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**RETIRED BEFORE
BOER FORCE**

**Kitchener Sends Details of Fight at Nooitge-
dacht, During Which Clements
Had to Fall Back.**

DELAREY COMMANDING THE BURGHERS

**First Attack Was Repulsed, But Enemy Secured a Strong
Position—Four British Officers Killed—Rein-
forcements Sent From Pretoria.**

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 14.—Lord Kitchener re-
ports that after severe fighting at Nooit-
gedacht, General Clements's force was
compelled to retire by Commandant De-
larey, with a force of 2,500 men. Four
British officers were killed. The other
casualties were not reported.

Lord Kitchener's official dispatch to
the war office is as follows:
"Pretoria, Dec. 13.—Clements's force
at Nooitgedacht, on the Magaliesburg,
was attacked at dawn to-day by De-
larey, reinforced by Beyers's commando
from Warmbath, making a force estimat-
ed at twenty-five hundred.

"Though the first attack was repulsed,
the Boers managed to get on top of the
Magaliesburg, which was held by four
companies of the Northumberland Fusil-
liers, and were thus able to command
Clements's camp.

"He retired on Heckpoort and took up
a position on a hill in the centre of the
valley.

"The casualties have not been com-
pletely reported, but the fighting was
very severe, and I deeply regret that Col-
onel Legge, of the Twentieth Hussars
and Captains Macbean, Murdoch and
Atkins were killed.

"Reinforcements have left here."
Lord Kitchener also reports that
the Boers made an attack and
were repulsed at Lichenburg and
that General Lettmer was killed.
Attacks upon Bethlehem and Verde were
also repulsed, the Boers losing ten killed
and fourteen wounded.

Vryheid was attacked on December
11th.
Scenes at War Office.
London, Dec. 14.—The scenes at the

war office to-day recall those witnessed
in the early stages of the war. A con-
stant stream of excited people filled the
lobbies, all seeking details of the dis-
aster.

The absence of the names of any of the
officers of the Northumberland Fusiliers
in Gen. Kitchener's dispatch leads to the
foreboding that the four companies of the
Fusiliers mentioned are in the hands of
the Boers.

The officials of the war office evidently
expect a heavy casualty list, but they
are hopeful, from the fact that the dis-
patch does not mention the capture of the
Northumberlands, that such a great
catastrophe has been escaped.

Orders were issued at Aldershot, Malta
and other military centres this morning
to dispatch all the available mounted
infantry to South Africa.

Botha Near Standerton,
Standerton, Transvaal, Dec. 14.—Gen.
Louis Botha is reported to be twenty
miles from here, with fifteen hundred
men and one gun. He has called a
meeting of the burghers for Saturday.

Tribute to Dewet.
New York, Dec. 14.—Dewet's remark-
able adroitness in eluding pursuit draws
an admiring tribute from a British offi-
cer who was captured by him at Rooders-
burg last spring, says the Tribune's Lon-
don correspondent. He describes the
Boer leader as a tactician and grim
heart, deeply religious, with a warm
heart, easily touched by human suffering.

The British prisoners were treated by
him with much consideration and they
were greatly impressed with his dignity
and ability. As for his burghers, they
fairly worshipped him and were ready
to follow him anywhere.

This British officer regards Dewet as
the greatest guerrilla leader ever known,
and wishes his success on the theory
that there are no traitors in his camp,
and that his men have absolute faith
in him.

May Meet Salisbury.
New York, Dec. 14.—A dispatch to
the Herald from Vienna says: "In well
informed circles in this city the people
are inclined to give credence to private
dispatches from London to the effect that
the conclusion of peace in South Africa
is much nearer than the Boer reports
would lead people to believe. It is re-
garded as quite possible that ex-Presi-
dent Kruger will draw proper conclu-
sions from the course of events in South
Africa, and the experience he has had
in Europe. This would in no way be
a humiliation for him. Reports have
also been received to the effect that
Kruger is trying to arrange an interview
with Lord Salisbury in view of the mod-
eration of Mr. Chamberlain's latest
speech. It is not considered impossible
that such a meeting should take place."

Ready for the Boers.
Lorenzo Marquez, Dec. 14.—The Brit-
ish troops at Kraguat Poort are standing
to arms in the expectation of an attack
by Boer forces of 1,500 which are in
that vicinity.

It is believed to be the intention of
this force to make a dash upon the town.
The situation is regarded as serious.
A force of 150 infantry, a squadron
of cavalry and two guns were dispatch-
ed to the frontier this morning.

Colonel Steele.
Ottawa, Dec. 14.—The military author-
ities know nothing about the reported in-
tention of Colonel Steele, commanding
Strathcona's Horse, to return to South
Africa after bringing his force home.

Sensational Arrest.
London, Dec. 14.—The Capetown cor-
respondent of the Daily Mail reports the
arrest at Worcester, Cape Colony, of
Harold Darrington, alleged to be an
American, on a charge of fomenting an
African rebellion. "The arrest," says
the dispatch, "has made a great sensa-
tion and startling disclosures are prom-
ised."

Nurses Returning.
(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Dec. 14.—The following cable
was received to-day at the militia de-
partment: "Capetown, Dec. 14. Troops
and nurses sailed on the Rosslyn Castle,
Reach Halifax about the 7th. (Signed)
Biggar."

