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Toronto, Feb. 16.—At a meeting of the board of trade last night, Mr. Moxham, general manager of the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., Sydney, C. B., said Cape Breton could export steel to Europe at 40 per cent less than Pittsburgh. This gave the Dominion I. & S. Co. the control of the export trade and the bulk of Cape Breton output would be sold abroad.

Fatal Results of Jump.—George Merton, the patient at Western hospital who jumped from an upper window early yesterday morning while delirious with pneumonia, died of his injuries last night. His skull was fractured by the fall.

Spending Money in Canada.—Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Feb. 16.—A report was tendered by H. Cleburn, the American capitalist, who is interested in a large number of financial undertakings in Northern Ontario, Mr. Cleburn said the capitalists he represented had spent in the neighborhood of nine million dollars, scattered over all the large manufacturing cities of Canada. He estimated that during the present year over two million dollars would be spent.

Farmer Killed.—Kingston, Feb. 16.—Thos. Gillespie, 30 years old, unmarried, was instantly killed by the bursting of a circular saw on his farm at Pittsburg, near here, last night. He had been engaged with two farm laborers in sawing wood by horse-power, and was just about completing the day's work when the saw burst with fatal results.

Struck Oil.—Ottawa, Feb. 16.—Word has been received that a party of prospectors who have been boring for oil on the farm of Mr. Kettles, Ramsay, Carleton Place, here, have struck a pressure of gas, salt water, oil and petroleum.

Died in a Cab.—Walter S. Doual, late clerk of the railway department, and son of a former president of the Bank of Nova Scotia, died in a cab this morning.

Clearing House for Quebec.—Quebec, Feb. 16.—The bankers of the city have decided to establish a clearing house here.

Mrs. Richardson Dead.—Perth, Feb. 16.—Mrs. Richardson, mother of R. L. Richardson, M. P. for the district, died this morning.

OCEAN RECORDS.—Thirty-eight Were Lowered During Last Twelve Months.

There have been 38 changes during the year 1900 in the record of passenger liners in speed across the Atlantic. One of these was the Deutschland's winning first place for speed from the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. The other 37 were best previous records on two routes, that of Plymouth and Cherbourg, the time was shortened.

Up to January 1st, 1900, the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse held the record westward from Cherbourg, the time being five days, 17 hours, 35 minutes, made on November 21st, 1899. When the Deutschland arrived at New York September 1st, 1900, her time was five days, 12 hours, 29 minutes, or five hours and 18 minutes better. The Deutschland did not yet make a trip eastward to Cherbourg, so this record is still held by the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, five days, 15 hours, 50 minutes.

The eastward record to Plymouth was made by the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse in October, 1897, five days, 15 hours, 10 minutes, which held until the Deutschland reduced it to five days, 15 hours, 6 minutes in July, 1899, again to five days, 11 hours, 45 minutes in August, and a third time to five days, seven hours, 38 minutes in September. The westward Plymouth record is held by the Deutschland, and is five days, 16 hours, 24 minutes, made July 1st, 1900. The Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse has never made the westward voyage from Plymouth.

On the Queenstown route the Oceanic, since her first arrival at New York on September 13th, 1899, has improved her record, but is still behind the Deutschland, which holds the record of five days, eight hours and 38 minutes eastward, and five days, seven hours and 23 minutes westward. The Oceanic's first westward trip was made in six days, two hours and 37 minutes, which was lowered to five days, 19 hours and 40 minutes in April, 1900. On her first trip eastward the time was reduced to Queenstown, September 27th, 1899, in six days, one hour and 40 minutes. Since that date her time has been reduced seven times until now it is five days, 20 hours and 35 minutes, made in September, 1900.

The Kaiser Friedrich, which failed to carry out her builders' expectations of surpassing the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse in speed, made her first trip eastward to Plymouth in April, 1900, in six days, 13 hours and 35 minutes, and lowered this time twice during the year. On May 17th to six days, 13 hours and 25 minutes, and on September 6th to six days, 10 hours and 46 minutes. The Kaiserin Maria Theresa, which was built for the route, arrived at New York on her first trip March 22nd, 1900, in seven days, 13 hours and 45 minutes from Cherbourg. She lowered this time on May 10th to six days, 20 hours and 55 minutes, and on September 12th to six days, 16 hours and 30 minutes. On her return trip to Cherbourg she made the slow time of eight days, 10 hours and 20 minutes, which she lowered four times during the year, the last time being on November 2nd, six days, 15 hours and 55 minutes.

MINISTERS HOME. The Attorney-General Pleaded With His Reception By the Ottawa Government.

The premier's party, with the exception of Hon. Mr. Dunsinuir himself, reached Victoria on Saturday night. The Charmer brought over Hon. D. M. Eberts, his stenographer, Oscar C. Bass, the premier's secretary, R. E. Gosnell, Mrs. and Miss Dunsinuir, and Messrs. Joseph Hutter and J. P. Pook, who met the governmental party at Mission. The premier went on directly by the train, in an attempt to reach Union the same night, but the steamer was driven back by a snowstorm and forced to return to Nanaimo for the night.

Hon. M. Eberts, in an interview, stated that he and the other delegates were pleased with their reception at Ottawa, and intimated that in regard to the Chinese question and the railway policy of the government, he hoped to be able to make some satisfactory statements to the legislature when it convened.

"There were several other matters," he added, "such as the rights of the province to administer the minerals under the Indian reserves; the adjustment of the boundary between British Columbia and the Yukon Territory; the territorial rights of British Columbia to fisheries; the fishery licenses, which were fully discussed, and regarding which we hope to see action taken favorable to the interests of the province. On the whole, the minister at Ottawa seemed to be well pleased with the representations made, and we have every reason to believe that our mission to the capital will result in a substantial benefit to British Columbia."

ADDITION TO THE CEMETERY.

To the Editor.—Understanding that the mayor and council are contemplating acquiring 25,000 or 30,000 for the purpose of acquiring more land for cemetery purposes, eastward of and adjoining the present cemetery, I desire through the medium of your columns to draw attention to the undesirability of spending such a sum for that object at the present time, when money is urgently needed for other purposes to be provided for.

The corporation has now enough land for cemetery purposes to last for fifteen or twenty years, as some years ago, on a piece of land of about ten acres, on a portion of which the Old Men's Home stands, was purchased and plotted and is now ready for use; it contains about 4000 grave plots, in addition to which the Church of England conveyed a piece of land to the city for cemetery purposes, on which, under agreement, the city will this year have to spend from \$1,200 to \$1,500; that piece of land contains about 1,000 grave plots, making altogether between six and seven thousand lots, which, counting the total number of lots at 6,000 only, and calculating the death rate at 300 annually, which is somewhat in excess of the actual rate at present, the present land would last for twenty years; but, if allowing for increase of population, we count the death rate at five hundred, and if the graves were dug a little deeper as they are in many other cemeteries, so that two members of the same family could be buried in one grave, the land would not be exhausted for some years longer.

The land, if purchased, will not be required for use for at least fifteen years, and in that time the death rate would be only 4,500, or 4,000, at 4 per cent, would amount to \$3,000, and as land adjoining a cemetery is not likely to advance very rapidly in value, there is no doubt that should the council desire, some ten or twelve years hence, to purchase the same piece of land, they would be able to acquire it for less than the amount they now propose to pay for it. If interest on the purchase money be added for the time the land will be idle, if the council have so much money to spare, it would, in my humble opinion, be a much wiser and a more humane way of spending it if they would purchase two or three acres in a suitable locality and erect a number of homes for our poor old men and women, and remove the old men from the cemetery, where they are now confined to more cheerful quarters, where they would not be so continually reminded of their approaching end.

