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THE REPORTED CAPTURE OF PORT ARTHUR

The Whole of the Russian Fleet of Warships at That Point Said to Have Been Destroyed.

SHORT CAMPAIGN ANTICIPATED
 It Is Believed the War Will Be Over by Midsummer.

London, Feb. 12.—(3.30 p. m.)—The British government has information which leads it to believe that the Japanese are likely to be in possession of Port Arthur in a week from now. In the best-informed Japanese circles here it is privately thought that the war will be over by July.

Valiant Fight of the Koreitz and Variag— Most of Their Crews Were Killed or Drowned.

A special dispatch from London, Feb. 12th, says:—
 "One of the most conservative commercial houses in this city, with immense interests in the Orient, received a message in cipher from its representative in Chefoo, that the Japanese have captured Port Arthur and destroyed the entire Russian fleet."
 "It was stated that the Japanese army first blew up the railroad, fifty miles from the Coast, to cut off relief, then carried by assault the promontory overlooking the city and harbor."
 "Mounting heavy artillery they shelled the city and harbor, driving the Russian fleet out into the sea, where the Japanese battleships and cruisers met them."
 "In the resulting sea fight, the Russian ships were all either captured or destroyed."
 "The Japanese then attacked and captured Port Arthur, taking possession of immense stores of coal and provisions."
 "It was also reported that the Japanese had planted explosives all along the line of the Siberian railroad, and that the Czar's army in the Far East was isolated."
 "While this startling message is given only on the authority of the London merchant, it is in a measure corroborated by the Reuter dispatch."

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CANADIANS GOING TO ORANGE RIVER COLONY

Will Take Charge of an Experimental Farm—Proposed Steamship Line Between Canada and Sweden.

(Special to the Times.)
 Ottawa, Feb. 12.—The Governor of Orange River Colony has asked the minister of agriculture for two Ontario agricultural college graduates. Mr. Kitch, now assistant to the Dominion live stock commissioner, will be appointed to take charge of an experimental farm in the colony, and John Buchanan, at Guelph College, will be his assistant.

Another Line Proposed.
 The Johnson Steamship Company, of Sweden, is now in communication with the Dominion government for the purpose of establishing a direct line of steamers between Stockholm, Sweden, and Canada. There is now a big trade between Sweden and Canada. The

Johnson boats now call at Sydney, Cape Breton, for coal.

FIRE IN MILL.
 Loss By Blaze at Peterboro Estimated at \$100,000—Over Four Hundred Employees Idle.

(Associated Press.)
 Peterboro, Feb. 12.—Fire this morning did damage to the extent of \$100,000 to the large mills of the American Cereal Company here. The fire will necessitate the closing down of the entire plant for six months, until repairs are carried out and 450 employees will be thrown out of employment.

MANY COMING.
 Three Thousand Families From Utah Expected to Settle in Southern Alberta.

(Associated Press.)
 Winnipeg, Feb. 12.—The Raymond, Alberta, Chronicle estimates that fully 3,000 families will move from Utah into Southern Alberta in the near future. The figures are based upon estimates made by those engaged in promoting the immigration.

(Associated Press.)
 London, Feb. 12.—Baron Hayashi, summing up events in the Far East so far as they have gone, said to the Associated Press to-day:
 "Whatever may be the eventual result of the war, Russia in allowing us to occupy and fortify Masampo has created for herself another Dardanelles. With the fortification of Masampo, the integrity of Japan is assured forever. No fleet can pass there against Japan's wishes. Even if we are beaten we could not give up Masampo."
 The Associated Press understands that the Japanese troops are advancing rapidly towards the Yalu river. There, it is expected, they will meet and engage the Russian forces. The Japanese declare that the numbers of Russians are greatly exaggerated.
 The plan of the Japanese appears to be to take the road which leads almost straight to Mukden. They profess to have no doubt that they will be able to drive back the Russian forces towards Harbin.
 Baron Hayashi points out that the Mukden road, though nominally under Russian military control, will be subject to constant raids from Japanese bands.

who will sweep down from the hills. Proceeding diagonally, the Japanese intend to cut the line of communication between Port Arthur and the mainland of Manchuria, not only preventing reinforcements from reaching the Port Arthur garrison, but inflicting damage on the Manchurian railroad.
 The view that the Japanese will in the meantime be able to occupy Port Arthur is chiefly based on the latest information that the Russian guns cannot be brought to bear on any force landing at Pigeon Bay, which is on the western side of Port Arthur, and it is believed that the Japanese admiral will follow tactics almost exactly similar to those intended to be pursued at Santiago, the troops storming the batteries in the rear while the Japanese fleet lies waiting for the ships of Viceoy Alexieff, who, in the event of land attack being successful, must make a dash for liberty with his crippled fleet or fight where they are against practically hopeless odds.
 In spite of the lack of news it is constantly held here that the Japanese land forces are actively engaged in a most important movement, which will come to a climax as swiftly as did the Japanese first naval attack.

The Japanese minister said: "Only those who went through the Chinese war can quite understand the emulation which exists between the Japanese navy and the army. In the former war the army was all to the fore, and no little jealousy existed between them, though the navy was in its infancy. Knowing the army as I know it, there must now be a tremendous anxiety to score a success equal to that made by the navy. You may look for some very keen fighting on land."
THE BATTLE OF CHEMULPO.
 Great Loss of Life in Engagement in Which the Variag and Koreitz Sunk.

New York, Feb. 12.—A special cable from Tokyo to the World says:—Further details of the naval engagement at Chemulpo on Monday, in which Admiral Uriu's Japanese fleet of five ships destroyed the Russian cruiser Variag and the gunboat Koreitz, show that these vessels left the harbor, fought separate battles and were crushed by the superior fire of the Japanese.
 The Koreitz alone went out to fight the whole fleet. The Japanese broadsides raked her continually until she sank. Many of her crew were killed by shots or drowned, and the few who escaped to shore were captured.
 The Variag stemming out to sea, was met by half of shells. About 200 of the crew of 570 were killed or drowned. Many swam to the foreign warships and were taken aboard.
 The American gunboat Vicksburg, the British cruiser Galathea, the French cruiser Pascal and the Italian cruiser Edda witnessed the engagement and saluted the victors with flags.
 The crews of the Russian ships are reported to have surrendered to the Japanese.
 The Japanese minister, Baron Hayashi, has received a dispatch from the government at Tokyo announcing that the latter has not yet received an official report of the battle fought off Port Arthur, and adding that apparently the disembarkation of Japanese troops is proceeding satisfactorily. There is disorder at Chemulpo, the port of Seoul, Korea, and elsewhere.
 The official telegrams add the information that all the survivors of the Variag and Koreitz and the transport Sunzari were taken aboard the British, French and Italian warships of Chemulpo.
 M. Payloff, from Seoul, reported that he asked Mr. Allen, the United States minister to Korea, to convey the survivors of the Russian ships to Shanghai or Chefoo on board two American transports which were enroute to a rendezvous, but the Japanese minister at Seoul was ultimately instructed to accept the French offer to take them to Shanghai. It is said that Russia engaged not to allow them to proceed northward from Shanghai during the war. The above is the first reference made by the Far Eastern dispatches to the loss of the Sunzari. Apparently she was a Russian transport which has arrived at Chemulpo with the



FRONTIER GUARD ON THE SHINUSA RIVER.
 Here the Manchurian Railway enters the Leaoyang Peninsula on the way to Dalny.

rumors. He said: "The Japanese will never attempt to take Port Arthur from the sea alone." The captain attached the greatest importance to the seizure of Masampo, Korea, as giving Japan command of the Straits of Korea and preventing a junction of the Russian squadrons. He thinks plans have probably been arranged so that the main Japanese squadron is still in the vicinity of Port Arthur, probably preparing for another attack.
 It is evident that the Tokyo dispatches of yesterday received by the Reuter Telegram Company referred to the first fight at Port Arthur, and not to a subsequent engagement.

THE LAND CAMPAIGN.
 First Battle Is Expected to Take Place in the Neighborhood of Seoul.

New York, Feb. 12.—The Japanese

intention of landing troops there. Referring in the House of Lords to-day to the Russian capture of the port of Wei-Hai-Wei, Foreign Secretary Lansdowne declared his regret that Great Britain had given Wei-Hai-Wei as a base for the Japanese operations against Port Arthur, was entirely unfounded, and that as a consequence of the capture it was a "substantial help" to the British representative there in order to ascertain if any land had occurred to give the slightest color to the report.

RUSSIAN TRANSPORT CAPTURED
 How "Coco" Taken—How to Reach Ship at Shanghai—Will Be Rescued—Killed Many Japanese.