Excellent musical programme at the
drill hall concert, to-morrow night.

STATES AND CANAL.
Comments of London Papers on Action
of Senate.

(Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 14.—There is a noticeable
absence of comment in the afternoon pa-
pers to-day on the action taken by the
United States Senate regarding the Ni-
caragua canal.

The St. James Gazette takes the occa-
sion to lecture the "Jingo Senate" which,
it says, "has again roughly rebuffed the
President and affronted the generosity
of Great Britain." St. James Gazette
further declares that the action of the
senate in "ordaining that one party shall
keep its advantages but that the other
shall not be safeguarded, is impudent,
and if it persists in its ignominiously self-
ish course, Great Britain must fall back on
her rights under the Clayton-Bulwer
treaty, whereby she is entitled to refuse
permission to the United States to build
the canal."

The Pall Mall Gazette says: "British
censure, to the amendment is impossible.
Everything for nothing is not a working
principle."

**Inman's
Ice-Breaker**

**Dominion Government to Be Ask-
ed to Subsidize Vessels for
St. Lawrence.**

**Principal George, of Montreal, to
Visit the West-Railway
Engineer Killed.**

(Associated Press.)
Quebec, Dec. 14.—A special general
meeting of the board of trade, at which
representatives of the corporation of
pilots, all consuls and consular agents
in the city and others interested in the
matter were in attendance, was held yester-
day before whom Capt. Inman, Du-
luth, explained his ice-breaking vessel
for use on the upper lakes and rivers and
Gulf of St. Lawrence. Before conclud-
ing a resolution was passed calling upon
the Dominion government to take steps
towards subsidizing vessels of the Inman
type for the purpose of having winter
navigation on these waters.

The dry goods store of Geo. Brown,
St. Roches, a suburb of this city, was
destroyed by fire last night. The loss
is about \$25,000.

Montreal, Dec. 14.—Rev. Principal
George, of the Congregational college,
Levesville, has expected to be away about
three weeks visiting churches in the
west.

Principal Peterson and other officers
of McGill University are much incensed
at the importance given by some of the
Montreal city press to a little dispute be-
tween second-year graduates and Prof.
McPride. They declare the facts have
been grossly exaggerated; that the mat-
ter was of such a trivial nature that
there was no need for publicity.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Fire this morning
did \$2,500 damage at Barrcliffe, the
former residence of Sir John A. Mac-
donald, now owned by C. A. E. Harris.
The house was being renovated at the
time of the fire.

Hamilton, Dec. 14.—A conference of
workmen called by the Rev. Mr. Gil-
more was held in the lecture hall, James
Street Baptist church last evening.
Questions regarding the non-attendance
of workmen at church were discussed.
It was the opinion of the speaker was all
right and that the church had a message
for workmen, but it was stated that
the churches were not preaching the work-
men because the sermons were not
suitable for that class. The
remedy proposed was to make sermons
more simple and practical.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—P. Richardson, G. T.
R. engineer, was instantly killed yester-
day afternoon by striking his head
against the support of an overhead bridge
on the main line ten miles east of Scar-
boro, while the train was running at a
good speed.

A. Stratton, an old man employed in
the city scavenging department, slipped
and fell under the wheels of his cart
yest. aft. afternoon and died in the gen-
eral hospital.

A strong committee has been formed
to formulate a scheme for the mainte-
nance, in connection with Women's Medi-
cal College, of a woman's hospital for
Ontario, in which all operations shall be
performed by women surgeons and the
resident physicians shall be women.

MURDERED BY MERCHANT.
Who Then Shot Himself and Fell Dead
Over Body of Victim.
(Associated Press.)
Chicago, Dec. 14.—Business rivalry
yesterday caused the death of two Hyde
Park merchants, Joseph Hurlan shot
and killed Thomas Mehan, then turned
the revolver upon himself and fell life-
less over Mehan's dead body. Mehan,
who had been his friend for years, re-
cently quarrelled over a business trans-
action and to-day's tragedy was the re-
sult.

FISHERY CRUISERS.
Action Regarding Purchase Will Prob-
ably Be Delayed Until Parlia-
ment Meets.
(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Dec. 14.—As the amount of
money voted by parliament for British
Columbia cruisers is too small to pur-
chase one of the two cruisers for which
tenders have been received, it is not
likely that anything further can be done
about the matter until parliament meets.

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Unconfirmed Rumor

That a Number of British Troops Have Been Captured by Boers

Ministers Will Be Supported in Making Transvaal Share Cost of War.

London, Dec. 14.—According to a rumor published in the Daily Express, the Boers attacked the camp of General Clements in Barberton district, capturing the camp and killing a number of British officers, and taking prisoners all the British troops, including four companies of the Northumberland Fusiliers. The story is not confirmed in any quarter, and is not generally believed.

Discussing War Loan Bill.