We want new bridges, more sewerage works, a new high school, and doubtless many other things, but we must have the money to pay for them. I am sure that the council should contemplate spending a large sum of money for something that cannot possibly be needed for the next fifteen or twenty years.

CHAS. E. REDFERN.

PENDER ISLAND ROADS.

To the Editor: Will you kindly allow me space in your column to make a statement which I saw in your issue of 11th inst. about Gulf Islands, signed Clara Menzies. She says the roads are badly kept owing to the inexperience of the road masters. As for masters, there is only one, and that is myself. I think I have all the experience that is required to build roads on the island, as I have done considerable toiling and should know a good road from a bad one.

S. E. COLSTON, Road Foreman, Pender Island, Feb. 16th.

A DRY PLACE.

Fayta, in Peru, about five degrees south of the equator, has the reputation of being the driest spot on the globe. On an average a shower of rain occurs at Fayta only once in two years. But the intensity of the showers is often much longer. Only in that arid climate seven species of annual plants manage to exist, and the natives earn a livelihood by growing a species of cotton, whose long roots dig moisture in the bed of a shallow river. The cotton is readily marketed.

HEART RELIEF IN HALF AN HOUR.

A lady in New York state, writing of her cure by Dr. Agnew's Care for the Heart, says: "I feel like one brought back from the dead, so great was my suffering from heart trouble and so anxious was my recovery through the agency of this potent treatment. I owe my life to it." Sold by Deat & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.—10.

Ogilvie's Resignation

Dawson Dispatch Confirms Report That the Governor is Leaving the Yukon.

Geo. T. St. Cyr, Convicted of Murder, Attempts Twice to Take His Life.

Steamer Tees arrived from Skagway on Saturday night, a full day ahead of time. She had a stormy passage, and because of blockades on the northern railway consequent to heavy snowfalls and severe weather, brought only five passengers. The most important item of news received by the steamer was that confirming the report of the resignation of Governor Ogilvie of the Yukon Territory. This was contained in a dispatch from Dawson to the Skagway News.

George T. St. Cyr, who was recently convicted of murder, made two attempts on the 8th inst. to take his life while awaiting the execution of his death sentence in a Dawson jail. The prisoner, feeling sorely disgraced brought upon his family, endeavored to break his neck by jumping head foremost out of his bunk, but only sustained slight injuries. Although somewhat hoarse from the effort, he declares that he will yet kill himself.

Another dispatch from Dawson to the Skagway papers says Walter Erensky has been appointed German consul in that city. The Klondike market is now feeling a great shortage of lemons and oranges, frozen varieties of which are said to be selling for \$15 per box.

W. H. White, of the Dawson gold commissioner's office, has been appointed recorder at White Horse. Another Dawson dispatch says: "At a meeting of the Yukon council the comptroller reported that the territorial treasury is empty, and that the revenues to be derived from the usual source would not be forthcoming for some time. The announcement of the comptroller was not unexpected, as his regular report showed that the funds available had been overdrawn. The council, without debate, authorized the comptroller to overdraw the bank account as the expenditures should make it necessary."

Personal.

Samuel M. Robins, superintendent of the New Vancouver Coal Co., arrived in the city last evening from Seattle on his way back to Nanaimo for which city he left on the nine o'clock train this morning. He left England on the 26th, sailing for New York, and then came overland to San Francisco and to Seattle. About three months' business with the directors of the coal company in the "Old Country."

W. V. Jones, representing the Cable Milling Co., Post Falls, Idaho, and R. Cruikshank, representing Galbreath-Bacon Co., Seattle, spent Saturday and Sunday in the city, leaving on the Rosalie last evening for Seattle.

R. L. Drury, census commissioner for British Columbia, left for Ottawa last evening to confer with A. Blue, the general commissioner, in regard to his work in connection with the enumeration of the population in British Columbia.

J. H. Rogers, general agent of the White Pass railway at Dawson, Robt. Croft, wife and son, and M. Hirschbaum, were among the incoming passengers on the steamer Rosalie yesterday.

Mrs. Little, wife of Superintendent Little, of the Union mines, accompanied by her father, Capt. Freeman, went to Comox from Vancouver yesterday on steamer Joan.

H. J. Carr, S. M. O'Neil, F. E. Smebrook, R. Collette, W. H. Reid and Mike King were among the passengers from Vancouver on Saturday evening.

W. O. Moresby, of Drake, Jackson & Heimecke, accompanied by his mother, left for a trip to Portland last night on the Rosalie.

Thos. Bradbury and Mrs. Bradbury were among a large crowd of outgoing passengers on the steamer Rosalie last evening.

Miss Nasson, J. H. Lawson, Dr. Campbell and E. A. Morris were among the Victorians arriving in the city last evening. R. Cassidy, J. C. Gilmore and W. E. Vernon were among the Victorians arriving from San Francisco this morning.

Ben, Canon Bonlands and C. Leslie Evans were among the passengers per steamer Rosalie on Saturday. Hermann J. Eberts, brother of Hon. D. M. Eberts, is spending a few days in the city, a guest of his brother.

Col. P. B. Gregory arrived from San Francisco by the steamer Walls Walla this morning. G. H. Ham, of the C. P. R., left for Winnipeg on Saturday evening. Frank Higgins left for Vancouver on Saturday evening.

AN ARMY ON PONIES. Sir Richard Green-Price, writing in the Live Stock Journal Almanac, states that he has received many personal assurances from South African troops, that without their ponies the Boers would long ago have been conquered, and that those in our Colonial and Lovat's Scouts' ranks have been of the greatest value to our service. He points out that the future breeding of our ponies is worthy of much thought, that the supply should keep pace with the demand, and, above and beyond this, that quality and excellence should go hand and hand with quantity. There are no many parts of Great Britain that are eminently fitted for breeding ponies that we have a vast field for the exercise of our enterprise. In Radnorshire alone there are at least 100,000 acres of high land that might have been given up to sheep pasturing, and have had only a sprinkling of ponies on them.

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Increased Duties. It is estimated that millions in duties have been paid within the past few days. Some of the warships which will greatly reinforce the British navy will be launched within a month. On February 21st from Fairfield, where the Campania and Lucania, were built, will be launched the armored cruiser Good Hope, of the Drake class, and the Clyde-built builders of the Paris and New York will launch the armored cruiser Bacchante, of the Cressy class. On March 6th, the battleships Montagu and Albemarle will be launched at Devonport and Chatham, the cruiser Drake at Pembroke, and the cruiser Kent at Portsmouth.

One of the most interesting features of King Edward's coronation will be the probable appearance of the King's Champion, who, in the presence of the assembly, rides forth, throws down his gauntlet and challenges all to dispute with him by personal conflict the right of King Edward to reign. The present King's Champion is a hard-working young farmer, who glories in the name of Dymoke. He lives in Lincolnshire, is of modest nature, and is much exercised at the prospect of the greatness which is likely to be thrust upon him. Neither in his figure, which is small, nor in his appearance, which is that of the typical Lincolnshire farmer, is he out for such

Martial Duty. Since the times of the Norman kings, the Dymokes have been champions. Several rulers, notably Queen Victoria, held their coronation without the appearance of the inevitable Dymoke; but it is thought King Edward is likely to revive the duties of long ago devolved upon the ancient family.

Jack Wilson, a veteran of the Klondike, who has been made a lieutenant of Gen. Kitchener's body guard, has had a remarkable career. He is only 23 years old, began life as a telegraph messenger in London, became an operator, then studied law and was made a solicitor. During the gold boom in Australia he was mayor of Kalgoolie. He afterwards went to the Klondike. On the outbreak of the war he joined the Light Horse, as a trooper, and was twice in the field. He is now commissioned as lieutenant.

