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CAREY CASTLE CALAMITY. All British Columbians will unite in an expression of the most cordial sympathy toward Lieutenant-Governor MacInnes.

Mrs. MacInnes and her household, over the distressing accident which in a few minutes swept away their home and destroyed so much valuable property, including family heirlooms of priceless worth.

And the people of the province will feel a keen regret that at last the historic old seat of the MacInnes family has fallen a prey to the flames; for with that romantic old house was associated much that was of the greatest interest in the history of this province.

Thanks to the thoughtfulness and foresight of Mr. R. E. Gosnell, the ex-librarian of the province, the collection of valuable records which had accumulated during the tenure of office of successive governors, and which was kept in a wooden book-case in one of the rooms, was removed some time ago to the safe-keeping of the new vault in the Legislative buildings. But for this precaution the province would to-day probably be the poorer by many a document and record, valuable beyond computation in figures.

It is a matter much to be regretted that the numerous writings in the shape of frequently recurring outbreaks of fire at Government House, four of them we believe, since Lieutenant-Governor MacInnes took up his residence, were not heeded, and that the building was not thoroughly overhauled and placed in proper condition. Neither ought the unprotected state of that locality from fire, as shown by the difficulties encountered by the brigade this morning, to pass unnoticed. It is not right that any home in the city, far less Government House, should be so far out of the fire system that four thousand feet of hose is required to reach it.

We hope to see arise upon the fine site of the building destroyed to-day a new home for our governors in all respects worthy of the importance and wealth of British Columbia.

MAINLAND CONNECTION. Victoria's best men are thoroughly aroused on the question of securing connection with the mainland that shall give this city all the opportunities it requires for the exercise of its latent energies and enterprise.

That fact was proved last evening when there gathered in the Board of Trade rooms one of the finest and most representative assemblages of citizens that have come together in this city on any question for many a day.

The particular object of their meeting was the discussion of what many call the only feasible route to the mainland for Victorians to consider, namely, the Victoria and Sidney railway route. The whole tenor of the meeting was hopeful; the arguments put forward for the adoption of the route were sound, and the adoption of the resolution to appoint a committee to inquire into and report upon this proposal was not more gratifying than the personnel of that committee.

Such a committee has never been struck in the history of Victoria; from so great a committee great things will be expected. Mr. McCandless's note of warning regarding the transference of charters was timely. We don't want to fall into the hands of the C.P.R. or any other corporation in getting the mainland connection to a conclusion.

PRESIDENT KRUGER'S SPEECH.

With all eyes turned toward the troubled Transvaal it is very interesting to examine the speech delivered at the opening of the Transvaal Volksraad on May 1st. Here is a summary of the address, and the reference to the question of federal union with the Orange Free State is extremely significant, now that events have shown something portentous in the wind.

The president says that he hopes it will soon be possible during the present session to draw the Raad's attention to certain proposals which he wishes to make regarding the franchise, underground mining rights, and the dynamite question.

He next alludes to the question of federal union between the two South African Republics, and says that the two chief justices of both states have undertaken the task of harmonising the laws. The Raad is asked to give authority for the appointment of a state financier for the Republic.

Clause 15 of the speech sets forth that the Netherlands railway has repaid two millions of their indebtedness to the Republic, whereby a state loan is rendered unnecessary for the present. Gratitude is expressed for the good work accomplished by Dr. Leyds as Minister Plenipotentiary in Europe. Serious consideration is then invited for a draft constitution law.

Referring to the mining industry, he says last year the amount of gold produced was £18,240,533. The returns for 1888 place the Republic by a large amount beyond any other gold-producing country in the world.

Clause 18 says the government has decided to give effect to former resolutions regarding the Indian question, so that Indians from 1st July, 1899, shall only reside in such wards, locations, and streets of different towns and villages as shall be provided for them.

THE SUNDAY NEWSPAPER.

England is in a perfect ferment over the enterprise launched by the proprietors of the London Daily Telegraph and the London Daily Mail—a seventh day edition of their papers. Another of the London papers, the Morning Leader, singularly enough the property of the proprietors of the Daily Mail, has started a crusade against the continuance of the Sunday papers, and for the purpose of feeling the pulse of the English people has invited the opinions of thousands of clergymen, Sunday school superintendents, and others more or less directly interested in the strict preservation of the English Sunday in its ancient state.

In order to lay the written opinions of those gentlemen before its readers, the Leader has been compelled to issue daily supplements, each containing some hundreds of statements, most of them in pretty forcible language, and from men of every denomination, including even the JEWISH PRESS. That the readers of the Times may understand the intense feeling which exists on this question in England we copy from the latest Leader to hand a few opinions from men whose names are household words throughout the British Empire. It will be found instructive to read first the petition of the Newsagents' and Booksellers' Union, sent to the proprietors of the two newspapers publishing Sunday editions. It runs:

An appeal by the Newsagents' and Booksellers' Union (head office, Fleet-St., London) on behalf of the Newsagents of Great Britain.

Petition to the proprietors of the Daily Telegraph and the Daily Mail. We, the undersigned, petition, the proprietors of the Daily Telegraph and the Daily Mail to reconsider the attitude they have taken in producing a seventh day newspaper which will eventually involve the news trade of the country—numbering from ten to twenty thousand tradesmen—in Sunday labor. The petitioners would draw attention to the fact that, if the seven-day publications are continued, other daily newspaper proprietors, both in London and the provinces, will be bound, in self-defense, to follow their example, and this will necessitate the opening of the shops generally by the news trade. As this would be breaking into the sanctity of the Lord's Day by forced labor on the part of a class of men who are earnestly opposed to it, your petitioners now ask that all such papers as are being produced in connection with daily newspapers be either discontinued or published at such time on Saturday as will enable the news trade to distribute on that day.

Here are the opinions of some leading English thinkers on the subject: Dr. Guinness Rogers: "I read the other day the striking remark, 'The Puritan conscience is still the living power in England.' The Puritans unconsciously have influenced the thought of the nation, and raised it to a higher level. His Bible and his Sunday were the Puritan's strength. Well may we strain every effort to preserve to the nation that which is at once its glory and its strength—namely, the Sabbath Day for rest and worship. It is singularly fortunate that the struggle comes at this moment. It is strange that the England of to-day should be fighting the battles that were fought 300 years ago.

Rev. Michael Adler, B.A.: "Although I am a minister of the Jewish religion, and as such do not myself observe the Sunday, yet I cordially endorse your views as to the harmful nature of the seven-day journalism. Men of all shades of religious opinion ought to unite to preserve the day of the week as a day of rest, and this new departure is certain to jeopardize the rest-day. I am perfectly convinced that there is no demand for these new papers, and it is to be hoped that the English public will make its voice heard in no mistakable way.

