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## OVERLAND TO NEW YORK.

Harry de Windt Will Start From Paris This Month.  
(Associated Press.)  
Paris, Dec. 16.—Harry de Windt, the explorer, who is to attempt an overland trip from Paris to New York, has completed the preparations for his expedition, and will start for Siberia in December. The Russian government is actively assisting him, and has telegraphed to the remote settlements in North Siberia to have reindeer and dogs in readiness for the use of the explorer. De Windt's companions on the journey will be Vicomte de Clanchamp and Mr. George Harding.

## FIRES CAUSE LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY

Aged Lady Burned to Death at Sherbrooke—Two Men Perished in Flames at Hargrave.

(Associated Press.)  
Sherbrooke, Dec. 15.—The residence of A. Flatters, Finch Bay, was burned to the ground on Friday night. Mrs. Caples, an aged lady, perished in the flames.  
Two Lives Lost.  
Hargrave, Man., Dec. 15.—Fire broke out in an elevator engine house owned by E. A. Holmes about 3 o'clock this afternoon. Two men perished in the flames. Three escaped badly burned.

Fire at Montreal.  
Montreal, Dec. 15.—The premises of the Canadian Cork Cutting Company were gutted by fire this evening. The loss is \$15,000. The premises were well insured.

Firemen Injured.  
New York, Dec. 15.—Fire today destroyed the large factory of the Brooklyn Cooperative Co., in Williamsburg. Seventeen firemen were burned, some of them seriously. The plant is the most extensive of its kind in the country. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

Half a Million Damaged.  
Salem, W. Va., Dec. 15.—Last night fire broke out in the express office, causing a loss of \$500,000 and destroying the business part of the place. Sixty-five business houses and residences were burned.

Many Cars Destroyed.  
Chicago, Dec. 15.—The total destruction of the Lincoln avenue car barns of the Chicago Traction Company, with more than 100 street cars, resulted from a fire that was discovered at an early hour this morning. The loss is estimated at \$100,000, partly insured.

## SCHLEY THANKED.

Joint Resolution Introduced in the United States Senate.

(Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 16.—The Senate today adopted a resolution by Senator Vest directing the committee on judiciary to investigate and report upon a method for restricting anarchy and restraining those who attempt to assassinate presidents.

Mr. Jones, Arkansas, introduced a joint resolution as follows: "That the thanks of congress and the American people are hereby tendered to Rear-Admiral Winfield Schley and to officers under him for highly distinguished conduct in the conflict with the enemy, as displayed by them in the destruction of the Spanish fleet off the harbor of Santiago de Cuba on July 3rd, 1898.

"That the President of the United States be requested to cause this resolution to be communicated to Rear-Admiral Schley and through him to the officers and men under his command."  
Without comment, the resolution was referred to the committee on naval affairs.

The senate at 12:12 p. m. went into executive session to consider the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

## THE QUEEN IS PATRONESS.

(Special to the Times.)  
Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Her Majesty Queen Alexandra has sent the following cablegram to the Comtesse de Minto: "With pleasure I will receive your patroness of the Victoria Order of the Empress and of your hospital."

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## TERRIBLE DISASTERS IN UNITED STATES

## INJURED PASSENGERS BURNED TO DEATH

Fire Followed Collision on Illinois Railway—Wreck on Great Northern—Floods Cause Great Damage.

(Associated Press.)  
Rockford, Ill., Dec. 15.—Ten or more lives were lost in the wreck of an east-bound Onasha-Chicago express train on the Illinois Central railroad near Parrsville, Ill., at 1 o'clock this morning. The express train collided with a freight train, both running at full speed. An oil tank car in the freight train exploded, throwing burning oil over the wreck and in an instant the entire mass of wreckage was in flames. Nearly every coach of the passenger train, and all of the freight cars were burned. The bodies of the dead were burned in the wreck.

The survivors made desperate efforts to rescue the injured who were pinned in the wreck, but the flames drove them back at every point. The temperature was nearly 20 degrees below zero, and the suffering of those who escaped injury was intense. Failure on the part of a conductor to obey orders is supposed to have been the cause of the collision. The injured were without hats and suffered terribly from the extreme cold.

By the united efforts of the survivors, one car was pushed back from the wreckage to escape the flames, and the wounded were placed on the bunks inside. Two hours elapsed before any relief was at hand, then an engine arrived and the injured were taken to Rockford.

Killed During Fog.  
Detroit, Mich., Dec. 16.—Two men were killed and another was severely injured at Delray, a suburb of Detroit, early today by a Lake Shore passenger train. The men, who were on their way to work, were walking on the track. It was very foggy, and they neither saw nor heard the approaching train.

Wreck on Great Northern.  
Helena, Mont., Dec. 15.—A wreck occurred today on the Great Northern railway near Essex station after midnight this morning. Eight were killed and several injured.

Went Through Bridge.  
Williamsport, Pa., Dec. 15.—A freight train on the Philadelphia & Erie division of the Pennsylvania railway division went through the bridge spanning Lycoming creek between this city and Newbury at 6 o'clock this morning. Three lives were lost. All the streams in the section are swollen, the Susquehanna river reaching a height of 21 feet.

Landslide Caused Accident.  
Middleton, Dec. 15.—The heavy storm last night caused several landslides on the Erie between this city and Fond Eddy. In a collision between two trains several lives were lost and several injured. The bridge over the Neversink river settled several inches.

Snow Followed Rain.  
Corning, N. Y., Dec. 15.—The Chenango and Canisteo valleys have had the biggest flood to-day since June, 1889. Rain fell in torrents for nine hours up to 11 o'clock last night. Snow then fell until seven inches was on ground this morning. The Chenango and Canisteo rivers overflowed their banks, and for miles east and west of here the lowlands are flooded and great damage has been done. The Erie, Lackawanna, and New York Central railways suffered from washouts and landslides. No trains have come through from Buffalo or New York since early last night.

Traffic Suspended.  
Binghamton, N. Y., Dec. 15.—The rain storm which ended at 6 o'clock this morning sent the Chenango river over its banks, and caused a flood which has not been equalled for 22 years. All travel is suspended. Not an Erie nor Lackawanna train has passed through the city since 9 p. m. on Saturday. A Lackawanna bridge just west of the city is out of service.

Damage Over \$150,000.  
Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 15.—The flood here has caused damage estimated at \$150,000 to \$200,000.

Cold Now.  
Oswego, N. Y., Dec. 15.—The rains of Saturday caused much damage in Oswego county. Freezing weather prevails and the temperature has fallen 40 degrees in the past 36 hours.

Much Property Destroyed.  
Rome, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Phenomenal rising of the Mohawk river has caused the destruction of thousands of dollars worth of property. All trains are stalled.

Track Submerged.  
Susquehanna, Pa., Dec. 15.—Owing to the heavy rains and wind of last night business to-day was at a standstill on the Erie railway. A mile of track near Oswego is submerged.

Herders and Sheep Lost.  
Green River, Wis., Dec. 16.—Andrew S. Christensen, who runs 3,000 sheep north of Green river, has reached here and reports that all flocks in that section are lost together with a number of herds.

## ANOTHER OFFER MADE BY CANADA

WILLING TO DISPATCH A BEARER COMPANY

Ten Trained Scouts Will Be Sent With Mounted Rifles—Botha Wounded in Recent Action.

(Special to the Times.)  
Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Dr. Borjesson has cabled to the war office an offer to send with the contingent a field hospital or bearer company to consist of 43 non-commissioned officers and men and 5 clerks.

This is a branch of the service which, under the present minister of militia, has been brought to an admittedly high state of efficiency, and if the offer is accepted it will mean that a thoroughly competent and fully equipped hospital or bearer corps will accompany the Canadian Mounted Rifles to the field.

Another important adjunct to the force, one which will enhance its efficiency, has been decided upon by the minister, namely, a corps of ten trained scouts. These will be drawn from the Northwest, where there are scouts in continuous service, who probably cannot be surpassed in any part of the world.

The war office having accepted two additional squadrons recruiting has been arranged for. One of the additional squadrons will be exclusively Western, recruited between Vancouver and Winnipeg. The other will be raised in Ontario and the East, at the several points at which recruits offered in excess of the required number at the first enlistment. Of the Western squadrons fifty will be raised in British Columbia, forty in the Territories and forty in Manitoba.

Recruiting for Rifles.  
Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The dates of recruiting for one additional company, 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles, Western Division, is as follows:  
Vancouver, Dec. 24th, 10 men; Kamloops, Dec. 24th, 10; Rossland, Dec. 22nd, 10; Nelson, Dec. 16; Cranbrook, Dec. 20th, 10; Macleod, Dec. 20th, 5; Calgary, Dec. 24th, 15; Moosemin, Dec. 20th, 20; Virdee, Dec. 24th, 5; Brandon, Dec. 24th, 10; Fort Prairie, Dec. 20th, 5; Winnipeg, Dec. 27th, 10.