Delightful Recital

Prof. Wickens' Pupils Entertain a Large Audience on Saturday Night

A Long List of Attractions Set For Next Tuesday Evening

The concert given in the Institute hall on Saturday night, before a large and enthusiastic audience, by the pupils of Prof. E. G. Wickens, assisted by some of the best local talent, was undoubtedly a great success...

The concert opened with the lengthy "Spanish Dance" by Miss Marion Fell, Miss Amy Lester, Miss Marion Fell, Miss Amy Lester, Miss Marion Fell, Miss Amy Lester...

But the gem of the evening was Master J. H. Gordon's "Cello Solo," "Concerto Militaire" by Servais. The performer is a genius for a boy so young...

The Yorkshire Society will hold its annual meeting and banquet at the Victoria Cafe on Tuesday evening. All sons of the broad shire are urged to be in attendance...

A cordial invitation is extended to the musical public of Victoria, by Messrs. M. W. Waitt & Co. to a matinee musical piano recital each day for to-day, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday...

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The regular weekly concert held in Temperance hall on Saturday evening was as usual, a great success. The programme prepared by Gideon Hicks, leader of the Metropolitan Methodist church choir, was carried out to the letter...

Stranded in Bay City

Deserters From Schooner Borealis in Hard Straits at San Francisco

Ship Hala Arrives at Last, Bu Lost No Life Booy—Other Marine News

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Assumes His Duties

Rev. Mr. Blyth Opens His Victoria Pastorate Under Favorable Auspices

Will Act as Chaplain at the Opening of the Provincial House

Rev. R. B. Blyth, the new pastor of the Congregational church, arrived on the Charmer on Saturday evening. In reply to the invitation to act as chaplain at the opening of the legislature on Thursday, Mr. Blyth has signified his acceptance of the position. He was pleased to take part in a ceremony which included those who had, like himself, upheld the honor of Canada in the battles of the British Empire.

Yesterday Mr. Blyth occupied the pulpit of the Congregational church for the first time. Rev. Mr. Reid, who has been acting as pastor for the past four months, introduced him to the congregation at the opening of the morning service. He said that his pastor came to them as a good soldier of the British Empire, and was willing to fight the enemies of our nation. He came also as a good citizen of the province, and in the third place he came as the ambassador of the King of Kings, representing the High Court of Heaven. The prayer of the congregation, while awaiting Mr. Blyth's arrival, had been that he would prove a worthy exponent of the principles of the religion of Jesus Christ.

Mr. Blyth expressed his pleasure at meeting with the congregation. He said that just one year ago upon that date he had sent a message accepting the position of pastor from Capetown, 10,000 miles away. He was able to give them a message, the old message, in person now. Spicing from Josh. 1, 2, "Moses, thy servant, is dead now, therefore, arise, and enter the land which I will give you."

He referred to the greatness of Moses, but great as he was, he was not permitted to enter the Promised Land. No man as an individual was indispensible to the carrying on of God's work. Gladstone was dead, but his place has been filled. Queen Victoria was dead, yet affairs of state moved on. It was the same all through history. The time for mourning must cease, and the time for action arises. The dead past must be buried, and use made of the future.

The children of Israel were commanded to "arise," get in shape for activities, "go over" the Jordan and possess the good things prepared for them. God spoke to his servants now as in the past. Their former pastor has removed from here. Much as they might lament it, the time for mourning was past, and now was the time for action. They must cross the Jordan of new experiences. It might seem impossible for the Israelites to cross that river. It was the same in their lives; but they must go forward, however. Has not God commanded it? When called by God to go forward, often nothing but blank walls appears before them, but they must take the final step at God's command. Perhaps in the dark, assured that the door would be opened.

If God had a work for this church in the city He had first a work for the members individually. Weeping and quiet inaction would not save the world. God expects a full manhood or womanhood of each individual. They must seek to do God's will in their own hearts and in this city as in the sight of God. In the evening Mr. Blyth spoke on the subject of "The Call to Service." Prior to the delivery of the sermon, Rev. Mr. Reid referred to the successful career which the new incumbent had had in Ontario, referring to the information the congregation had derived from Principal George, of Montreal, when the latter was here, Principal George told them of Mr. Blyth having been sent to a field beset with the greatest discouragements and difficulties, and of having converted it in two years into a most promising field, and building a church. He believed his work in Victoria would be equally successful.

It was intended that a reception should be held by the congregation on Wednesday evening of this week, but this has been postponed in order that it may not conflict with a reception given by His Honor the Lieut-Governor to the South African guard of honor and Rev. Mr. Blyth.

The strength of Queen Sophia is increasing. She is now able to pass a few hours out of bed daily. A large line of best quality cocoa door mats just received at Weller's. Goods that wear and give satisfaction. A Berlin dispatch says the president-governor, whose death was announced on Friday, was Moritz Herrman.

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Resignation Withdrawn

Chief Deasy Willing to Withdraw It Pending the Investigation

A meeting of the city wardens was held in the committee room of the city hall this morning, the wardens being Mayor Hayward and Aids, Stewart and Kinross. The meeting was called for the purpose of considering Chief Deasy's resignation. The mayor explained that when the chief handed him the resignation, he had asked him to reconsider it to keep in the possession of the city hall. He had pressed the chief to take this course, but the latter was firm, and expressed his determination to submit it. In response to a question from the mayor as to what actuated the chief to submit his resignation, Aid Stewart said that he believed it was the outcome of his efforts to secure the resignation of the chief. The chief's dissatisfaction with the difficulties engendered by the call system, accentuated by the attitude of some of his men, was responsible for the resignation. Aid Stewart also read a lengthy communication from the chief, giving an exhaustive treatment of the entire trouble.

The mayor drew attention to the fact that the resignation was premature. The council was not against him. He was not resigned. His Worship advised that the chief wait for awhile. The chief was sent for at this juncture, and the whole question dealt with, the chief emphasizing the urgency for a full paid department.

"Do you mean to say, chief, that you consider the necessity for a full paid department so serious, you will resign unless you get it?" The chief, "Yes, sir."

The Mayor: "Well, you did not make that point so prominent when your resignation was submitted. I don't remember that you pressed this matter very urgently."

The chief in reply pointed out that the council had not given the resignation the attention to which he had directed attention to the necessity for a full paid department. He had spoken to every mayor about it, and every report of his contained the recommendation in the strongest terms.

Upon the suggestion of Aid Stewart, the chief submitted an estimate of the cost of a full paid department, in which the difference between the two systems was shown to be about \$750.

After the chief had given his resignation the chief ultimately expressing his willingness to withdraw his resignation if the council would grant him a full paid department, or if the mayor and wardens would give him an assurance that there was a possibility of the required improvement being inaugurated.

The council, after some further discussion, finally after some further discussion the chief decided to withdraw his resignation pending the investigation into the trouble. The meeting was then adjourned.

YESTERDAY'S FUNERALS. Obituaries of a Number of Citizens Conducted.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Susan Flockhart took place from the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Donohoe, of Taylor street, at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Services were conducted at the house and grave by Mr. Phillips, of the United Brotherhood Society. The following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: W. J. Power, J. Robertson, T. Moffat, J. Greig, T. Main and A. Peden.

The remains of the late H. Wager were laid out yesterday afternoon. The funeral took place from the residence of Mr. Beaton, 55 Henry street, at 2:15, and at 2:45 from the Metropolitan Methodist church. Appropriate services were conducted by the Rev. Elliot S. Rowe. The choir was in attendance, and rendered several sacred songs. The body of the church was well filled, as both the Sons and Daughters of England were present, besides the carriers of the post office and the many other friends of deceased. Many beautiful floral designs were presented, among which were wreaths from the Daughters of England, the Sons of England, the clerks at the post office and the postmen. The following acted as pall-bearers: J. Nankville, C. J. Beaven, C. M. Haynes, B. F. Sheppard, J. J. Taylor, E. Tubbs. Services at the grave were conducted for the Sons of England by the chaplain, Bro. W. Bull, assisted by President E. M. Haynes.

