used. For the past ten years he has been produced in this way, and even if his weaker glasses get maladjusted or crooked, the cold promptly appears for a short time.

Dr. Gould admits that such cases of the inter-relationship of nose and ocular disease may be rare. One who is careful to avoid the subtle demon of prejudice, he says, will not rush into dogmatism about the matter, either that colds or rheumatic affections may or may not depend upon eyestrain; but there are multitudinous of more seemingly absurd facts than that well attested by physiology and pathology.

A gentleman at Driffield, Eng., has entertained to dinner fourteen of the oldest residents, whose ages ranged from sixty-two to ninety-two. The grand aggregate of their years was 1,070, giving an average of seventy-seven.

BURMESE WOMEN.

Few Who Are Unable to Read and Write—Retail Trade in Their Hands. All those who read The Soul of a People will remember the fascinating picture which the author drew of the position of women in Burma, says a writer in the Review of Reviews. It was therefore with very great interest I turned to the article on the same subject which appears in the Buddhism, an article which is all the more interesting because it is written by a Burmese lady. According to her, the position of women in Burma deserves all the good things that were said of it by Mr. Fielding, She says: "I have travelled in various countries, in West and East alike; and have seen something of the lives the women of those countries lead; have heard something of their sorrows, of their ambitions, and of their desires. And there is one thing that I know, better than anything else in life—that I would sooner see a Burmese woman than one of any other land—sooner live the sweet and happy life of the Burmese village girl than that of the proudest in the nations of the West."

This pre-eminence of Burmese women she attributes entirely to Buddhism and to the fact that every Burmese child learns before she can understand what the words mean to lip the formula of Burmese-Buddhist devotion: "Oksa, Oksa, Oksa, I take refuge in the Three Most Precious Things—Never, either by Thought or Word of Act may I bring harm to any living thing, nor steal, commit impurity, nor lie. Whosoever wrong I do; may I be pardoned by the Buddha, the Jewel of the Law, the Jewel of the Order of the Yellow Robe!"

The formula probably has very little to do with it; but as another writer in the same review says: "Buddhism is the only great religion in which the injurious distinctions between the sexes are entirely absent; and where, as in Burma, that religion is thoroughly practiced and lived up to, women are in every respect as free as men. The holding of property, free to claim divorce, the same grounds as men, having an equal claim with men upon their children—freer by far in all essential points than are their sisters of the Western nations. The Burmese lady, writing on the condition of her sisters, says: "There are but few Burmese women, even in the villages, who are unable to read and write, and this is indeed essential in a land where a large proportion of the retail trade of the country is in women's hands. Buddhism, and Buddhism alone, has formed the character of the Burmese woman, and has made her life happy, busy and intellectual. I say happy, busy and intellectual in this order, because if there is anything one can say without fear of criticism it is that the Burmese maiden is happy, that the Burmese wife is busy, taking full share in the up-keep of her home; and that the old lady is intellectual, finding her chief delight in discussing the intricacies of the Buddhist philosophy.

"Marriage is not a religious, but a secular function—it is a compact on the part of husband and wife, which is made before the elders of the village, and which, for proper cause shown, can be terminated by either party. And the causes sufficient for the breaking of the marriage tie are very different from, and much more numerous than, those which prevail in the Western lands. Drunkenness, the opium habit (worse of all follies in Burmese eyes), spendthrift ways, or differences of temperament, are all, if proved, a sufficient cause for the elders to grant a divorce; and yet, in spite of this freedom, or perhaps because of this very ease of it makes the marriage bond more easy, the proportion of divorced married couples is very small in Burma—which is the best proof of all of the loving and faithful nature of the Burmese, men and women alike."

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of The Companies' Winding Up Act, 1903, and in the Matter of The Victoria Times Printing and Publishing Company Limited Liability. The creditors of the above named company are required, on or before the 10th day of February, 1904, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to William Templeman, of the City of Victoria, Journalist, the Official Liquidator of the said company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said Official Liquidator, to attend before the said Official Liquidator at his office in the Chamber Court at Victoria, B. C., at such time as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they shall be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. Monday, the 15th day of February, 1904, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon, in such Chamber Court is appointed for the hearing and adjudicating upon such debts and claims. Dated this 6th day of January, 1904. HARVEY COMBE, Deputy District Registrar.

NOTICE. A reward of \$150 each will be paid to any person or persons furnishing information which will lead to the arrest of Wong Lam Yuen, Wong Hung, Wong Sam, and Wong Suen, who are charged with the murder of Man Quon at Victoria, B. C., on the 24th January, 1904. J. M. LANGLEY, Chief of Police.

February 5th, 1904. NOTICE. The reward of \$1,000 offered for information that would lead to the finding of David Ferguson, dead or alive, has been withdrawn this day by me. J. M. LANGLEY, Chief of Police.

