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CONGO FREE STATE.
Belgians Protest Against Criticism of Administration.
New York, Dec. 22.—Criticism in Great Britain and America of the Belgium administration of the Congo Free State has elicited a manifesto of protest signed by August Bournaert, Belgium minister of state, the director of the Belgian royal observatory, Prof. Lecolte, his Grace the Cardinal Archbishop of Mechlin and many other distinguished Belgian educators and public men. Copies of this document have been received in New York. The signers express their "righteous indignation at the continued unfair criticism and attacks upon our country concerning its African possessions."
—Farmers' Institute work was explained by Messrs. Hodson, live stock commissioner, Drummond and Harris at a meeting of the farmers and fruit-growers of Metchesin district on Monday evening. The scope of the fruit exchange and its value to growers was dwelt on, and an expert demonstration of grading, wrapping, packing and box-marking was given.

COPENHAGEN PAPERS
ATTACK DR. COOK
Scientists Not Disposed to Devote Any More Time to Explorer's Claims.

Copenhagen, Dec. 22.—The report of the committee of scientists, of which Professor Stromgren was chairman, as presented to the consistory of the university, states that Dr. Cook's papers are without any value; that his report to the University of Copenhagen is practically the same as published by the New York World on his return from his Arctic expedition. The copies of his notebooks submitted, says the committee, contain no original calculations of observations, but only results thereof. Accordingly, the committee concludes that he affords no proof of having reached the pole.
This was produced before the committee a letter from Cook postmarked Marseilles, December 14th. This letter lends color to the earlier report that Cook sailed from New York for a Mediterranean port.
Inquiry as to whether the committee would undertake a further examination in the event of Cook's sending for the instruments and observations which are alleged to be at Etah, developed that a majority of the members were not disposed to waste any more time in the matter.
The report shatters completely, almost contemptuously, the explorer's title to the discovery, and fills the officials and people of Denmark with chagrin at the figure Denmark is made to assume in the eyes of the scientific world.
The evening papers attack Cook and severely reproach him for hiding, which they regard a sign of a guilty conscience.
The rector of the university, Dr. Salomonson, when questioned as to the possibility of the university cancelling its degree, which it conferred on Dr. Cook, said that no decision had been reached, but he thought that the degree could be withdrawn in the same way a government could deprive a person of an order obtained under false pretences.
Prof. Stromgren, president of the committee, last night characterized Cook's treatment of the university as "shameless."

Appeal Not Probable.
New York, Dec. 20.—Honored by the King of Denmark, heralded by the University of Copenhagen, garlanded with wreaths of roses by young girls, accorded the freedom of the city of New York, and acclaimed by thousands from the length and breadth of the land as the bravest man who ever dared the silent terrors of the Arctic, Dr. Frederick A. Cook stands discredited in the house of his friends. Not a word from him in defence or explanation, nothing but disavowal from his partisans in the controversy that has raged about him ever since he first flashed word from Lerwick in the Shetland Islands to his wife: "Successful. Well. Address 'Copenhagen.'" Even that address is lacking.
Only his brother stands stubbornly by him, refusing to believe that the verdict of the University of Copenhagen has been correctly reported.
Chas. Wake, a close friend, and Dr. Cook's brother in Brooklyn both say he is at Christiansand, Norway, with his wife, but that the children are at school in this country. A friend who had an opportunity to see a private letter from Dr. Cook to the rector of the University of Copenhagen says that the doctor then wrote that in the event of an adverse decision he would take no appeal to the other scientific tribunals of the world.
In this country, Commander R. E. Peary has already been pronounced the discoverer of the north pole by the National Geographic Society.
One of the party who made the trip

with Dr. Cook to Hamilton, Montana, where he met the guide Barrill, who claims that the doctor had never completed the ascent of Mount McKinley, said: "On the way back to the east I asked the doctor in so many words what he would do if the University of Copenhagen found against him."
"I have not thought of that," answered the doctor.
"But you must think of it," I said. "A situation of this importance must be considered from every angle."
"Well," answered the doctor, "if the university should find against me, I believe I should go back among the Eskimos of Southern Greenland and try to carry on there such a medical mission as Dr. Grenfell has made famous."
"The doctor did not say what would become of his wife and children."
Henry Wellington Wack, Dr. Cook's lawyer and the friend who is the authority for the statement above, were asked about how much money they thought Dr. Cook had made from the sale of his narrative to newspapers in this country and abroad and from his lectures. "More than \$100,000," said Mr. Wack. "More than \$100,000," said the friend. Both agreed that should the doctor elect to spend the remainder of his days in retirement he need never want for comfort. The board of aldermen who voted the doctor the freedom of the city on his return have now before them a resolution to withdraw the grant.

DESPONDENT MAN'S SUICIDE.
Ends Life Because He Could Not Buy Christmas Presents for Daughters.
Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 2.—Ernest Axel Ohlson, a tailor, 55 years old, hanged himself in his shop at Eatonville, 30 miles from Tacoma, because he did not have money to buy his daughters Christmas presents. Ohlson came to

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Tacoma four years ago, with his wife and a family of girls. Two years ago his wife died and the shock left him of a melancholy turn. Recently he opened a tailor shop in Eatonville, but had not been successful.
GOLD DISCOVERIES.
Rich Claims Located Along the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway.
Toronto, Dec. 22.—The commissioners of the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario railway yesterday received a report of some startling gold discoveries in the north, along the line of railways.
Some time ago indications were found of the existence of gold, and Mining Engineer Cole, who is one of the best recognized authorities on such matters, was sent to investigate. His report is a glowing one. Some claims are held at \$100,000.
The townships in which rich gold-bearing ore, and even gold in the free state, are found, are Whilney, Thedale, Mountjoy, Shaw and one or two others, and extending down into the Temagami district.
What is known as Porcupine camp promises to be one of the richest in America. Land in these townships is held very largely by veterans. Some of the veins located have been traced for a long distance. They range from 25 to 75 feet in width, and are very rich.
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DOMESTIC SERVANTS AND DOMESTIC HARMONY.