Lieut.-Col. Worsnop is recruiting a force at Vancouver, and the medical officer is Major A. N. Robertson. The Eastern squadrons will be recruited on the 23rd and 24th. In Ontario the quota is 80, in Quebec 15, in New Brunswick 15, in Nova Scotia 20, and in Prince Edward Island 5.

Canadians Dead.  
Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The following cables have been received by Lord Minto from the Hon. Joseph Chamberlain: "London, Dec. 13.—I regret to inform you that Arthur Timlick, S. A. C., died of wounds on December 9th at Krugersdorp, Father B. C. (Signed) Chamberlain." "London, Dec. 13.—I regret to inform you that Sergeant George Armstrong, B. C. A. C., is dangerously ill with enteric fever. Father W. L. Armstrong, Beulah, Man." (Signed) Chamberlain.

The casualty department of Capetown cables under the date of December 13th: "Please inform Mrs. Sophia Johnson, Georgetown, Prince Edward Island, that her son Charles Johnson, Canadian Scout, died of enteric fever at Pretoria on December 9th."

Botha Wounded.  
(Associated Press.)  
Durban, Dec. 15.—A dispatch received here from Skandhia, Zululand, dated December 5th, and delayed in transmission by the censor, tells of a serious action near Luneburg, Transvaal, in which Commandant Louis Botha was severely cut through the left leg below the knee. He escaped capture by crawling into the bush. His present whereabouts is unknown to his own followers.

The dispatch adds that the British took 80 prisoners in this action.  
En Route to Halifax.  
Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—About 300 West-erners left by a special train on Saturday afternoon to join the new contingent of Canadian Mounted Rifles at Halifax.

THE CAPTIVE MISSIONARY.  
Miss Helen Stone Has Been Held by the Brigands for Over Three Months.  
(Associated Press Correspondence.)  
Sofia, Nov. 30.—On December 3rd next, three months will have elapsed since Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary, and Madame Tsiska, her companion, were kidnapped by brigands in the neighborhood of Banako, in Macedonia.

Many competent persons, diplomats and politicians, are inclined to criticize the American officials for the manner in which they have treated the incident from the beginning. Instead of following the well worn course taken by all European governments in such emergencies, a policy was inaugurated in Turkey which so far has proved a failure. When any European subject is kidnaped in Turkey, his embassy at once informs the Porte that it will be held responsible for his life and ransom, orders that all military movements shall be stopped, and in most cases makes advances of money for the payment of the ransom, the Turkish treasury rarely being in a position to meet such a call.

The brigands always treat with a "straw man," and as soon as an agreement is arranged the money is taken to a spot agreed upon, where the prisoners are also brought, and the amount of the ransom handed over.

Mr. Dickinson, the diplomatic agent for the United States at Sofia, has returned to Constantinople to give the brigands time to reflect upon the possibility of the United States officials refusing to pay any ransom if the band does not within a certain date accept the amount available. Mr. Dickinson will consult with Spencer Eddy, the United States charge d'affaire, on the advisability of presenting the brigands with an ultimatum to this effect. There the matter stands, and it is evident that there is little prospect of an early solution of the problem.

## WIRELESS MESSAGE FROM CORNWALL

T. A. EDISON DOUBTS THE ACCOUNT OF FEAT

Marconi Says He Knew Electricians Would Not Credit Story, But Asserts Signal Was Received.

(Associated Press.)  
New York, Dec. 16.—A special to the Herald from Orange, N. J., says: "That T. A. Edison doubts the reliability and accuracy of the published statements that Marconi has received a wireless message across the ocean, the celebrated inventor was seen at his residence in Llewellyn Park this evening.

"I doubt this story," said Mr. Edison, "I don't believe it."  
"Do you think Marconi was deceived because the letter which it is alleged he received was the one which he had instructed should be sent him?" was asked.

"Oh, no," replied Mr. Edison, "I don't believe it. I don't doubt the story. That letter 'S' with the three dots, is a very simple one, but I have been fooled myself. Until the published reports are confirmed, I doubt the accuracy of the account."

Marconi's Reply.  
St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 16.—Regarding the dissemination of Edison, Greely, Bradford and other electrical authorities to credit the report that he had really accomplished the feat of sending a wireless message over the ocean, Marconi said that he knew the electricians would not give credence to the accomplishment, but despite their opinion insisted that he had not been deceived, and asserted again that the signal had really been received from his station in Cornwall.

Steamers Exchanged Messages.  
New York, Dec. 16.—The Cunarder Etruria, which has just arrived here, was in communication for more than five hours in mid-ocean with her sister ship, the Umbria. Long before either ship sighted the other their commanders were conversing by the Marconi wireless system. The position of each ship was known to the other hours before their main trucks showed above the horizon.

The Etruria left Liverpool on December 7th, the same day the Umbria steamed out of New York. They were 1,800 miles east northeast of Sandy Hook when they passed each other last week. Heavy mail passengers report that the trail is in very bad condition. A mail sleigh broke through icebergs last Monday, and several sacks of letters were lost.

R. G. Falow, Chas. Deering and H. W. Kent have formed citizens' ticket for post-commissioners.

DENOUNCED BY THE POPE.  
(Associated Press.)  
Rome, Dec. 16.—At the consistory held this morning the Pope formally announced, among others nominated to bishoprics, the names of Father John J. O'Connor, as Bishop of Newark, N. J., and Father Wm. J. O'Connell, as Bishop of Portland, Maine. The consistory was especially interesting as the Pope, in an impassioned address, denounced the suggested divorce laws for Italy, and appealed to the Italians not to allow such an evil to be introduced in this country.

DEMANDED BREAD.  
Rioters Dispersed by Police—Sixteen Persons Injured.  
(Associated Press.)  
Vienna, Dec. 16.—About 200 persons out of employment and demanding bread began rioting here today. They were dispersed by the police, sixteen of the rioters being injured.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.  
(Associated Press.)  
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 16.—Fred Schultz, who is awaiting execution for the murder of his partner, Mrs. Craig, last August, attempted suicide in jail here on Friday night by cutting his throat with a piece of corset steel.

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FROM CORNWALL TO NEWFOUNDLAND ELECTRIC SIGNALS SENT ACROSS OCEAN

Signor Marconi's Wonderful Feat—The Messages Were Flashed Nearly Two Thousand Miles.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 11.—Signor Marconi announces for tonight the most wonderful scientific discovery of modern times in stating that he had received electrical signals across the Atlantic ocean from his station in Cornwall, England.

He explains that before leaving England he had made his plans for accomplishing this feat, for while his primary object was to communicate with ocean liners in mid-ocean, he also hoped to succeed in attaining the wonderful scientific achievement of wireless telegraphy across the Atlantic.

Signor Marconi arrived here a week ago and selected Signal Hill at the foot of the harbor as an experimenting station, and moved his equipment there. Last Monday he enabled the Poldhu station to begin sending signals at 3 p.m. daily, and to continue them until 8 p.m., these hours being respectively 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. John's.

During these hours on Wednesday Signor Marconi elevated a kite with an aerial wire by means of which signals are sent or received. He remained at the recorder attached to the receiving apparatus, and to his profound satisfaction, signals were received by him at intervals, according to the programme arranged previously with the operator at Poldhu.

Again on Thursday, during the same hours, the kite was elevated, and the same signals were received. This made the assurance so complete that Signor Marconi called his principals in England and also informed the Governor of Newfoundland, Sir Cavendish Boyle, who apprised the British cabinet of the success of the experiments.

DEATHS FROM THE COLD.

Two Men Died in Chicago—Ten Persons Perished in Wyoming. Chicago, Dec. 14.—Two deaths were reported here to-day as the result of the severe cold. Joseph Grammer, 50 years old, a driver of a teaming wagon, complained that the cold made him feel ill when he reported for work.

At Milwaukee, Dec. 14.—Wisconsin is wrapped in the severest December cold yet known in many years. The cold has been lost as the result of the blizzard in Wyoming.

At Cheyenne, Wyoming, Dec. 14.—Late reports received from the southern, western and eastern portions of the state show that the weather for the past twenty-four hours has been of unusual severity, the temperature falling 24 degrees below zero.

At Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—Temperatures throughout the West were pretty low last night. At Minneapolis the coldest temperature was recorded at 42 below; at Saskatoon, 30 below; at Edmonton, 32; Ignace, 30, and Fort William, 28 below.

At Winnipeg at 7 a. m. it was 22 below; 35 below was reported last night. BRICE TELEGRAMS. The British home office has notified counsel for Miss Josephine Eastwick, of Philadelphia, who pleaded guilty on Saturday to the murder of her husband, and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

The last span of the Big Four bridge across the Miami river, one-half mile east of Troy, N. Y., went down on Saturday. This is explained by the fact that the autumn crops will furnish food for a few months, but being the first successful crop in five years, will not be sufficient to last until the next harvest is gathered; and he predicts a repetition of the famine in the coming spring.