London, Feb. 12.—There is a rumor that the Japanese have captured a Russian transport ship at Shanghai. The ship was carrying a large number of Russian troops and was being used to transport them to the front. The Japanese captured the ship and killed many of the crew. The ship was then taken to Shanghai, where it was held. The Japanese are now trying to determine how to reach the ship and rescue the crew.

ships landed at Genlan are intended to cooperate with the troops that have now been successfully landed at Pigeon Bay on the opposite side of the Korean peninsula, near the mouth of the Yalu River.
 These two forces constitute Japan's second line of defense against the Russians, who are attacking over the Yalu into Korea.
 A first line of defense has been organized, in which a body of Russian troops who are lined up along the south bank of the Yalu.
 It is, however, considered most unlikely that this army will reach its destination in time to intercept the landing Russians.
 The Russian navy has not yet held the sea, in which case it is expected that the Japanese will have a great advantage in the capture of Port Arthur.



GENERAL NODSU,
 Japanese General.

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JAPANESE ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR

THREE RUSSIAN CRUISERS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED

Number Captured—Several of Mikado's Warships Reported Damaged—Disturbances in City.

London, Feb. 12.—In a dispatch from Nagasaki, February 10th, a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "There has been a renewed attack on Port Arthur. The Japanese captured seven Russian ships and chased others. There have been disturbances at Port Arthur in which a number of Japanese civilians were killed or imprisoned. A Chinese mob has destroyed the telegraph line about Nagasaki."

London, Feb. 12.—A dispatch from the Vossische Zeitung from Yokohama says the greater number of the Russian warships at Port Arthur have already been disabled, and that several Japanese warships have been sent home for repairs.

It was said at the foreign office here this evening that the assertion of the Novoye Vremya of St. Petersburg that the Japanese fleet in its attack on Port Arthur was West-Hai-Vel as a base for its attack on Port Arthur is absolutely untrue. The British declaration of neutrality is a lengthy document, is on the usual lines and covers all the British dominions.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of Reuters' Telegraph Company cables that the naval headquarters state there is no notice that in the fight at Port Arthur six Japanese ships were slightly damaged, and fifty Japanese were killed and 150 wounded.

The question of the passage of the Dardanelles by the Russian Black Sea Fleet has not been raised at the foreign office, where the following statement was made to the Associated Press: "Russia has not asked permission for the passage of warships through the Dardanelles. If Russia should attempt any such thing without asking permission it would constitute a breach of the treaty on the subject."

With regard to United States Secretary of State Hay's note to the powers on the neutrality and integrity of China, the British government, the foreign office says, sees no reason why the proposition regarding China proper should not be joined in the Far East. It was explained that even were the report true, the fleet would not reach the scene of operations under six weeks, by which time the situation might have changed materially. In any case, it was said, the Japanese would be quite ready to meet the ships.

It was also pointed out at the legation that since Great Britain has declared her neutrality, and as most of the coal ports east of Suez are British, the Russian men-of-war will experience great difficulty in coaling, and be hindered by the necessity of having coaling accompany them.

At Lloyd's to-day 30 per cent was paid to insure against the risk of war between France and Great Britain within six months. Yesterday the rate was 20 per cent. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha announces that the steamer Inaba Maru arrived safely at Hongkong this morning.

In a dispatch from Copenhagen a correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The Russian Baltic squadron of fifteen warships passed through Danish waters to-day, on route for the Far East, around Cape Skagway, but as a force storm was raging in the Nord-Fin the Russian admiral ordered the squadron through the Kaiser Wilhelm canal."

which did not terminate until early Tuesday morning.

According to the correspondent of the Daily edition of the New York Herald at Chefoo, three Japanese torpedo boats were sunk with great loss of life.

A correspondent of the Standard at Tokio sends in this morning an entirely new account of the Port Arthur encounter. He says Admiral Togo's fleet arrived on Monday night and found the Russian squadron drawn up in battle formation outside the harbor and under the shadow of the forts, the destroyers being spread out in front over a distance of five miles. Admiral Togo decided to attack at night, and opened fire at 11 o'clock. While the cannonade was in progress a number of Japanese torpedo boats crept along close in shore, and succeeded in the darkness in getting between the Russian ships and the land. Here they lay unnoticed until the Russians began to give way before the Japanese fire, and sought to re-enter the harbor. The Japanese torpedo boats then opened fire at comparatively close range and sank two battleships and one cruiser close to the entrance of the harbor. The effect of this coup was the retreat of the remainder of the squadron into the harbor.

In a dispatch from Tokio a correspondent of the London Times comments on the grim determination of the Japanese people, as evidenced by the expeditions and absolutely undemocratic manner in which the mobilization of troops has everywhere been carried out. The correspondent is of the opinion that Major-General Baron Kodama will be in command of the Japanese land operations.

The following is the text of the Imperial rescript declaring war against Russia, which was issued in Japan yesterday:

"We, by the grace of heaven, Emperor of Japan, seated on the throne, occupied by the same dynasty since time immemorial, hereby make proclamation to all our loyal and brave subjects as follows: "We hereby declare war against Russia, and we command our army, and navy to carry on hostilities against her, in obedience to their duty, with all their strength, and we also command all our competent authorities to make every effort in pursuance of their duties to attain to the national aim with all the means within the limits of the law of nations."

"We have always deemed it essential in international relations and have made it our constant aim to promote the pacific progress of our empire in civilization, to strengthen our friendly ties with other states and to establish a state of things which would maintain enduring peace in the Far East, and assure the future security of our dominion without injury to the riches or interests of other powers. Our competent authorities have also performed their duties in obedience to our will. So that our relations with all the powers have been steadily growing in cordiality. It was then, entirely against our expectation that we would have unhappily to begin hostilities against Russia."

"The integrity of Korea is a matter of the greatest importance to us. It is a matter which we have always held to be of the highest importance to our nation. We have always held it to be our duty to maintain the integrity of Korea as a free and independent state, and we have always held it to be our duty to prevent any power from interfering with its independence. It is now our duty to defend the integrity of Korea against any power which attempts to interfere with its independence."

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the gravest concern to this Empire, not only because of our traditional relations with the country, but because the separate existence of Korea is essential to the safety of our realm. Nevertheless, Russia, in disregard of her solemn treaty pledges to China and her repeated assurances to other powers, is still in occupation of Manchuria; has consolidated and strengthened her hold on those provinces, and is bent upon their final annexation. And, since the absorption of Manchuria by Russia would render it impossible to maintain the integrity of China, and would, in addition, compel the abandonment of all hope of peace in the Far East, we were determined in these circumstances to settle the question by permanent peace, and to secure this by permanent peace. This object in view, our competent authorities, by our order, made proposals to Russia and frequent conferences were held during the last six months. Russia, however, never met such proposals in a spirit of conciliation, but by wanton delays put off a settlement of the serious questions, and, ostensibly advocating peace on one hand, while on the other extending her naval and military preparations, sought to accomplish her own selfish designs.

"We cannot in the least admit Russia had from the first any serious or genuine desire for peace. She rejected the proposals of our government. The safety of Korea was in danger and the interests of our Empire were menaced. The question for the future, which we failed to secure by peaceful negotiations, can now only be obtained by an appeal to arms.

"It is our earnest wish that, by the loyalty and valor of our faithful subjects, peace may soon be permanently restored and the glory of our Empire preserved."

Tokio Celebrates.

Tokio, Feb. 11.—Tokio witnessed a smaller Mafeking celebration to-night. Thousands of students and soldiers of the streets accompanied by many bands of music and carrying torches, flags, colored lanterns and transparencies emblazoned with war pictures. National airs were sung and cheers were continually given.

The various processions, surrounded by the police, walked and visited the government buildings.

The Russian legation overlooks a square where the thousands of people had assembled to witness the celebration of the Japanese victory, but the windows of the legation were darkened. The crowds are orderly and sober.

British residents in Tokio were cheerful wherever they appeared.

Repeating Russian Ships.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 12.—The czar today received a telegram from Victory. A fleet of Russian warships during the bombardment by the Japanese fleet at Port Arthur. It says: "The Caravelnik and Pallada were brought into the harbor Tuesday. The Retvizan is making temporary repairs at a hotel. Repairing the Retvizan are so complicated that it is difficult to say when they will be ready."

The Pallada and Novik will be docked in turn. All the other vessels injured are now repairing and sailing in the harbor. I expect them to be ready in three weeks. The wounded officers, the artillery corps and Lieutenant Petrov, are doing well. Four of the wounded have died. A majority of the injured belonged to the cruiser Pallada, and their injuries are due to gases from the explosion of a mine torpedo. A careful search by Russian and Japanese surgeons and night have not revealed the presence of the enemy."

It is officially announced that no news has been received here of the landing of Japanese or the blowing up of a bridge on the Manchuria railroad. Students uniformly paraded this afternoon in front of the Winter palace. They were followed by several thousand persons singing the National Anthem.

The assistant chief of police thanked the students for the display of patriotism, but he requested them to no longer disturb the czar. The people returned singing to the cathedral.

Serious disturbances are reported to have broken out at Revel, the fortified seaport on the Gulf of Finland. Four companies of soldiers are said to have been dispatched to suppress the riot. The disturbances are believed to be connected with labor troubles.

The general staff announces the receipt of a telegram from the Russian minister resident in China saying that the cable from Vladivostok to Nagasaki, the telegraph line from Seoul to Masan, and the telegraph line from Seoul to Wonsan are broken.