London, Dec. 13.—In the Commons today, during the second reading of the War Loan bill, Sir William Vernon Harcourt lengthily criticized the government's financial proposals. He said the ministers would have strenuous support in making the Transvaal share the cost of the war, but the gold mines were the only source of revenue, and the attitude of the mine owners and capitalists was well known. If the government wished to obtain anything from the Transvaal towards the cost of the war, it would have to face the "Kaffir circus" in South Africa and London, and it would require all the courage of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Colonial Secretary, and all the integrity of parliament to cope with the matter. He continued that, judging from the present prospects, the cost of British rule in the Transvaal and Orange River Colony would be far greater than Boer rule had been. He estimated that Gen. Baden Powell's police would cost £4,000,000 a year, a sum equal to the last Transvaal budget.

Mr. Timothy Healy, Irish Nationalist, asked how much of the new loan was to be floated in Wall Street. He added: "When we have the unscrupulousity of Wall Street on top of us, we shall pay dearly for the small sum saved the country in discount. The whole cost of the war should be placed on the Transvaal."

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach said that possibly the new colonies could not bear any part of the cost of the war for a year or two after the war ended, but he had in mind the nature of development of those who had made the various claims at such periods as would enable the government to bear what burden might be imposed on the Transvaal. In any event, no unreasonable demand would be made. Without expressing a final opinion, he thought that direct taxation of the profits of mines was a question deserving the most careful consideration.

Mr. Broderick, secretary of state for war, announced that the policy of the war office was not to give commands to some of those who had not succeeded with commands in the field.

The supplementary war loan and appropriation bills were then passed to a second reading.

Steel's Command.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—A Star cable from London says: "Lord Strathcona knows nothing of an announcement received today from Capetown that Col. Steele, of Strathcona's Horse, had received a divisional command in Baden-Powell's constabulary. The announcement says he will return to South Africa after taking the Strathconas to Canada. The date that Strathcona's will leave South Africa is undecided, as the period of service is not up till February."

KICKED TO DEATH.

Boy Dragged Along by a Runaway Horse and Battered Beyond Recognition.

(Associated Press.)

Columbus, Ind., Dec. 14.—Dragging at the heels of a frightened horse, a boy named Hall was battered to death yesterday at Mount Liberty, six miles north of Nashville. Two other companions, Hyman and Copenhaver, in a spirit of boyish recklessness, tied young Hall on the horse's back, telling him they would teach him to become a circus rider. They released the horse and struck the horse. The animal took fright and began to run away at a terrific pace. The rider clung to the frightened animal's back for some distance, but in his terror he lost his hold and fell under the horse's hoofs. His horror-stricken companions started in pursuit of the fleeing animal, which was captured nearly a mile away, but not until the rider was kicked and battered beyond recognition.

SWEARING ALLEGIANCE.

(Associated Press.)

Manila, Dec. 14.—From Iloilo it is unofficially reported that the insurgents in that part of the island of Panny are swearing allegiance to the rate of a thousand a day. The arrest of many prominent insurgents started the movement, which seems to be becoming universal at Jaro, Molo, Mandurrito, Arevalo, and Iloilo. Considerable sums of money and large quantities of supplies have been captured by the Americans.

INSPECTING DAIRIES.

Provincial Officer Conducting an Investigation into Complaints Made of Unclean Milk.

J. Gibbins, M. R. C. V. S., provincial veterinary inspector, is in the city on official business. He is making an investigation into the complaints made of unclean milk, and with this object in view has been making a personal inspection of the different dairies. In a number of instances he has found just grounds for complaint, not in the matter of the cleanliness of the stables, although an important essential, but in regard to the milking operations. He found, particularly where Japanese were employed, that the teats and udder of the cow had not been wiped before milking was commenced, and that as a result of this carelessness the complaints had been made. In all stables he has visited he has given strict instructions that clearly laid down must be at once adopted, and threats to take proceedings in future against any whom he finds not complying with the law.

The department of agriculture is about to enact strict legislation on this matter, and it is understood that at the next meeting of the Farmers' Institute the advisability of appointing a milk inspector will be discussed.

Amendment Adopted

United States Will Defend Its Interests in the Nicaragua Canal.

London Chronicle Regards the Action as a Triumph for the Anglophobes.

Washington, Dec. 13.—In accordance with a previous agreement, the senate in executive session took a vote at 3 o'clock today on the amendment to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty authorizing the United States to defend its interests in the canal. The senate did not close its doors until 2 o'clock, and there was then left only one hour's time for the discussion of the provisions of the amendment. The vote was taken by yeas and nays, 65 yeas being cast in favor of the amendment, and 17 against it.

Opinion in London.

London, Dec. 14.—In the House of Commons today, Mr. Henry Norman, Liberal member for South Weymouth, will ask a series of questions with a view of extracting the views of the government on the Nicaragua canal and cognate matters.

The adoption by the United States senate of the Davis amendment to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty yesterday is evidently regarded as far too weighty a matter for hurried comment by the London morning journals. Accordingly the Times and most of the other papers will postpone until to-morrow their editorial treatment of the question in its present phase.

The Daily Chronicle, however, publishes a short note, in which it says: "The news is very serious indeed. It means, in a word, that the jingo and Anglophobe of the United States are to have triumphed, and we are back again where we were at the time of the Venezuela embargo and President Cleveland's insolent and provocative speech. The better feeling manifested during the Spanish-American war has been shaken by pro-Boer sympathy, and it is now swamped by self-interest. The Americans intend to fortify the canal in spite of treaty engagement to the contrary. We cannot possibly stand by and allow the Clayton-Bulwer treaty to be thus unceremoniously set aside. The good relations between the two countries must necessarily be gravely menaced. This is the outcome of McKinley's re-election. Worse could hardly have happened if Bryan had been returned."