For the benefit of our correspondent, "A. B. C.," to whom the problem of the dearth of domestic servants in British Columbia is an ever-present source of trouble and speculation, may we be permitted to draw attention to a movement which the ladies of Toronto have inaugurated? A few days ago a large deputation of prominent Ontario women waited upon Premier Whitney and asked him to assist them in procuring a supply of servants from the Old Country, the girls of Canada being averse to household work, apparently. According to these ladies, the crisis is acute. It is having a disturbing effect upon the domestic relations in Toronto households. As one of the deputation candidly put the case, "No maid, had temper." To which the Premier bluntly replied that the ladies appeared to be subject to ebullitions of ill temper even under the most favorable of domestic conditions. Sir James himself was not immune from the form of discomfort to which he slyly alluded, because the interview was not by any means harmonious. The Premier declined to promise any assistance in the name of the government, as he did not consider it was a matter in which the province was called upon to act, and the ladies went away in a very belligerent mood, unquestionably "nursing their wrath to keep it warm."

The request of the women of Ontario bears out the contention of the Times that the matter which "A. B. C." has so much at heart is not a local question at all, but one which is all but universal throughout the northern part of America and Great Britain. There is something in domestic service which is repugnant to the feelings, the habits or the aspirations, of the young women of these days. The tendency to shun service may be due to "the pernicious system of universal education," as some gentlemen and ladies of the old school hold, or it may be a manifestation of false and foolish ideas regarding the "badge of servitude." But it is firmly rooted in the mind and cannot be cast out by the "foolishness of preaching" or the logical process of reasoning. It is a condition, not a theory, which confronts the ladies who confess that a lack of maids is productive of shortness of temper. We suspect that the conditions of domestic service in the past have something to do with the attitude of the raw material for the domestic service of the present day. If that false impression could be removed and girls convinced of the soundness of the proposition that given considerable mistresses domestic service is more desirable and more remunerative than "positions" in shops, factories or offices, we are inclined to think the problem would be solved. In the meantime wives in British Columbia may draw what consolation they can from the fact that they are not the only ones in Canada who are suffering inconvenience and annoyance (of course the deprivation never affects their temper) on account of a scarcity of male or female domestics.

And they may draw consolation from the sage conclusions of students of history and economics, that there are forces at work all the time which in the end restore the balance between supply and demand. Public sentiment stands in the way of the importation of the Oriental to British Columbia as an instrument in this process, but the forces will not be suspended on that account.

Yesterday the sun, provided he is travelling according to astronomical programme, entered Capricorn and the winter solstice commenced. The probability is that the head centre of our terrestrial system, and the source of our "light, heat and power," ran pretty closely to the time table and crossed the imaginary line all right. Some, every day, vary a great deal according to the observations of finite observers and calculators. But we shall be told that it is not self-contained energy, but a mysterious agency called natural law that keeps the sun moving and directs his route; and the point of greatest human interest in connection with this movement, is that we have passed the shortest day. We shall not notice a great deal of difference in the time of the sun's setting and still less in the time of his rising for a week or two. However, he is coming to us or we are going to him, and while the grip of winter may not be permanently released for a few weeks yet, the hoary old fellow knows what is coming to him in due season.

The people of Victoria want the steamers of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company to make use of this port. The operation of these vessels will be beneficial alike to the city and

the company. Therefore no unnecessary obstacles should be placed in the way of the company's enterprise. At the same time the officials of the G.T.P. doubtless understand that works cannot be permitted to be placed in the harbor (which is a public highway) that may have the effect of obstructing the passage and interfering with the operation of the vessels of other transportation companies. The case has only to be stated in order to demonstrate the necessity of a speedy and satisfactory arrangement between the parties concerned. The point of chief interest to the public is the necessity of guarding against the possibility of parties professing to be defenders of public rights becoming unwittingly the agents of monopoly.

The Victoria School Board is going to ask for an appropriation of a considerable amount, to be applied to the erection of necessary school buildings. The present school board has earned the confidence of the people by the ability and economy (consistent with imperative requirements) with which it has administered the affairs of the local education department. It is asking for nothing more than is absolutely necessary, considering the rapid increase in Victoria's school population. The amount of money asked for should be granted not only because it is imperative in the interests of our children, but as an expression of confidence in an efficient school board.

The announcement is made that the revenue of the C. P. R. for the current year will reach the hundred million mark, a higher figure than the revenue of the Dominion. It is now up to Hon. George E. Foster to raise a lugubrious wall on the iniquity of taking so much money, practically in the form of taxation, out of the pockets of the Canadian people. In the case of the C. P. R., as in the case of the Dominion government, the increased revenue does not represent increased taxation, but increased business and abounding prosperity.