The bitterness against Great Britain is assuming almost alarming proportions. The suggestion that Great Britain evacuated Wei-Hai-Wei to give Japan a base, has called out the deepest indignation, which is being further inflamed by the publication of a "blue book" on Tibet, containing the offensive language of Lord Lansdowne.

The first authentic news of the fighting at Chemulpo has been printed here vaguely and without details. The admiralty has issued specific orders that no telegrams from the Far East, either for private persons, newspapers or news agencies will be transmitted. The admiralty will give out official reports.

Admiral Skrydloff, commander of the Russian Black Sea fleet, has left quietly for the Far East to take command of the Russian fleet there.

Japs Near Seoul.

Paris, Feb. 11.—The foreign office received a dispatch this morning dated yesterday reporting that five thousand Japanese troops are now encamped near Seoul, Korea, some of which entered the town. It is added that quiet prevails there.

No mention is made in the dispatch of the presence of the Korean Emperor at the French legation, where he has been reported to have sought refuge, and therefore the authorities place no credence in the report.

Regarding the announcement that the Russian sailors on the Varieg and Korietz, sunk by the Japanese off Chemulpo, had sought refuge in the French cruiser Pascal, it is confirmed. The foreign office says the French commander offered them an asylum only in the interest of humanity, but no protest on the subject has been made by the Japanese government, and that the refugees will be sent to Russia. They will probably be required to give their parole not to serve again during the war.

A dispatch to the Petit Parisien from Tokio, says the Japanese squadron which engaged the Varieg and Korietz at Chemulpo consisted of five vessels. The Japanese admiral has sent no information concerning the losses and injuries inflicted upon the Japanese. The correspondent says also that Great Britain has sent seventy men to Shan Hai Kwan to guard the railroad.

The Temps says it has received confirmation from official sources of the report from Port Arthur that the Japanese attempted to make a landing at the harbor of Port Arthur, and were immediately repulsed.

substance of Secretary Hay's note to the powers on the subject of the neutrality and integrity of China. "Consult with the government to which you are accredited, with the view of learning in order to avoid the possibility of outbreak of troubles in China and to limit the prejudice of war on neutral commerce, if you will not be proper to respect neutrality of the administrative entity of China." Mr. Hay's phrase "administrative entity" is not clear to the officials here, but they say he does not seem to mean the integrity of China.

United States Neutral.

Washington, Feb. 11.—President Roosevelt signed the proclamation declaring the neutrality of the United States government in the Russo-Japanese war at 3:58 this afternoon.

Italy's View.

Rome, Feb. 11.—Admiral Candiari, who commanded the Italian squadron in the East during the China-Japanese war and who is considered the most competent judge of the military situation there, has given an interview to the Giornale d'Italia. He said: "It is reported that Port Arthur is provisioned for eighteen months and there are no civilians, but this is doubtful. I believe Port Arthur to be lost to the Russians, and that their fleet will be gradually destroyed excepting the few ships taking refuge at Vladivostok."

"I believe Russia can bring together 150,000 men on land, and it would be difficult to increase this number, while Japan can concentrate 300,000 troops in Korea, where she would be supported by local sympathies."

Will Manchuria Be Invaded?

Vienna, Feb. 11.—Disquieting reports have been received here from Peking regarding the attitude of China in the Russo-Japanese conflict.

The Nones Wiener Tagblatt says it is believed in well-informed circles that the reported destruction of a railroad bridge in Manchuria is possibly the work of an advance party of "Boxers," who it is understood, China is organizing for the invasion of Manchuria.

It is understood that the representatives of several powers at Peking have informed their governments of China's intention to send 200,000 Boxers to Manchuria.

At Port Said.

Port Said, Feb. 11.—The Russian transport Smolensk and one torpedo boat have entered the Suez canal.

Through the Canal.

Suez, Egypt, Feb. 11.—The Russian volunteer fleet-steamers Gazette and a torpedo boat have arrived here.

UNITED STATES NAVY.

Building of Several Cruisers Is Recommended—Would Cost Over Twenty-Nine Million Dollars.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The report of the naval advisory board, which was made to the House to-day by Chairman Foss of the naval affairs committee, it says: "The committee recommends the construction of more than the usual number of cruisers, in view of the fact that last year we provided for five larger battleships, and the determination of our policy to our navy. If we judge public sentiment aright, it is in favor of the maintenance of this policy of building up our navy. If stopped now we would be left behind the leading countries of the world."

Forrest and above all must stand considerations of the national defence, maintaining of our foreign policies and the protection of American citizens everywhere. The American people are not willing to lessen their influence on this hemisphere, nor forsake their interests on the other side of the globe."

T complete all the ships authorized up to the present time will cost \$22,718,650. Of this \$13,828,500 is appropriated in this bill, which leaves a balance of \$8,890,150 to be appropriated hereafter.

The ships authorized are one first class cruiser of 1600 tons; cost \$7,775,000; two first class armored cruisers of 14,500 tons, cost (each) \$6,305,000; three scout cruisers of not more than 3,750 tons, cost (each) \$2,200,000; two colliers, cost (each) \$1,250,000. The total cost of the above program is \$23,885,000.

It is left within the discretion of the secretary of the navy to build any or all of these ships in government yards in case the shipbuilding concerns have understanding. An increase of 3,000 men is provided for, and a training station on the Great Lakes is recommended.

WATER RECEIVING.

But Danger of Floods in Wilkesbarre District of Pennsylvania Is Not Yet Over.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 11.—The flood is gradually receding here owing to the continued cold weather, but the danger is yet great. The lowlands are covered with ice and water. The dam at Bloomsburg and Nanticoke are solid, and show no signs of breaking. The principal danger is now caused by the water backing up from these dams. The towns below the dams are apprehensive. If they break great destruction will follow. The Pennsylvania railroad has managed to get trains through from Sunbury, the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railway Company is making every effort to open its Bloomsburg branch.

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CANADIAN NOTES.

Quebec, Feb. 11.—A telegram from Quebec, says Ernest Paul, former proprietor of Le Soleil, is very ill and not expected to recover.

Engine House Demolished.

Parkhill, Ont., Feb. 11.—The boiler at the Harrison estate roller mill exploded last night, the crash shaking every building in town and putting the electric lights out. No one was killed or injured, but most of the glass on Main and King streets was broken. The west end of the mill was blown out. The engine house was completely demolished and the wooden mill, adjoining, were badly wrecked. Pieces of wreckage were spread all over town.

Gunpowder Explodes.

North Bay, Ont., Feb. 11.—Thirty tons of dynamite and ten tons of gunpowder exploded at noon Sunday last at a large construction camp on New Ferris, Barrington and Northern Ontario railways, five miles north of here.

Toronto, Feb. 11.—W. R. Brock, M. P., head of the wholesale dry goods firm of W. R. Brock Company, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Home Missionary Society.

Toronto, Feb. 11.—The first annual meeting of the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church in Canada was held in the lecture room of St. Andrew's church yesterday.

Will Interview Legislature.

Toronto District Labor Council to-night passed a resolution that the legislative committee of this council interview the Ontario government and call upon them to exercise such authority as will guarantee justice and fair play to members of trade unions who have the misfortune to be arraigned before Police Magistrate Denison, of Toronto.

Michael J. O'Neill, foreman of the coroner's jury, was committed for trial to-day for soliciting a bribe from Mr. McMurray, C. P. R. counsel. The jury met to-night and protested against the application that they were open to bribery.

Queen's University.

Kingston, Feb. 11.—The commission of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada regarding the retention of Queen's University by the church, concluded its labors this afternoon by adopting a report recommending the general assembly to provide adequate endowment for the church, so as to retain the college for the church. Sir Sandford Fleming has given the university one-third interest in a coal mine near the Rocky mountains. He has handed the trustees a cheque for \$800 as the first return. The finance committee will consider the appeal of the medical faculty for stronger support.

Winnipeg Clearings.

Winnipeg, Feb. 11.—The following are the Winnipeg clearing house returns for the week ending February 11th, with the week ending February 11th, 1904, \$4,282,608; corresponding week in 1903, \$3,620,285; corresponding week, 1902, \$2,535,707.

MILITARY MATTERS.

Events of the Present Week in Regimental Circles.

Members of the Fifth Regiment are requested to take note of the following programme for the week, which will be published from day to day with the elimination of the various events as they occur:

Friday. No. 2 and 3 Companies: Physical Drill. 1. Without Arms. 2. With Arms. 3. No. 3 Company: Physical Drill with Arms. 4. No. 4 and 5 Companies: Disabled Order Drill. 6. Battalion. General rehearsal on Tuesday, 10th.

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STEAMER'S BUILDER GIVES TESTIMONY

HE CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW CLALLAM SANK

E. W. Heathe, the Man Who Constructed the Ship, Examined at Coroner's Inquiry Yesterday.

Yesterday afternoon's session of the Clallam inquest was devoted to the examination of E. W. Heathe, of Tacoma, who had charge of the construction of the hull of that vessel. In the course of his examination Mr. Heathe stated that, in his opinion, if the Clallam was raised she would be found as sound as when she left the dockyard. He could offer no explanation of the foundering of the vessel, stating in this regard, "It's a mystery to me."