The schooner Lolanthe, with her captain, Julius Olsen, and her crew of 13 men, is believed to have foundered at sea. She sailed from Gloucester, Mass., 12 weeks ago for the western banks on a fishing trip.

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Cognac brandy from Malaga, Spain, made from the Malaga grape, is said to be competing with the original cognac produced in France. This is explained by the fact that the original article, caused by the use of adulterants, such as grain alcohol.

Who has not known the woman whose disposition is described by that one word "sunny"? There's always a laugh lurking on her lips. Her cheeks are ever ready to dimple in smiles. Her household influence is as brightening and stimulating as the sunshine. Nothing can be crueler than to have this sunshine blotted out by disease.

Washington, Dec. 14.—It is said to be definitely decided that President Roosevelt will not accept the offer of Mr. Andrew Carnegie of \$10,000,000 in bonds of the United States Steel Corporation for the purpose of founding an institution for higher education in this city.

Jap Oranges 45c. Box. Canned Goods 1 Cts. Can. Cooking Apples 85c. Box. 10 lbs. for 25c.

HARDRESS CLARKE, 86 Douglas St.

NARROW ESCAPE OF WELL-KNOWN OFFICER

Commander Arbutnot, Formerly on This Station, Among Those Injured in Terrible Gun Accident.

Some time ago there appeared in the Times an account of a terrible gun accident which occurred on the British battleship Sovereign outside of Astako harbor, on the west coast of Greece.

An artilleryman had forgotten to close the breech before the gun was fired. An officer and five artillerymen were killed outright, the bodies being terribly mutilated, while the commander and 18 others were more or less seriously injured.

At a meeting of the executive of the British Columbia Liberal Association, held in Vancouver on Saturday, the 14th inst., the following motions relative to a convention of British Columbia Liberals were passed, viz: 1. The convention shall meet in Vancouver, B. C., on Thursday, the 20th of January.

A PROVINCIAL LIBERAL CONVENTION CALLED

To Be Held at Vancouver on Thursday, January 30th—The Delegates Thereof.

At a meeting of the executive of the provincial newspaper, provided that the names of such editors be sent to the secretary of the association to be selected by the executive at 2 o'clock p. m., or as soon thereafter as possible, of the first day of the convention.

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Personal.

M. K. Rogers, manager of a group of mining claims at Naas River, Observatory Bay, is in the city on Saturday on his way to Seattle. He will return before the departure of the steamer Tees for the Dominion.

J. F. Forsythe and wife are spending their honeymoon in the city. Mr. Forsythe is connected with Moran Bros' Iron Works, of Seattle, Wash. They are staying at the Dominion hotel.

H. G. Wilson, Thomas Allice, J. H. Freeman, L. H. Hardy, John Coughlan and G. H. Lent were among the passengers from the steamer Tees, which left for the Dominion last night.

Mrs. J. P. Greenwood and Miss Grace Greenwood returned from a trip to the Old Country on Saturday evening. They visited the President McKinley, who is also in the city.

John Nelson, of Cobble Hill, came down yesterday for the purpose of undergoing treatment for a long-continued ailment at the Victoria hospital. He is a guest at the Dawson hotel.

F. T. Schaefer, manager of the Royal Soap Company, Vancouver, is in the city on business. He is a guest at the Victoria hotel.

J. C. Ostrander and wife, of Seattle, Wash., are in the city on their honeymoon. They were united in the bonds of matrimony this morning, and will spend their honeymoon at the Victoria hotel.

Mrs. J. A. Duncan left for San Francisco by the Unatilla last evening, after a brief visit to friends in the city. J. F. Fowler, who is engaged in a lumbering business in Valparaiso, Chile, is among the passengers from the steamer Tees.

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**NEW GARRISON TEAM**  
**PLAY STRONG GAME**

**Several Good Matches Took Place on**  
**Saturday Afternoon—Enjoyable**  
**Hunt Club Run.**

The second provincial league engagement between the Garrison and Victoria senior eleven took place at the Calender grounds on Saturday, when the city boys retired with two more points to their credit, having defeated the soldiers by two goals to nil.

Quite a large crowd of spectators turned out to see the game. The ground was in a fine condition, and each club had the best possible team they could put out on the field.

S. Lorimer kicked off, and right away Victoria were down on the Garrison defence. Livingstone kicking over the bar from an excellent position, Mitchell kicked out, and the ball travelling very fast, it was not long before it was in Jones's vicinity, where Schwengers came to the rescue. After a brilliant run on the left, L. York passed to Livingstone, who managed to elude Mitchell, but lost a glorious opportunity by sending in a weak shot. Harvie had no difficulty in saving.

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On the restart the game was continued on equally fast lines. The first opening fell to the Garrison, but the latter was quickly faced, and every inch of ground was being contested, and the glory was in the hands of the Garrison. Rutherford and Johnson distinguished themselves with clever heading and tackling, and the latter sent in a number of magnificent "volleys" which were well managed to send in such a stinging shot that Harvie could not clear, and Livingston stepped in and tipped the leather through the Garrison goal, scoring No. 2 for Victoria.

From the kick-off the Garrison made a raid on Jones, and after Spill had beaten the Victoria backs in position, he passed to Clinch, an opening which Goward just arrived in time to spoil. It was just a case of attacking and defending alternately by both teams. L. York showed fine speed, and his visits were always fraught with danger to Harvie's defence. Harvie, however, the Garrison front rank made a desperate attempt to score, and in response to the loud shouts of the large number of "Tomnies," who turned out to urge their comrades to victory, the forwards gained a number of corners. Each corner was well placed, but on every occasion Johnson's head would appear above the attackers and defenders, and the leather would be headed away from danger. J. Lorimer then made a good run and after cleverly dodging a number of the Garrison players passed to his brother Sam, and he in turn to Livingstone, but the latter again lost a splendid opportunity by failing to shoot at the proper moment. The Victoria players were pressing the Garrison goal when Referee Townsend sounded his whistle for full time, leaving the Victoria boys winners by two goals to nil.

The new players on the Garrison eleven are a decided improvement to the team. The backs are fine, steady players, and with a little more team practice the Garrison team will put up a hard fight for first place.

For the victory Schwengers, Goward and Rutherford put up an excellent defence game, while L. York, Simpson and S. Lorimer distinguished themselves in the front rank and on several occasions worked the ball well into the Garrison goal. Livingstone unfortunately always spoiled their good work by trying to play a short passing game and manoeuvring with the ball, when it should have been banged in to the Garrison goal.

The senior league standing follows:

Victoria	W	L	D	Pts
Garrison	7	4	1	9
Nanaimo	3	0	0	3
Columbus	3	0	0	3
Vancouver	4	2	0	2

**VICTORIA WEST DEFEATED.**  
The intermediate teams, Boys' Brigade and Victoria West, met on Saturday afternoon, when the Victoria West aggregation for the first time this year experienced defeat at the hands of their opponents, the score being one goal to nothing. The game was close and exciting. In the first half the Brigade played down hill, and during that portion of the game they had the match in their own hands. Attack after attack was made on the Victoria West goal, and at last a splendid shot by J. Johnson found its way between the goal posts. This was the only point scored during the match.

In the second half Victoria West played an aggressive game, and a bombardment of the Brigade goal ensued which, however, resulted in nothing. If the game had been curtailed the necessity of playing after dark would have been done away with.

The full backs and centre half-backs of the Brigade played excellently well. Special mention might be made of the combination work of the right wing. P. Pedon and J. Beckley played an excellent game. C. Wiggins, S. O'Neil and W. Rorer played well for Victoria West. Jack Lawson refereed the game.

The following is the standing of the league:

Victoria West	P	W	L	D	Pts
Victoria West	3	2	1	0	5
Boys' Brigade	3	1	1	1	3
Columbus	3	1	1	1	3

**BIG FUR SALES IN**  
**YACON TO-MORROW**

**ALL SEALING CATCH**  
**PLACED ON MARKET**

**Collier Matteawan Given Up by Shipping**  
**Men as Lost—The Schooner**  
**Arilla Arrives.**

Sealers are looking forward to the big fur sales in the London market to-morrow with a good deal of expectancy. In fact the results will determine largely the operations of the fleet this coming year. The Victoria Sealing Company, which now controls almost the entire fleet, has deferred its annual meeting until after the sales take place, for until then no estimate of the earnings of the fleet in the season just past can be arrived at. The sales to-morrow include those of the Hudson's Bay Company and Lampson's, and comprise some 24,000 skins, the catch of the whole fleet, in addition to the pelts secured by the Indians off the coast. Of these nearly half, or exactly 10,200 skins, were taken in Behring Sea, and will command the biggest prices going. Of the balance of the catch 7,438 skins were obtained on this coast, 3,881 on the Japan coast and 4,522 on the Copper Inland coast. Placing all at a value of \$15 a piece, which was about the average price obtained at the sales last year, the return to the sealers for the schooner's work during the year would be \$347,400. Of course prices vary materially, according to the quality of the skins sold, and the state of the market is never known until an actual sale takes place. The results are immediately telegraphed to the sealing officers here, so that as soon as the sales to-morrow are over, they will know here what results they bring.