Rev. Alfred Rowland: "The attack on the seventh day of rest by the proprietors of the Daily Telegraph and Daily Mail is, to my mind, the most audacious and unwarrantable we have had to confront during the last half century. Protest and boycott alike the only weapons open to us, and these all Christians must use.

Rev. C. E. Aked: "I regard the issue of a seven-day newspaper as the latest and most insolent attack of capital upon humanity. I am not a Sabbatarian; indeed, I am a vice-president of the Sunday Society. But I resent this encroachment as strongly as any man can. The injury would amount to a national calamity. When the advocates of the seven-day paper tell us that the work for Monday's paper is really done on the Sunday they are simply trying to fool us.

The Chief Rabbi, Dr. Adler, preaching at the Cardiff Synagogue, regretted the attempt now being made by means of seven-day journalism to interfere with the much-needed day of rest. There was, he declared, no justification for charging the whole Jewish community with an endeavor to infringe the Sunday of rest, which was one of the most precious heritages of the English nation. One of the secrets of England's strength and England's greatness, the Jews were bitterly opposed to seven-day journalism. He was almost certain that those newspaper conductors would cease ere long to profess what they were doing, and would oppose to the traditions and conscience of the English nation.

Rev. Hugh Price Hughes: "I believe I was the first minister of religion in this country who, both in the pulpit, on the platform, and in the press, protested against seven-day journalism. Of course I heartily agree with the line you are taking, which is the only line consistent either with religion or with humanitarianism. I am especially thankful that Mr. John Burns is taking action in parliament and in other ways protesting against the deadly cruelty of seven-day journalism. It is the tolling of a bell which will suffer most from this iniquity, and if they only have Mr. Burns's courage and estimate of its nature and inevitable results they will put forth their whole strength against it and crush it.

May not the reason for the excess of withdrawals in savings bank accounts in Canada for the past month be due to the people spending more on home outfitting, refurbishing and the obtaining of those comforts which, under the uncertain and dangerous Tory administration, the people get along without? Sure it is that there has been a return of public confidence since the Liberals came into power, and the natural consequence is that the people spend more for comforts, feeling the country is safe.

That potent, grave and reverend signifier of British journalism, the London Spectator, has dubbed Mr. Cecil Rhodes "the prince of blunders." The government's flat refusal to have anything to do with the Cape-to-Cairo railway scheme fatally injured Mr. Rhodes's high standing with the fickle public, while his queer capers with William the Sudden in Berlin the other week also chilled British enthusiasm for the Colossus of South Africa.

Canadian tobacco has never received that recognition which its excellence deserves, but it seems likely to make its way into the British market ere long, and if, as the Montreal Gazette says, the quality of the leaf grown in southwestern Ontario be as good as it is declared to be by the growers, it should suit the Englishman's taste, and the Englishman's taste in the matter of tobacco is good.

Probably no man in this province has a better knowledge of the geological structure of Victoria harbor than Mr. Decher. He has examined with the greatest care the surrounding formations, and reasoning by analogy and probability he has formed an opinion as to the nature of the harbor bottom which boring are very likely to prove correct.

By the peasantry of the South of France Queen Victoria is revered and beloved for her gracious interest in their affairs, and for her innumerable kindnesses to them. Those traits of character prove that she is a true woman as well as an ideal sovereign.

Brooklyn Eagle thinks it would be good policy for France to quit forever the North American continent; by pulling up stakes in Newfoundland and leaving all to Great Britain. That's the best thing France could do if peace be the French desire.

Manitoba Free Press opines that there must be something seriously wrong with a party which drives out such men as Dalton MacCarthy and John Costigan. That's right, it's all wrong, and will have to be worse "fore 'n better.

By the end of fifteen years it is expected the great Conservative party will have recovered from the thousand natural shocks that the blunders of the Tupper and George E. Foster made it unwilling heir to. Expected, we said.

PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE. The Hague, May 17.—The permanent president of the peace conference, which commences to-morrow, will be De Staal, the Russian ambassador to Great Britain and the head of the Russian delegation. The honorary chairman, who will open the proceedings, will be M. De Besant, president of the council and minister of foreign affairs of the government of the Netherlands.

Must not be confounded with common cathartic or purgative pills. Carrer's Liver Pills are not to be used on a daily basis. One trial will prove their superiority.

OBSERVATIONS.

The fighting spirit is very strong in the Ottawa representation of the Colonist; his descriptions of the debates in the House of Commons are all figurative and couched in the extravagant language usually employed by men of political genius. The captain is partial to the prime minister, but he knew it would never do to picture George E. Foster with the gloves on his hands and in the scanty costume of the devotees of the noble art, so he places in his hand a glittering rapier and draws fancy portraits of the Finance Minister puncturing the members of the government under the fifth rib. The ministers who had the temerity to face the polished weapon of this awful prick, according to this writer's veracious chronicle, had a woeful time of it. A dark, lowering cloud gathered on the brow of the Premier, which grew darker and blacker as the words of torture slipped from the lips of the speaker; the Finance Minister hung his diminished head and refrained to look the orator in the eyes, and flashes and scintillations of light on the glittering, flying blade were so blinding that even the usually dauntless McMullen was overcome and had to "look the other way." The only member on the Grit side who was unabashed was Sir Richard Cartwright, but then he is one of the square-jawed fraternity, who sniffs the battle from afar, and to whom the fierce joy of combat is as the breath of his nostrils. It is strange that so few members are reported to have been in the House to witness this grand exhibition of cut and thrust and that the obtuse Grit papers call Mr. Foster a scientific juggler, who gave a very clever exhibition of his skill in tossing columns of figures around, to the manifest bewilderment and delight of his supporters.

The 23rd day of May this year will be set apart in three of the provinces of the Dominion as "Empire Day," and will be devoted to impressing on the mind of the children some conception of the magnitude and magnificence of the empire of which Canada forms a part. The department of education of Ontario, Nova Scotia and the Protestant Council of Public Instruction of Quebec have inaugurated this movement, and it is expected that the other provinces will be before another year join in and make the scheme a Dominion one; in fact, it is expected that eventually the whole of the empire will be acting in concert in the matter. It has been suggested that the 23rd of May be made a public holiday for all time in honor of the noble woman who has so long and so acceptably ruled the British realm, and it seems probable that eventually this idea will be carried out. It is the most popular holiday all over Canada at the present time, as in the East it is the first on which outdoor sports can be viewed in comfort, while the people drink in the balmy fragrance of the atmosphere after the confinement of the long winter. Undoubtedly the Pacific province will join her sisters of the East in this movement when she is invited.