Mr. Heathe, when called, said he had large experience in ship building, having been working at the trade for 24 years. For 11 years he had been in business on the Great Lakes, and for five years on the coast. The Clallam had been constructed according to his own design. This had, of course, been subject to the approval of the company.

Asked by Coroner Hart for the general measurements of the ship, witness said that the keel was 156 feet in length. The extreme beam was 31 feet 6 inches, and the depth 15 feet.

The frames of the ship were constructed of two thickness of six inches each, held together securely by bolts.

Continuing, witness described the method adopted in fastening the deck to the main hull. It was held down by bolts attached to each frame. The knees were naturally crooked and of a larger size (8 inches) than was usual. There had been no metal knees used. The floor ceiling was three inches thick, and the main deck planks about 3 1/2 by 4 1/2 inches thick. In all cases the caulking was thorough. On the main deck this work was of both cotton and oakum. The frames extended from the hull as far as the main deck, but not beyond this. All the upper works of the ship were supported by heavy stanchions, four by six inches, which went below the main deck a distance of from four to five feet. Every fourth stanchion was sided five inches instead of four. All of these were fastened securely to the main frames.

Coroner Hart asked whether there was any radical departure from the usual custom in the construction work. Witness replied that there was not. Her frame was, if anything, heavier than was usual in a vessel of her size. The timber used was the best fir that money could buy, being free from sap or any defect.

Questioned further by the coroner, witness said the rudder post was constructed of eastern oak and was 14 inches at the top, tapering to 10 inches at the bottom. The stock was 12 inches in diameter and was 25 feet long.

Continuing, witness stated that there were four ports on one side of the vessel and five on the other, making a total of nine deadlights below the main deck. These were what were called "slit" lights, leaving six inches of clear glass space. They were fastened with heavy brass screws, as was customary. He thought that there was only one shutter. These ports were secured with double clamps.

Juror Hibben asked for an explanation of the breaking of the first rudder. Witness replied that this was because of the green timber and the excessive heat from the galley. He could not say anything about the second rudder.

Answering Juror Maroon, he said that there was no material difference in the purchasing price of deadlights with and without shutters. He had supplied the smaller boats for the Clallam, but was not responsible for their equipment. He thought, however, that they were supplied with boat hooks. The fittings of the vessel had been in the hands of the Puget Sound Navigation Company.

To Juror Rostein, the witness stated that the ship had two bulkheads, one forward and one aft. They were water tight.

To Juror Maroon—The contract price of the ship was \$28,000, but its total cost, when completed, amounted to \$30,000. It

was usual for the upper works to break off when a vessel sank. They probably came off through air pressure.

Questioned by the jurymen, witness said: "I don't see why there should have been any difficulty in stopping the inflow of water through a deadlight. If I had been there I think I would have been able to stop it."

To Juror Maroon—The Clallam was the tenth boat constructed by him on this coast. It was the fifth that he had built, and the first that had sunk. Another had been wrecked, but that was through running on the rocks off the California coast. The deadlights on the Clallam were exceptionally heavy, the glass being about seven-eighths of an inch thick.

Juror Callin asked whether witness considered his responsibility ceased when he complied with the requirements of the specifications.

Witness replying said: "No, most decidedly not. I have as much interest as anyone in the welfare and success of any vessel I build. If, looking at specifications I saw that alterations were necessary, I would suggest that the changes be made."

To C. H. Lugin—There were no knees used in the securing of the upper cabin. Mr. Lugin—As the builder of the vessel, how do you explain the sinking of the ship?

"I can offer no explanation," witness replied. "It's a mystery to me how the ship sank." He thought that those who gave evidence to the effect that the ribs were in sight before the ship sank were in error. "One witness," he said, "claimed to have seen the ribs while clinging to the mast. Now I'd like to know how the mast was held in place if the ribs were visible?" He did not consider that the Clallam was a "scow built" boat. She had a well rounded beam, and was of good design.

Juror Rostein asked why the plans of the ship had not been brought over.

Witness did not know that they were required. They could easily be secured, however, on application to the company.

To A. E. McPhillips, K. C.—The Clallam could carry cargo in her hold. If there was a leak of freight had been put on one side there would not be sufficient list to put the deadlight below water. The natural crooks were of fir and partly seasoned. The contract price of \$28,000 did not include the machinery. It would not have been possible to weaken the vessel by the installation of the engine and boilers. The intention of the company in building the Clallam was to get the best boat possible. No expense was spared. He said that, in his opinion, if the Clallam was raised her hull would be found as intact as when it left the stocks. "I don't think," he continued, "that the frame has sprung a particle, and if she was put in dock now not a seam would be found open."

An adjournment was taken till 2 o'clock this afternoon.

"MUMMY AND HUMMING BIRD."

Paul Gilmore and Company in Comedy-Drama Last Evening.

At the Victoria theatre last night Paul Gilmore and company presented the drama, "The Mummy and the Humming Bird" before a fair-sized audience. The play is said to have had considerable success in the East, but nowadays the amusement-loving public, satiated with nerve-racking, peace-destroying productions, reel off ad nauseam, will experiment on anything in the hope of running across something really good. The theme of the "Mummy and the Humming Bird," while precisely true to life the world over, is as old as the hills. Domestic infidelity, consequent on neglect, either on one side or the other, is considered by playwrights an excellent vehicle for the conveyance of an impressive little lesson to the public on "how to be happy, though married."

The play is not a strong one, it doesn't even rise above the ordinary. That it is not as attractive as "The Tyranny of Tears" is beyond question. Mr. Gilmore had the part of Lord Lumley, the "Mummy." Mr. Gilmore is a talented young actor with a pleasing personality, but he will have to divorce himself from a few little tricks in the vocal line. He certainly made the most of his part. John Martin was an excellent Giuseppe, the Italian with a vendetta on his programme. His scene with Lumley in the first act, when, in broken English and with profuse gesticulations, he tells his story, was very well done. Adele Luhrmen, in the part of Mrs. Ruth Thornton, was the best among the ladies. The player originally cast for the role of Signor D'Orelli, G. A. Yielding, was not on the stage last night. His last part was not in comedy, but in tragedy, real, and heart-rending tragedy. He committed suicide at Spokane on Tuesday because he could not get employment in the Florence Roberts Company. Until recently he was in love with Miss Roberts, in whose company he formerly played.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Geo. W. Stewart, manager of the bureau of music of the World's Fair, has received a cablegram from Sergei W. Alexandrovsky, Russian composer-general to the World's Fair, stating that owing to the war between Russia and Japan, the band of the Imperial Guard would not be sent to St. Louis.

A quasi epidemic of typhoid fever exists in Watertown, N. Y. Local health officials state there have been 1,500 and 2,000 cases in the city and two public hospitals are crowded to overflowing.

HOPELESS!

"Mr. Michael's speech must look to plain people, a considerable slide down the slope which leads to Protection all round." Westminster Gazette.

Though stern Free Traders, like Canute, have tried To hold the ocean back by power of speech, And now, behold, its waves submerge the Fiscal reform commands the flowing tide. London World.

DRILL HALL CONCERT.

Victoria West and James Bay to Play Basket Ball To-Morrow Evening—Programme of Music.

A battle royal for basketball supremacy may be expected when the "Bays" line up against the Victoria West players at the drill hall to-morrow evening. These teams are without doubt the strongest in the city league. Both aggregations have been putting in some faithful practice, and are equally confident of winning. The game will be played in part second of the programme, and will start at 9.15 o'clock. W. Jones will act as referee.

A choice musical programme, including Abe Holzmann's latest march success, "Uncle Sammy," will be rendered by the regimental band. The complete programme follows:

- Part I.
- Overture—"Poet and Peasant".....Suppe
- Excerpts from "Favorite Comic Operas".....Arr. Moses
- Gavotte—"The Magician".....Parraud
- Musical scenes from Weber & Field's "Musical Comedy "Holy-Tolly".....Stromberg
- Part II.
- Basketball—James Bay vs. Victoria West.
- Char. Piece—"Humpty-Dumpty".....Penn
- Basketball—Regent Hall.
- Two Step—"Uncle Sammy" (new).....Holzmann
- "God Save the King".....

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A CONSTITUTIONAL WEAKNESS.

We have often wondered why Hon. George E. Foster, by all odds the cleverest, if not the ablest, man in the Conservative party, has proved such a dismal failure in public life.

THE USES OF TOBACCO.

The London Chronicle asks whether women should smoke. Sarah Grand, who brought into the world the "Heavenly Twins," says they should not.

At first my cigarette was the toy of the dinner table, but soon it began to creep in at other times, and insidiously as I came more and more under its influence.

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DECLARATION OF WAR.

To the Editor:—Numerous statements have been made and published, to the effect that the attack on the Russian fleet at Port Arthur, by the Japanese, was made before a formal declaration, and was therefore contrary to international law.

In the late war between Japan and China, on the 25th of July, 1894, a Japanese squadron attacked Chinese men-of-war, which had been conveying transports carrying reinforcements for Asan in Korea, and the Japanese captured Asan on the 29th of July.