A FIREMAN'S CLOSE CALL. "I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman of Burlington, Iowa, "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down, as I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters and after taking it I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by F. W. Parrett & Co. Price 50 cents.

Many deer are being slaughtered by wolves in the wilds back of Kinross, Michigan.

THE HALA ARRIVES

The British ship Hala, Capt. Thorburn, which was reported off Cape Beale last Monday, sailed into the Royal Roads yesterday morning and from her anchorage there has been heavy losses estimated by the tug Cleve.

Much has been written regarding the continued absence of the ship, and it was feared for a time that she had been lost, as a life buoy alleged to be marked "Hala, Liverpool," had been found on the West Coast of the island, together with other wreckage. Capt. Thorburn, however, denies that he lost any buoy, as he has aboard now the same number as when he left London. The effect of the finding of this life buoy was the placing of insurance on the vessel, and the spectators in which he later leaves through the vessel's arrival. It was on June 24 that the Hala left London for Victoria, and she had in her cargo of some 2,100 tons of miscellaneous freight a large quantity of Christmas goods. On the river Plate a terrible storm was encountered, in which the vessel was carried away. She then had to put into Monte Video for repairs. The voyage was resumed on November 14th, and Capt. Thorburn reports that strong head winds were encountered throughout the greater part of the trip.

After the vessel had been in port for some time she was towed around to the outer wharf. She will later be taken to Vancouver, for which city she has nearly 1,000 tons of cargo, a large quantity of which is in R. P. Hether & Co. are the vessel's local agents.

GILMESTER ALSO REPORTED. One by one the missing fleet of merchantmen are being heard from. Following the arrival of the long-overdue Hala comes the first definite news concerning the fate of the German ship Otto Gilmester, of Bremen, which was reported missing from Yokohama for Portland, from Captain Svenson, master of the lumber schooner Fred E. Sander, which has arrived at San Francisco. On January 30th the Sander took the Gilmester in latitude 33.50 north and longitude 127.50 west. She was then seventy-seven days from Yokohama bound for Portland. The vessel was dismasted, but three life rafts being left standing. She was ten carrying forecails and main sails. She replied on being spoken that she was short of coal. Captain Svenson sent a liberal supply of oil and some provisions. As the Sander was leaving the Gilmester, the latter reported that she would endeavor to reach San Francisco before making Portland. Since then nothing has been heard of the Gilmester. Within the next ten days, however, she is reported to have gone up to an exhibit figure. Ordinarily she should have reached San Francisco or been reported off the Columbia a week ago.

AN EXTRA TRIP. The opposition steamer Borealis made a special trip out of here Saturday evening in order to accommodate a large crowd who were anxious to reach Seattle on Sunday morning. Agent Blackwood was able to arrange for this extra trip through the courtesy of Captain George Roberts, on very short notice, an action that was highly appreciated. The Borealis left here at 9 o'clock on Saturday evening and returning left Seattle on Sunday morning on an extra trip to Victoria with a large crowd of passengers and a heavy cargo of freight, including one shipment of 44,000 pounds for Brackman & Ker, Milling Co. She left last evening at 7:30 o'clock on her regular run. The Borealis on Saturday afternoon had included in her cargo one shipment of 100,000 pounds of mill-stuff for Brackman & Ker, Milling Co.

THE NEWS CONFIRMED. J. H. Greer, local agent of the White Pass & Yukon railway, has received a telegram from Manager E. C. Hawkins confirming the news given in the Times a few days ago of the sale of the Canadian Development Company's properties, including the latter's fleet of twelve steamers. The fact that the railway company has had the practical management of these steamers during the past year has been known almost to the entire public, but the definite acquisition of them is an altogether different matter. The sale virtually means the absorption

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Sporting News

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. OXFORD WON. London, Feb. 16.—The Oxford Cambridge football match was played on wet grounds at the Queen's Club today. A number of members of Strathcona's Horse were among the spectators. They were warmly welcomed. Oxford won by 3 to 2.

THE RING. MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED. Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 15.—Nothing remains of the plans projected for the Jeffries-Rubin fight except the refunding of money for the tickets next Tuesday. It is understood the wrecking company, who had paid \$5,000 for the Saengerfest hall, will soon remove the structure. Next Friday evening a benefit will be given for the relief of the Saengerfest Athletic Club. It will be held at the music hall.

ROCKEY. VICTORY FOR VANCOUVER. The hockey match between Victoria and Vancouver ladies' teams resulted in a victory for the latter by a score of 1 to 0. The match was played at Brockton Point and was closely contested. The only score of the day was made by Miss Bertha Lawrence. Among those who distinguished themselves for the Victoria team were Misses Reid, Davis and E. Lawson. For the Vancouver team, the Misses Philpot, Burpee and Bertha Youdell carried them selves with glory.

CHESS. STANDING BY DATE. The following is the standing of the competitors in the Victoria Chess Club tournament for the Robins trophy:

Table with 4 columns: Name, Won, Lost, Percent. G. Gossage 2 1/2 1/2 83.3, G. Hunter 19 5 79, J. G. Hands 14 5 65, T. H. Piper 12 1/2 62.5, C. C. McKenzie 18 12 60, Capt. Michell 19 14 57.5, A. P. Gibson 14 1/2 60.5, J. T. Meyers 16 15 52, W. Marchant 14 1/2 59, C. A. Lombard 11 1/2 46, B. Williams 11 1/2 46, W. J. Sutton 14 1/2 44.4, C. W. Rhodes 10 16 38.6, B. H. Hurst 11 1/2 44.4, A. S. Innes 8 1/2 30.2, P. T. Johnston 7 25 21.4.

The drawing for the week ending Saturday, February 22nd, is as follows: Hunter plays Williams, Wilmer plays Innes, Marchant plays Meyer, McKenzie plays Rhodes, Perry plays Hands, Sutton plays Gibson, Gossage plays Lombard, Innes plays Piper, Johnston plays Michell.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. NO JUNIOR LEAGUE GAME. Owing to the non-appearance of the Boys' Brigade team, the Junior League game announced for Saturday was not played.

SMOKER ON WEDNESDAY. The Victoria Association Football Club will hold their annual smoking concert next Wednesday evening in the Sir William Wallace hall. The committee have gone to a great amount of trouble to secure the best entertainers in the city. No less than

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eight of the best vocalists of His Majesty's soldiers and sailors have expressed their willingness to take part in the concert. J. Hanton, one of the best known amateur vocalists of San Francisco, has kindly consented to sing. The names of those who will appear are as follows: Messrs. Ben. Bantley, L. York, P. Richardson, W. Allen, Dr. Robertson, A. Hood, J. E. Brown, W. North, J. Hunter, W. Williams and Petty Officer Smith. Gunners Jackson, Heath, Beaford, Campbell, of the Royal Navy, and Gunnors Robinson and Carr, and Sapper Hurlock, of the R. A. and R. E. The admission is 25c, and tickets may be purchased at the door or from Messrs. B. Schwengers, H. Lawson, W. Lorimer, L. York and H. Shandley.

RUGBY FOOTBALL. DID NOT PLAY. There was no match on Saturday afternoon between the High School and Collegiate school teams, the former not having been notified in time to get a team together.

The game which took place on Saturday afternoon between the Victoria team and a team picked from the alpha Waspette and Amphion was very interesting. During the first half the ball remained in the Victoria twenty-five the greater part of the time, and on one or two occasions it looked as if the Navy would secure a touch down. The splendid defence of the local boys could not, however, be penetrated. No points were made in the half.