Col. Prior, M.P., evidently does not think the readers of the esteemed Colonist are all the sands of the sea for multitudes, as he has sent to every voter in Victoria, by mail, free, a copy of his great speech delivered in the House of Commons, which by its length was to prove his fitness for a cabinet position, and which the morning paper ran for several days in serial form.

Hamilton Herald: The latest about Deadman's Island is that it belongs to Great Britain. It now has five reputed owners. Of all the islands of the sea, it has produced the greatest crop of owners.

OBSERVER.

MICHELET'S ROMANCE.

When Madame Michelet, widow of the great French historian, died the other day, there ended such a romance as has rarely been lived, and as in fiction-world have been regarded as fantastic. When Michelet married the young, the gifted, and pretty Andre Malaret, he was an old man, famous and cynical. It operated a complete change in his life. She became his muse, and made the end of his life a dream and an enchantment. He installed her in a little apartment whose windows looked out over the beautiful garden of the Luxembourg; in a true lover's nest, from which all appearance of serious study was banished; in the midst of gilded

Cages filled with Singing-Birds, and spreading palms, and the color and perfume of flowers, Michelet, whose life had been austere, and whose first wife had made him very unhappy, became radiant in this new and charming milieu. Though he hated the social world outside, he loved to bring into his home the noise, the brilliance, the gaiety of fetes, and nothing could be imagined more delightful than the improvised masquerades, or more nobly joyous than the dances, when he gathered his friends around his young wife.

In an impulse of tenderness and pity, born of this discovery of love and woman, he abandoned momentarily his historical work to write his books "L'Amour" and "La Femme," in which all his doctrine of woman was inspired by his adoration of his wife. Seeing her, excusably if mistakenly, the qualities and weaknesses of all women, his propounded theories were only an excuse to address to her in public, and in admirable language, the discourses of Don Ruy Gomez to a Dona Sol without Her. The curious fact that in "La Femme" he makes an almost unrestricted eulogium of the women of black race is explained by the circumstance that Madame Michelet was the daughter of a secretary of Tompkins, J. Orestes, the greatest of the black race of her day, then, that Madame Michelet loved

the glorious old man with a love that did not end with his death.

Her Long Widowhood.

of a quarter of a century has been spent in watching over his grave, and writing biographical notes of her dead hero, and in bringing out new editions of his works. She died in the bed-chamber where he died, which she had piously preserved exactly as he had left it. It is a bit of reality come down out of the romantic period of French literature, and it strikes the naturalistic world of to-day with dumb wonder.—Sketch.

SOME NEGRO STORIES.

Sir William Robinson's paper on "Trinidad," read before the Royal Colonial Institute the other night, was of a far more gossipy and entertaining character than the average contribution to the proceedings of academic societies. He related some of the negro stories he collected while Governor of the island. A Church of England dignitary had as a servant a negro who was very fond of hymn-singing and petty pilfering. She took loose money off his dressing-table to the tune of "Hold the Fort," and under cover of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," squandered the cashables.

The late Bishop Rawle asked a negro sitting in idleness by the roadside how he managed to pass the time. "I sit in de sun, massa, and let de time pass me," was the quaint and philosophical reply. These Trinidad negroes, it appears, are long and heavy sleepers. There was a severe earthquake at four o'clock one morning, and Sir William driving town said to his groom—"Edward, how you feel the earthquake at four o'clock this morning?" "No, massa," he replied "I on'y went to bed at half-past ten last night."

HONEST ADVICE FREE TO MEN.

The Times is requested to publish the following: All men who are nervous and debilitated or who are suffering from overwork, excess of youthful errors, are aware that most medical firms advertising to cure these conditions cannot be relied upon. Mr. Graham, a resident of London, Ont., living at 437 1/2 Richmond Street, was for a long time a sufferer from these troubles and after trying in vain many advertised remedies, electric belts, etc., became almost entirely discouraged and hopeless. Finally he consulted an old clergyman who directed him to an eminent skillful physician, through whose skillful treatment a speedy and perfect cure was obtained.

Knowing to his own sorrow that so many poor sufferers are being imposed upon by unscrupulous quacks, Mr. Graham considers it his duty to give his fellow-men the benefit of his experience and assist them to a cure by informing anyone who will write to him in strict confidence where to be cured. No attention can be given to those writing out of mere curiosity but any one who really needs a cure is advised to address Mr. Graham as above.

George Patnode and Ernest Gongin, of West Chazy, visited Pletersburg on Monday afternoon. They found a bottle of what they supposed to be port wine in the Commercial barn and drank freely from it. Soon after they were taken violently ill and died, yesterday.

Mr. C. H. Mackintosh, who returns to Canada on Saturday, has resigned from the directorate of the British American Corporation. He contemplates forming a company in Canada for the sale and registration in London of the Globe, the British American Corporation, Le Roi and other shares.

Those who do not defend society better it.—Louis Proal.

WANTED.

WANTED—A strong girl for general house work. Apply at once, Mrs. J. Fred. Hume, 330 Dallas Road.

WANTED—A good blacksmith to hire shop. Apply Parsons Bridge Hotel.

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A COMPETENT BOOKKEEPER wants a situation, either whole or part time; highest city references, and can furnish security if required. Address F.S., Times office.

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FOR SALE—Durham cow; excellent milk-er. Apply "Western," Times office.

FOR SALE—Very cheap, leaving the country—Covilian Lake Hotel. Apply James Robertson, Duncan, B.C.

TO LET.

FOR RENT—Office on Government Street, ground floor, near old post-office. Apply A. Y., Times office.

FOR RENT—Office in the Times building, ground floor. Apply at Times office.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A. A. WILSON, Plumbers and Gas Fitters, Bell Hangers and Tinsmiths; Dealers in the best descriptions of Heating and Cooking Stoves, Ranges, etc.; shipping supplied at lowest rates. Broad Street, Victoria, B.C. Telephone call 124.

SOCIETIES.

VICTORIA—COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 1, meets first Thursday in every month at Masonic Temple, Douglas Street, at 8 P. M. B. S. ODDY, Secretary.

SCAVENGERS.

JULIUS WEST, General Scavenger, successor to John Dougherty—Yards and cess-pools cleaned; contracts made for removing earth, etc. All orders left with James Fell Co., Fort Street, grocery; John Cochrane, corner Yates and Douglas Streets, will be promptly attended to. Residence, 150 Vancouver Street. Telephone 150.

VETERINARY.

S. F. TOLMIE, Veterinary Surgeon—Office at Bray's Brewery, 109 Johnson Street. Telephone 162; residence telephone 417.

AMUSEMENTS.

COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT CONCERT given by Mr. W. J. Bowden on Wednesday evening, May 17th, 1899, at A. O. T. W. Hall, Yates Street. Admission 25 cents.