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A Rugby Football match will be played at the Caledonia grounds between the Victoria senior and H. M. S. Flora teams tomorrow.

Joint committee representing the city council, board of trade, and Tourist Association will meet to-night to discuss the best means to be adopted to have the big Dominion exhibition of 1905 held here next year.

It makes no difference where you live, you can avail yourself of our mail order department with the perfect confidence that you will meet with the same consideration as if you were here.

A special choral evening followed, by an organ recital, will be rendered at Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday evening next at 7 o'clock.

And still Victoria lacks a board of police commissioners. The government may have forgotten all about it, although they have had enough reminders.

The secretary-treasurer of the sergeants' mess, Fifth Regiment, is in receipt of an invitation from the warrant officers, staff sergeants and sergeants' club at Work Point to a social to be held in the Fives Court, Work Point barracks, on Monday evening, February 15th, at 7 o'clock, and hopes that as many as possible will take advantage of their friends' hospitality.

While crossing James Bay bridge last evening between 8 and 9 o'clock, Miss Harris, daughter of D. R. Harris, had her purse snatched from her hand by a Chinaman, who quickly bolted.

Mr. Boyd, the manager of Le Petit Crystal theatre, deserves great credit for his enterprise in the up-to-date little theatre on Yates street.

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PERSONALS.

H. Abbott, formerly superintendent of the Pacific division of the C. P. R., is in the city paying a visit to his son, the company's local agent, and Mrs. Abbott. He has been visiting Southern California, and is now en route home. Mr. Abbott is in his seventies, and enjoying excellent health.

P. J. Pearson, of Chelmsford; T. D. Conway, of Ladysmith; J. Shannon and C. R. Stacy, of Seattle; D. R. Whitehead and G. H. Nicholson, of Toronto; and A. Hobart, of Portland, Ore., are in the city. They are among those staying at the Victoria hotel.

Harry Comfort, of Vancouver, is in the city. He is here awaiting the sailing of the next steamer for the north. He is among the arrivals at the Dominion hotel.

A. W. Holston, of Ladysmith; G. H. Sprout, of Seattle; J. Hetch, of St. Louis, and A. E. Seckling, of Vancouver, are registered at the Vernon.

B. W. Greer and E. J. Cople, of the C. P. R., Vancouver, and W. G. Chase, of Chicago, are registered at the Driford. Capt. S. F. Mackenzie, of Vancouver, was among the passengers from Vancouver last evening. He is at the Driford.

Wm. Strong, of New York; D. Douglas and P. T. Yenables, of New Westminster, are guests at the Dominion.

M. Iben and Jas. Anderson were among the passengers from the Bond by the Princess Beatrice yesterday.

Robt. Muir and wife, of Winnipeg, are guests at the Vernon hotel.

Two American indoor swimming records have been broken at Brooklyn, Mass., one by John A. Levitt, professional, at two miles, his time being 27 minutes 25 seconds; and the other by Harry Lemoyne, the well known amateur athlete, at 80 yards in 48 seconds.

To-morrow, last day of the Big Fire Sale at Army & Navy Clothing Store.

BARNARD ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Returning Officer Northcott Made Announcement This Afternoon at City Hall.

This afternoon at the city hall Returning Officer Northcott formally declared G. H. Barnard elected mayor by acclamation. He was proposed by ex-Mayor C. E. Redfern, his opponent at the recent election, and seconded by Mr. Joshua Kingham. As was generally anticipated, there were no other nominations for the position made vacant through the resignation of Mr. Barnard. The mayoralty muddle is therefore at an end, and Mayor Barnard will henceforth have charge of municipal matters without any doubt as to the legality of his position. Mayor Barnard, it is expected, will be sworn in at 11 o'clock to-morrow, and be placed in possession of the great seal of the corporation. During his absence from the chair his place has been filled in a very efficient manner by J. M. Grahame.

SECOND CONCERT OF THE TWELFTH SEASON

Arlon Club Score Another Success Last Night—Good Programme and Appreciative Audience.

The second concert of the twelfth season of the Arlon Club, was held last evening in Institute hall, and brought out a large audience in spite of most unpromising weather. Those who attended were well repaid, and one and all felt gratified in realizing that there are in this city an organization of artists capable of rendering so varied a programme in an admirable manner as was given.

The soloists of the evening were Mrs. W. E. Green, soprano; Herbert Taylor, baritone, and Frank Watkins, pianist. The last named added not a little to a splendid programme by his faultless accompaniments.

The first number, "The Northman's Song" (Kucken), a strong and stirring melody, was well rendered. In the "Two Grenadiers" Mr. Taylor's excellent enunciation was strikingly effective. Selection number three on the programme, "The Cradle Song" (Van Der Stucken), gave the club an opportunity to show what diligent practice will do. The shading in the passage, "the wind all the flowers do they gently away," being especially pretty. The tenors particularly sung with much feeling. Mr. Watkins in Prelude, op. 3, No. 2, by Rachmaninoff, was a most enthusiastic soloist, to which he responded with Chopin's waltz. Those who had previously heard the pianist as accompanist were only too glad of an opportunity to hear him in solo work. In "Rhine Maiden" (Smar), with humming introduction and tenor solo by M. Reynard, the club presented a very telling number, and was obliged to repeat what appeared to be the favorite of the evening.

Mrs. W. E. Green appeared in her best in "Villanelle" (Eva del'Acqua). She sang with delightful ease, and gave an exquisite encore.

In the selection "Hope" (Garrett), the club achieved another success, the accompaniment being especially good. "Twilight," by Dudley Buck, as this composer's numbers always are, was a most restful, harmonious selection, and lacked nothing in artistic treatment by the club members.

Mr. Taylor's second solo, "Prologue From England," was excellently sung, the audience demanding an encore.

The "Staccato Etude" (Rubenstein), has been rendered many times in this city, but certainly never in a more masterly manner than last evening by Mr. Watkins.

The last club number, "To the Genius of Music" (Mohr), with soprano solo by Mrs. Green, was the most ambitious of the evening's selections, and proved a fine finale to a very high class concert.

The introduction of the soprano solo was a most pleasing variation from strictly club music.

E. H. Russell conductor, has certainly good reasons for feeling highly gratified with the manner in which the programme was executed and the audience have but one complaint, not in respect to the concert, but in regard to the dark exit from the hall.

Vice-Admiral Sir Gerard Henry Noel, who commands the British Asiatic Squadron in succession to Admiral Sir Cyprus Bridge, will sail from Masselms-to-day for the Far East.

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Ladies' rib and plain fine quality Cashmere Hose, double heel and toe; feet black; regular 40c; SATURDAY 30c | Ladies' and Children's Cashmere Hose, rib and plain, to clear out Saturday, regular 30c; SATURDAY 20c

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Work on an Extensive Basis—Foul Bay Bathing Scheme.

TOURIST ASSOCIATION WILL PROSECUTE ITS
The Tourist Association will prosecute its work on an extensive basis—Foul Bay Bathing Scheme.

A meeting of the executive of the Tourist Association was held at the rooms of the United States Hotel, on Tuesday afternoon, when the following were present: Mr. Henderson, vice-president; Mr. Vincent, president; Mr. Carter, H. B. Thomson, J. E. Wilson, T. M. Henderson, B. C. Heisterman, E. C. Smith and the secretary.

The meeting was a very important one, as it dealt with the general outline of the work of the association for the coming season in all departments.

Rev. Dr. Rowe wrote enclosing clipping from outside papers with reference to the convention of the Methodist Episcopal church of the United States to be held in Los Angeles in May. The secretary stated that Rev. Dr. Rowe had called his attention to this matter some days ago, and he had written several letters and sent off some literature in order to endeavor to induce the delegates to return.

The Tacoma Chamber of Commerce wrote regarding direct steamship connection with that city. The letter was referred to Capt. Trump, and the secretary instructed to inform the chamber of the details and to assure them that from a tourist standpoint the executive would like to see such a service.

The Pacific Coast Steamship Company wrote regarding the wishes of the association as to advertising Victoria, and stating that in addition to their own literature and circulars all that can be spared should be distributed.

It was decided to accept their offer and to inform them that the association will keep them supplied every month with a sufficient number for all their needs.

Alfred Smith, deputy immigration commissioner, Winnipeg, wrote asking for photographs for the use of the department in England, which the secretary reported would be sent at once.

The finance committee reported that they had gone very cheerfully into the estimates for the coming year, and had come to the conclusion that they would take about the same amount of money that it did last year to do effective work, and made certain suggestions as to the means of raising the amount. On motion the report was adopted, and Messrs. H. B. Thomson, J. E. Wilson and T. M. Henderson were appointed a special committee to consult with the former president, hon. treasurer, and take such step as they thought necessary to achieve the objects in view.

The secretary submitted his annual report for the coming year in regard to printing and advertising, in which an elaborate general scheme of advertising was outlined. This contemplates an increase in the number of publications issued, including twenty thousand guides printed on the map of the city and entitled "Seeing Victoria"; also a little more advertising in newspapers and magazines, particularly on this coast. It was also recommended that as the personal work last year was more at a distance from Victoria, this year it should be nearer home, and thoroughly cover all the coast as far east as Montserrat, Salt Lake City and Winnipeg. The report was referred to the printing committee.