After the meeting of the sealing company this week the different captains will receive their orders. Some half dozen have already been detailed for Asiatic waters, and will be leaving shortly. Director and Oscar Hattie heading the fleet by sailing probably to-morrow.

**STORM STRUCK SHIPS.**  
Few of the big fleet of coasting craft that were caught out in the big gale of Tuesday, December 3rd, escaped unscathed. Hardly a day has passed in the interval but what some vessel has put into one of the ports along the coast badly damaged, or in an entirely disabled condition. News just comes from San Francisco that the American ship Lucille, coal laden from Oyster Harbor for Kihel, Hawaii, and the Leyland Brothers, from Astoria, were two of the unfortunate. The Lucille's cargo shifted and the vessel had a very narrow escape from the High Land Light. The vessel's mast met in the same fate as did the distressing circumstances the ship's crews opened.

As for the collier Matteawan little hope of the ship reaching port is now entertained, for, according to advices from Astoria the United States light-house steamer Matamoras had returned to that point. Nothing of the missing ship's crew were seen on Destruction Island, where it had been supposed they had landed. The vessel's position was reached 10 per cent. on Saturday, notwithstanding the fact that on the same date the steamer Sequoia, Capt. George Winkler, reached Astoria. This is a dangerous point, and it was about this place that the Montserrat and the Keeweenaw were lost several weeks ago. Capt. Yates says that the vessel had been swept off during the first sea she encountered. The hatches would probably be stayed in and the boiler rooms filled with water. The finding of the medicine chest in evidence, in his mind, that she has gone down, as this was kept below in the cabin.

**MARINE NOTES.**  
Tug "Chiefman, Capt. Geo. Cunningham, is down from the North again for her regular winter steaming. Capt. Cunningham says the winter season is a continuation of bad weather in the North as has prevailed this winter. The Hazelton and Monte Cristo, of the Cunningham fleet, are in winter quarters on the Skeena, and the captain states that on re-entering the service an effort will be made to operate them on a more regular schedule than they have heretofore run on.

Schooner Arilla, the vessel which put to the rescue of the crew of the bark Highland Light, has arrived at anchor in the bay. The vessel had a stormy passage up from Hesquilt, which port she left on the 6th. She is a Seattle owned craft. Some few days ago she had taken a cargo of 20,000 feet of lumber north to Nome, after discharging which she has been engaged in trading along the coast.

Through having broken a blade off her propeller on the voyage North, the steamer City of Puebla did not arrive from the Golden Gate until yesterday. She brought 31 passengers for this city, in addition to considerable freight. Nothing of the missing collier Matteawan was seen on the trip.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha steamer Shinano sails to-morrow for the Orient, and will call here as usual for Victoria freight and passengers. The Tosa Maru, of the same line, will be due from the Orient the following day.

On her last trip from the Fraser the steamer Princess Louise had a very large freight made up, having carried an anchor valley produce. Steamer Champion is also in from the Fraser to-day with a full load of hay, which when last here was looking for a scow load of Lenora ore, lost in a storm off Point Wilson, is in again to-day with a scow load of fish.

No route has yet been assigned the steamer Victorian, which is still undergoing repairs on the Sound, but it is believed that she will be again placed on the coast.

Steamer Amur's next schedule sailing date falling on Christmas Day, the C. P. N. Company has decided to hold her over until the following day.

Steamer Cottage City will be due to arrive here from the Sound on her way to Alaska ports to-morrow.

**RETURNED FROM EAST.**  
Bishop Orth Back After Visiting the Leading Cities of the States and Canada.

Bishop Orth, who has been away on an extensive trip East, combining business with pleasure, returned this morning. He made the journey in company with Most Rev. Archbishop Christie, of Portland, Oregon. Together they visited the leading cities of both Canada and the United States, and inspected the modern methods of education in the lower as well as higher branches. Among the cities visited were Chicago, New York, Boston, Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa. The various educational institutions, including the University of Washington, D. C., and that of Ottawa, Canada, and their respective methods of education, were thoroughly examined. The various convents were inspected, and many interesting features of the higher studies for women were looked into and highly appreciated.

Bishop Orth also paid his respects to the various departments of the Dominion government while at Ottawa. He was accompanied by a number of intelligent gentlemen of the highest rank and was surprised to find them so well posted regarding the sources of wealth in the Dominion. The Bishop recognizes, as is known to all, that these leading cities of the East in Canada, as well as the United States, are great centers of commercial life, yet in his investigations he also noticed that religious life was in the ascendancy. Church schools and hospitals are springing up on all sides, and are generously supported by the public.

The object of the trip of the Bishop to the East, from a business standpoint, was to enquire into and investigate the methods which have been adopted in Eastern educational institutions. He is ambitious to see such an institution established on the coast, and it is understood, is making preliminary steps towards that end. In conversation this morning he expressed the hope of soon seeing in four miles the realization of some of the Eastern systems in educational institutions.

**SWEET CAPORAL CIGARETTES.**  
PICKING THE NOSE is a common symptom of worms. Mothers who suspect their child is troubled with worms should administer Dr. Low's Worm Syrup. It is pleasant, safe and effectual.

Ireland continues to far outdistance all other European countries in crimelessness. Official statistics for the past year just published show a decrease of 10.9 per cent. in minor offences, as compared with the preceding year.

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**THE BOERS AT ST. HELENA.**  
Those Imprisoned There Have Learned Lessons of Humility From "Tommy Atkins."

Most of the Boers when captured by the British were ragged, dirty and unkempt. In these respects a great improvement has been effected at St. Helena. The old clothes have been burnt and new ones supplied. They are not made according to West End fashion, but they are clean and comfortable. It is unfortunately true that the demand for soap is still very small at the camp, but many of the prisoners—so strong is the force of example and association—have learned to imitate the scrupulous cleanliness of "Tommy Atkins." Even a barber's shop has been installed in the camp, and the patronage has grown steadily. General Crooke, who sees a long way from the Deadwood camp, is stated to have improved his wardrobe considerably during his residence in the island. He wears a frock coat and a tall hat on Sunday, while Mrs. Crooke, whose garments when she was confined in a modest pillow shop, is well supplied by a local dressmaker. "On Sundays," to quote one of the Gloucesters, "she comes out in tip-top style, with a silk dress and patent leather boots." It is satisfactory to know that the Boers are very careful with the clothes supplied to them by a paternal government. The only woman prisoner on the island is Mrs. Crooke, and as she is unequal to the repairs of so large a family, the men have to undertake the duty for themselves. Except in the departments of farming and button-holing they proved the merit of their workmanlike and big sewing machine, which has been supplied to the camp, and by an ingenious windmill arrangement, devised by a prisoner with a natural bent for mechanical novelties, the motive power is actually supplied by the fresh breezes which constantly blow across the sea girt isle.

The military discipline is apparently the mildest form of despotism consistent with the preservation of the welfare of the camp generally. "They can get up when they like," to quote the words of the guards, "they can eat when they like, and they can go to bed when they like." Many rise before daybreak and commence making the inevitable coffee. A little later the Boers, some in small groups and others individually, begin singing the

Hymns and Psalms

with which it is their custom to preface the day's work. Some of the old Doppers are reported with a little of other national instruments, with which they lead the singing of their compatriots. In addition to the nationalities already enumerated, there are English, Scotch and Irish among the exiles, and it is a melancholy fact that these exiles are induced to erect the stone Boers in their morning devotions, though they attend the more formal services held in camp every Sunday. Every Thursday an officer, accompanied by a guard of 100 men, enters the enclosure in order to do the roll, but with this exception the privacy of the prisoners' domain is rarely invaded. The Gloucesters state that the Boers have proved themselves to be very industrious in St. Helena. Many have worked for the local farmers, and a big sewing machine have employed themselves profitably in some small industry, such as stick, pipe and basket making. Large numbers are allowed out to leave every day and by special permission can visit Jamestown. Little has been stated by the press in regard to the sale of luxuries, and even a pawnbroker's establishment has recently been added to the strange city of tents and bivouac tents.

Even in St. Helena the prisoners have been divided into two classes, the hostiles and the non-hostiles. The trouble being apparently owing to the distribution of a circular which bore the signature of the men who were in favor of taking

The Oath of Allegiance.