Spencer's FRIDAY... BARGAINS. 100 Ladies' Straw Sailor Hats, various qualities, regular, 75c. to \$1.50, Friday, 50c. 100 Ladies' and Girls' Fancy Straw Hats, untrimmed, regular, 50c. to \$1.50, Friday, 25c. 300 bunches Flowers, regular, 15c. to 50c. Friday, 10c. 150 Children's Muslin Sun Hats and Bonnets, regular, 50c. to \$1.75, Friday, 25c. 180 yards Fancy Linen Fringe Art Shades, for Table Cloths, Doylies, etc., regular, 10c. and 15c. Friday, 5c. a yard. 1,000 Samples Silk Gloves, regular, 40c. to 75c. Friday, 25c. 8 pieces Striped Grass Cloth, regular 25c. Friday, 10c. 10 pieces Plaid Percales, regular, 20c. Friday, 10c. 5 pieces Double-Width Silk Checked Grass Linen, regular, 85c. Friday, 25c. Sale Commences at 9:30 a.m. D. SPENCER, GOVERNMENT ST.



Are you a BUNDLE OF NERVES, the result of a disordered liver? Many people seem to be from this cause alone. Our Effervescent Liver Salts, we believe, is the most pleasant remedy available. 50c per bottle.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, May 18, 5 a.m.—The high area which has been hovering over the American coast for several days is slowly spreading northward and may cause a brief spell of fair weather in this province. Showers have again occurred along the Pacific coast and in California. Rain is falling in Alberta; east of it is fine and cool.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

HONDI is a pure Ceylon tea. Baudette, the only hair producer, just arrived at C. Roche's, 43 Government street. **THE MONARCH KING OF WHISKEYS** T. G. MOOREY, JR. OLEUM CYCLERY. **HONDI** means perfection—quite true. In connection with the excursion to Shewanish Lake, the E. & N. Railway on Sunday, the Street Railway Company has arranged for cars to run from 8 a. m. on Sunday morning to connect with the excursion train.

DR. RICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER
Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair, Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair.
A Pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. 40 YEARS THE STANDARD

Smoke union made cigars. Use Blue Ribbon Baking Powder. Nirvana is the best of all Ceylon Teas. Try it and be convinced.

Lawn mowers and garden tools in variety at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street.

C. P. R. bulletin announces that the Cunard liner Servia will dock at New York from Liverpool at 10 p. m. to-day.

For variety of design in monuments and headstones, go to T. Bradbury's, corner Cormorant street and Blanchard avenue.

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For "Health and Beauty" use the Sautias Cabinet Bath. Prices and circulars at Health Food Store, near post office.

Newly fitting and Anderson, practical machinists at 105 Douglas street. All kinds of repair work promptly executed. Sewing machines and lawn mowers are our specialties.

The B. C. Electric Railway Company will run special cars for the convenience of those attending the naval ball at Government tonight. There will be an extra service at 8:20 to take guests down. Cars will leave Esquimalt at 2 a. m. and at the close of the dance, fare to all points within the city limits 25 cents, outside same, 50 cents.

In the trial of the protest against the return of Hon. John Dryden from South Ontario, which is being heard at Osoyoos tonight, there will be an extra service at 8:20 to take guests down. Cars will leave Esquimalt at 2 a. m. and at the close of the dance, fare to all points within the city limits 25 cents, outside same, 50 cents.

The programme of events which will make the celebration memorable should actually commence on Tuesday evening, the 23rd, when the cricket club ball takes place in Assembly rooms, Fort street. The A. O. U. Hall was first decided upon by the management, but the demand for tickets has been so great that it was found necessary to secure the more commodious Assembly rooms, the scene of so many successful dances. The committee will spare no effort to provide everything essential to enjoyment; the floor will be in good condition, the music will be supplied by an orchestra under the leadership of Mr. J. M. Phan, the supper tables will be laden with delicacies, and the next day being a holiday, the dancers will not be compelled to tear themselves away from the gaily whirling beauty of the needs of business in the morning.

The benefit concert given in A. U. W. hall last evening in aid of Mr. W. J. Bowden was satisfactory both from a financial and an artistic standpoint. Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken, C. C. M. P., occupied the chair. Great credit is due to Mrs. W. J. Merryfield for the arrangement of the programme and for her successful efforts to obtain the very best talent, and the "boys" of the Phœnon are also entitled to commendation for the heartiness with which they rendered their services in aid of a good cause. Those who contributed to the programme were: A. Longfield, A. Sempé, P. Richardson, J. Barron, the Hill Brothers, Mr. Thomas Cartledge, Master G. Merryfield and Mr. C. W. Black, representing S. Samuels & Co., of Yokohama.

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SHIPPING NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The Board of Enquiry which has been sitting in Seattle investigating the circumstances in connection with the collision between the Gloucester and the City of Kingston on April 29th, which resulted in the loss of the latter vessel, has concluded their labors, and has reported in a long and detailed report that the Gloucester was navigating with all due caution, the officers of that vessel being exonerated from all blame.

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PROVINCIAL GAZETTE.

An Important Issue of the Official Organ—Appointments and Incorporations.

The Gazette to-day will contain the following announcements: The Gold Commissioner's office at Osoyoos has been removed to Fairview, C. A. R. Lambly being gold commissioner.

His Honor the Lieut-Governor has been pleased to appoint Robert H. Collins, of Sooke, to be a coroner for the province.

Application is made by Thomas J. Knight, Frank W. Bennett, John McCuehan and Joseph Peers for the incorporation of Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, I. O. O. F., at Chilliwack.

The property of the hospital for the Cassiar Central Railway Company to Edward D. Self has been revoked.

Creditors of the "R. A. Syndicate" in liquidation, are requested to send their claims against that corporation to A. E. Dan's, 1 and 2 Great Winchester street, London, Eng., on or before June 30th.

A court of revision for the consideration of all complaints against the assessment roll of the Chilliwack Dyking Works will be held at Chilliwack on June 29th, at 10 a. m. A court of revision will also be held at Grand Forks on June 13th at 10 a. m.

The California Gold-Mining Company has appointed William Yolen Williams, of Rossland, attorney for the company, instead of W. T. McDonald, of Rossland. Said attorney is not empowered to issue or transfer stock.

Tenders for the supply of clothing, bread, meats, milk, groceries, coal and wood to the provincial home at Kamloops will be received by the deputy provincial secretary up to June 8th. Tenders for supplies for the hospital for the insane at New Westminster will be received up to June 8th.

The following companies have been incorporated: "Enterprise & Anchor Mines, Limited, of Greenwood, capital, \$1,000,000; Pleasant Valley Placer Mines, Limited, of Rossland, capital, \$100,000; Rossland & Boundary Mines, Development Company, Limited, of Rossland, capital, \$1,500,000; Black Cock (Ymir, B. C.) Gold Mines, Limited, of Rossland, capital, \$1,000,000; Carpenter Creek Mines, Limited, of Rossland, capital, \$75,000.