The special attractions committee reported at considerable length on the suggestions which have been submitted, many of them still being under consideration. The committee recommended that the bathing scheme at Foul Bay should be pushed to completion this year if possible, and that the tramway be urged to put their lines to the bay, pointing out that it is nearer the city than English Bay is at Vancouver, and is actually within the city limits; also that some provision be made, if possible, for a light refreshment pavilion in Reason Hill park with benches, tables or seats for the children, and if not there on the sands at Foul Bay; also that active steps be taken to secure the cannon from South Africa for Bastion street. The report was adopted.

Mr. Wilson made one or two valuable suggestions with reference to the distribution of literature, and Mr. T. M. Henderson pointed out the necessity of advertising our temperature abroad.

Mr. Carter's suggestion regarding "A Victoria Festival" was recommended by the attraction committee and referred to the 24th of May celebration committee as an excellent feature for that celebration.

After the transaction of a quantity of routine work the meeting adjourned.

KINGS AS SPORTSMEN.

King Edward is equally at home among pheasants that come out high over the tree-tops, or return to their cover from some unfamiliar cove to which they were shipwrecked by skilled hunters in the earlier day. He is reckoned a fine shot with the rifle and driven deer—a far more difficult mark than they are generally supposed to be, for the stag lies the lands go first through passes that favor the gunner, and the last mad rush of the monarchs of a great herd requires the hunter's steady hand.

King's rifle has never been a keen sportsman, from the early days when Prince of Naples, he wooed and won a wife as ardent a follower of the open life as himself. Queen Elena, daughter of the late Emperor of Russia, was a keen and skilled performer with the gun, and his prowess in the more remarkable because one hand is comparatively useless. He has a remarkable endurance, and he, too, uses shooting as an antidote to the worry of affairs.

It is more, than likely that the Czar of All the Russias gets little or no enjoyment from his use of the gun. With him, shooting is a diplomatic action; even the fanette visit, made a month ago, to the preserves at Muratov was a matter of necessity rather than choice, and it could have given him scant pleasure to shoot in woods that had to be surrounded for the sake of his personal safety by thousands of soldiers and scores of detectives. The sense of freedom that is afforded all Europe's rulers may be enjoyed by the Little Father, and no bird or beast in all his forests has a more anxious life.

Don Carlos, happiest of Kings and most jovial of men, is perhaps the best shot among the crowned heads of Europe. His prowess is wonderful. A big heavy man, he moves his gun with a rapidity that must be seen to be believed, and what he aims at falls, properly hit. With shot-gun, rifle, or revolver he is equally expert—indeed, he can pierce the marks on a playing-card with a revolver at twenty paces, and drop flying pigeons with a rifle. Illustrated London News.

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Shawiniga Lake	10.20	10.45	10.20
Duncan	11.30	10.55	11.30
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SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF MINERALS ON DOMINION LANDS IN MANITOBA, THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES AND THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Coal—Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Not more than 250 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz—Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free mineral certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.

A free miner's certificate is granted for one year, may be extended two, upon payment in advance of \$7.50 per annum for an individual, and from \$50 to \$100 per annum for a company according to capital.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of royalty on the sales not exceeding five per cent.

Placer Mining, Manitoba and the N. W. T. Excepting the Yukon Territory, placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee, \$5, renewable yearly.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, and surface of the soil, and all persons who dig, or who may receive entries for bar diggings or bench claims, except on the Eskatimuk Territory, shall be deemed to have accepted the lease on such alternate leasehold.

The lessee shall have the right to dredge within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles, but where a person or company has been granted a lease on one dredge for each fifteen miles or fraction is sufficient. Rental, \$10 per annum for each mile of frontage.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory—Creek, gulch, river and hill claims shall not exceed 250 feet in length, measured on the line of the creek or gulch, but on the gulch or river, the width being from 1,000 to 200 feet. All other placer claims shall be 200 feet square.

Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end, bearing notices. Entry must be made within ninety days of the date of the lease, and every fourteenth day thereafter.

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The town is sparsely populated, having large fields and pastures, large mosques in every stage of decay, big tanks half-dry, and gardens ancient and medieval, growing wild, but still inclosed in crumbling walls.

There is no more interesting chapter in literary history than that which tells of the pounds, shillings and pence received by great authors for their various works. The great changes which literature has undergone since the days of Charles II. are expressed in the fact that, whereas Milton received 25 for his immortal epic, Tennyson received annually 44,000 for his copyrights.

The author's lot has been revolutionized by the downfall of the private patron, and the rise of the reading public. Shakespeare received 25 for "Hamlet," Ben Jonson 200, and the poet laureate, John Dryden, 100 for his immortal epic, "The Rival of the Vicar of Wakefield," George Eliot 28,000 for "Romola." At every period fiction has proved the best investment for the literary man's brain.

In our own day fiction has proved no less profitable to its successful writers. Tolstoy's books brought him in, on his own showing 70,000, and the money value of Wilkie Collins's craft may be judged by the fact that for "Armadale" alone he received 5,000 guineas before a line of the book had been written.

Lord Beaconsfield may have made more money by his works on account of his public position than he would have done by their intrinsic merit, it is worth nothing that "Lothair" was valued by his publishers at 25,000. Victor Hugo received 240,000 for one of the last works he wrote.

Despite the popular prejudice against it as a money-making occupation, poetry can make almost as good a show. Sir Walter Scott earned his 110,000 a year by writing fiction "like a steam engine," to use Carlyle's phrase, but "The Lady of the Lake" was paid for to the tune of 2,000 guineas. Lord Byron estimated that his poetic muse had been worth 224,000 to him.—London Sun.

A COLOSSAL GUN.

The recent successful trials of the new United States Army 16-in. breech-loading gun at the Sandy Hook shooting ground have proved this weapon to be one of the most powerful pieces of ordnance in existence. It is described in detail by Herbert C. Frye in Page's Magazine. The total length of the gun is 509.9 in. (40 ft. 2.9 in.), with a diameter of the rear portion of 40 in., the former gradually diminishing from 60 in. to 28 in. at the muzzle.

The length of main bore is 448.5 in. (37 ft. 4.5 in.), with a diameter of 16 in.; the cylindrical part of the powder chamber is 90.7 in. long, with a diameter of 16 in., this is connected with the main bore by a conical slope 24 in. long. The volume of the powder chamber is 29,385 cubic inches. The main bore is rifled, having ninety-six lands and ninety-six grooves, the depth of each groove is 0.06 of an inch; the rifling curve is of increasing twist, being a semi-circular parabola, starting with one turn in 50 calibres, gradually increasing to one turn in 25 calibres at the muzzle.

Other rifled guns of large calibre heretofore constructed are the Italian gun, 16.5-in. calibre; and the Armstrong gun, of 16.25-in. calibre, which is carried on the battleships Benbow and Sans Pareil. Not one of these compares, in point of energy and range, with the 16-in. United States gun. Unusually the most spectacular feature in connection with this gun is its enormous range, which is estimated at about 21 miles, or, to be exact, 20,978 miles.

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ENGLISH TURF WINNINGS.

How Half a Million Sterling Was Distributed.

Something like £500,000 was distributed in stakes during the flat race season, which terminated at Manchester recently. Only one owner was successful in winning over £200,000, this being the Hon. Robert, Sir James Miller, with £24,768. Rock Sand was principally responsible for this total, five races falling to him.

That prop and pillar of the turf, Mr. Leopold de Rothschild, comes next with an aggregate of £18,836, just in front of the Irish sportsman, Mr. John Gubbins, whose total of £18,567 and Patrick contributed in two efforts £16,470. Ard Patrick was sold to the Germans for £20,000.

Major Eustace Leder, who occupies the fourth place on the list with £15,765, is the fortunate owner of the juvenile Sceptre, viz. Euseby Polly, who secured nine races of the aggregate value of £13,562.

The late Sir J. Blundell Maple claimed the distinction of having won by far the most races, but the majority of these were unimportant, and his total winnings only amounted to £13,167. Mr. W. Bass, who follows him with £14,390, has but a small stable of three, but one of them is the redoubtable Sceptre, whom he purchased in the spring for £25,000. She has recovered in stakes £12,683 of the money.

Other successful owners are: Mr. J. Musker, £14,539; Sir E. Cassel, £13,674; Mr. J. B. Noel, £11,890; Lord Howard de Walden, £9,915; Lord Carnarvon, £9,477.

His Majesty is again low down in the list. His horses have turned out very disappointing, and with the exception of Mead—whose three victories brought in £3,405—they have won practically nothing.—London Mail.

HATS IN MEXICO.

Government Officials Have Discarded Sombreros for Silk Hats.

Among all well-bred people in Mexico great attention is paid to the hat of the masculine visitor. That emblem of grandeur, as Richard Ford called it, is taken at once as a fully placed on a chair quite as if it were a person. It must be treated with respect. A table is also a proper place for it, but a chair is better.