Those who assented became targets for the reproaches and persecution of their fellows who advocated the continuance of the war. It seems impossible to obtain a true estimate of the strength of the rival parties, but the belligerents were certainly the most demonstrative. To such an extent did the quarrel go that the huts of two or three of the posse party were burnt and the inhabitants assaulted. Finally, the authorities decided to allow those prisoners desiring protection to leave the enclosure and set up another camp outside. About 20 of the ring-leaders, including the notorious Eloff, were taken to High Knoll Fort, and there subjected to more rigid discipline. Offences in camp, generally speaking, are punished by bread and water diet or confinement to a tent outside the enclosure. The latter is not popular, seeing that such entertainments as take place—sports of various kinds, concerts, sing-songs and even boxing—are confined to the arena within the barred wire. Letters, papers and parcels are received by the prisoners, but everything intended either for the camp or for South Africa must necessarily be submitted to the staff of censors. The interchange of correspondence between the prisoners and their friends outside, to say nothing of the facilities enjoyed in the island, enable the camp to be the centre of the war fairly well. It is encouraging to know that the majority of the prisoners are convinced that they have lost the fight, though there exists a considerable number in their ranks who persist in believing that the day of their deliverance "as a nation" may still be

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**What Visitors Say of Wellers' Immense Establishment—A Dazzling Array of Xmas Stocks on Hand.**

"Wellers' great store resembles one of London's establishments," said some visitors the other day, as they passed from department to department viewing the splendid display of fine furniture, carpets, Oriental goods and draperies, and the unlimited range of the most modern in china, silverware, cutlery, crockery, etc.

At this season of the year Wellers Bros. always make a special effort to meet the many demands of their patrons, but they have styled this year's previous effort in the magnificent display of Christmas goods which fill their show-rooms and occupy hundreds of feet of shelving.

The first floor is given up to the showing of artistic glassware, German china, Libbey's cut glass, the finest products of the leading English potteries, sterling silver and plated goods, beautiful cutlery in cases, and a host of other things (within the reach of everybody), making up a superb collection. On the second floor is to be seen a beautiful range of curtains—English, French and Swiss; Oriental rugs, rich in color, handsome in design, and rare in the state of the market is never known until an actual sale takes place. The results are immediately telegraphed to the sealing officers here, so that as soon as the sales to-morrow are over, they will know here what results they bring.

The third and fourth floors contain a unique stock of stylish furniture, including some very superior "Dutch designs" in black oak, handsome upholstered parlour suits, odd chairs, cabinets, desks and a very superior line of elegant sideboards, hutch-burgles, go-carts, chairs, etc., in large variety. In fact from the gigantic stock contained within the walls of Wellers' Canada's largest and best equipped complete home furnishing establishment, the hundreds who will crowd the entire building during Christmas week will discover that there is no place in town where such excellent goods are offered, and where the selection is unlimited.

The store has been decorated, and will be open every night for the convenience of the public.

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Bishop Orth also paid his respects to the various departments of the Dominion government while at Ottawa. He was accompanied by a number of intelligent gentlemen of the highest rank and was surprised to find them so well posted regarding the sources of wealth in the Dominion. The Bishop recognizes, as is known to all, that these leading cities of the East in Canada, as well as the United States, are great centers of commercial life, yet in his investigations he also noticed that religious life was in the ascendancy. Church schools and hospitals are springing up on all sides, and are generously supported by the public.

The object of the trip of the Bishop to the East, from a business standpoint, was to enquire into and investigate the methods which have been adopted in Eastern educational institutions. He is ambitious to see such an institution established on the coast, and it is understood, is making preliminary steps towards that end. In conversation this morning he expressed the hope of soon seeing in four miles the realization of some of the Eastern systems in educational institutions.

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**THE BOERS AT ST. HELENA.**  
Those Imprisoned There Have Learned Lessons of Humility From "Tommy Atkins."

Most of the Boers when captured by the British were ragged, dirty and unkempt. In these respects a great improvement has been effected at St. Helena. The old clothes have been burnt and new ones supplied. They are not made according to West End fashion, but they are clean and comfortable. It is unfortunately true that the demand for soap is still very small at the camp, but many of the prisoners—so strong is the force of example and association—have learned to imitate the scrupulous cleanliness of "Tommy Atkins." Even a barber's shop has been installed in the camp, and the patronage has grown steadily. General Crooke, who sees a long way from the Deadwood camp, is stated to have improved his wardrobe considerably during his residence in the island. He wears a frock coat and a tall hat on Sunday, while Mrs. Crooke, whose garments when she was confined in a modest pillow shop, is well supplied by a local dressmaker. "On Sundays," to quote one of the Gloucesters, "she comes out in tip-top style, with a silk dress and patent leather boots." It is satisfactory to know that the Boers are very careful with the clothes supplied to them by a paternal government. The only woman prisoner on the island is Mrs. Crooke, and as she is unequal to the repairs of so large a family, the men have to undertake the duty for themselves. Except in the departments of farming and button-holing they proved the merit of their workmanlike and big sewing machine, which has been supplied to the camp, and by an ingenious windmill arrangement, devised by a prisoner with a natural bent for mechanical novelties, the motive power is actually supplied by the fresh breezes which constantly blow across the sea girt isle.

The military discipline is apparently the mildest form of despotism consistent with the preservation of the welfare of the camp generally. "They can get up when they like," to quote the words of the guards, "they can eat when they like, and they can go to bed when they like." Many rise before daybreak and commence making the inevitable coffee. A little later the Boers, some in small groups and others individually, begin singing the

Hymns and Psalms

with which it is their custom to preface the day's work. Some of the old Doppers are reported with a little of other national instruments, with which they lead the singing of their compatriots. In addition to the nationalities already enumerated, there are English, Scotch and Irish among the exiles, and it is a melancholy fact that these exiles are induced to erect the stone Boers in their morning devotions, though they attend the more formal services held in camp every Sunday. Every Thursday an officer, accompanied by a guard of 100 men, enters the enclosure in order to do the roll, but with this exception the privacy of the prisoners' domain is rarely invaded. The Gloucesters state that the Boers have proved themselves to be very industrious in St. Helena. Many have worked for the local farmers, and a big sewing machine have employed themselves profitably in some small industry, such as stick, pipe and basket making. Large numbers are allowed out to leave every day and by special permission can visit Jamestown. Little has been stated by the press in regard to the sale of luxuries, and even a pawnbroker's establishment has recently been added to the strange city of tents and bivouac tents.

Even in St. Helena the prisoners have been divided into two classes, the hostiles and the non-hostiles. The trouble being apparently owing to the distribution of a circular which bore the signature of the men who were in favor of taking

The Oath of Allegiance.

Those who assented became targets for the reproaches and persecution of their fellows who advocated the continuance of the war. It seems impossible to obtain a true estimate of the strength of the rival parties, but the belligerents were certainly the most demonstrative. To such an extent did the quarrel go that the huts of two or three of the posse party were burnt and the inhabitants assaulted. Finally, the authorities decided to allow those prisoners desiring protection to leave the enclosure and set up another camp outside. About 20 of the ring-leaders, including the notorious Eloff, were taken to High Knoll Fort, and there subjected to more rigid discipline. Offences in camp, generally speaking, are punished by bread and water diet or confinement to a tent outside the enclosure. The latter is not popular, seeing that such entertainments as take place—sports of various kinds, concerts, sing-songs and even boxing—are confined to the arena within the barred wire. Letters, papers and parcels are received by the prisoners, but everything intended either for the camp or for South Africa must necessarily be submitted to the staff of censors. The interchange of correspondence between the prisoners and their friends outside, to say nothing of the facilities enjoyed in the island, enable the camp to be the centre of the war fairly well. It is encouraging to know that the majority of the prisoners are convinced that they have lost the fight, though there exists a considerable number in their ranks who persist in believing that the day of their deliverance "as a nation" may still be