A Novel System of Interest to Buyers Introduced by a Toronto Company.

A branch of the Dominion Trading Stamp Company will be opened on Monday at the corner of Fort and Broad streets, where the representatives of the company will be pleased to meet and explain the advantages which they offer to the public through dealing with the firms connected with them.

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THE credit system is good. The giving of premiums in various forms is very common and in some cases exceedingly popular with the public, and after all, is it not the public that is to be pleased?

It is said the Trading Stamp System is a disturbing element in trade. If so it is only proof of its force. Some of these systems create trade. If it induces people to pay cash and attract trade, it then is doing good to the merchants who have it.

It is also said the system is unfair, inasmuch as the company will give their stamps only to limited number of merchants in each city or town. As the system is copyrighted and controlled by the company, they have a perfect right to do as they wish with their own property, and it can be easily seen, the exclusive privileges connected with it are to the merchant not the least important.

As merchants themselves get discounts for cash, they cannot consistently say their customers are not entitled to them also when paying cash.

It is very important respect the Dominion Trading Stamp Company are conducting their business in a manner that secures the public confidence, as all their stamps, no matter in what city issued, are interchangeable, interchangeable and redeemable at all other agencies.

Superintendent Hussey yesterday evening had J. Morrell arrested for leaving the city while a charge was pending against him. Morrell is the cyclist who caused injury to Mrs. Kirby by colliding with her some months ago, and has just returned from a sealing cruise on which he embarked before the case was disposed. He has been admitted to bail and will come up at the next assizes.

A SOUTH AFRICAN ROOM-TOWN. In Bulawayo, the capital of Rhodesia, one is brought face to face with an entirely new experiment in the founding of cities and the history of colonization—the spectacle of a large community which has penetrated a thousand miles into the interior, invested largely in bricks and mortar, and settled quickly down into the groove of a high and ready sort of civilization. It is a city of the future, but all as yet the strength of expectations, of which as yet there has been very little actual proof.

When the liquor attempts to probe down into the bedrock of things he cannot help feeling a little puzzled. The position seems roughly this. Everybody is satisfied in a general sort of way that there is gold galore scattered about the country. Most of the bigger men with whom you talk can tell you of their own knowledge of a few good properties.

The fact remains that the average hard-hearted Bulawayan, incompetent to form an opinion for himself, either from "simple ignorance," as Dr. Johnson calls it, or lack of opportunity, has deliberately backed this faith in Mr. Rhodes' sagacity and statesmanship, and hopefully and expectantly awaits the result. If Rhodes is good enough for great English capitalists, and they are willing to sink millions in the country before the mines have been irrefragably proved, it ought to argue, to be good enough for him, and having converted some part of his stake in the country into solid cash, just to keep things going, he is content to stand by and see how things will turn out. Hence we have the strange phenomenon of a well-to-do and prosperous-looking township rubbing comfortably along, without, to the outward eye, any visible means of subsistence, and not only rubbing along, but actually increasing its imports and the number of its inhabitants. Opinion is in the air on these lines.

There are some things about which visitors' impressions may well differ according to the point of view, but one characteristic, at least admits of no divergence whatever: Bulawayo, in the present stage of its development, is thoroughly and almost exclusively British.

This may change in course of time—it certainly will change quickly if things turn out as well as everybody hopes and expects—but the mantle of cosmopolitanism has yet to fall upon it.

No less noticeable is what it may be perceived to call the social quality of the population. The predominant factor seems to be the well-bred young Englishman of the familiar public school type, though there are many old colonists and men of the "rougher" stamp coming in from the neighboring gold belt.

There are, naturally, many natives in and about the township, but none of them are genuine Matabele or Mashonas. These tribes are bashful, suspicious, and inordinately lazy, so teaching them civilized existence will require time and patience. Cape Times.

Newfoundland is now the sixth copper-producing country in the world.

Lakeside Hotel COWICHAN LAKE. The Noted Fishing and Summer Resort of the Island. EXCELLENT BOATING. Stage leaves Duncan's Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Special tickets will be issued by the E. & N. R. Co. for Cowichan Lake on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, good for 7 days. \$5.00 return. FRIGID BROS., Props.

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Personal.

C. N. Westwood, of Nanaimo, to get the... V. B. Holwell, of... George Kennedy, of Wellington, left last night for the east via the Northern Pacific... H. J. Scott, of the Magillton Powder Company, came home from Vancouver last evening.

J. E. Black, of Yokohama, and Geo. S. Littlejohn, of Sydney, N. S. W., are at the Oriant.

A. H. B. Macgowan, of Vancouver, was a passenger on yesterday's Charmer from the Terminal City.

R. Collier, Inspector of shells, returned yesterday from a professional visit to the Provincial Island.

G. McL. Brown, executive agent of the C. P. R., returned last evening from a visit to the Terminal City.

J. A. Thompson, Inspector of boilers, was a passenger from the Provincial Mainland on yesterday's Charmer.

A. R. Turfa, representing W. Tuffs & Son, of the Terminal City, came over last evening on his regular business.

William Peebles, the stockbroker of Barkerville, Cariboo, is at the Dominion. He is purchasing supplies in the city.

James Black, the well known Cariboo hotel keeper, who has been in business in several of the cities in the Skeena, is at the Dominion. He will return to Cariboo to re-engage in the hotel business.

China, in a box, crockery and silverware at unheard of prices at Weber Bros., previous to departure.

Luck of a Telegrapher

An Operator Makes a Fortune by a Mistake—A Lucky Turn in Stocks.

Was Forced to Accept Stock Which Made Him a Rich Man.

It is so very seldom that a telegraph operator becomes wealthy that the story of the rise of Burt Honey, well remembered among old-time telegraph operators and railroad men of the Northern Pacific from Puget Sound to Missouri, may not be without interest.

Honey was a resident of this city, so credit must not rest with him, but the local office to look for a settlement. Honey will be easily recalled by those who in one way or another were associated with the early construction of the telegraph line along the Northern Pacific in the Northwest Pacific country, and who doubled hugely in Tacoma land speculations years ago.

"Honey drifted into Oden in the early '70s well high broke," said an old ex-railroad telegraph man of Seattle, who was among the first in the business in this part of the country. "Burt," as the old gang at Tacoma used to call him, had failed in some promising town-site schemes of the Middle West, along the Union Pacific.