We believe if the members of the present city council consult the views of their constituents, they will find that public opinion is in favor of leaving the water question to be dealt with by a new council fresh from the people. A water by-law submitted during the municipal elections would be almost certain to be defeated. The effect of such a decision would inevitably be to delay the settlement of the question, which is highly undesirable.

A Victoria West correspondent sends us some private correspondence which he asks to have published. Obviously such a request cannot be acceded to.

COLD IN MONTANA.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 22.—Montana is shivering in the grip of an unusually cold wave to-day. The temperature has fallen 14 degrees below zero in many sections of western Montana, and stock is said to be dying from cold.

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Meeting Which Disqualified Bayfield Was Unconstitutional.

Officials of the Vancouver Hockey Club are indignant at the manner in which the representatives of the Island clubs are alleged to have settled the Vancouver-North Vancouver dispute, and in view of the fact that no evidence was taken by the gentlemen who adjudicated upon the case they are quite justified in asking that the case be dealt with in the proper way.

In a letter to the News-Advertiser a member of the Vancouver club says: The trouble originally started with the first game between these two teams on November 9th, when it was apparent that there was considerable feeling shown by both sides. Thereafter, on November 23rd, when they next played, the teams being very evenly matched, the game was very hard fought, and resulted in a win for Vancouver. North Vancouver immediately protested on the grounds of rough play and also asked for the suspension of Bayfield, of Vancouver team.

Although Vancouver has a representative on the B. C. League, he received no notice of the protest, but was notified by Mr. Paget-Ford, secretary of the B. C. League, that he (Ford) had arranged to have the protest heard in the Vancouver Athletic Club rooms on Saturday, the 11th, at 11 a.m. All the teams in the league were to be represented. At the time appointed, however, only Captain Rod Maitland, of the Vancouver team, and Captain Macdonald, of the Garrison team, turned up. Neither Mr. Ford nor the North Vancouver or Victoria representatives putting in an appearance. Now, although this meeting was not called constitutionally, nor was any right (by the constitution) vested in Mr. Ford to call it, the Vancouver Hockey Club, who were the only parties directly interested in the affair, who put in an appearance, and as the others failed to show up, the protest was apparently dropped, and up to this stage the only information in the hands of the B. C. League was the protest containing the charges of North Vancouver. No reply to these charges from Vancouver was asked for; they were not heard, and although they had equally serious charges to bring against the North Vancouver team, they were not yet before the B. C. League. However, Mr. Ford and Messrs. Mason, of Victoria, and Macdonald, of Garrison, on the way down to Victoria, appointed themselves a committee, by no rule contained in the constitution and discussed North Vancouver's side of the controversy and suspended Bayfield, censuring Farquhar and ordering the game replayed. So, although Vancouver went to that meeting—which those who actually adjudicated upon the question did not attend—prepared to show that Bayfield's action was justifiable and excusable, and that there was no constitutional reason for the replaying of the game, they were not even heard, but on Monday last were asked to how to a decision arrived at in a manner that, to the average intelligent exponent of fair play, was not only unconstitutional—but utterly absurd. What makes the pill harder than ever is that Paget-Ford, one of the judges, lost considerable money on the game by way of a bet.

As to the actual charges there need be very little said, and although there has been quite a howl about Cardinal, of North Vancouver, being injured, the fact that Evans Deane, the secretary for the Vancouver team, has been confined to the house ever since the game and may not be able to play again this season as a result of Bayfield's checking, does not look as if the Vancouver team were the only offenders.

For Vancouver to accept this decision would set a precedent unheard of in the deciding of charges against any team inasmuch as it is a decision reached without even hearing the case—because a hearing means both sides.

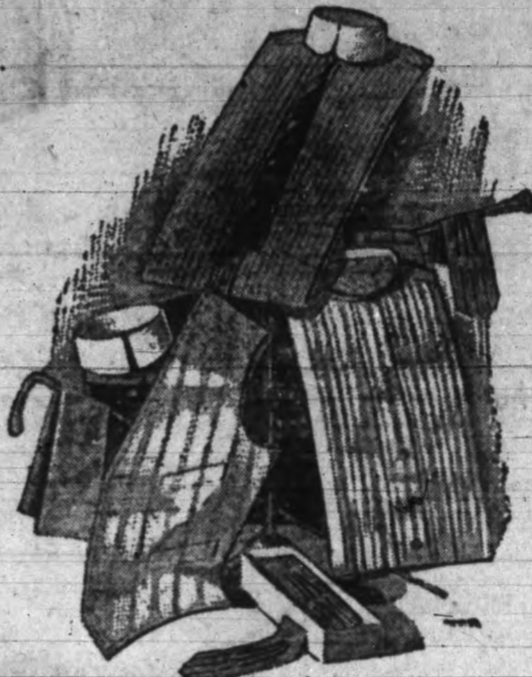
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CARROLL IS FIRST IN TWO MILE RACE Empress Club Members to Run Series of Sprints in January.

Starting from scratch and giving away as much as 400 yards in a two-mile event, C. Carroll, of the Empress Athletic Club, won the Empress two-mile event yesterday afternoon at Beacon Hill in 16:53, having run a strong race all the way, and finishing just a little ahead of the other starters, seven in number, who were all well up on the line at the finish.

The second man was Sharpe, who was ten yards behind the leader when the race was won, he having started with a handicap of 175 yards, and Cervi handicapped at 440 yards, was third.