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The School Term Ended

Boys of Collegiate Academy Relieved From Their Labors Last Evening.

Eulogistic Comments Made by Visitors on High Standing of Pupils.

Last evening the closing exercises were held in connection with the Collegiate school. Unfortunately the Lieutenant Governor, who was to have presided, was unable to be present, and in his absence the chair was occupied by Bishop Perrin.

Among those in attendance were the following: The Bishop of Columbia and Miss Perrin, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Martin, Dr. and Mrs. Hanington, Sir Henry and Miss Croese, Mr. and Mrs. Luxton, Mr. and Mrs. Langmaid, W. H. Lobb, Mrs. Gairfield, Miss Boswell, S. J. Pitts, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Rodd, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Patton, Mrs. J. B. Hastings, Mrs. Harrison, Miss Dupont, Mr. and Mrs. Seabrook, Miss Lawson, H. Bostock, Mr. and Mrs. Raymer, Dr. Mrs. and Miss Potts, Mr. and Mrs. Garnett, Mr. Garnett, Mr. and Mrs. Beavon, Mrs. and Miss Prior, Mrs. and Miss Kerfoot, Mrs. and Miss Leisner, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Hayward and Mrs. Goodacre and many others.

The report of J. W. Lang, M.A., Oxon., headmaster of the school, was submitted as follows: Christmas, 1900. To the Visitor of the School: My Lord, I have the honor to submit the report of the school during the past year, which is pleased to announce a steady increase in our numbers. In September, 1897, when the school was removed from the Esplanade road to the buildings we at present occupy, our roll was 18; now it is 50. As we are growing term by term, a serious question arises as to our accommodation, which is by no means adequate to our requirements, either in class rooms or in dormitories for boarders. I am most thankful to report that this has been an unbroken term as regards work, and that we have been free from any cases of illness whatever. Our examiners this term have been Rev. H. H. Gowen, of Seattle; the Rev. W. D. Barber, M.A., rector, Jan. 27th, 1901, and Mr. A. J. Parrish, M.A., rector, Jan. 27th, 1901. Entries for this will be received by me up to the morning of the examination.

Your Lordship has also given us two divinity prizes, the Hon. Mr. Justice Martin a divinity prize for the third year, Mr. B. R. Seabrook has supplemented his handsome prize at the athletic sports in June last by giving us a recitation prize and a boarder's prize, and Bishop Durrant, of Westminster, gave two song sets at the school, as having a moral conduct prize for the lower school, and the Messrs. Pillsbury one for the best map in the school. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, whose absence through illness we all deplore this evening, has, through his interest in the school by donating a moral conduct prize for the upper school, and Bishop Durrant, I am pleased to report a sound moral tale throughout the school, and that the discipline is thoroughly good. Thoroughness is our aim, and the fact that we have boys from Honolulu, the Sandwich Isles, and distant points of British Columbia, testifies to our being known beyond Victoria.

This term's prizes have been given as follows: The scholarship, open to the whole school, has been gained by Patton, in Form VI, with an average of 79.8, closely followed by Holden, in the upper second form, with 79.1. I sincerely congratulate Holden, a boy of 11 years of age, competing so closely with a boy of 17.

Form VI prize has been gained by Patton; Form V by Cornwall; Form IV by Newcombe I; Form III by Houghton; Form second by Holden; lower second by Drake; Form I by Roddard.

Divinity prize for the upper school has fallen to Dart I, and in the lower school to Hendrott. The arithmetic prize has been gained by Newcombe I, with 85 per cent., Wilnot being second with 80. The map prizes are awarded to Dart II for the upper school, and Houghton for the lower school, Pitts I being awarded an extra prize for his painstaking map of China. The moral conduct prize for the upper school has been gained by Kay; that for the lower school by Benson. The boarder's prize has fallen to Kerfoot, and the music prize, presented by Miss Archibut, to Dart II. The recitation prizes have been gained by Geoffrey Armitage and Campbell.

In conclusion, I must heartily thank my friends and colleagues, the Rev. C. Enor Sharp, M.A., and Mr. H. J. S. Moshett, for their loyal and unvarying support and co-operation in assisting me to carry on the work of the school, which, by God's blessing, is in such a prosperous condition. J. W. LANG, M.A.

Rev. W. D. Barber, M.A., one of the examiners, submitted the following report: December 13, 1900. Dear Mr. Laing: I enclose my report of the examination of the lower school, and

In the school, and deserves special mention.

The best French papers were done by Wilnot and Houghton. Divinity produced good papers in every form, Dart I, Potts, Kerfoot, Houghton, and Holden deserving special mention.

The English history paper of Newcombe I comes near to gaining full marks, while Patton and Potts did almost equally well. The geography was good all through, and the best expression in the papers was by Wilnot, Potts, Newcombe II and Holden.