"When this failed he had recourse to the key and a 'stick.' The superintendent of the old telegraph line from Utah to San Francisco was too much surprised to give Honey a job in that office, so he sent him out to Pioche, Nevada, to take sole charge of the office there. He telegraphed, carried his own messages for delivery, repaired the line in case of a breakdown and made the most of a rather unpleasant position. He himself had employed more men than the old Deseret line had ever had altogether, and it was more or less a matter of time when the manager and patrons for trifling errors or inattention to duty.

"One day the stage brought to Pioche a booming mining town—then a large stock of miners' companies. They insisted on the Gussie mine, lying a few miles out of town, and which was being worked on the 'Frisco' change. A few days after the arrival of the agents the Gussie began to boom. Honey followed the varying fortunes of the mining stocks with life interest. He saw chances for taking a hand in the speculation in stocks, but he was almost penniless, and with a sick wife and a small salary he did not dare to 'fly' in the game. And in those days the limit and stakes were high.

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B. C. FISHERIES.

A Vancouver Man Writes of the Prospects of Fish Drying in British Columbia.

G. B. Harris of Vancouver writes as follows of the fisheries of British Columbia in the New York Fishing Gazette:

"I have been looking into the prospects of fish drying in British Columbia. Our market is supplied with fresh fish the year round. Having practically no winter here, fishing is not interfered with. I fully believe British Columbia has the only practical fishing grounds for the supply of fish, in quantities on the Pacific Coast, for foreign trade. The halibut banks and salmon rivers can produce fish at a very insignificant cost, and halibut can be caught the year around. The New England fish company, which are now operating here in Vancouver are making very large catches of halibut, with steamers. Just think of a steamer crew catching ninety tons of halibut in two days!

"In regard to drying halibut, I am informed that the British Columbia halibut would be a fine fish to dry by our process, as it is low fat and much drier than the Atlantic fish. I understand the Dominion government sent a man down the South Pacific Coast last fall to see what trade Canada could open up in that direction. I am informed his report is favorable, and can be had at Ottawa.

"It looks to me that a great trade can be opened up from British Columbia with Japan, Sandwich Islands, Philippines, China, Australia, and the fish markets of the Orient generally, as well as the Pacific south coast ports and interior markets of America. My opinion is export and domestic, can operate a fish drying business, and have the entire British Columbia coast to work on without any opposition, as no attention is yet being paid to any fish here but salmon. The past years the Japs have dry salted and shipped to Japan a great many tons of salmon, such as the canners don't use, which they can buy at three cents for salmon 20 pounds and over. Hundreds of tons can be had at the mouth of the Fraser river at this low cost.

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J. D. WARREN, Manager.

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NEW WESTMINSTER ROUTE. Leave Victoria for New Westminster, Ladner and Louisa Island Sunday at 2 o'clock. Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock. Sunday's steamer to New Westminster connects with C.P.R. train No. 2, going east, Monday.

For Plummer Pass, Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock. For Pender and Moreby Islands, Friday at 7 o'clock. Leave New Westminster for Victoria, Monday at 12:15 o'clock; Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

For Pender Island and Moreby Island, Thursday morning at 7 o'clock.

NORTHERN ROUTE. Steamships of this company will leave for Port Simpson and intermediate points, via Vancouver, the 1st and 15th of each month, at 8 o'clock.

ALASKA ROUTE. Steamships of this company will leave for Wrangell, Dyea and Skagway weekly.

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G. C. BAXTER, Passenger Agt. G. P. N. Co., Ltd., Steamers.

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Drawing to a Close

General Otis Reports That Aguinaldo is Seeking For Peace.

United States Officials Pleased With the Latest News From Manila.

St. Louis, Mo., May 15.—A special cable to the Globe-Democrat from Manila says:

"It is reported here that Aguinaldo has decided to accept the terms of peace offered by the American Philippine commission and has started representatives from San Isidro for Manila. He is said to have reached the decision at a conference held at San Isidro the day before...

Washington, May 15.—General Otis cables the war department that representatives of Aguinaldo are seeking terms of peace, and that the forces of the insurgents are scattering in the mountains.

Manila, May 15.—Representatives of the insurgent cabinet and Aguinaldo, who is in the mountains 12 miles north of San Isidro, which was abandoned on the 10th, will send in a commission tomorrow to seek terms of peace.

The majority of the force which was confronting MacArthur at San Fernando has retired to Talarac, tearing up three miles of the railway. This force has decreased to about 2,500.

"Scouting parties and detachments are moving to-day in various directions. The great majority of the inhabitants in the provinces over which the troops have moved are anxious for peace, supported by members of the insurgent cabinet. The aspect of affairs at present is favorable.

Great satisfaction is expressed by the war department officials with the news contained in the despatch from Otis. The belief was expressed that the end of the insurrection was at hand."

London, May 15.—No rumor of the surrender or the approaching surrender of Aguinaldo is current in this city. Filipino despatches from Manila emphatically repudiate any intention to submit and which contained the phrase: "We demand absolute independence or will fight to the death."

New York, May 15.—A despatch from Hongkong says Admiral Dewey has notified Consul Wildman that he will arrive at Hongkong on May 25.

Manila, May 15, 4:50 p.m.—Two Spanish prisoners who have just arrived from Nueva Belda say Aguinaldo has lost prestige with the rebel army, which is described as being completely demoralized, short of food, suffering from diseases, afraid of Americans and rapidly dissolving into armed bands of pillagers.

The prisoners add that Generals Pilar and Luna are the only influential Filipinos continuing resistance. Aguinaldo's personal retinue was recently relieved of its baggage and money while on the way from San Isidro to Cebanatan, by marauders. The Chinese are being victimized everywhere by the rebels. Benomiano, a prominent Filipino leader, who was friendly to Spain and joined in the compromise arrangement whereby the Spaniards hoped to conciliate the rebel leaders without sacrificing too much, is reported as saying that Aguinaldo is sitting indoors crying. He blames himself for the miserable condition of the country and is afraid to surrender.

Worstest Yarn Trust. Philadelphia, Pa., May 15.—The record today says: "A worsted yarn trust, to be known as the 'United States-Worsted Yarn Company' with capital of \$50,000,000, is practically an assured fact, and all that remains to be done is the matter of formal organization. Nineteen worsted yarn spinners, including the largest spinners in the country, have agreed to enter the new company."

Meat To Be Inspected. Wellington, N. Z., May 15.—The agricultural department of this colony has made arrangements that all meat exported must be inspected and stamped by veterinary surgeons in the employ of the department.

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NOTES FROM VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, May 15.—Mayor Gordon and City Engineer Tracy left today for Champlain, Ill., to inspect the Septic tank system. It is understood the council will support the mayor in his attitude towards the Board of Health.

COLONEL'S SUICIDE.

London, May 15.—Sir George de Hock-splund, colonel of the 88th Connaught Rangers, shot himself at Bedford this morning. His widow was formerly a Miss Lyndhurst, daughter of Wm. Armstrong, of Toronto, Ont. He was born in 1840 and succeeded his father in 1891.