February 5th, 1904. NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of the late Louis Frederick Baumann, who died on the 20th day of December, 1903, intestate, are required, on or before the 20th day of February, 1904, to send full particulars of their claims duly verified to the undersigned, and further take notice that after such date the Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets according to law, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and which will not be liable for such assets or any part thereof to any person of whose claims notice shall not have been received at the time of distribution. Dated the 20th January, 1904. HENKINSON SHIBALL, Administrator of the Estate of Louis Frederick Baumann, deceased, B. C. Agent for the Said Administrator, Frederick Baumann.

NOTICE. All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company within that tract of land bounded on the south by the south boundary of Cox's District, on the east by the straits of Georgia, on the north by the 50th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the E. & N. Railway Land Grant. L. H. SOLLY, Land Commissioner.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made by me to the Board of Commissioners, at its next sitting, for the transfer of the real estate held by me for the sale of spirituous and fermented liquors by retail in the "Orpheus" Saloon, situated on Government Street, between Johnson and Yates, to James Hogg, of this city. Dated this 22nd day of Jan., 1904. J. HACKETT.

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(Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 18.—War in the Balkans is predicted in a telegram to the Times from Washington.

Salonica, Macedonia, Feb. 18.—The Albanians, who were besieging Shkupi Pasha, who, with 25,000 Turkish troops and three guns, was yesterday reported to be besieged by 20,000 Albanians at Babajoh, between Diskava and Ipek.

Winnipeg Notes. Baptist Church to Be Enlarged—The Electric Plant at Port Arthur Nearing Completion.

FISH SCARCITY. Famine Threatened in New York Owing to Cold Weather—Prices Are Rising.

GOING TO HUDSON BAY. Government Arranging to Dispatch Supplies—Vessel May Patrol Mouth of the Mackenzie.

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TROUBLE AT SAN DOMINGO.

No Information Regarding Reports of Landing of United States Marines. (Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 18.—The report of landing of United States marines at San Domingo has not been explained to the state or navy departments.

WHITE PAPER FAMINE.

New York, Feb. 18.—At a meeting of the American Publishers Association held today the famine in white paper was discussed, and the following resolution, introduced by Conde Hamlin, one of the St. Paul Pioneer Press men, was unanimously adopted.

DIED FROM LOCKJAW.

Conductor Cut His Hand With Transfer Slip and Death Resulted. (Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 18.—Lockjaw, caused by a cut on the hand from a transfer slip, has caused the death of George Powers, a street car conductor here.

LYING IN STATE.

Body of the Late Senator, Hanna Removed to Chamber of Commerce Building, Cleveland. (Associated Press.) Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 18.—The special train from Washington, carrying the body of the late Senator Hanna and members of the family and friends, arrived at 11:05 a. m. today.

THE BALTIMORE FIRE.

Stocks Destroyed Were Valued by Tax Assessors at Over Fifty Million Dollars. (Associated Press.) Baltimore, Feb. 18.—The local agent of the Greenwich Fire Insurance Co., of New York, announced today that it had renewed its policies unaffected by the Baltimore fire in the Commercial Union, of New York.

INJUNCTION GRANTED.

Decision of Supreme Court in Application by J. MacGinnis. (Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 18.—Justice Gilderates, of the Supreme court, today granted an injunction applied for by John MacGinnis restraining the Boston & Montana Consolidated Copper and Silver Mining Company and others from making any disposition of any property of the corporation.

TO AID VILLAGES.

Passenger Train Service Reduced in Order to Allow Engines to Haul Coal. (Associated Press.) Watertown, Feb. 18.—The officials of the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg division of the New York Central have announced that the passenger train service in and out of this place for the remainder of the week is for the purpose of using the motive power to haul coal, many of the villages along the line being without fuel.

AMERICAN MINISTER RESIGNS.

(Special to the Times.) Washington, Feb. 18.—The state department has received and has accepted the resignation of W. F. Buchanan, the American minister to Panama. No successor has been appointed.

FELL DOWN ELEVATOR SHAFT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PRELIMINARY TRIAL

Three More Witnesses Were Examined This Morning—Another Argument Over Chinese Oath.

The case of Wong Gow and Wong On, charged with the murder of Man Quon, was continued in the police court this morning. Wong Fook, who was sworn last Saturday, was called to the witness stand.

The witness, through the interpreter, described in detail the altercation between Man Quon, the late manager of the theatre, and Wong Nam Yuen and his friends on the Friday night preceding the fatal assault, which agreed pretty closely with the story told by Ah Fat, the first witness for the prosecution.

Mr. Taylor objected to the swearing of this witness at all. He was not in such a moral state as to appreciate his obligation to take an oath.

BRITISH GRAIN TAX.

Austen Chamberlain Says Government Has No Intention of Reimposing It at Present. (Associated Press.) London, Feb. 18.—Replying in the House of Commons today, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Austen Chamberlain, said the government had no intention at present of reimposing the tax on grain which was abolished last year.

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PERSONAL. A. B. Newell, general manager of the White Pass & Yukon Railway, arrived in the city last night.

J. Irvine, J. A. Grimm and wife and Ivy Grimm, all of Ellenburg, are staying at the Dominion.

RUSSIAN RAILWAYS. The condition of the great Russian railway systems is not what it might be from the financier's standpoint.

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