In general knowledge, Potts easily out-distanced all competitors. The essay work shows some good compositions, with results as follows:

Form VI.—Dart I 1st, Hanington 2nd, Form V.—Potts 1st, Durrell 2nd, Form IV.—Armitage 1st, Kerfoot 2nd, Form III.—Houghton 1st, Pitts I 2nd.

The best essay on the whole is that by Potts. Reviewing the papers as a whole, I am able to express my general appreciation of the work shown. Spelling and writing were not always up to the mark, the questions are not always understood, and there were many gleams of the unconscious humor of the schoolboy in the answers given, such as the idea that Maunday Thursday was so called from the mourning which followed the execution of Charles I.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeisler, but these are things always to be expected. The amount of solid work exhibited counterbalances all defects, and has made the task of an examiner a very pleasant one. In conclusion, I would say that you and your colleagues are to be heartily congratulated on the work accomplished during the past term.

H. H. GOWEN.

A short musical programme followed the submission of the reports. Masters Hanington, Wilnot, Keefer, Harrison, Potts and Kay taking part in a couple of theatricals. Approving remarks on the work of the school were made by Bishop Perrin and Mr. Justice Martin, and the proceedings terminated with the singing of "God Save the Queen."

YESTERDAY'S FIRES.

Department Had a Couple of Runs—A Blaze and a False Alarm.

About 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon an alarm called the fire department to Humboldt street, where the large frame structure, not far from Government street, which consisted of three tiers of cabins, was in the grip of the fire. The fire started in the second cabin at the end, and burned through the ceiling to those above.

It happened, however, that about this time the rather unique individual whose idiosyncrasies have earned him the sobriquet of "Bill Nye," but whose real name is Thomas Chappin, was calmly and complacently sitting in his apartment immediately above when he perceived smoke arising from below. He speedily made for the open air and an alarm was turned in.

The department, under the charge of the acting chief, H. McDowell, made good time and soon had several streams from the chemical and the hydrant playing on the flames. The water pressure was very low unfortunately, and had it not been for the chemicals there would have been a terrible struggle for supremacy, which might not have resulted so favorably. As it was, however, the firemen worked like trojans, and extinguished the fire with comparatively slight loss.

The building is one story in height on Humboldt street, but owing to the steep grade to the water it is three stories at the opposite extremity. It was in this part that the flames broke out, and it is a fitting commentary on the efficiency of the fire department when it is noted that the other portion of the structure was saved. There was a very high wind blowing at the time, directly toward the building in the city direction, and the conditions were most favorable for a disastrous conflagration which might have laid a large proportion of business Victoria in ruins.

At times the fire spread along the roof but the axemen were equal to the occasion, and succeeded in preventing its further progress. The loss will amount to about \$150, which is entirely covered by insurance.

The occupants of the cabins which were burned, besides "Bill Nye," were "Rock Hammer Billy," Mike McLaugh, and an old man named Murray. The heaviest loser was "Bill Nye," who is something of a miser. He lost a bank book, a number of postage stamps, and some of his fishing gear. He succeeded in saving his money, which he keeps rolled up in small packages. The fireman deserve great credit for the able manner in which they mastered the flames, as this particular locality is one of the likeliest starting places for a large fire.

Wet and tired the men had just returned from this blaze when an alarm called them to the grocery store on the corner of Frederick and Cook streets. Here they arrived there they found no fire to extinguish, and there were pardonable indications of disgust, and an atmosphere of carelessness had even the high wind could not eradicate. Two chemicals, a hose wagon, and an engine made the run. It appears that a stray spark was observed to float almost from the chimney, and some individual immediately imagined a conflagration, and in his excitement indiscreetly turned in the alarm. The spark, which was responsible for the trouble, has not yet been caught by the firemen, as they were too weary to pursue it last evening. It will probably be in custody before the day closes.

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men without any trial whatever. Only the other day reference was made to such things in the President's message. Slavery was abolished by Great Britain long before public opinion precipitated the war between the North and the South. Leave the past out of consideration altogether, and deal with the present, although there is ample evidence that at all times Great Britain has been in advance of the times, and that when comparisons are fairly made we have no reason to be ashamed of our country. When the United States has created such a transformation in the Philippines and the other possessions which she wrested from Spain as Great Britain has in India, in Egypt and in all places in which she has set her foot, in which she has been compelled by circumstances beyond her control to step in in the name of humanity, then humiliates on good government will come with better grace from American newspapers and public men.

THE WELLAND VICTORY. When the Conservatives found by virtue of their effective gerrymander they had elected a majority in Ontario to the House of Commons they raised a joyous shout which almost drowned the groan of despair with which they received the news from the Dominion government. They were going to pounce on Ross's government and leave not a vestige of it in sight. They held a convention in Toronto and gathered all their forces for the contest which was decided yesterday. McCleary, the strongest man they possess in the county, who held the seat in the last Dominion Parliament and who was beaten by Mr. German, was put up again in the provincial contest and beaten by a majority which must be very depressing to the spirits of those who were so joyous a short time ago as the prospects they thought they saw of "downing Ross." The fact is that the feelings which the Conservative leaders succeeded in working up in Ontario over the cry of French domination have passed away and normal conditions again prevail. Mr. Ross is one of the ablest men in public life in Canada to-day, his policy of preserving the natural assets of the province from the manufacturers of the United States, who would carry them away and return them to this country in finished form, is very popular, and the erection of the great works of all kinds at Sault Ste. Marie prove that his ideas are practical. In all the twenty-five years or more that the present Premier and his predecessors have been in power not a single act of maladministration has been brought home to them, and it will surely be found when he appeals to the people at the next provincial general election that the voters whose confidence he has possessed for so many years are as strongly Liberal as ever, and that the Conservative party is still in a decadent state.