In the second half Victoria had decidedly the best of it, and the Navy boys were kept busy preventing a touch down. Schwengers finally secured the ball and made the first point for Victoria. Goward made the try, but his attempt failed. The Navy now did some splendid work, and their efforts for a time were successful, as they forced the Victoria boys into their own territory. The ball was at length brought down field and Schwengers again scored a try for Victoria. Goward again took the kick, but again failed. A touch down was scored by the Victoria boys, but shortly after the whistle blew leaving the local team the winners by a score of 6 points to nil.

YACHTING. WORK ON THE CHALLENGER. Glasgow, Feb. 18.—The protest of Mr. George L. Watson against the slow progress of the work on the Shamrock II has had good effect, and during the past week the yacht has grown in a remarkable rate. On its two-thirds of her outer plating is in place, rivetted up and smoothed off. The plates are manganese bronze, three-eighths of an inch in thickness, and varying from two feet to three and a half in width. In the top sides and gearings the plates are overlapped and rivetted by a double row of rivets to give extra strength to the seams. Below the water line, however, the butts of the plates are brought edge to edge and are fitted with such accuracy that the join is scarcely discernible. The rivets are especially made of yellow gun metal. They are counter-sunk into the plates, and are dressed with great accuracy, a burnishing machine being used to make the join smooth and giving this burnished edge of the yacht a striking appearance.

Mrs. John Jordan died at Dresser, Ind., on Saturday. She weighed 670 pounds, and was the mother of thirteen children.

Senor Andrade, ex-president of Venezuela, while at Santiago de Cuba denied the report that he was organizing an expedition.

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PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE. The resignation of Chief Deary of the fire department and the circumstances which have brought it about are very much to be regretted.

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has arisen who advises the people to take the matter in their own hands and smite and spare not the institutions and the individuals who dare to defy their will. The whole thing is merely the development in another form of the spirit which calls for the arming of individuals with deadly weapons to take vengeance upon wrong-doers because of lack of confidence in the law to execute justice.

A Grundy county, Kan., physician recently sent to the address of one of his patients a bill for professional services, and in ten days received the following letter written on the back of his memorandum: "Dear Sir this note was put in my box by mistake I haven't the man's name and don't any relation of mine anyway. I don't see how your consents will let you dun the dead. Why don't you live and let live and try to meet that man who died in heaven which is worth more than forty dollars to any doctor."

CHUM WITH OLD NATURE. James Barton Adams in Denver Post. When weary and worn with the trials of earth and life looks exceedingly blue, when appetite fails and the angel of sleep seems shirking its duty to you, when health's rosy flush has died out from your face and dim is the light of your eyes, and the breast that once glowed with the fire of delight now seems as a well-spring of sighs, don't picture a vision of coffin and shroud and stence and crape on the door.

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DAWSON TELEGRAPH LINE. Hon. J. I. Tarte States That It Will Be Completed Next July.

(Special to the Times). Ottawa, Feb. 18.—In the House to-day Sir Hilbert Tupper moved for papers and accounts in connection with the building of telegraph lines in the Yukon and British Columbia. He said it was scandalous that these papers were not brought down sooner.

OVER A HUNDRED DEAD. Work of Recovering Bodies of Victims of Baku Fire Still Continues. (Associated Press). St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—In the official report of the fire which broke out on February 17 in the magazine of the Caspian & Black Sea Company, at Baku, Russian Transcaucasia, it is admitted that 127 fatalities resulted from the fire, and that a number of other persons are expected to die from the results of their burns. The search for bodies is still being carried on.

A HOAX. (Associated Press). Chicago, Feb. 18.—A dispatch to the Chicago Times-Herald from Waterloo, Iowa, says: "Editor Van Metre, of the Waterloo Tribune, whose purported interview with J. P. Crowe and confession from him in connection with the Cadaly kidnaping case have gone broad over the country, declared the whole matter a hoax."

COMMISSIONER OGILVIE. (Associated Press). Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Despite the announcement from Dawson City, via Victoria, the government has not yet received any official intimation of Mr. Ogilvie's resignation as commissioner of the Yukon.

SOME ODD PHRASES. Each One Has Its Own Story—They Are Founded Either on Old Customs or Some Curious Incident. Words, like men and nations, have histories, and some of these histories are curious and interesting. Here is the word "canard"—a hoax—a newspaper hoax especially. Pretty half a century ago a struggling French journalist in search of "copy" and a dinner-bill upon a brilliant idea, he forthwith sat down and wrote a highly picturesque account of a highly interesting experiment, of which he asserted himself to be the author.

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SPENCER'S THE HOUSE FURNISHING SALE. Started this morning with a big rush. Look into your wants for House Furnishings for Spring, as this is a money saving-sale. 50 Rolls of New Mattings, in to-day, at Sale prices. Bargains For Wednesday.

35 Children's Jackets (all we have) At \$2.50 each. 1 at \$3 15, 8 at \$3 50, 12 at 4 50, 8 at \$5 00, ALL AT \$2.50. 1 at \$6.50, 2 \$5 75. 8 Dressing Jackets Wednesday 50c. 8 Dressing Jackets Wednesday \$1.75. 285 Silk Chair Drapes, etc., Wednesday 50c. 125 were up to \$1.50, Sale price 45c. 165 were up to \$2.75, Sale price 50c. 95 were up to \$5 00, Sale price \$1.25. See Windows for Ladies' Boots, were up to \$4.00 For \$1.75 pair.

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- EDUCATIONAL. EDUCATIONAL—Miss C. G. Fox has reopened her school at 36 Mason street.
- SHORTLAND SCHOOL, 15 Broad street. Shortland, Typewriting, Bookkeeping taught.
- HAIRDRESSERS. MR. AND MRS. G. KOSCHEL, ladies' hair-dressers and wig makers, combings made up in any style. \$1.00 per day. Special side wig to let. 55 Douglas street.
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- SHOE REPAIRING. OLD COUNTRY BOOT STORE, 91 Johnson street. Special attention given to repair work; only best material used.
- SCAVENGERS. JULIUS WEST, General Scavenger, successor to John Dougherty. Yards and cesspools cleaned; contracts made for removal of earth, etc. All orders left with James Fell & Co., Fort street, groceries. John Cochrane, corner Yates and Douglas streets, will be promptly attended to. Residence, 50 Vancouver street. Telephone 180.
- WANTS. WANTED—Wyanott poultry. Address F. T. Gregory, Lakeside, Millstream P. O.
- WANTED—Agents for the life of Queen Victoria and story of her reign; also hundred illustrations, five hundred pages; price \$1.75; outfit \$2.00. Address the John C. Winston Co., Toronto.
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- FOR SALE. 2 STORY HOUSE and corner lot, Chambers St. 2 STORY HOUSE and 2 lots, Henry St. 2 STORY HOUSE and lot Church St. MODERN 2 STORY HOUSE, Fernwood road. COTTAGE and corner lot, King's road. CHOICE ACRE LOT, Esquimalt road. SEVERAL LOTS on Oak and Belcher Sts. HEISTELMAN & CO., 75 Government St.
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- TO LET—Furnished housekeeping rooms. 120 Vancouver street.
- LOST OR FOUND. LOST—A bunch of keys. Finder please leave at this office and receive reward.
- BOARD AND ROOMS. ROOM and BOARD \$20 a month; furnished or unfurnished, rent, \$2.00, \$3.50 and \$5. Apply A. W. More & Co., Ltd., Government street, or A. Williams, 104 Yates street.
- PERSONAL. INFORMATION WANTED of the whereabouts of Joseph Wilson, who, in 1890-91, accompanied M. Virgil G. Borden through Stampede Pass, and who was last heard of at Victoria. Apply at the Times Office.
- MISCELLANEOUS. WHY ORDER YOUR ENLARGED PORTRAITS from travelling agents when you can get better work from the local artist, and where you can see the work being finished if you wish? The pictures are finished on the premises, and you run no risk of losing your photos or of being otherwise disappointed. Call and examine portfolios of work. Charles Hudson, Old Post Office, Government St., Victoria, B.C.
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- SOCIETIES. VICTORIA COLUMBIAN LODGE. No. 15 meets first Thursday of every month at Masonic Temple, Douglas street, at 7:30 p. m. R. B. ODDY, Secretary.
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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 18, 5 a. m.—The barometer is relatively low on the Coast from British Columbia southward, and a low area is moving over the Vancouver Island coast, while an important area of high barometric pressure covers the Pacific slope from California northward to Manitoba.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Tuesday, Victoria—Moderate or fresh southerly and westerly winds, partly cloudy and cold, with occasional rain or snow.