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BENEFITING HUMANITY. President Roosevelt seems to distrust their steel trust bonds of Andrew Carnegie, the millionaire. Andrew thinks he can make people happy by educating them and supplying them with plenty of reading matter. He has given away millions for the establishment of libraries in Europe and America; he has donated some more millions for the benefit of the universities of Scotland, his native land, and he would like to be allowed the privilege of establishing a great university in the United States. This latter he would make a "higher" institution—one to which men who had seen the highest pinnacle of common day-confering schools could resort for the purpose of essaying a still more lofty flight. Johns Hopkins established a school for such a purpose in Baltimore, but it has come short of the ideals of its founder and in some respects has fallen to the common level. Mr. Carnegie evidently thinks he can improve upon this by making the nation the trustee of his university and in a sense responsible for its work. President Roosevelt is not an enthusiast upon anything but hunting, and would prefer ten millions in cash to ten millions in steel trust bonds before he commits the nation to Mr. Carnegie's scheme. This does not imply that the President has made up his mind to smash the trusts. He probably knows that a great part of the ten millions of steel is water and remembers that water is a very unstable thing and liable to run away. The trusts are not popular on either side of the Atlantic. They may be attacked at any time on the orders of the people either through reciprocity treaties or a general reduction of the tariff. Therefore the President does not feel called upon to commit the nation to a scheme for the advancement of higher culture which may involve great financial obligations. He prefers the ten millions in gold to ten millions in bonds. He is a wise man. Perhaps he has no faith in the millionaire's scheme to make men happy. The book worm is not always the happiest man. Men who toil with their hands under the "great canopy of heaven" enjoy life most and get most out of it. Their appetites are always good; they are never troubled with "the after effects of a hearty meal" nor impelled to take the precaution of swallowing an aid to digestion afterwards. They sleep at night untroubled by visions and they rise in the morning full of vigor. They may occasionally regard with feelings of envy their brothers who hunt offices and appear neither to toil nor spin. But they do not know all things. They do not know that it is said these office-hunters must in their children return to the original occupation of man or their names will disappear from the earth. Observers of the processes of nature say such is true of life in the cities of the United States at all events. In a lesser degree it is no doubt true of all the world. Human happiness can only be increased by lessening crime against humanity. The education of the com-

mon schools and of the press is creating a state of public opinion which will make a declaration of war by one nation against another impossible. If old national quarrels and old feuds were not exploited and exaggerated and old prejudices aggravated by a distortion of facts in alleged school histories the arrival of the day of universal national peace would be much accelerated. The newspapers daily contain the lesson that the way of the transgressor is hard; perhaps the time will come when he will have learned the lesson that it is not well to transgress. The institution of higher culture will accomplish none of these things. If Mr. Carnegie were to direct his energies and his millions to the work of creating sanatoriums and hospitals he would be providing institutions which would greatly lessen the sum of human suffering. It is questionable whether his present course will greatly increase the sum of human happiness.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS. A short time ago the Times ventured to predict that the Aldermanic Board would not be returned by acclamation this year. It is already assured that it will not be, and it is well that it should not be. There is nothing like competition to keep men and institutions up to time. We are really afraid that when the time comes which some people look eagerly forward to when governments shall own and conduct all undertakings and all people shall be reduced to one dead level that the nations of the earth may become nations of degenerates. But this is a controversial point, and it would be the part of wisdom to let it wait.

Four good men have already cast their votes into the municipal political arena. They are Messrs. Grahame, Luxton, Barnard and Worthington. These are men of standing; good business men. No doubt their example will be followed by others, and if some of the members of the present board offer for re-election the ratepayers will have the opportunity of making an excellent selection. The present council has done good work for two years. It has been progressive in its ideas and active in carrying them out. Some of us think a section of it got a little off the track in its judgment upon the Point Ellice bridge question. Peculiar circumstances made that a difficult and perplexing subject to handle. All the men most fitted to transact the business of the ratepayers were not on the popular side of that question by any means. The public should not be carried away by the wave of antagonism that embroiled has arisen. It should retain its composure and be in a frame of mind when election day comes to exercise a wise discrimination in selecting the best men who present themselves.

A PHILANTHROPIST GOVERNOR. The Governor of Illinois, no doubt with the best intentions in the world, has issued a proclamation calling attention to the destitute and helpless condition of Boer women and children and other non-combatants now confined in British military camps in South Africa, and calling upon all charitably disposed and humane citizens of Illinois to contribute money, medicine, food and clothing for the use of the sick and needy prisoners in these camps. This is the result of the preachings of some Boer "ministers of the Gospel" who have been touring the United States and whose appeals have excited the ridicule of the better class of American newspapers. If the money called for be forthcoming the food and clothing may not be so far as the "envoys" are concerned. Even some of the sober-minded American papers appear to have been deceived by the lurid word pictures of these preachers. We find the St. Paul Pioneer-Press publishing a cartoon of General Kitchener sitting in front of his tent, with a Boer graveyard filled to overflowing with tombstones as a background, consulting the works of Weyler on concentration camps. General Weyler concentrated the inhabitants of Cuba and left them to feed and clothe themselves. The British attend to all the wants of the campers and they are probably living more sumptuously than they have ever been accustomed to. A correspondent wrote to the London Chronicle some particulars of a visit to these camps of destitution and disease. His letter was quoted with approval by the New York Times, which, in common with many of its contemporaries, was evidently only too ready to believe the worst that could be said by demagogic Boer preachers of the treatment of the refugees. The writer says: "The Johannesburg camp is a useful one to visit, as the poorest classes are interned here, and the child of the redoubt may be studied in his most primitive simplicity. The first sound which greeted me was the laughter of hundreds of Boer boys and girls playing about during the twenty minutes' interval in morning school. A healthier and merrier set of young ragamuffins I have never seen. The camp is pitched on and near the race course, whose buildings are used as hospital, dwellings and kitchens. The grand stand is employed for a purpose which its builders little anticipated. It is the camp school, and here in the open air, and in view of a wide prospect of hill and dale, young Transvaal enjoys the advantages, mostly for the first time, of regular school life and discipline. Very few of them speak anything but Dutch, but I am glad to say they are all learning the elements of English. Instruction is given simultaneously in the Dutch and English mediums. Subtract,

subtract," says the teacher, and then translates the word into Dutch—English twice, Dutch once. The children are learning English in the best possible way—through the ear. Lots of them who cannot speak English can repeat bits of English verse, or nursery rhymes such as "Little Jack Horner sat in a corner." Teachers at home might learn valuable lessons from the method employed in these improvised schools of the burgher camps. Every camp is the centre of an active, religious life. The grand stand here is also the church, and a Dutch Reformed pastor holds weekly Dutch services. There is a kerkraad, or Presbytery, formed of the men who have held such positions before they entered the camp. "I was particularly struck with the beauty of many of the children. They are nearly all of the poor bygone class, but the many Hugenoot names explain to some extent those marks of good birth which hard living and poverty have not been able to obliterate. I must not be uncomplimentary, but I question whether a chance collection of four thousand English people in such an improvised canvas tent would show us so high a standard of health and beauty among its children. The hospitals are roomy and clean, the death rate is very low, and the cases of typhoid, scarlet fever, and so forth, are nearly always of a mild type. There is one matter to which I must allude. Scarcely a day goes in South Africa, and no doubt, home, about the morality of these camps. These stories I find either grossly exaggerated or entirely baseless. Among so many refugees there must necessarily be some loose characters, but the moral standard of the camps is no means low. A special permit is necessary to visit the camps, and I was able to do so only by virtue of a letter from the central authority in Pretoria. "The food supplied in the camps is excellent; indeed, after living for a week in Pretoria and Johannesburg on an execrable diet at ruinous prices, I regarded the camp stories of plain and plentiful food with rather envious eyes. This diet can be supplemented at very cheap prices at the stores, which is a feature of all the camps. Large quantities of clothing are distributed freely, and the superintendent informed me that 17,000 yards of flannel were being supplied since the camp was started. "I do not say that these camps are luxurious, but there is no doubt that a large percentage of the refugees have never enjoyed so many comforts before, and I believe that both the moral and physical condition of the people is being rather improved than injured by their temporary residence in these settlements."

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ON SALE TUESDAY MANTLE DEPARTMENT. 81 Rainy-Day Shirts, made of Homespun, stitched seams, with ten rows of stitching on bottom. Regular \$1.50. Tuesday, \$2.50. French Costume Modes at reduced prices! \$50 costumes for \$27.50. (A handsome gift for little money.)

MEN'S AND BOYS' DEPARTMENT. House Jackets, \$2.50 to \$15.00. Men's Hats, the latest styles, \$2 and \$2.50. New Oxford Muffs, 75c., \$1.00 and \$1.25. Dress Shirt Protectors, with collars, \$1.50 and \$1.75. Men's Fancy Silk Ties. See the latest styles and patterns. Men's Braces, from 25c. to \$5.00. Suit Cases, Suit Bags, and Dressing Cases, \$2.50 to \$35.00. Some specially nice filled bags.

Xmas Gifts AT FIT-REFORM. The festive season is almost here—something more tangible than greetings—would be acceptable to those who are near and dear to us—what say you? "Fit-Reform Smoking Jackets". Handsomely made, large variety in Cloth, Silk, Brocades, and fancy patterns—"Call" pleasure to show them. Umbrellas for Ladies and Gentlemen. A choice assortment Neckwear, Fancy Vests, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Straps, etc., specially imported for Xmas trade. FIT-REFORM CLOTHING. This brand was made in the factory. THE HANDSOMEST PIANO IN BRITISH COLUMBIA. IS THE GERHARD HEINTZMAN. Now on view at our warehouses. For beauty of finish and tone, as well as durability and style. It has positively No Equal. Terms reasonable, at Fletcher Bros., 93 GOVERNMENT STREET. VICTORIA THEATRE. Robt. Jamieson, Mgr. WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18. A continuous laugh, the sterling English Comedian, MR. HARRY BERESFORD. Under the sole management J. J. Coeman, in Geo. H. Broadbent's best Farce Comedy, The Wrong Mr. Wright. Prices, \$1.00, 75c., 50c. and 25c. Seats on sale at the Victoria-Book & Stationery Store, Monday morning.