The race was run at Beacon Hill and the course was twice round the mile track. Seven started and the handicaps allotted reflects judgment on the handicapper, as all the contestants were within a twenty-yard space when the finish was reached.

At the end of the first mile Pauline had a lead, and looked as if he would maintain it all the way, Cervi was second and Sharpe third. Carroll at that stage was fourth, but, commencing the second mile he picked up ground, quickly and was soon on an equality with the leaders. From there he had the race in hand and was able to get to the front in the final sprint.

The winner gets a medal presented by the Empress Athletic Club and the Victoria Sporting Goods medal goes to the second man. Mrs. Jackson made the presentations at the close of the race. The other contestants in the allotted ways:

Cerv, 440 yards; third, Keasey, scratch; fourth, Tribe, 350 yards; fifth, Pauline, 440 yards; sixth; and Price, 350 yards; seventh.

Carroll ran the first mile in 9:46. The next event of the club will be run in January, when sprints of 100, 200 and 400 yards will be held for a cup, the runner making the largest number of points in the three races getting first. Three points, two and one will be awarded as the places are filled in each race.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL B.C.A.A.U. IN VANCOUVER

The Vancouver District Association Football League at a meeting Monday night received a letter from the secretary of the B.C.A.A.U. asking for the opinion of the league re affiliation of the league with the B.C.A.A.U. There was no comment on the matter and the letter was passed on to the football association, which will meet to-night.

WOULD HAVE REFORM OF BOXING RULES Lord Lonsdale's Proposals for International Board.

With a view to the encouragement and promotion of boxing and placing the sport on a higher plane, The Sporting Life of London, with the Earl of Lonsdale's approval and promise of support, has started a movement for an international board, on which the United States and Great Britain each will have two representatives and Australasia and France one each. It has been suggested that Lord Lonsdale be elected president. The proposal is the consolidation of international boxing under conditions which would be recognized by all countries interested in the sport. The proposal, in brief, is:

- (1) To create an international board, consisting of two sportsmen representative of the United States of America, and one representative in Australasia and France, for the purpose of
- (2) Framing the rules for the conduct of the championships of the world.
- (3) Fixing the weights at which world's championships must be contested.
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The introduction of reform in the boxing game has been advocated for several years, but the failure to secure a responsible sponsor for the proposed changes has resulted in little being done along these lines. Now, however, that Lord Lonsdale has consented to head the movement actual results may be forthcoming.

WANT ENGLISH TEAM TO VISIT THE COAST California Rugby Union Has \$10,000 Subscribed for Purpose.

International Rugby in California may be the next football (fifteen) served to the coast fans. The California Rugby union is determined not to let the grass grow under its feet, and some action will surely be taken ere long on the proposed visit of an Oxford-Cambridge team to the Pacific coast next year. The proposition was originally suggested in a letter to Harry Elliott, from H. L. Stanley, who represents the athletic bodies of the English universities. In the communication Stanley speaks favorably of a meeting between the new and old

Rugby world, especially from an intercollegiate standpoint.

The officers of the California union put their heads together last week and as a result something besides empty talk is likely to ensue. Already \$10,000 has been practically guaranteed for the trip by the universities and clubs, and with an additional \$5,000 the collegiates from across the pond may be invited without delay.

It is intended to ask the visitors to reach California during October of next year, this being the season when Rugby is at its height in California and large crowds are assured should the local fifteen give the "Blues" any argument on the field.

Eleven games have been suggested as a programme for the visiting combination, which will include 25 players selected from the two leading English universities. The proposed schedule follows: Two each from Stanford and California, one each from Nevada, Santa Clara, St. Mary's, Olympics and Barbarians. Another couple of games will probably be played with an all-California team on local grounds.

Rowing relations between the eastern and English universities having been discontinued, this would give California a chance to reopen athletic competition between America and England and the meeting would attract the attention of the whole world. California is only the baby of the Rugby world, but, according to those well qualified to judge, she is easily a 50-pounder.

FORESTRY COURSE

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 22.—Practical education in forestry is to be given at the University of Washington, beginning January 4th. The course is designed to meet the needs of the ranger, cruiser, logging foreman, timber owners and others desiring some knowledge of scientific forestry, without taking time to complete a full university course. Another innovation is the experimental department in mine rescue work. The operators of the state, co-operating with the Federal government, have inaugurated this feature.



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BASKETBALL LEAGUE WILL HOLD MEETING

J. B. A. Protest Against Victoria West Will Come Up.

The Victoria Basketball League, with Dan O'Sullivan, president, in the chair, will meet to-morrow night at the Y.M.C.A., when the protest on the game between the Bays and Victoria West, won by Victoria West Monday night will be considered.

The J.B.A.A. protest is that Okell and Bailey, who played on the basketball team, also played on the Victoria West team that went to Ladysmith last Saturday. The B.C.A.A.U. having suspended Okell and Bailey with all the other players who played in Saturday's soccer games, would have to suspend all players who played against them, this includes the J.B.A.A. five, who desire to avoid suspension by writing a protest and handing it to the secretary of the basketball league before playing.

The basketball league will consider the merits of this piece of writing as far as its league is concerned, and what will become of it after remains to be seen. There is one thing the B.C.A.A.U. has no jurisdiction over it, as it is addressed to the basketball league, and it is improbable that that organization will send it on to the union officials.

Mr. O'Sullivan, as president of both the union and the league, will have the opportunity to answer any questions that concerns the status of the league as regards the union, and on his replies to questions will rest the continuance of the present league or the formation of a new one.