Lower Mainland—Moderate or fresh southerly winds, chiefly cloudy and cold, with occasional rain or snow.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.07; temperature, 36; minimum, 35; wind, 20 miles W.; rain, .12; weather, snow.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, 32; minimum, 32; wind, calm; snow, .62; weather, cloudy.

Kanloops—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, 26; minimum, 26; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 50; minimum, 48; wind, 4 miles S.; rain, .01; weather, rain.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

City band concert and dance to-morrow night at A. O. U. W. hall.

Scissors, table and pocket cutlery, razors, etc. find Store's Hardware.

You will find it in the B. G. Guide, 5c per copy, 50c per year, in all book stores in B. C.

Fresh Oysters Daily from our own beds at Sooke. Price, per gallon, \$3.00; per quart, 75c. New England Hotel.

The opening of a recruiting office in Victoria for the South Africa constabulary will not be opened to-morrow, as was expected, but on Thursday.

Herbert Macklin, who for the past six years acted as postmaster at Galiano and assessor and collector of taxes for the north Victoria district, has resigned these offices in order to accept a position at the Wellington cannery at Ladner, in the employ of the V. C. Co. of Victoria.

Had it not been for Capt. Johnson and J. J. White, of Sidney, on Saturday, there would be one Indian less in this part of the country.

Among the passengers on the steamer Walla Walla arriving from San Francisco this morning were four Japanese in transit to Seattle.

Chinese New Year was ushered in at midnight last night with the usual clamor, in which an extensive orchestra, strings of fire-crackers and demonstrative celebrators vied for ascendancy.

This is the first day of the twenty-sixth year of the reign of Emperor Kwang-Hsun, who, although rusticating away from Peking at present, is Emperor still.

Rev. D. Reid, who for the past four months and a half has occupied the pastorate of the First Congregational church, pending the arrival of Rev. Mr. Blyth, participated in yesterday's services for the last time of his incumbency.

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Meeting in the City Hall This Morning—Suggestion Regarding Memorial to Late Queen.

A meeting of the memorial committee was held this morning in the committee room of the city hall to discuss arrangements relative to the construction of the Paardeberg Gate.

Mr. Lynch Says They Resorted to Oriental Methods of Treating Witnesses.

Part of Pekin Stained With the Blood of Innocent People.

Mr. Lynch takes the missionaries to task for being too lenient in their attitude towards the Chinese.

Clearing Chi Li.

Beilin, Feb. 18.—The Cologne Gazette publishes a dispatch from Pekin which explains that Field Marshal von Waldersee's new expedition is intended finally to clear the province of Chi Li of Chinese soldiers.

RUSSIA AND THE STATES.

London, Feb. 18.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times, who described the action of De White in raising the duty on all the principal imports from the United States as a reprisal strikingly disproportionate to America's duty on sugar, says: "If any official negotiations have been going on they must have been entirely conducted in Washington."

RETURNED UNOPPOSED.

Nanaimo, Feb. 18.—J. H. Hawthornthwaite has been returned by acclamation to the provincial legislature.

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Kruger and The King

Rumor That Ex-President Has Written Asking For His Personal Consideration.

Dewet's Commando is Harassed on All Sides—Typhoid Fever Among Troops.

London, Feb. 18.—There is an unconfirmed rumor here that ex-President Kruger has drafted a personal letter to King Edward VII. setting forth the Boer case and asking for His Majesty's consideration.

The Times correspondent at De Aar confirms the report that Dewet's commando is "extremely exhausted" and "harassed on all sides."

Typhoid Fever.

London, Feb. 18.—Questions in the House of Commons to-day regarding the war in South Africa did little towards really enlightening the situation.

The secretary of state for war gave the ever increasing number of cases of typhoid fever among the troops, thus partially accounting for the long casualty lists.

TORONTO STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Table with columns: Bid, Asked, Bid, Asked. Includes items like B. C. Gold Fields, Black Tail, Brandon & Golden Cr., etc.

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New York, Feb. 18.—Pressure was pronounced in many quarters of the stock market at the opening.

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It is anticipated that this effort to further art and the best musical interests of Victoria will be appreciated.

Mrs. Garrett Smith,

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FAMILY TALK.



Mrs. B.—"George, I had a letter from mother to-day."

EGYPT'S ANCIENT MAN.

A New Mummy at the British Museum Preserved from Pre-historic Time.

The Egyptian mummy at the British Museum has just come into possession of the mummy of a man which may well be the oldest known body of any human being.

Aboriginal Stocks of Egypt, whose settlements are usually found on the west bank of the Nile.

A FEVER DISTRICT. The Beira railway runs through such a fever district, and accidents are so common an occurrence that the company employs a doctor entirely to look after its employees.

Pre-historic Egypt. The mummies of the earliest dynasties. It is with these remote stocks that this man is connected.

Red Hair and Blue Eyes. This man has distinctly auburn hair. He was buried on the western shore.

GREEN NOT RESTFUL.

It seems as though cherished notions were no sooner on an apparently firm foundation than some inconsiderate ironclast comes along and throws them down.

Now, according to a German professor of Berlin, man's wasn't thinking of his man eyes when she made her profuse verdant display, and that her color scheme was carried out absolutely regardless of the visual needs of humanity.

He declares that green paper, green shades, green glasses, green decorations, and green umbrellas are all a mistake, and that by increasing the green light we are simply provoking a nervous disturbance.

AN ARCTIC GRAVE.

Writing in the Century of his search for Andree, the Arctic explorer, Jonas Stading, describes the burial place of an Arctic explorer for the Pole.

On September 18th a dense fog set over the desolate region, and we had great difficulty in finding our way through the maze of canals and islands to Monument Cap, where we arrived in the afternoon.

DEATHLESS MAN.

Two Legends—The Flying Dutchman and the Wandering Jew.

The Flying Dutchman, in one form or another, haunts the superstitions of every European country. There are endless versions of the story.

The Legend of the Wandering Jew is, if possible, even more widely spread than that of the phantom ship. It is familiar in various guises all over Europe.

FOOT ELM IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The boys who have just returned from South Africa are loud in their praise of FOOT ELM. It stops all sweating and chafing, and makes new shoes comfortable.

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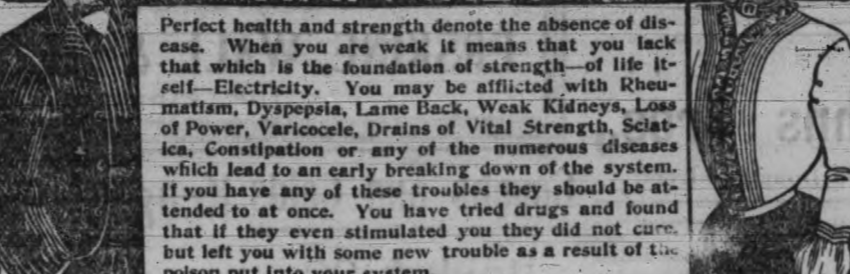
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SOME STRANGE EXPERIENCES.