What would it profit the Joint High Commission to assemble, even if it were probable it could agree upon the questions submitted to it for adjustment when such an agreement must necessarily come before the Senate which made such an international exhibition of itself yesterday and be assented to by a two-thirds majority? We are afraid that change comes over the sentiments of the American people towards the Empire of which Canada is a part, for there is no possibility of an equitable arrangement at the present time. We are evidently on the eve of an era of railway construction, and now is the time to take such action as will give us quick communication with all parts of our own prolific territories. No one knows what a day may bring forth amongst our erratic but enterprising neighbors. When a treaty is set aside or ignored out of pure caprice or whim by the Solons who direct affairs at Washington, even without any apparent possibility of commercial gain, it may be just as well to be prepared for eventualities when we take energetic steps to secure to ourselves the trade which is ours by right but which has temporarily been deflected across the Sound.

The Kamloops Sentinel thus expresses itself in regard to the Yale-Kootenay contest: "Mr. Gallher fought a very difficult campaign, and was heavily handicapped by the fact that in the great mining centres of Southern Kootenay he had no newspaper support at all. His cause was further handicapped by the fact that the entire machinery of the Provincial Government was worked against him in the interests of Mr. McKane. This is a feature of the contest most discreditably to the Provincial Government. Premier Dunsmuir holds office to-day solely by reason of the support given his Government by Liberals, and he should not have permitted partisan members of his cabinet to use their influence one way or the other in a Dominion election. More will be heard of this matter later on."

It almost took our breath away to read the following in the Columbian. Surely the editor was off duty when it was passed up for publication: "Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be in his element as the representative of Canada at the inauguration of the Commonwealth of Australia. He is the Canadian best qualified to do us proud on an occasion of this kind."

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Miner is an average sample of the manner in which they go at each other (Mr. Houston, editor of the Tribune and mayor of the city). The following from his paper this morning is a pretty exact measure of Mr. John Houston: "The Miner says that the city assessment roll should be investigated. If it were not connected with the Miner would be found on it. On the other hand, if the water collector's roll was investigated it would be found that both the Miner and its editor are using city water without paying for it."

ELECTION PROTESTS. They Will Be Filed by the Petitioners To-Morrow. To-morrow definite steps will be taken on behalf of the Liberals of the city to have the tactics of the Opposition in the campaign just closed exposed in court, and Messrs. Prior and Earle unseated. The charges are the regulation ones of bribery by agents as well as others of a more formal character. To-morrow many formal protests will be entered against the election of the seats by Messrs. Earle and Prior. The evidence secured, it is alleged, is quite sufficient to void their election.

GORDON ARRESTED. Engineer of Alpha Charged With Desertion. The trouble, which has been fomenting between the captain and owners of the Alpha and the engineers, reached a culmination last evening when Officer Campbell, of the provincial police, arrested Chief Engineer Gordon and charged him with desertion. Gordon spent the night in the station and came up this afternoon. The ship's owners have retained P. B. Gregory, while it is improbable that Gordon will be represented by counsel.

DRILL HALL CONCERT. The Programme for To-morrow Evening's Entertainment. A very meritorious programme has been prepared by Bandmaster Finn for to-morrow evening's promenade concert at the drill hall. Among the pieces to be played are four "first time" numbers, viz., "Pizzicato Polka," by Johann Strauss; Gavotte "Minnie," a charming composition by T. P. Brooke; "Louisiana Lize," the latest success in "coon" songs, and Pinaff's "Queen of the Earth," the latest being a concert solo, made famous by Mr. Kettlowell, concert soloist of Lieut. Dan Godfrey's British Guards band. Frank Leroy, in vocal solos, is the extra attraction. The complete programme follows:

- PART I. Overture—"Raymond"..... Thomas Selection fr. "Amorita"..... Caribika (a) Polka—"Minnie"..... Brooke (b) Polka—"Pizzicato"..... Strauss (c) Solo for Cornet—"Queen of the Earth"..... Pinaff (d) Bandman W. V. North, Soloist. (e) Song for Cornet—"Louisiana Lize"..... Raymond
- PART II. Waltzes—"La Ghiana"..... Chantawal Vocal Solo—"Little Black Me"..... Chantawal Mr. Frank Leroy. Selection on "Paparazzi"..... Beckler March—"Light Infantry"..... Clement "God Save the Queen".....

At the last meeting of Victoria Lodge, No. 16, K. of P., in the K. of P. hall, a considerable amount of business was transacted, after which an eloquent and interesting address was given by Pro. Richard Hale on the aims and objects of the order. He is accompanied by his wife, who is also well known in lodge circles, being the organizer of the Rathbone Sisters. "Searchlight"—Edison's moving picture parlor will open Saturday night at 82 Fort street. A new programme will be produced each week. The opening week programme will consist of Annual French Military Carousal, High Diving by Arthur C. Holden, Rival Bill Poster, Tug-of-war—Male vs. Female—on board of steamer crossing the Atlantic; also Galveston Horror, etc., etc. Admission 10 cents. This entertainment is for ladies, gentlemen and children.