The statistics of the provincial department of agriculture show that there is now 85 Farmers' Institutes throughout this province. This is a remarkable increase over last year's returns, the Institutes then numbering 32. There are now four applications in for the establishment of new Institutes and these are being fully considered.

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Stanley Langley was formerly a member of the J.B.A.A., but appeared in the boat at practice but a few times. He was not considered by the experts over the bay as good enough for the local crew, but at twenty years of age with 137 pounds weight and six feet one inch in height he is regarded as an oarsman of the first grade for the biggest university of the Northwest.

Langley has taken his crew in hand already and training has commenced, and will be continued right on till the racing season opens with light work, and then the final preparation of the men for the July race will be taken up.

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Break in Power Line to Goldstream Affords a Test.

The first practical test of the new auxiliary steam plant recently installed by the B. C. Electric Company was given yesterday afternoon, when it was suddenly requisitioned because of the shutting off of power consequent on the repairs being made on the E. & N. in the vicinity of the Silica Brick Works. The power was off for four hours and during that period the steam plant worked with every satisfaction.

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HURLED INTO SEA BY FORCE OF EXPLOSION

Halibut Schooner Complete Loss—No Insurance Carried.

Among the passengers who arrived at Vancouver from the north on the arrival of the steamer Camosun, were the members of the halibut auxiliary schooner Lulu, which was totally destroyed by an explosion and fire on December 11th, while fishing in Dixon's Entrance.

was huffed into the sea by the force of the explosion. The dories, however, stood by, and the captain was safely hauled into one of these.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Fog Alarm Silent. Owing to a breakdown in the machinery of the diaphone fog alarm at Ivory Island, Milbank Sound, the fog signal is not working at present, and will be out of operation until the repairs are effected.

MUTINOUS SAILORS ARE SENT TO JAIL

Crew of Everett G. Griggs Turn Against the Officers.

Local shipping circles are much interested in advices from San Francisco which report that Capt. George Delano of the British barkentine Everett G. Griggs, had passed through an exciting experience Saturday night at the Bay city in a battle with mutinous sailors.

ST. DENIS ARRIVES FROM NORTHERN PORTS

Stewart City is Attracting a Lot of Attention in the North.

Steamer St. Denis arrived in port last night from northern B. C. ports, and this afternoon was docked at the slip of the Victoria machinery depot, in the upper harbor. She will be painted and off in time to leave according to schedule to-morrow night.

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It has now been officially announced that the contract, for some time past pending, has been closed between the United States government and the Frank Waterhouse Company for making a coaling station on Port Angeles bay for the revenue cutters and the life-saving tug Snohomish. A lease has been entered into by the Waterhouse Company for storage and loading privileges over the dock of the Craig Fish Products Company, at the head of the bay, and the first consignment of coal for the government pile arrived there a few days ago.

SMALL STEAMER ASHORE NEAR SIDNEY

Grainer-Reported Seeing Vessel Yesterday Seeing West When Coming South.

When the steamer Grainer was coming south yesterday a small steamer was seen ashore on the rocks about three miles north of Sidney Spit. She was on her beam ends and seemed to be deserted. Capt. Butler, of the Grainer, said he did not know what craft she was, but she had a black funnel with a white stripe. She was quite small, and had probably gone ashore in the fog.

SHIPPING REPORT

Cape Lazo, Dec. 22, 8 a. m.—Clear; calm; bar, 29.95; temp., 34; sea smooth; Grant, southward, 5.30 p. m. near Cape Lazo; spoke Princess May, southward, at midnight, in Seymour Narrows.

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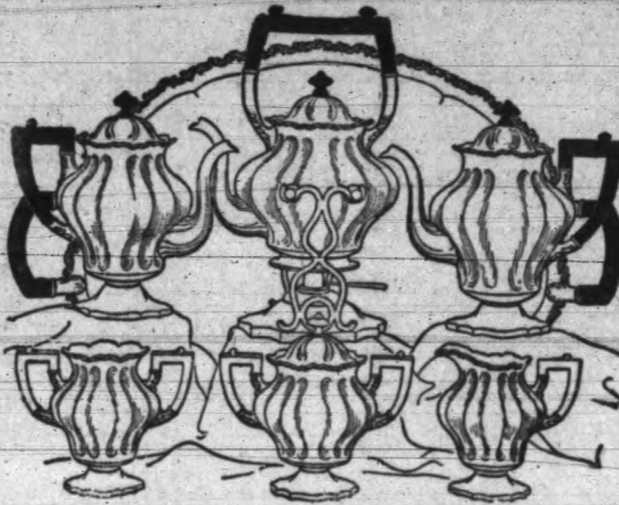
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CLOSING EXERCISES AT QUEEN'S ACADEMY

Promotion Lists for Term Work at Dr. Pope's School.