Especially is the top hat distinguished in etiquette; it implies that the wearer is a real senior, a true caballero, and it is honored with careful treatment. See that it is allowed to repose on a chair safe from casual knocks or jars. It is an emblem of social rank, and lawyers often wear it from morning till night.

The sombrero de paja, or straw hat, may be of many degrees of fineness. Sometimes it has a gold or silver cord, and is worn by well-to-do rancheros or great hacendados on proper occasions. Women on horseback in the country, and formerly in the city, wore handsome sombreros. The sombrero de felt, with its ornaments, may cost anywhere from £10 to £1,000. It is the gala hat for horseback on days of fiestas, and in the country regions is affected by the prosperous. Remember that the hat in any form is something to respect. It is taken off as a sign of regard and deference, or of mere courtesy.

The sombrero calavera is the Andalusian hat of low crown and broad brim. It has its epochs of coming into quite general use, and is far more picturesque than the staid and trim derby. The latter hat is much affected by the city youth of Mexico, but it is foreign, alien and an exotic. It is ridiculous when worn on horseback under the ardent sun of Mexico and Andalusia.

In old times Mexicans, as well as Spaniards of social rank wore the cocked hat, immortalized in Alarcon's story of the "Sombrero de Tres Picos." The three-cornered hat, properly speaking, affected by people in times ago, was called the "sombrero de tres candles."

Boys of the lower classes wear cheap straw sombreros to school, and the marvellous hat is they even distinguish them, for that they are much alike as peas in a pod.

But to return to our mittens, so to say, the hat is a symbol of grandeur. It is nowadays the tall hat, the "topper," the silk hat, stovepipe, or what you will. "Gobernadores" wear it. Senators and deputies and lawyers, of course, though in Mexican circles, the younger lawyers affect jaunty straw hats in warm weather and often derbies.

The grandees of the first class of Spain have the privilege of remaining covered in the presence of their sovereign.

and the other day the young King Alfonso, receiving a party of noblemen of high degree, who approached him uncovered, said after a moment, "Cover yourselves, Seniors," which is the ancient etiquette. Thus the hat plays in Spanish tradition and actual life a ceremonial part differing from usage in Anglo-Saxon countries.—Modern Mexico.

TRUTHFUL.

A good story is related of a jurymen who outwitted a judge, and that without telling an untruth. He ran breathlessly into the court: "Oh, My Lord, if you can excuse me, pray do. I don't know which will die first—my wife or my daughter."

"Dear me, that's sad," said the innocent judge. "Certainly, you are excused." "And your daughter?" "She's all right, thank you." "And your wife?" "She's all right, too. Why do you ask?" "Why, yesterday you told the judge that you did not know which would die first."

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IN THE MATTER OF THE WILL AND ESTATE OF GODFREY KENNELL, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given, addressed to the Executors of this estate, up to the 12th day of February, 1904, for the production of the original of the will of the said Godfrey Kennell, deceased, which was proved in the Probate Court of the City of Victoria, B. C., on the 12th day of January, 1904.

IN THE MATTER OF THE VICTORIA AND VANCOUVER STEVEDORING AND CONTRACTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company are required on or before the 20th day of February, 1904, to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of the solicitors, if any, to the undersigned, the liquidator of the said company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said liquidator are by their solicitors to come to the office of the undersigned, at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefits of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 8th day of February, 1904. ARTHUR HOLMES GOTT, No. 7 Bastion Street, Victoria, B. C.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOUIS FREDERICK BAUMANN, DECEASED, INTERSTATE.

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, late date, 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 which he shall then have notice, and the Administrator, Frederick Baumann, will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person whose claim has not been duly verified at the time of distribution.

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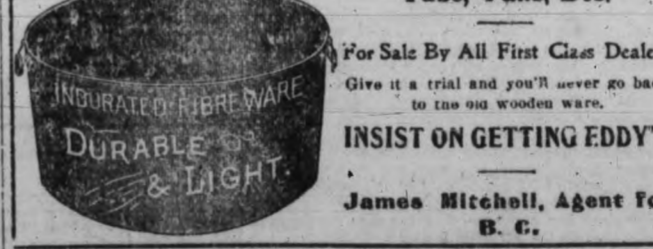
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Notice to Creditors.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SARAH HOBBS, DECEASED. Take notice that, pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act," all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the above named deceased are required to present their claims to the undersigned, the Executor of the said Sarah Hobbs, on or before the 30th day of February, 1904, for the production of their claims, duly verified, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said executor will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons whose claims notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

And further take notice that all persons from whom moneys were due to the said Sarah Hobbs on or before the 30th day of December, 1903, are required to pay the same, if not already paid, to the executor within the period above mentioned. Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 4th day of January, 1904. DRAKE JACKSON & HELMCKEN, 20 Bastion Street, Victoria, B. C., Solicitors for the Executors.

1904 T. No. 1 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 Tompkinson, 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, are by their solicitors to come to and prove their said debts or claims at 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 hearing and adjudicating upon such debts and claims. Dated this 8th day of January, 1904. 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 Hang, Wong Sam, and Wong Sen, who are charged with the murder of Man Quon at Victoria, B. C., on the 11st 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.

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W. JONES, AUCTIONEER is instructed to sell on Tuesday, Feb. 16th, at 2 p.m., at City Auction Mart, 58 Broad Street, quantity of nearly New Furniture, Etc.

..HARDAKER.. AUCTIONEER. I will remove to my commodious salerooms, 77-79 DOUGLAS, and sell without reserve

Friday, 19th, at 2 p.m. DESIRABLE FURNITURE AND EFFECTS Wm. T. Hardaker, Auctioneer THE REPORTED CAPTURE OF PORT ARTHUR

ON THE BEACH. Russian Cruiser Pallada Still Ashore—Two Others Floated. Chefco, Feb. 11, 9 a.m.—The Japanese fleet has not been seen since noon on Tuesday.

RUSSIAN COURT DEPRESSED. Siberian Railway Monopolized by Movement of Troops and War Munitions.

New York, Feb. 12.—The London Morning Post's St. Petersburg dispatches state that the Russian court is much depressed, especially the Emperor, says a dispatch to the World.

RUSSIAN RED CROSS Asked to Make Provisions to Attend the Wounded.

THE BALTIC FLEET. Nothing Known at Berlin Regarding Impending Passage Through Kaiser Wilhelm's Canal.

LOCAL FIRM AFFECTED. Brackman-Kee Unfolding Contract of War From the Empress.

ANOTHER MAIL ROBBERY. Package Abstracted From Sack in Winnipeg—Contents Not Known.

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E. J. WALL. W. A. SMITH. A Sensation A Chinese Oath

CRAFT BUILDING TO RUN ON ARM THE KEELS FOR TWO HAVE BEEN LAID DOWN

Will Be Adapted for Passenger Business—Victoria Will Be Ready April First.

Encouraged by the success of little steamers on the route last year, a couple of enterprising Victorians have set to work to build two smart passenger boats for the Gorge service during this coming season.

The keel for one steamer has been laid in a shed facing James Bay for J. Goodwin. It is 65 feet long and will have a beam of about 12 feet.

The second keel has been laid in another shed near Spratt's wharf. This vessel is being built by Capt. J. C. Stratford for Capt. Mike Hare, a navigator who has had a large experience in these waters.

The captain, when seen this morning, said that his new vessel would be the finest that has been seen on the Gorge run.

Capt. Hare formerly had charge of the tug Badger, and has since been employed on many vessels. For years he ran a steamer up the Arm during the Queen's birthday celebration.

A third small craft, building in the upper harbor, is a launch being put together in Sayward's yard for Walter S. Chambers. It will be supplied with a gasoline engine.

A WATERFRONT SCARE. A good deal of unnecessary trouble and alarm was caused on the waterfront last night through the display of fire rockets.

The Hitt Bros. had selected a dark and stormy night in which to test some rockets, and, firing them off on the Victoria West side of the harbor, gave the impression to a large number of people that the coast was in distress.

And there were many other instances of similar trouble. A. J. Dallain, of the department of marine and fisheries, was attending a concert when he first heard the report of a ship in distress, and he lost no time in getting out to the Dallas road.

A late hour he rushed down to the waterfront only to find after a good deal of inquiry that some rockets were being tested.

The wind last night blew with terrible force, and there was naturally a good deal of anxiety about shipping. The sailing schooner Jessie and the Allice I. Algar, which sailed during the afternoon, had to put into Esquimalt for shelter, where they remained until this morning.

BEGINS SERVICE APRIL FIRST. The three-funnelled clipper steamship Princess Victoria, which for the past three or four months has been lying over the Bay with cargo of upholsterers, carpenters and painters working on her, will be ready for service about April 1st.

This was the statement of Captain Troup this morning. Asked if she would be placed on the double run from Victoria to Seattle and from Victoria to Vancouver, the captain stated that it was probable she might, although nothing definite had been decided on.

There was no doubt, however, about her capability for doing so. He expected to place the steamer on the Victoria and Vancouver run about the date mentioned.

The carpentry work aboard the ship has been almost finished. There have been no interior alterations, but the improvements will place her appearance of the ship's appointments in striking contrast with her previous appearance.