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MARRIED. COLLETT-SIMS—On the 12th inst., by the Rev. Bishop Oridge, George H. Collett to Ada E., daughter of William and Julia Sims, of Victoria. STEWART-CORDELL—At Nanaimo, on Dec. 12th, by Rev. Mr. Calvert, Matt. How F. Stubbard to Miss Emma CordeLL. TAYLOR-FERGUSON—At Nanaimo, on Dec. 12th, by Rev. Mr. Cumming, William Abbott Taylor to Miss Florence Ferguson. MARKS-BURR—At New Westminster, on Dec. 12th, by Rev. Fen Brockley Reynolds, S. E. Marks to Miss Burr. PEPPER-BUSSELL—At Vancouver, on Dec. 12th, by Rev. R. Grand, H. Peppard to Miss Mary Russell.

DIED. CASSE—At the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, on the 12th instant, Ellen, the beloved wife of Mr. Joseph Casse, of H. M. Naval Yard, Esquimalt, a native of Chatham, Kent, England, aged 49 years. The funeral will take place on Sunday, Dec. 16th, at 2:30 p. m., from the family residence, Esquimalt, and later at the Royal Naval cemetery, Esquimalt. LINDBL—At the family residence, No. 57 1/2 St. Lawrence street, James Day, on the 12th inst., Ann, beloved wife of Edmond Lindbl, aged 65 years, a native of Kerry Co., Ireland. The funeral will take place from above residence on Saturday, the 15th, at 2 p. m. Friends will please accept this fraternal notice.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department.
 Victoria, Dec. 14—5 a. m.—A succession of low barometer or storm areas of considerable magnitude and energy are developing over Vancouver Island and Washington coast causing strong winds and gales with heavy rainfall and generally rising temperature. Cautionary storm signals were displayed yesterday and continued today for eastern and southern gales. In the Northwest Territories and Manitoba the high barometer area continues, with very cold weather, the minimum temperatures reaching 20 below zero.
 Forecasts.
 For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Saturday.
 Victoria and vicinity—Fresh or strong winds or gales from east and south, continued unsettled and mild with rain.
 Lower Mainland—Moderate east or south winds, becoming fresh or strong on the Straits, continued unsettled and mild, with rain.
 Reports.
 Victoria—Barometer, 29.54; temperature, 48; minimum, 47; wind, 12 miles E.; rain, .04; weather, cloudy.
 New Westminster—Barometer, 29.58; temperature, 42; minimum, 42; wind, 6 miles E.; rain, .58; weather, cloudy.
 Nanaimo—Wind, E.; weather, raining.
 Kamloops—Barometer, 29.66; temperature, 40; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles S.W.; rain, .01; weather, cloudy.
 Barkerville—Barometer, 29.66; temperature, 32; minimum, 30; wind, calm; weather, clear.
 San Francisco—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, 50; minimum, 48; wind, 6 miles E.; rain, .02; weather, rain.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Everybody travels on the Fast Steamer Rosalie. Follow the crowd.
 Another carload of fine furniture opened this week at Weller's. Music cabinets, chiffoniers, centre tables, etc.
 A sacred concert will be held next Thursday evening in connection with St. Barnabas church in the A. O. U. W. hall.
 Should it be definitely ascertained that Mercer, the absconding blackjacket, is in Seattle, it is altogether probable that proceedings for his extradition will be instituted.
 The regular weekly meeting of Fair West Lodge will be held this evening in the K. of P. hall. All members are requested to be in attendance as important business will come up for discussion.
 Fresh Oysters Daily from our own beds at Sooke. Wholesale or retail, by sack \$4.25, or gallon. Apply New England Hotel.
 A meeting of the Fernwood Young Men's Association will be held this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of making further arrangements in regard to the building of their new hall.
 On Thursday evening, the 27th, the members of the Centennial Methodist church will hold a public meeting in the interest of the twentieth century fund. Addresses will be delivered by local speakers, describing the object of the fund, etc. A large attendance is requested.
 An excellent programme of a most varied character has been prepared for the Boys' Brigade concert in the Presbyterian church school-room to-night. The following have kindly consented to take part: Misses Field, Munroe, Gill, McKenzie, Messrs. Kinnaird, Huxtable, Semple, McKenzie, Brown and others. Selections on the phonograph, suggested by Mr. Huxtable, and several exhibition drills by the members of the Brigade, under their officers, will be given. The concert commences at 8 o'clock sharp.
 Constable Abbot this afternoon gathered in Julia Moore, a denizen of the tenderloin, for assaulting another of the semi-moode, Daisy Williams, by striking her over the head with a bottle. The latter was one of those who helped to swell the city funds through the medium of the police court this morning. Her injuries are very painful and required the attendance of a physician. Constable J. Wood and Special Constable Harrier also gathered in a drunk on Johnson street who was too inebriated to give his name at the station.
 Mrs. John Parker, a pioneer of this city, died last evening. Deceased was about 88 years of age, and had been ill about six weeks. She was a native of Erith, Kent, and came to Victoria in 1853 with her husband, who was in the employ of the Hudson's Bay Company at that time. Mr. Parker and ten children survive her—six daughters, Mrs. Ball, of Rocky Point, Mrs. A. Lindsay, Mrs. W. Walker, Mrs. G. Walker, Mrs. J. Stuart, Mrs. Crogan; and four sons, John, Albert, William and Henry. Her eldest daughter bears the distinction of being the second white child born on the Island. The funeral will take place on Monday afternoon next.
 This morning's session of the police court was a most successful one as far as the financial aspect was concerned, a small box being filled with cash collected in fines from a number of residents of the tenderloin, who were summoned by Sergeant Redgrave. There were fourteen in all, and seven were fined \$50 each or three months' imprisonment with hard labor for being inmates, while two contributed \$90 each for being keepers. Two were remanded, one until the 19th and another to the 15th. Two did not appear and a warrant will be issued for their arrest. Ah Moy and Sam Kee were charged with infractions of the street by-law in leaving their horses unbridled and unattended on the public highway. They each paid \$5 and \$2.50 respectively. The case of Norman Davis, charged with being in possession of burglar's tools, was remanded until to-morrow. Altogether \$545 was collected in fines in the court this morning.
 Look out for concert and dance to-night at A. O. U. W. hall by R. C. R. Programme begins at 8.30.
 Camp Sobow..... Mr. H. Kent
 Song..... Mr. H. Kent
 Sword and Lance Exercise..... Mr. H. Kent
 Corp. Clarke, C.A.
 Song..... Mr. B. Williams
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Mr. Frank Leroy will sing at drill hall concert to-morrow night.
 Pinsuti's "Queen of the Earth" at drill hall concert to-morrow night.
 The concert and dance to be given by A. Company, R. C. R., in the A. O. U. W. hall this evening, promises to be a very enjoyable affair. A splendid programme has been arranged and this will be followed by a dance, to music supplied by the Shelby-Davis orchestra. The event will be under the patronage of the Lieut.-Governor, Mayor Hayward, Lieut.-Cols. Benson, McKay, Prior and Gregory.