Third Continuation of the Vogel College Advertisement. What we said previously circulates our methods of training for business. We are similarly systematic and use practical methods in teaching shorthand and typewriting. We teach Isaac Pitman's system of shorthand, and are their direct correspondents. We employ one teacher for shorthand and one for typewriting, and the consequence is each branch is given special and particular attention. As shorthand is English written phonetically, it is apt to be destructive to the spelling of the average student. However, we have in our employ two first-class teachers, who lay their efforts concentrically on this—both of these teachers are of the highest standing, one of these being a B. A. of the Toronto and the other a B. A. of McGill University. Of course these teachers do not confine themselves to the teaching of spelling, but give instruction in mathematics and grammar, etc., as well. Our students are watched carefully from every point of view, and this is absolutely necessary if we would have them thoroughly competent. Then, too, we realize that to point out just here the mistake that so many people make, especially ladies, induced by the advertisements of private teachers, they fall into the mistake of believing that all they require to place a daughter in a position to teach is to teach her shorthand, forgetting that after all shorthand is only a way of writing English useful and competent in a business office the fact that she is able to write English fast will not aid her, or very slightly, in obtaining employment. Ladies who understand shorthand and typewriting only can, as a matter of course, do no other work, and can enter only those offices where they have so much correspondence that they lawyer's offices are very scarce. Merchants' offices are very plentiful, but a merchant, even a busy merchant, cannot keep a stenographer employed continually, and demands other knowledge than the ability to write shorthand. (To be continued next week.)

XMAS. Less than two weeks till Christmas, and think of all that is to be done. For several years this store has provided for your wants. Never have we been better prepared to serve you with a larger Xmas stock and greater variety, all well and carefully bought. Only by a personal visit can you get any idea what we have for you. Our goods are within the reach of every purse. NOW IS THE BEST TIME TO COME and make your selection before the best things are sold out. You can do it more quietly and get better attention. Let the children come with you and gladden their young hearts. BOX BONES. XMAS STOCKINGS. ROYAL MIXED CANDIES, 2 lbs. for 10c. to \$1.00. ORIENTAL CANDIES, per lb. 25c. HAND MADE CHOCOLATE, per lb. 25c. MEXICAN FIGS, 3 boxes for 25c. MIXED NUTS, per lb. 25c. PURE NATIVE PORT, 25c. For extra Table Fruits, try the J. H. Fleckenger Co.'s goods. We have them. The Saunders Grocery Co., Ltd. PHONE 22. 39 AND 41 JOHNSON STREET.



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Are numerous in our big stock of Perfumes, Toilet Articles, Mirrors, Fancy Leather and Celluloid Goods, Atomizers, Etc.

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This Oil gives a bright and clean light, is far superior to any other on the market. It stands the highest government test for brilliancy and non-explosiveness. If you are not satisfied with the oil you are burning, give

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XMAS PERFUMES

Now is the time to select your presents, with our stock is large. We carry the best French, American and Canadian makes.

HALL & CO., DISPENSING CHEMISTS, Clarence Block, Cor. Yates and Douglas Sts.

Toy Books from 5c each to \$3, at Victoria Book & Stationery Co., Ltd.

Don't miss getting a share in the Exploration Co. before the Blakeley sale.

Perrin's Kid Gloves at The White House. \$1.00 pair, guaranteed.

For Xmas: An easy chair or a foot-stool is just the thing. All kinds at Smith & Champion's.

A meeting of the directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital will be held in the board of trade rooms at 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening.

The favorite route from this city to Nanaimo is now by the Victoria & Sidney railway and steamer Ingotia. Train leaves every Monday and Thursday at 7 a.m. Single fare \$1.50. Return, good for ten days, \$2.50.

Tom and Jerry and hot free lunch at Steele's Saloon, Bastion Square.

The following promotions have been made by the head master of the Collegiate school: From Lower Fifth to Upper Fifth, James; from Fourth to Lower Fifth, Bely; from Upper Second to Third, Spencer H. Stebbins; from Lower Second to Upper Second, Stoddart, Bendroit, Lawson; from First to Lower Second, Fletcher. The Easter term will commence on Monday, January 6th, 1902, at 2.30 p. m.

Another New Concern.—The store at the corner of Douglas and Johnson streets has been taken by the "Direct Importing Tea & Coffee Company." Their motto "From the Garden to the Teapot" is self explanatory. By importing from the gardens of the Orient direct and supplying the consumer in a like manner, they intend by saving the hundred and one middleman's profits, to offer the public of Victoria and vicinity the choicest teas of the Orient at 25c. per lb.

The department of mines has just completed an album of views of this island, the Kootenays and the far northern portions of the province, taken by Provincial Assayer C. Maclean's Professional Mineralogist Robertson and P. W. Val-lean, respectively. The last named are particularly interesting, because they are of a territory which is practically unknown, and were obtained on Mr. Val-lean's long trip to Fort McLeod this summer. The views along the Parsnip and Peace rivers—indeed, almost all the streams those northern rivers are, while some of the water powers are stupendous.

There is being prepared at the department of immigration and information a magnificent album of British Columbia views, which is to be sent to the office of the agent general at London. There are over 500 in all, and these are divided into sections, illustrating the mining, farming and fishing of the province, and other departments of industry. The views have been enlarged to a uniform size by Fleming Bros., and are enclosed in a patent form, allowing of each sheet being detached if necessary. The preparation of the volume has entailed a great deal of work on the department, but will form a most attractive advertisement for the province.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Ann Keeler and her little three-year-old child who were burned to death on Friday took place Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Old William Keeler is not in custody, but he is lodging at the police station for the present. He leaves in the morning and returns about noon. In fact he goes in and out when he wants to. Yesterday he brought back a couple of prizes in the shape of decayed cabbages, which he had gathered in his rambles. It is reported from his story and the position of the bodies that Mrs. Keeler was in the act of rescuing her child when overcome. It is altogether probable that an application will be made for the old man's admittance into the Old Men's Home at Kamloops.

Last evening a meeting of the barbers of the city was held at Oliver's shop for the purpose of organizing a branch of the International Union. There was a good attendance, and G. T. Hamf was elected to the chair. J. Group was chosen secretary, and preliminary steps were taken. The secretary was instructed to make application immediately for a charter. Delegates to the trades and labor council were elected in the persons of J. Monk and Wm. Bradford. The session was most successful, all the principal business of the city being represented. Among those present were J. Logan, president of the trades and labor council, and T. W. Twigg, organizer for the American Federation of Labor. The barbers of Victoria have on several previous occasions made attempts to organize, but have hitherto been unsuccessful. It is understood that as soon as organization is complete steps will be taken to raise the prices of all shops to the standard of 25c. for hair cutting and 15c. for shaving.

The attendance at the drill hall concert Saturday evening was, as usual, very good. The programme was a carefully selected one, and the various numbers brought out well deserved applause. A matinee will be given next Saturday afternoon, commencing at 2.30 o'clock, when the band will present Capt. Chas. Beach, whose subsequent performance of eating, drinking, smoking, writing and feigning sleep while under water is said to be truly novel and interesting. A special programme for the children is being prepared for the concert, at which the usual price of admission will be charged.

To-morrow night in Temperance hall something new in the way of entertainment will be given entitled "A Dairy-mid's Supper." The first part will consist of choruses, solos and duets by well known amateur vocalists of Victoria in costume representing the various occupations on the farm, such as the farmer, farmer's wife, milkmaid and milkman, introducing representations of "milk-cans," "pump" and "chalk." After the musical part is concluded the various performers, in their costumes, will serve such fruits and products of farm, orchard and dairy as are in season, with coffee. The music is bright and sparkling, and there is lots of wholesome fun and amusement. A special feature will be the milkmaid's drill and chorus. A large audience is expected to attend.

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CITY SHOE HOUSE, Old Westside. 70 Government St.

Christmas Preparations A LUCKY BUY We have been fortunate in securing a manufacturer's set of Sample Overcoats At twenty per cent. off their regular selling price. Their traveler had been showing these goods in British Columbia, and having no further use for them he sold the coats to us at the above figure rather than take them back. 25 per cent. off and no freight is equal to 25 per cent. off. We will sell these goods at makers' prices, and make our usual profit on them. Samples are always finished in the very best manner. Do you want an overcoat? Now is your chance. McCandless Bros. 37 Johnson Street, Victoria, B.C.