The closing exercises for the holiday season at the Queen's Academy yesterday proved very interesting to the large number of friends of the pupils who were present. Dr. Pope, the principal, took occasion to express his regret that Miss Lugin, one of the teachers, was about leaving. Miss Lugin's pupils presented her with a beautiful dish as a token of their esteem. The programme for the day was of exceptional merit, and the children won unstinted praise for their achievements. The following are the rolls of honor:

- Senior Division.
- Head of school—Evelyn Leavell.
- General proficiency: Fifth class—(1) Evelyn Leavell, (2) Marguerite Verrinder, (3) Ruth Wood, Senior fourth class—(1) Helen Leavell, (2) Kathleen Mussen, (3) Regina Verrinder, (4) Edith Galley.
- Bookkeeping—Marguerite Verrinder, May Wood.
- Algebra—(1) Marguerite Verrinder, (2) May Wood.
- Geometry—(1) May Wood, (2) Kathleen Mussen.
- Botany—(1) Evelyn Leavell, (2) May Wood, Margaret Verrinder, Regina Verrinder.
- Latin—Margaret Verrinder, May Wood.
- French—Kathleen Mussen, Evelyn Leavell.
- Department—Minnie Moody, Edith Galley.
- Regularity—Edith Galley, Marguerite Verrinder, Regina Verrinder.
- Polliteness—Eileen Miller.
- Intermediate Division.
- General proficiency: Fourth reader—(1) Eleanor Monteith, (2) Ida Owen, (3) Margaret McBride, Third reader—(1) Kathleen Galley, (2) Charlotte Betterton, (3) Eliza Hart, (4) Virginia Errington; Second reader—(1) Elizabeth Gray; First reader—Class A—(1) Eva Griffith; Class B—(2) Elva Rogerson.
- Promotions.
- Fourth to senior division—Eleanor Monteith, Ida Owen, Margaret McBride, Dorothy Moore, Isabella Elliott.
- Third to fourth reader—Kathleen Galley, Virginia Errington, Nora Lewis, Florence Miles.
- Second to third reader—Elizabeth Gray, Gwendoline Verrinder, Edna Saunders.
- First to second reader—Evan Griffith, Hazel Fowler.
- Second primer to first reader—Elva Rogerson, Midge Randall, Doris Lambert.
- Junior Division.
- Proficiency—(1) Greta McDougall, (2) Cecily Forrester, (3) Kathleen Veitch.
- First reader: Reading—Kathleen

Veith. Writing—Greta McDougall, Spelling—Thelma Owen, Arithmetic—Dolly McBride, Cecily Forrester.

First primer, Class A: Reading—Amy Dancy, Writing—Adele Johnson, Spelling—Adele Johnson, Arithmetic—Maidle Adams, Amy Dancy, Class B—(1) Doris Reid, (2) Mona Miles, Class C—(1) Laura King, (2) Jocelyn Innes.

Department—Grace Elliott, Laura King, Regularity—Mona Miles, Thelma Owen, Adele Johnson, Neatness—Roberta Balcom, Eileen Innes, Rapid Improvement—Ruth Elliott, Doris Reid, Politeness—Ruth Dier.

St. George's School.

A feature of the closing exercises at St. George's school was an address by Bishop Perrin. Miss Fenwick, the principal of the kindergarten division, was warmly complimented on the splendid showing made by the children. Mrs. Suttie read the report of the term's work. This showed that since midsummer the number of pupils had increased to 76, and that good work had been done.

Theresa Mesher distinguished herself by taking 100 per cent. in Euclid and 98 per cent. in Algebra, and ten other girls had taken honors. In the Fifth Form, Ermie Bass stood first on the term's work and Theresa Mesher headed the list at the closing examinations. In the Fourth Form, Gertrude Scott stood first, and in the Third Form Elizabeth Scott held first place. In the Upper Second Form, Kathleen Powell was first, and in the Lower Second, Gwendoline Hughes came first in the term's work and Laura Macklin in the final examination, while in the First Form Kathleen Pauline led.

Mrs. Suttie expressed her own pleasure and that of the parents at the progress in music, of which Miss Bell is teacher. The Curwen pianoforte method is used and certificates had been granted as follows: 1st step, Helene Simpson, 93, honors; 2nd step, Bertha Hartman, 94, honors; Winnifred W. Lee, 86; 4th step, Doris Macklin, 75; Gwendolyn Humphrey, 80; Beatrice Lees, 88.

His Lordship, in presenting the certificates, expressed his pleasure at the excellence of the work done and offered a prize to be given at the close of next term for the pupil who showed the best knowledge of the Scripture.

Last evening the older girls of the school gave a very pleasing entertainment. The programme was as follows: Song—"The Maple Leaf"; School Xmas Carol—"Noel"; Traditional Recitation—"The Fairies of the Caledon Low"; Mary Howitt Mary; The Mother; Gwendolyn Humphreys Water Fairies; Rita Williams; Norah MacEachern, Edith Richardson; Wind Fairies; Helen Fennell; Winnie Lee; Doris Macklin; Garden Fairies; Helen Simpson; Laura Macklin, Kathleen Muir; Brownie; Bernard Lees; Scene from "The Mill on the Floss"; The Family Party.

Mr. Tulliver; Gertrude Scott; Mrs. Tulliver; Beatrice Lees; Maggie Tulliver; Winnie Lee; Tom Tulliver; Norah MacEachern

Kesia.....Elizabeth Scott
 Uncle Glegg.....Mildred MacEachern
 Aunt Clegg.....Maude Christie
 Mr. Deane.....Maud Williams
 Mrs. Deane.....Bessie Fennell
 Lucy Deane.....Kathleen Muir
 Uncle Pullet.....Gladys Piercy
 Xmas Carol—"Good King Wenceslas".....Rev. Dr. Neale
 Solo.....Majorie Kent
 Solo.....Kathleen Powell
 "She Stoops to Conquer".....Goldsmith
 Sir Chas. Marlow.....Beatrice Cook
 Young Marlow (his son).....Annie Grogan
 Hardcastle.....Theresa Mesher
 Hastings.....Frances Cook
 Tony Lumpkin.....Ruby Rudolph
 Mrs. Hardcastle.....Dorothy McGillivray
 Miss Hardcastle.....Ermie Bass
 Miss Neville.....Grace Bye
 Landlady, Maid.....Gladys Piercy
 Xmas Carol—"See, Amid the Winter Snow".....Rev. E. Caswell
 Solo.....Violet Mesher
 God Save the King.