A TENNESSEE TRAGEDY.

Quarrel Among Children Leads to a Fight in Which One Woman is Slashed to Death. Union City, Tenn., May 15.—Reports of an extraordinary tragedy at Nashville, near Fayetteville, reached here. Three women, Mrs. Mottos, Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Brogdon, lay dead on the floor. Mrs. Mottos was killed by Mrs. Edwards.

STEAMER ON FIRE.

New York, May 15.—The North German Lloyd steamer Barbarossa, which left this morning for Southampton and Bremen, turned about near Sandy Hook and signalled that there was a fire down in the hold, and that she wanted immediate assistance.

HIRED MURDERER EXECUTED.

Norristown, Pa., May 15.—James A. Clemmer was hanged in the jail yard this morning. The crime for which Clemmer was hanged was the murder of Mrs. Emma P. Kaiser on the night of October 28, 1896. The husband of the murdered woman hired Clemmer to commit the murder in order to secure \$10,000, which his wife's life was insured. Kaiser shortly afterwards committed suicide in prison by opening an artery with a watch spring.

STRIKERS WRECK A CAR.

Duluth, Minn., May 15.—The strikers street car wrecked another car with a car full of passengers. The car was filled with smoke and the passengers terrified, but no one was hurt. The wreck broke the glass in a building opposite the car, and buildings five blocks away were shaken.

PARIS POSTMEN STRIKE.

They Want Increased Pay—Letters Are Being Sorted by Bank Clerks and Will Be Delivered by Soldiers.

Paris, May 15.—Owing to the refusal of the Senate to vote on the bill recently passed by the Chamber of Deputies, providing increased pay for postmen, about 100,000 postmen refused to go to work early this morning and later the whole force, numbering three thousand men, went on strike.

The post office was besieged by business men this morning who demanded their letters. Mr. Hougnot arranged for a delivery this afternoon. The sorting is being done by clerks placed at the disposal of the post office authorities by big commercial houses and banks, who are under the direction of auxiliary sorters.

THE ELEVATOR BILL.

Ottawa, May 15.—At today's meeting of the special committee appointed to discuss Dr. Douglas's elevator bill, the first clause was defeated. This means that the bill is defeated. The clause about the appointment of an inspector, however, may be accepted. The government may do this.

BIG TELEPHONE COMPANY.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 15.—By the purchase of the Bell telephone interests in the state of Wisconsin, announced yesterday, the Cleveland Telephone Company becomes the largest concern of the kind in the world. It now operates 115,734 miles of wires, and has 75,000 subscribers.

THE LATE EARL OF STAFFORD.

London, May 15.—The inquest upon the remains of the Earl of Stafford, who was killed by the Cambridge express while returning from Wrotham Park, resulted in a verdict of "death by misadventure."

SIX LIVES LOST.

Brunswick, Germany, May 15.—A large warehouse belonging to Karstadt and Company, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday. Six lives were lost. Five lives were lost in the flames. Several others were injured, one of whom has since died.

MORRISSEY RE-ELECTED.

New Orleans, La., May 15.—The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen to-day re-elected Grand Master Morrissey and the other officers. Milwaukee is the next meeting place.

At the Czar's Invitation

Representatives of the Powers Gather to Consider Peace Proposals.

Netherlands Foreign Minister To Day Delivers the Inaugural Address.

The Hague, May 15.—The peace conference, called by the Czar of Russia, opened at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the hall Huis ten Bosch, or House in the Woods, two miles from The Hague.

M. de Beaufort, president of the council and minister for foreign affairs in the government of the Netherlands, delivered the inaugural address and welcomed the delegates.

M. de Beaufort extolled the noble initiative of the Czar, saying that this was a red letter day in the history of the century, and expressing the hope that His Majesty would be able to look back to-day as the most glorious of his life. The delegates decided to send the following telegram to the Czar: "The peace conference which you have opened in The Hague, and in which Your Majesty's authority and cooperation in the great and noble work which you have undertaken, we accept with respect and profound gratitude."

Kruger Keeps His Word

And Will Meet the British Commissioner of South Africa.

London, May 15.—The Secretary of State for the Colonies, Joseph Chamberlain, announced in the House of Commons to-day that a meeting between Sir Alfred Milner, the governor of Cape Colony and commander of South Africa, and President Kruger had been arranged to take place on May 20th at Bloemfontein, capital of the Orange Free State, at the invitation of the president of the Orange Free State, M. P. Steyn.

He added: "Sir Alfred Milner, with my approval, accepted the invitation with the earnest hope of arriving at a satisfactory settlement of the situation, which the British government could accept and recommend to the Uitlanders as a reasonable concession to their just demands. President Kruger has also accepted, but he added that the terms of Sir Alfred Milner's acceptance go further than his intentions, but that he will gladly discuss every proposal conducted to a good understanding between the Transvaal and Great Britain, provided the independence of the Transvaal is not impugned."

CHAMPION BILLIARD PLAYER.

Mr. John Roberts, who has long more demonstrated his unassailable supremacy in the game of billiards, is the son of the original John Roberts, who died in 1838, in his seventieth year, and was for many years the acknowledged champion at billiards. In 1870, however, in the first match for the cup played on what was called the championship table, he met his match in William Cook. Two months later, however, Cook was displaced by John Roberts, jun., who from that time took his father's place in the billiard world. He has been all but unassailable champion. John Roberts, jun., is fifty-two years of age, and has played the game in every part of the civilized world, and in some parts of the uncivilized. Once in Johannesburg he took £1,000 gate money in five nights.

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QUEEN'S 50TH BIRTHDAY.

Scheme For An Imperial Celebration In London.

There will be great feasts on the Queen's birthday on 3 June—altogether different from the very formal and colorless celebrations hitherto the rule.

Already a very powerful committee has got to work, under the leadership of Mr. Arthur A'Beckett (hon. sec.), Sir Walter Bessart (hon. treasurer), and Sir William Robinson, G.C.M.G. (chairman of executive). Some 100 men from the arts, sciences, commerce, and politics have joined the committee, so as to make it as completely representative as possible.

The law is co-operating in the person of the lord chief justice, Lord Russell of Killowen; the drama in the person of Sir Squire Bancroft, Sir Henry Irving, Mr. Henry Arthur Jones, Mr. Pinero, Mr. Hare, Mr. George Alexander, Mr. Cyril Maude, and Mr. Beerbohm Tree.

Literature is represented by Messrs. Gilbert, Shaw, Hardy, Rider Haggard, Hall Caine, Thos. Hardy, Rider Haggard, Gilbert Parker, and F. C. Burnand; medicine by Sir Samuel Wilks and Sir James Oribon; and art by Sir W. B. Richmond.