The observation rooms in the top part, to which reference has heretofore been made, are to be furnished in a most luxurious manner. The new forward is to be for ladies, and no expense will be spared to make it a model in all respects.

The new aft is to carry out an idea novel on steamships of the Pacific Coast. It is calculated to fill the same purpose aboard the ship as the gentlemen's club does on land. It will be finished in mahogany by Walter Bros., and will also be beautifully furnished and carpeted.

Plans for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's steamship service between Victoria and Skagway have been approved by Capt. Troup, and on March 1st the steamship Princess May will take the Lynn canal route.

The Princess May will relieve the steamer Amur, which is now in commission on the Skagway run. The Amur is to lie off for two months to undergo a very thorough re-equipment.

From March 1st to May 1st the Princess May will operate alone on the run, furnishing a ten-day service between Vancouver and Skagway. On May 1st she will be joined by the steamer Amur, and from that time until the end of the season of 1904, the two vessels will alternate in furnishing a five-day

service to and from the northern port. In order to carry out this schedule the mail at Port Simpson will be discontinued.

During the winter the steamship Princess May has been laid up at Victoria undergoing extensive refitting and overhauling. Her accommodation during the coming season will, as usual, be first-class in every respect, and she will double the number of berths to the very cream of the northern passenger traffic.

W. A. SMITH. Choice Local Creamery Windsor Grocery Co., 25 cents lb., Friday and Saturday.

WALLA WALLA LIFE BUOY. A life buoy from the steamer Walla Walla, supposed to be one that was picked up on the coast of Queen Charlotte islands some time ago, was found in the harbor yesterday afternoon, and is now on exhibit at the tobacco store of Charles Colton, corner of Spruce alley and Government street.

MARINE NOTES. The Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamer Spokane has been repaired at the Union Iron Works, of San Francisco, and is to be ready for business within a few days.

OFFICIAL NOTICES. Coroners Appointed and Many Companies Have Been Incorporated.

This week's Provincial Gazette contains notice of the following appointments: James Thompson McKenney, of Roseland, M. D., to be a deputy coroner, to act during the absence of Dr. W. L. Coulthard from the said city.

Charles Morgan Kingston, of Grand Forks, M. D., to be a coroner in and for the province of British Columbia, vice Dr. J. Westwood.

Tenders are invited for timber limits in the Clayoquot district, Vancouver Island.

A number of companies have been incorporated. Among these are: The Camp Creek Hydraulic Power Mines, Ltd., with a capital of \$125,000, to purchase a group of mines on Camp Creek, in Revelstoke division; the Cascade Power Company, Ltd., with a capital of \$50,000, divided into 50,000 shares, for the purpose of exercising the rights, powers, privileges and priorities conferred, granted or conferred in and by Part IV of the "Water Classes Consolidation Act, 1897"; the Valley Dairy Company, Ltd., with a capital of \$10,000; the Fort Steele Brewing & Malting Company, Ltd., with a capital of \$150,000; the Great West Optical Manufacturing Company, Ltd., with a capital of \$100,000; the Cascade Steam Laundry Company, Ltd., with a capital of \$10,000; the Crawford Double Rope Aerial Tramway System, Ltd., with a capital of \$10,000; the Kamloops Coal Development Company, Ltd., with a capital of \$5,000.

The Handy Gold Mines Development Company has been registered as an extra-provincial company under the "Companies Act, 1897." The head office of the company is situated in the city of Spokane. The amount of the capital of the company is \$1,500,000, divided into 1,500,000 shares of \$1 each. The head office of the company is situated in the city of Kaslo, and Alfred John Curie, agent, whose address is Kaslo, B. C., is the attorney for the company.

Notice is given that three months after date application will be made to change the name of J. W. Mellor & Co. to the Melrose Co., Ltd.

TIDE TABLE. Victoria, B. C., February, 1904. (Given by the tidal survey branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

Table with columns: Date, Time, Height, etc. showing tide data for Victoria, B.C. in February 1904.

Zero of above heights corresponds to 11 feet in the survey of Victoria Harbour. The time used in Pacific standard for the 123 Meridian west, it is counted from 0 to 24 hours—midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot. For time of high water add 14 minutes to H. W. at Victoria.

Equipment (at Dry Dock)—From observations during six months, May to October, compared with observations at Esquimalt continued at Victoria by Mr. F. N. Denton.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. WANTED—Situation by a cook; town preferred; abstainer. Apply, "Cook," this office.

IN PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURDER HEARING The Interpreter Refused to Administer the Most Binding Form for Conscientious Reasons.

An impasse occurred in this morning's proceedings in the Chinese murder case when the first Oriental witness, a middle-aged little Chinaman named Ah Fat was called.

After the other prosecution witnesses had been mobilized and paraded from the room, a discussion ensued as to the character of the oath to be administered.

The burning paper, the usual police court oath, the broken saucer, a more uncommon form, and the chicken oath, the most spectacular, were suggested in turn.

W. J. Taylor, who represents the prisoners, quoted an authority in which it was asserted that the chicken or King's oath was the most binding.

It was finally left to the witness. He expressed a preference for chicken, although he said that either one would be binding on his conscience.

After reciting the charge, etc., it proceeded: "Being a true witness, I shall enjoy happiness and my sons and grandsons will prosper forever.

"If I falsely accuse (prisoner) I shall die the death, heaven will punish my earth will destroy me, I shall forever suffer adversity and all my offspring be exterminated. In burning this oath I humbly submit myself to the will of heaven, which has brilliant eyes to see."

After the witness signs his name to this court and officials are supposed to adjourn to some convenient place where the fowl is decapitated with dispatch. Three punks and a pair of Chinese candles must be stuck in the ground and lighted. After the witness reads the oath audibly he wraps it in his paper, then lays the chicken (a cock) on the table, then the head of the fowl which he ignites the paper on which the oath is written, and holds it until it is consumed.

Finally an adjournment was ordered until 2 o'clock this afternoon. In the meantime the form of oath will be translated into Chinese, following the above wording.

When the proceedings were opened this morning Detective-Sergeant Palmer was called to give evidence as to the plan of the locality in which the assault occurred, which was drawn by him.

Constable Carson was the next witness. He gave evidence of being summoned to the Chinese theatre after the assault on Man Quon, identical with that given by him at the coroner's inquest.

Ab Fat was then called, which precipitated the difficulty about the oath and the adjournment.

Yesterday afternoon, when the hearing was opened, Mr. Powell outlined the case for the prosecution. The information he said charged the accused with the murder of Man Quon. The deceased was proprietor of the Chinese theatre, and his death was the outcome of a brutal assault which took place on the 21st. It was practically the consummation of threats made against Man Quon on the 20th night. On the night of the Chinese theatre, a quarrel occurred between him and a musician named Wong Nam Yuen. The latter challenged Wong Nam Yuen to repeat that outside. They both entered the houses entered. Man Quon then returned to his room, where he was entertaining a number of guests, and shortly afterwards Wong Nam Yuen re-entered and challenged the manager to fight. Man Quon refused. Subsequently Wong On, one of the accused, came in and challenged the manager to fight. More Chinese came later and challenged the manager to fight. A young actor called on the crowd to disperse, whereupon they said to him: "Oh, you're helping Man Quon. We'll haul you outside and chop you up to-morrow night, too." The mob then disappeared.

When Mr. Powell called on Ah Fat to give evidence, W. J. Taylor, for the defence, suggested that the white witnesses be examined first, and their testimony completed before the Chinese were called. He wanted the latter kept together.

Mr. Powell said the prosecution were not disposed to alter their order.

Ultimately an adjournment was taken until to-day.

AN ARMY TROLLEY LINE. Perhaps the most scientific study that has yet been made of the laws which govern the application of the automobile to war purposes has been made by Capt. Douhet, of the Italian army, and the result of his work was published by the Electro-Technical Association of Turin nearly two years ago.

After examining every solution of the question of tractors, steam, air, gasoline, storage battery, engines with trains and self-propelling batteries, Captain Douhet arrives at what appears as first sight the remarkable conclusion that the most efficient is not the only system of automobile transport for military purposes will consist of tractors, each propelled by an electric motor, but deriving their current from a travelling dynamo mounted on a truck propelled by electricity. In other words he advocates for this particular work the hauling of supplies in war, a trolley line carrying its own power house about with it—Capt. T. Beatty Mott, in Outing.

REGIMENTAL BAND Drill Hall Concert BASKETBALL Victoria West vs James Bay TO-MORROW NIGHT

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MARRIED. SORRENSEN HOOPER—At Roseland, February 4th, by Rev. H. B. Stillman, Hooper, Sorenson, and Miss Minnie Hooper.

DEED. BAILEY-SANBORN—At Ashcroft, on February 3rd, by Rev. Turner, Marcus Bailey and Miss Millicent Sanborn.

DEED. M'KEOWN—At Trail, on January 31st, Mrs. R. T. McKeown, aged 90 years.

PRETTOVE—At South Vancouver, on February 9th, Mrs. James Prettove, aged 64 years.

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