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"THE NEW ALASKAN."

Revamped Play Has Many Interesting Features to Offer To-night.

The "New Alaskan" will come to the Victoria theatre for two nights, opening to-night. Since its last engagement here "The Alaskan" has been literally revamped by Richard F. Carroll and Gus Weinburg, who also carried out two strong comedy parts for themselves in the operation. The new Alaskan has a stronger element of comedy without the sacrifice of the good musical numbers in which the play abounds. Written originally by Joseph Blethen and Harry Girard, the latter a composer, the trend of the piece was toward the romantic, rather than the comic. It will be remembered that Mr. Girard, composer, played the hero and that the fun was rather in the background. With the latitude given them by the present producer, Wm. P. Cullen, "The New Alaskan" presents some four or five interpolated numbers which give the piece a zest of its own, and one especially which

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They make you think of Becky Sharp—these quaint little shoulder wraps of the early Victorian period; of Becky and some of the Dickens heroines, portrayed by the inimitable Cruikshank. One feels that such quaint wraps should be accompanied not by the trailing chiffon draperies of today, but by scooped-brimmed bonnets, lace mitts, ankle-length petticoats, and dainty black sandals laced up over snow-white cotton stockings.

These new shoulder wraps, although they are called "Early Victorian," and are borrowed from a time when décolleté afternoon frocks and steam-heated houses made some protection for the shoulders essential, really become quite oriental in type with their modern handling. Every woman may make a picture of herself—if she chooses to learn how to manipulate her scarf to best advantage. It is surprising how many ways there seem to be of expressing sentiment with these flimsy bits of silk and chiffon.

MAKING PICTURES WITH A SCARF

Fans, of course, have a language of their own which every coquette knows by instinct; even parasols may be made to express indifference, earnest attention, haughtiness, coyness, primness, indelicacy and so on. But all these emotion expressions are as nothing compared with the scarf whose possibilities, long understood by oriental dancers, are just beginning to be comprehended by the modern society woman.

Madame Nazimova is an adept at scarf expression. The way in which she twists the somber gray scarf about her face and

chin in the "Doll's House," upon her departure after the masked ball, reveals in a gesture the radical change from a butterfly wife to the broken-hearted and purposeful woman.

THE SCARF WORN LIKE A BATH TOWEL

Salome with her seven veils was the sensation of last year's operatic season, and now the Salome scarf is the thing. This scarf is several yards long and is wound around the figure three times, one end being tossed over the arm. Some of these Salome scarfs are made of fur, the softest and most pliable pelts of ermine or white cone being selected; and deep borders of sealskin in both towel effect, still more strikingly sensational in appearance. Somewhat like the Salome scarf, but far more graceful and refined in type, is the toqa scarf which is illustrated. This beautiful wrap was a feature of evening costumes at the horse show and nothing more fascinating has been added to woman's wardrobe in many seasons. The toqa scarf is made of the lightest possible meshing satin in some softly rich shade and is two yards wide and three yards long, a border of marabout going all around the edge. The manner of draping the toqa scarf over one arm is clearly shown in the photograph.

THE SCARF A COLOR KEY TO THE COSTUME

There are two sorts of scarfs; those for evening and those for day wear. Some of these are interchangeable, but usually the scarf is chosen for some particular costume and worn with no other. For example, a gown of heavy Irish crochet will be infinitely beautified by a scarf of white chiffon whose flimsiness will bring out in strong relief the richness of the heavy lace. A dancing frock of cream lace threaded with baby blue ribbon and hung over a slip of rose pink chiffon, was made exquisitely pastel-like by a floating mauve chiffon scarf which blended the rather crude blue and pink colors into lovely lavender harmony. And so on—to the woman with an artistic appreciation of color values the possibilities of the scarf as a dress adjunct are unlimited.

MOST SCARFS MORE ORNAMENTAL THAN USEFUL

Of course the scarf, even when trimmed with fur, does not take the place of a coat. It is often donned frankly as an ornament and with no pretense of its being a protection. Before the days of shoulder scarfs we all sat very comfortably at the theatre and in our friends' drawing-rooms with no pressing need of a protection from draughts over our shoulders. Now,

however, every other woman in an evening audience is draped with a chiffon or beaded gauze scarf; and as for bridge, a New England tea party of old ladies gathered in a chilly sitting-room would be no more bedeviled with shoulder-wraps than are the fair devotees of the rubber in a New York drawing-room.

The bridge scarf is a dainty affair and of course matches, or at least harmonizes, perfectly with the frock over which it is draped. Sometimes it is of chiffon delicately stenciled, or like the scarf illustrated, printed in colored flower patterns. This scarf is of deep prune-colored chiffon with a pattern in mauve and rose, and is worn over a bridge frock of lavender crepe, the hat being a dresy turban of prune velvet and moire silk with a plume and aigrettes at one side. Hats of course, are always retained at the formal bridge gatherings, and now the busy players, smart chapeaux, look as though they had merely dropped in from the street without any pause in a dressing-room.