The chief, too, has thrown in its lot with the committee in the person of the lord mayor and sheriffs; with round things off and give the celebration a thoroughly imperial aspect, the agents-general of the various colonies are also joining hands with representatives of the science council.

What, however, of most gratifying is the manner in which Americans have joined the movement. The American society in London has taken the movement up enthusiastically, and several have already joined the committee.

A Grand Banquet.

Now for what the committee propose to do. First, there is to be a grand banquet for the committee. Only a limited number can possibly be present, the committee, of course, having a privilege in this respect. The present proposal is to invite: From America... 50, From Canada and other colonies... 50, From Australia... 50, From the city of London... 50, From the services... 40, Representatives of the arts... 40, Representatives of literature... 40, Representatives of the bar... 40.

The chairman will, of course, be a very distinguished person, not yet decided on. There will be but one toast—"The Queen, to which a representative from each colony will speak. Finally, we should say, the price of the tickets for the dinner will be a guinea and a half. As the number of applications for tickets, however, is enormous, a good many loyal subjects will have to be turned away from the doors.

MURDERERS AT LARGE.

You May Any Day Meet the Perpetrator of an Unproved Crime. It is certainly startling to reflect that the man who sits next to you in the train or restaurant may have the life of another human creature upon his conscience.

Yet, a little consideration will show you that there is nothing very outlandish in the notion. Consider for a moment the number of cases of murder committed in recent years which have not been brought home to the guilty. The majority of these murderers must be alive at the present time. Many men in the habit of frequenting a certain public bar not a thousand miles from the Bank of England are wont to converse pleasantly with a man employed there to wait upon customers. He is a popular man, has cheery ways, and a quick tongue which amuses. But that very man may yet hang in Newgate jail for a crime committed years ago.

His life hangs on the silence of another's tongue; and could that silence be broken, in all probability one murder mystery would be solved. How little the frequenters of that city bar suspect that man who waits upon their wants. But what if the police could prove his guilt? How many of these cases of similar circumstances that a score or more man-slayers are living to-day. Where are the Blackheath and the Camp murderers? Where are the vetches who murdered Mrs. Rachael Samuels, in Barton Crescent; Harriet Evans, in Great Court street; Thomas Webb, in North Finchley; and Matilda Mackay, alias Ush, in Euston Square?—London Daily Mail.

THE SIEGE OF MONT BLANC.

In 1709 the Mont Blanc region had the happiness to receive the visit of a man of genius endowed with the climbing instinct of the Cretaceous. His name was Jacques Saurure, a man to whom his childhood mountain was a passion. In that year (1709) Saurure went alone and on foot to the glaciers of Chamoni. The visit was repeated next year, and thenceforward to year of his life he devoted his tale of mountain climbing adventures. His expeditions include the crossing of the whole Alpine chain fourteen times by eight different routes, and sixteen excursions into the centre of the chain.—In response to Saurure's offer of a large reward, one of the original mountaineers, a naturalist, one from the east side and the other from the north, to scale Mount Blanc. In 1775 four Chamoni peasants attempted the ascent by the Montagne de la Cote. They reached a height commanding the Cretaceous Plateau, and attained a considerable elevation. In September, 1784, Dr. Paed made an unsuccessful attack on Mont Blanc by way of the Biannassay glacier. Soon after, Bourrit renewed the attempt, and two companions of the expedition reached the rock-ridge between the Donat and Gouter and the Bosses du Dromadaire.

A Height Exceeding 14,300 Feet. On September 11, 1785, accompanied by two guides and alpinists, Saussure nearly reached the summit of the Aiguille du Goûter. In August, 1788, Jacques Saurure, accompanied by his two sons and a guide, reached the summit of the Aiguille du Goûter. In August, 1788, Jacques Saurure, accompanied by his two sons and a guide, reached the summit of the Aiguille du Goûter.

Gouter, in August, 1788, Jacques Saurure, with Dr. Paed, having slept on the top of Montagne de la Cote, passed the Grands and the Pellets Mules, and ultimately gained the summit of Mont Blanc. On July 5, 1787, Balmat again scaled the mountain. The same year, on August 3, accompanied by his servant and eight other guides, Saurure slept on the top of Montagne de la Cote. Hence they crossed in the direction of the Grands Mules, from which the professor recognized the town of Nyon and the Jura Range. At 4 p.m., August 2, they arrived at the Petit Plateau, where they encamped for the night. Next day, having climbed the Grand Plateau, they made for the Rochers Rouges. Thence they pursued the steep snow track of the "ancient passage" which Balmat had discovered. At 11 o'clock, August 3, 1787, the summit was gained; the third record of ascent of the pinnacle of Europe.—London Speaker.

CARD PLAYING IN ENGLAND.

A London correspondent says: There appears to be as much gambling in England as at Monte Carlo or Ostend. At many private houses there are big parties for roulette, and poker still has its charms for those who love a game of chance. But the great game of all, which has become quite a craze in society now, is "bridge"—a kind of three-handed whist—to which the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Devonshire and other distinguished people are devoted. There are more facilities for losing or winning a great deal of money at the new bridge than at the old whist, and Sir Charles Hartopp, who is said to have once distinguished himself by losing 25,000 at bridge, is one of the best players at the new game. Bridge is still much played, but not so much as "patience." Many English women are skillful card players—most married women only, but girls as well falling victims of the gambling passion. Here is an unpublished story, but vouched for by one of my friends, who has played for five years. She had gone on blindly until she suddenly realized her position. "Double or quit!" said the tempter. She assented, knowing she never could pay. She lost. "You're a quitter!" said her opponent. She turned up aces and he was obliged to look his straight in the face. "Are you proposing to marry me?" she asked. He nodded smiling. He won the game, and here is where the moralist is checked of his moral—his notion has been one of the happiest of the last five years in high London society.

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Just a McCarthy, in his Reincarnation, published by Harper & Brothers, gives an amusing account of a speech which the victor of Waterloo delivered in the House of Lords. The duke had given his opinion on a certain measure under consideration, and another peer was criticizing his remarks. In the course of his criticism the peer ventured on the observation that he feared the illustrious duke had not quite understood the measure now before the bar. The duke drew the illustrious duke and, springing to his feet to reply, struck the table with an indignant gesture. "My lords," he said, "the noble and learned lord has said that I don't understand this bill. Well, my lords, all I have to say is that, I read the bill once, that I read it twice, that I read it three times, and if after that I don't understand the bill, why, then, my lords, all I have to say is that I must be a damned stupid fellow." Then the Iron Duke resumed his seat, and "that," says Mr. McCarthy, "was the only speech I ever heard him deliver."