One locked the wanderer up in a room for the night—"but next morning they found the door open, though their prisoner had not attempted to escape."

A CONVINCING ANSWER.

"I hobbled into Mr. Blackley's drug store one evening," says Wesley Nelson, of Hamilton, Ont., "and he asked me to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism, with which I had suffered for a long time."

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Time Table No 40

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FOR ALASKA

LEAVE SEATTLE 9 P. M. Cottage City, Feb. 9, 24, March 11, 26, April 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 1, 16, 31, April 15, 30, May 14, 29, April 8.

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THE UNION DISASTER.

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first endeavors on forcing an entrance through the subterranean connection doors. At No. 6 the hoisting gear was repaired with workmanlike celerity, while six lines of hose poured water into the flames below.

In less than one hour the first rescue party

Attempted to Descend.

It included John Mathews, the mine manager; Johnson, the fire boss; Dick McGregor and Charles Webber, two miners chosen from dozens of volunteers. As they in the cage went down the shaft, still full of dead-end gases, a stream of ice cold water showered on them constantly from above.

Exposed to all manner of perils they worked their way downward until they found that the mid wall of the shaft had been battered by the explosion, and that without this vent, air circulation by the fan was made impossible. To repair this mid wall they worked two terrible hours. Then Johnson, kneeling at the bottom of the cage, was overcome by damp and signalled just in time to be withdrawn alive. McGregor and Webber were unconscious from cold and gas, and so remained an hour.

Others Sprang Forward

to their places, and little by little the repairs to the mid wall crept downwards until a point a hundred feet from the bottom was reached, at which further progress was blocked by fiercely raging fire.

In shaft 5 it was Pit Boss Walker with miners Kesley, Strang, McArthur and Coomb who formed the pioneer company of heroes. They started to fight their way to the connecting door between the workings of shafts 5 and 6, and had crept fully five hundred feet along the tunnel before the awful after-damp stopped all further progress. Twice again other parties of volunteers essayed this passage, but in each case were

Expelled By Damp

and forced to the surface, the strongest carrying their insensible companions, and all becoming unconscious when the strain was ended.

It was on the failure of these endeavors that all direct methods of rescue were reluctantly abandoned as futile and impracticable, and the flooding of the mine was decided upon as a last recourse.

Flooding the Mine.

(Special to the Times.) Cumberland, Feb. 16.—The first idea that there was fire between No. 6 shaft and No. 5, was a mistake, but the excessive amount of damp and smoke made it impossible to obtain access from No. 5. Every effort was made to descend No. 6 shaft, but they proved futile. A second explosion took place about 4 o'clock this morning, but fortunately no one was in the shaft at the time.

After the second explosion took place all hope of rescue was given up, as a fire was raging below. The hose was turned on, and is still pouring away in the mine. It is expected that efforts will be made to-morrow to receive the bodies. Mr. Matthews, underground manager, and all the bosses worked all day and night risking their lives gallantly in endeavors to rescue the unfortunates.

Rescue Party at Work.

(Special to the Times.) Cumberland, Feb. 17.—The whole city supply of water was last night diverted into the mine by a flume, and was kept running until noon to-day, when the water had risen 40 feet in the shaft. This being considered sufficient to ex-

tinguish the fire, and flow was stopped. No. 5 shaft was opened in the morning and the fan started again. About 2 o'clock, a party ventured below. Everything was satisfactory. The expedition got within 300 yards of the partition between 5 and 6, when they found the brattice destroyed, and they could get no further. A number of men are at work repairing the brattice, and will work all night. Thos. Russell, underground manager, Vancouver Coal Co.; Frank Sheppard, inspectors of mines Morgan and McGregor, are superintending the rescue work. They will work four-hour shifts.

Premier Dunsmuir, C. E. Pooley and Jas. McGregor, inspector of mines, came up on the Joan last night, and this morning inspected the mines, making several trips to No. 5. The whole town is in mourning.

Aid From Dominion Government. (Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Ralph Smith, M. P., is of the opinion that there is no hope of escape for the 65 men entombed in the coal mine at Cumberland. The mine is in Smith's constituency.

As soon as the news of the disaster was received Mr. Smith interviewed Hon. William Mulock, minister of labor, in regard to relief, and as a result Dominion officials in the west were notified to do everything in their power in that connection.

Mr. Smith is deeply concerned about the matter, and proposes to do everything possible here for the victims and their dependents.

Mr. Mulock, at Mr. Smith's request, wired to the mayor of Cumberland offering any relief necessary, and asking for particulars.

An Eye-Witness's Story.

Further details of the awful explosion at Union are told by W. B. Lee, of the National Life Insurance Company, who was in the town at the time of the occur-

rence, and who reached here to-day on the noon train.

About 10:45, while in his hotel, the explosion took place, shaking the hotel and in fact the whole town, as if a tremendous earthquake was taking place. Shortly after two miners ran up to the hotel breathless and stated that No. 6 shaft had been blown up by a tremendous explosion, and that all who were working in it had surely perished.

This caused great excitement, and all within hearing immediately left work and came for the scene of the accident among them Mr. Lee. On reaching their destination they found women and children and relatives of those who had been working in the mine.

Gathered Around the Shaft waiting in anxious anticipation for the results of the relief party who were attempting to get into the mine.

In a short time the men who had made this attempt were brought up in an unconscious state, and it was hours before they could be brought back to consciousness. When they did, however, they told the news that the shaft was completely blocked up and that no one who had been in the mine at the time of the explosion could possibly be alive. This caused a scene that could not easily be forgotten, said Mr. Lee. Mothers wept in despair and children seeing their mothers in so great distress, also began to cry.

The relief party then began to make the

Attempt to Gain Admittance to the mine by the cut from No. 5. This also was unsuccessful, as mentioned in the telegraphic news.

Mr. Lee says that the gas was very strong in the mine, and that the men who attempted to go down the shaft directly after the explosion were all but asphyxiated. After the failure of the attempt to cut into the mine it was decided to flood the mine as a last recourse, because the fire, which was raging fiercely, would have killed anyone who had escaped from the explosion.

When Mr. Lee left yesterday five streams were running into the shaft, and the fire was still burning. They expected to have the mine completely flooded by to-day. In Mr. Lee's opinion the bodies will not be recovered for at least two weeks, as after the

Flooding of the Shaft and the putting out the fire it will have to be pumped dry and the debris cleared away.

The strength of the explosion may be judged by the fact that the Chinaman who was at work at the top of the shaft has not been seen or heard of since the accident.

According to Mr. Lee had it not been

for a big masquerade ball, which was held the night before the accident, probably 15 or 20 more white men would have been in the mine. They had laid off on account of the lateness of the hour before they got to bed, having been at the ball the most of the night.

The night before the accident Mr. Lee had been talking with one of the superintendents of the mine, and happening to mention that he was going away the next evening the superintendent invited him to visit the mine the next day. Mr. Lee agreed, and the hour was set at 9 o'clock. Mr. Lee, however, overslept himself, and was unable to keep his engagement. He is now congratulating himself on his fortunate sleepiness.

A Kindly Act.

One of the first acts of Supt. S. M. Robins, of the New Vancouver Coal Co., on his arrival here from England last night was to instruct one of his inspectors, Mr. Russell, to proceed at once to Union and render all the assistance in his power to the relief parties. His effective assistance after reaching there is told in the telegraphic dispatches in this issue.

The Mayor's Message.