Chiffon scarfs worn with tiny cut steel beads or infinitesimal jet particles are also so used for bridge wear, and some of these scarfs are most beautiful, the texture being astonishingly soft and simple. Pale chiffon scarfs have crystal beads mingled in the mesh in the same manner and are as delicate as flower petals sprinkled with

dew drops. A scarf of this kind, made of pink chiffon, was caught across the entire into six inches of shirring and on this shirring were sewed three large pink buttons rimmed with rhinestones. The shirred strip was pinned to the gown over the bust and the ends of the scarf were carried round under the arms and brought up and over the shoulders, falling in long ends in front. The effect was indescribably graceful, the lines of bust, shoulder and arm being most beautifully emphasized by this gauzy drapery.

AT THE OPERA ONE SCINTILLATES

Opera scarfs are delicate in coloring and woven with sparkling crystals or with coral beads. Where every costume glitterers the woman who glitters most attracts most attention; and nothing is so glittering as the metal wrought Assyrian scarfs. The prices of these scarfs has jumped quite a bit since the nomads who made them discovered how fashionable they were in other countries. When of a rich quality, that is, with the canvas ground well covered with little hand-applied metal particles, they are very costly; only the meagerly covered scarfs being within the means of an average purse.

THE EARLY VICTORIAN CAPE

For evening wear there are still more scarfs, and there are also the entrancing little shoulder wraps of satin, bordered all around with marabout. Some of these marabout wraps are straight scarfs like the toqa spoken of previously; others are

in quaint pelisse style, with a point reaching to the waist at the back and long tails falling to the knees in front. Other evening scarfs have stripes of marabout sewed all over the surface at intervals of a few inches and there are huge muffs to match. These furry-looking scarfs are called tete du negre, and one of these sets is illustrated.

MUFFS TO MATCH THE SCARFS

It is quite the fad to match the diaphanous shoulder scarf with an immense muff of the same material, and absurd as the idea is, as far as practical considerations are concerned, one cannot gainsay the coquettish character of these combinations. A gray chiffon scarf, laid in three inch tucks, set three inches apart, is matched by a huge muff of the same material, and both muff and scarf are trimmed with a border of smoked fox—a lovely, soft gray fur.

A woman at the horse show two weeks ago wore over her blue gown a shoulder scarf of vivid flame colored chiffon edged all around with black lynx, and her muff was of the flame chiffon trimmed with lynx brushes. The combination of the red scarf and muff with the deep blue gown, the latter elaborately embroidered with gold, was brilliantly striking and original in suggestion, and the woman was the cynosure of all eyes.

At the horse show scarfs of all sorts abounded. In the afternoon they were thrown over dark costumes of cashmere and crepe and in the evening they served to veil bare shoulders and wrists. Light evening scarfs are thrown about the shoulders before the fur coat is donned; and some of them are even soft enough to be folded up and tucked in the pocket of a coat lining.

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console herself with the reflection that lace wraps undoubtedly make the wearer look older. The lace scarf lends a matronly dignity when thrown above the shoulders, and the rarer the lace, the more elderly the effect, for, of course, very young women are not permitted to don the headdress of the family—these are deemed the privilege of mother and grandmother.

Chantilly and Spanish lace scarfs make lovely scarfs, and lucky indeed is the woman who possesses such a treasure. If it is not thought desirable to risk the elderly suggestion of the lace wrap, the lace may be draped over a satin frock in the usual affect; one corner of the shawl forming a little pointed bib, caught to the bodice with a fancy pin; the opposite corner falling at the middle of the skirt in front and the remaining corners being drawn about the figure and softly knotted back of the knees. The lace may be confined at the waist line with a velvet or satin girdle.

New Hosiery

A new style in hosiery shows the vertical stripe effect, and this will be much worn this winter. It is obtained sometimes by simply the use of a lisle stripe and a silk one in the same shade. The half-inch stripes extend the entire length of the stocking. The scheme is carried out in contrasting colors, with the quarter inch stripes in front, decreasing to hair lines at the sides of the stocking.

Boot patterns are very popular in the silk and lisle hose. A more expensive model shows an embroidered panel, reaching from the tip of the toe to the hem of the stocking, and is outlined by a lace band. The stripe effect will cause the return of the multi-colored hosiery. The French shops are showing conservative patterns very brightly embroidered, a decided novelty.

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SETTLERS FROM UNITED STATES. Ottawa, Dec. 22.—During the first ten months of the present calendar year 2,312 homestead entries were taken up in the Canadian West by Americans. Every state and territory of the union was represented. North Dakota led with 2,484 applications. Dakota had next with 1,741, South Dakota 852, Michigan 514 and Washington 516. Other states dropped below the 500 mark.

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Matter Will Be Brought to Attention of New Board. New Westminster, Dec. 21.—At the last meeting of the New Westminster Trades and Labor Council it was decided to ask the incoming city council to rescind the \$2 road tax.

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Vancouver Organization Doing Good Work Along Many Lines. Vancouver, Dec. 21.—The Vancouver branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which has held its first annual meeting...

PRICES OF LUMBER

HAVE ADVANCED. Upper Stock is Affected in Particular—Fraser River Mills Busy. New Westminster, Dec. 21.—During November the Fraser River Lumber Company's mills cut 7,977,000 feet of lumber which is a good average.

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