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THE WESTSIDE VICTORIA'S POPULAR STORE DECEMBER 16, 1901. Santa Fights Bears



SANTA'S FOURTH LETTER. TOP-OF-THE-ROOKIES. DEAR MR. MANAGER: I had a splendid night's rest after my fight with the Bears, and got up bright and early this morning, fed, and groomed my deer, when all at once I noticed the tracks of bears in the snow round where the deer were stabled. I was not long in finding them out. You know bears are very bold when hungry. I was afraid they would attack the deer and give me trouble. I jumped on my GATLING GUN and took the sleighs in tow. In a moment or two I saw five or six big ugly bears making straight for me. I have faced many bears in my time, but these were the worst I ever had to fight. I chased away at them with my Gatling Gun and soon cleared my way. I counted five old fellows struggling in the water and on the ice. I have a straight run now for Victoria, and hope to get there on Tuesday or Wednesday. With lots of love to all my dear little friends, believe me, Your Faithful Old Friend, SANTA CLAUS. P. S.—Ask all the children to write to me and post their letters in the Big Red Letter Box. I will answer them when I get to THE GROTTO. Will telegraph you at my next stop.

XMAS GIFT HINTS Kid Glove Novelties "Kid Gloves" as Xmas Gifts to lady friends are sure of a warm welcome. Make your selections now. THE VICTORIA FRENCH SUEDE GLOVES, in Tan, Brown, Grey, 75c Beaver and Black. SPECIAL. EXTRA FINE FRENCH KID GLOVES, every pair guaranteed, in all the new shades. SPECIAL. 90c. \$1.20. \$1.50

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WEATHER BULLETIN. Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 16, 5 a. m.—Since Saturday another high pressure area has moved in from the ocean and now covers the North Pacific Coast and eastward to Manitoba. It is causing generally fair weather over the western portion of the continent. Freezing temperatures prevail on the Mainland and sharp frosts have again occurred in California. The winds are light on the Coast from Vancouver Island to San Francisco. The temperature is still 10 below zero in Manitoba, and has risen to 10 above in Alberta.

Forecasts. For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Tuesday. Victoria and vicinity—Light or moderate winds, mostly cloudy, not much change in temperature. Lower Mainland—Light variable winds, mostly cloudy, not much change in temperature.

Reports. Victoria—Barometer, 30.40; temperature, 37; minimum, 37; wind, calm; weather, cloudy. New Westminster—Barometer, 30.52; temperature, 32; minimum, 32; wind, calm; weather, cloudy. Kamloops—Barometer, 30.56; temperature, 24; minimum, 20; wind, 4 miles N. W.; weather, cloudy. San Francisco—Barometer, 30.26; temperature, 44; minimum, 44; wind, 2 miles S.; weather, clear.

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TOOK HIS LIFE BY HANGING HIMSELF

MISSING MAN'S BODY WAS FOUND YESTERDAY

J. W. Fleming, a Local Stonecutter, Sought Relief From Financial Troubles in Death.

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of John W. Fleming, the stonecutter and contractor, of 34 North Chatham street, who was reported to the police on Saturday night as missing, was explained yesterday about noon. The body of the unfortunate man was found between 12 and 1 o'clock hanging to a tree in the vicinity of the bear pit, Benson Hill. He had evidently committed suicide.

It was late on Saturday night that the police were notified of the non-return of Mr. Fleming, and the anxiety of his relatives and friends. He had left his home as usual in the morning, and was last seen as far as could be learned at his stone yard at the foot of Esquimaux street overlooking the harbor.

He was very steady in his habits and temperate, and to a great many of his acquaintances the cause of his self-destruction is as profound a mystery as his disappearance when first reported. It is understood, however, that financial troubles preyed upon his mind.

THE CIVIC ELECTIONS.

Indications Point to a Lively Fight For Seats at the Aldermanic Board.

The forthcoming municipal election promises to be one of the liveliest in the history of the city. The discussion over the bridge matter and the interest in the electric-tram system of sewerage has stimulated interest in municipal affairs, and already sufficient candidates are announced, or in prospect, to make a stiff election.

No candidate is yet announced in opposition to the mayor, who is in the field for the third term, but each of the wards have new aspirants for aldermanic honors, in addition to the old aldermen, the majority of whom will seek another term.

In the North Ward Ald. Kinsman, Beckwith and Frydon will all run again, and H. M. Grubbs, who has large interests there, has also consented to offer himself for aldermanic honors.

In the Centre Ald. Ylves will again contest the election, but there is some doubt as to Aldermen Williams and Stewart. The latter's inclination are against again being a candidate.

In the South Ald. Cameron, who received such a heavy vote on the occasion of the last election, will be urged to re-main at the board, while Aldermen Hall and Cooley will also run. G. H. Barnard is the new candidate in the ward.

Something for the "Old Folks" can be purchased at Weiler Bros. at small cost. I think a nice "Elder Down Quilt" will be appropriate at this time of year.

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Bridge, the new card game, at Victoria Book & Stationery Co., Ltd.

The new Christmas neckwear for ladies has arrived at The White House.

Steamer Princess Louise left Vancouver at 1:20, after having connected with the Eastern train.

Jos. Martin, M. P. P., came down last night. He states that he will not contest Victoria in opposition to E. V. Bodwell.

Specials for Xmas Presents.—Our Cans and Umbrellas are especially suitable for Xmas Gifts. Let us lay one aside for you. Chaloner & Mitchell.

Have you yet seen our display of Diamond Rings, Diamond Mounted Jewelry, etc.?

Constable Carson early this afternoon took into custody William Hunter, who was charged with the theft of a pair of gun boots from Joo O'Leary.

The regular examinations of the students of the St. Ann's convent will take place in a few days.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Emmanuel Baptist church will be held a week from Friday, two days after Christmas.

A large collection of our 500 new books, suitable for Christmas presents for old and young, will be sold at auction tomorrow at 11 a.m.

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afternoon, and up to press time was still going on.

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FROM ASIATIC PORTS. Clavering and Argyle Arrive After Very Stormy Voyages From the Orient.

From the second day out from Yokohama, until entering the Straits, the steamer Clavering, of the Dowdell line, which arrived from China and Japan this afternoon, reports very stormy weather.

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STOCK QUOTATIONS. (Published by the B. C. Stock Exchange, Limited.)

New York, Dec. 15.—The following quotations ruled on the Produce Exchange to-day: Chicago Corn, 11,187,000 bu. Open. High. Low. Close.

N. Y. Wheat—May 85 1/2 85 3/4 84 1/2 84 1/2

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World's visible supply—Wheat, 50,350,000 bu. Corn, 1,187,000 bu.

New York, Dec. 15.—The following quotations ruled on the Stock Exchange to-day:

Open. High. Low. Close. American Sugar, 120 1/2 120 1/2 120 1/2 120 1/2

C. M. & St. P., 100 1/2 100 1/2 100 1/2 100 1/2

People's Gas, 98 1/2 98 1/2 98 1/2 98 1/2

Manhattan, 132 1/2 132 1/2 132 1/2 132 1/2

B. H. T., 62 1/2 62 1/2 62 1/2 62 1/2

Union Pacific, 97 1/2 97 1/2 97 1/2 97 1/2

Chicago & North Western, 77 1/2 77 1/2 77 1/2 77 1/2

U. S. Steel, 40 1/2 40 1/2 40 1/2 40 1/2

Southern Pacific, 56 1/2 56 1/2 56 1/2 56 1/2

Missouri Pacific, 102 1/2 102 1/2 102 1/2 102 1/2

Amal. Copper, 65 1/2 65 1/2 65 1/2 65 1/2

Money ranged from 7 per cent. to 4 1/2 per cent.

THE GOVERNOR'S WIFE A PRISONER. Mrs. J. A. Van Laven is the wife of the governor of the county jail, Napas, Oa.

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BIRTHS. McDONALD—At Soda Creek, on Dec. 2nd, the wife of J. A. Fraser, of Queeno, of a son.

EMERSON—At Nelson, on Dec. 11th, Mrs. P. E. Emerson.

MARRIED. FARREL-HANBURY—At Revelstoke, on Dec. 11th, W. E. Farrel and Amy Hanbury, both of Revelstoke.

DECEASED. EMERSON—At Nelson, on Dec. 11th, Mrs. P. E. Emerson.

PATERSON—At Vancouver, on Dec. 13th, Margaret Pateron, relict of the late John N. Pateron, of Partick, Scotland, aged 74.

BURKE—At Vancouver, on Dec. 14th, William Burke, aged 58.

LEGAL NEWS. Mr. Justice Walkers presided in chambers this morning, and disposed of the following applications:

Turner vs. Owl Music Hall Co.—E. Bell, R. C. on behalf of Taylor & Hanington, of Grand Forks, applied for judgment under order XIV. B. U. Goward, on behalf of Macdonald & Heisterman, appeared for the defendants, and stated that as yet no instructions from principals had been received, in view of which His Lordship ordered the matter to stand over until the 18th inst.

Gordon vs. Williams.—W. J. Taylor, K. C., for plaintiff, F. Higgins for defendant. Application to set aside proceedings; stood over until this afternoon.

Re E. F. McDougall, deceased. R. Child, on behalf of the official administrator, obtained an order for letters of administration with will annexed.