Mayor Hayward dispatched the following to Mayor Carthew of Cumberland to-day:

People of Victoria tender their heartfelt sympathy in the great affliction that has befallen so many in your place, and hope to have an opportunity of rendering some substantial assistance to the widows and fatherless children.

CHAR HAYWARD, Mayor.

The little town of Cumberland, where the explosion took place, was formerly known as Union. It was incorporated under its present name in 1898. The present mayor is J. A. Carthew. The population varies from 2,000 to 3,000, about 500 of them being Chinamen.

The town is beautifully situated in the foothills of the Buford mountains about 500 feet above the waters of the Straits of Georgia. It is dependent upon the Union mines, in which the firm of Dunsmuir & Sons is heavily interested, and the daily output of which is from 700 to 1,000 tons of steam coal.

The fier coal is manufactured into coke for the manufacture of which modern and extensive coke ovens have been provided. There are four regular churches in the town, the Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Episcopal and Methodist, beside a Chinese mission with a residing Chinese missionary. The town is more amply supplied with hotels, there being ten of these in the place.

The city has no electric light system, but it has an excellent and ample water supply derived from a point about a mile and a half above the town. This supply was completely shut off for domestic use yesterday while the mines were being flooded.

Thirteen miles from Cumberland is Union wharf, with which the mines are connected by a colliery railway, which conveys the coal out to the bunkers.

Here it is loaded on the ships, Comox is ninety miles distant, and is connected with Cumberland by a good wagon road. There is a telegraph line from Cumberland to Nanaimo, and also from Union Bay to Nanaimo, with telephone communication between the three points. The City of Nanaimo includes Union Bay in its port of call weekly, both on the up and down trip, and mails also come overland to Nanaimo.

No. 6 shaft is situated between the sawmill and the building now used as the company's office, but which was formerly Simon Leiser's store there. It is midway between the old and the new town.

Some of the Victims.

A number of residents of Victoria, who formerly resided in Cumberland, knew some of the victims. The following information has been obtained in this way regarding the unfortunate fellows whose doom is now sealed:

William Walker, sr., was underground foreman in No. 6 shaft. He was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and was 45 years of age. He had resided in Union about ten years, was an elder in the Presbyterian church there, and a teacher in the Sunday school. He leaves a widow and a large family.

His two sons, Geo. W. and W. Walker, jr., were also natives of Scotland. The first named was 18 years of age, and underwent an operation for appendicitis here about six months ago. The other son was about 10 years of age.

George Turnbull was the youngest son of the former timberman in the mine, his father still residing at Comox on a farm. He was a native of Nova Scotia, and came to Union about ten years ago. He was 23 years of age.

John White was a native of Scotland,

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HALL—Settee, Table and Umbrella Stand in Bamboo; handsome Lamp; Chenille Curtain; Carpet; Matting, etc.

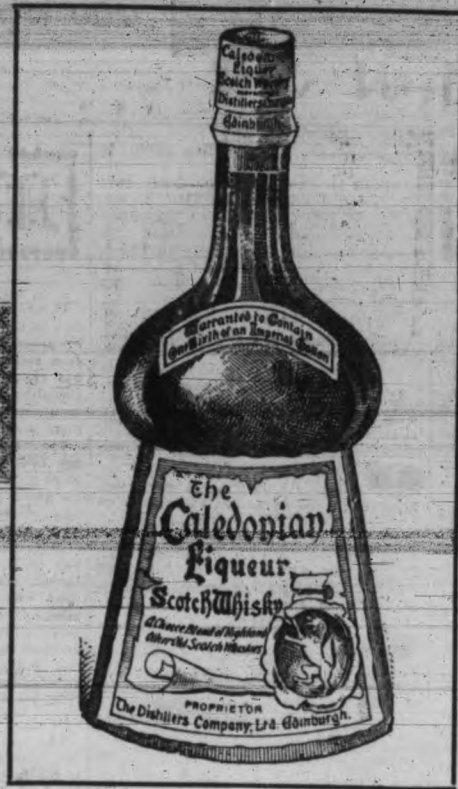
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DRESSMAKING—Mrs. Russell has resumed business at corner Fort and Vancouver streets. Orders promptly executed at moderate prices. Evening work a specialty.

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WANTED—Young man to assist in country store and make himself generally useful. A knowledge of bookkeeping required. Address, stating salary required, and references to "A," Times Office.

DRESSED EASTERN CHICKENS (No. 1), 15c. D.; our own cure Hams and Bacon, 10c.; Salt Pork, 12c.; Butter, 20c.; Eggs, 20c.; See B. Robert Hecker, City Market.

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Notice to Contractors.

Tenders will be received up till Friday, 22nd instant, 12 noon, for the erection of frame cottage on View street. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Plans and specification may be seen at office of the undersigned.

A. MAXWELL MITRE, Architect, 13 1/2 Douglas Street, Victoria, B. C.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Recruiting South African Police.

Recruiting for South African Police will commence at Drill Hall, Victoria, B. C., on Thursday, 21st February, at 10 a. m.

H. B. BURBULL, Capt., Recruiting Officer.

EXHIBITION 1901.

A meeting of members of the British Columbia Agricultural Association will be held at the City Hall on Tuesday, February 20, 1901, for the purpose of electing a permanent secretary, and such other business as may be considered necessary.

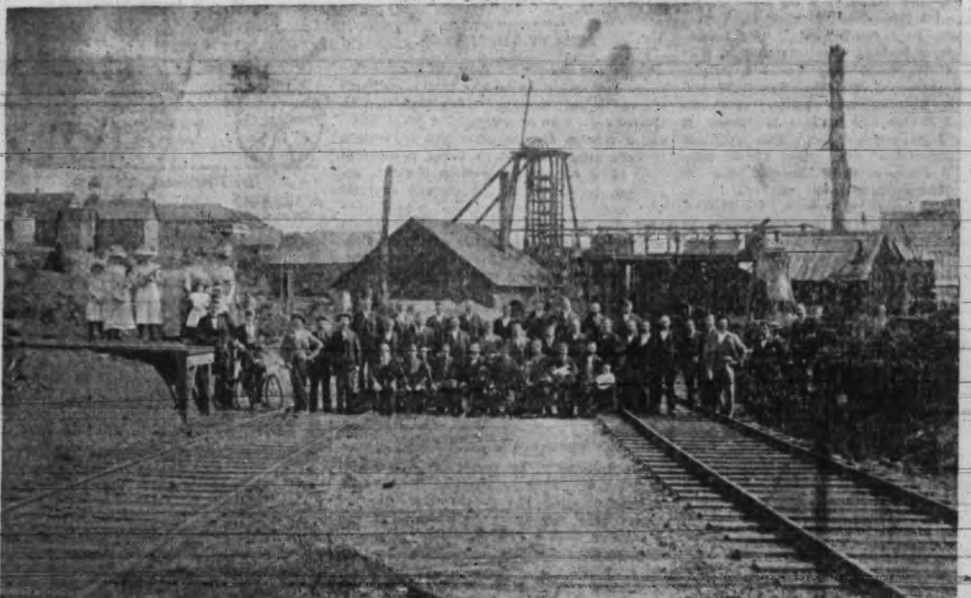
All members of the Association are requested to attend, as arrangements should be completed at an early date for the Exhibition.

W. F. BEST, Secretary pro tem.

PLUMBERS AND PIPELAYERS—Tenders for connecting three cottages with sewer will be received until 3 p. m. on Friday, February 22nd. Plans at City Engineer's Office.

WANTED—A small row-boat, suitable for a fisherman. Ask, stating price, to "Boat," Times Office.

City band concert and dance to-morrow night at A. O. U. Hall.



THE WRECKED SHAFT, NO. 6, UNION MINE.