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Mr. Frank Leroy at the drill hall concert to-morrow night.
 The regular meeting of Court Vancouver will be held on Monday evening next. Court Northern Light will pay a fraternal visit while in session, and after the business of the evening is disposed of a social dance will be held. Refreshments will be served and an impromptu programme will be rendered.
 There will be a combined reception and farewell service to-night in the Presbyterian-Chinese mission. The workers will take leave of Rev. A. P. Winchester, and at the same time extend a welcome to Miss Gunn and Rev. Ma Seung, who have been appointed here. There will also be a farewell to Mr. Winchester on Tuesday evening in St. Andrew's church.
 The death occurred last evening of Mrs. Edmond Lince at her residence, 573 St. Lawrence street. Deceased was a native of County Kerry, Ireland, and was 65 years of age. She has been a resident of this city since 1870, and leaves a husband, residing in this city, and a son and daughter, one living in Boston, and the other a resident of San Francisco. The funeral will take place from the residence on Saturday afternoon next.

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Frank Daniels as the Amerer held the Audience in Hollow of His Hand.

Bright Performance With Splendid Settings—A Large Attendance.

At the Victoria theatre last evening a crowded house witnessed the initial performance in this city of the comic opera, "The Amerer," with music by Victoria Herbert and the libretto by Frederic Rankin and Kirke La Shelle.

The most ardent champion of the merits of "The Amerer" as a comic opera must admit that there is only one plot in the production to hold it together, to wit, the plot of the opera.

Virtually the entire show is life Khan, the Afghan potentate, whose idiosyncrasies would almost draw a smile from a statue of Niobe.

The play was produced last evening in a manner which rendered the spectators that many productions which have been presented here for many years.

The music of "The Amerer" is not particularly sparkling, but the colloquialisms are gems.

On the appearance, in semi-barbaric splendor of the principal luminary of the little Asiatic principality, and ends when the grotesque night curtain drops.

the interrogation of the Amerer as to whether in his physical oscillations "he was shaking for the drinks or cigars." A really fine feature was the splendid make-up of Blakjak, the chief of the brigands.

Of the ladies, a palm should be given to Norma Kopp for her vivacious and clever portrayal of the role of Fanny.

THE PASSING THROUGH.

Arrivals of the Day at City Hotels—Gossip of the Coast.

C. Racine, a hotel proprietor of White Horse, recently arrived from the North and registered at the Hotel Victoria.

E. W. Melander, of the Key City Boiler Works, Port Townsend, who recently returned from Mt. Sicker, where he has large mining interests, left last evening for his home.

J. W. Mackay, of the Indian department, who has been ill most of the summer, was reported to be getting weaker, and fears are entertained regarding the outcome of his illness.

C. Wartick, of the G. N. railway, arrived in the city on the steamer Rosalie from the Sound yesterday.

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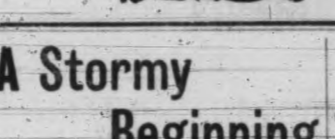
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Advertisement for Sawmill Improvements, detailing the expansion of the Chemainus plant.

Advertisement for A Bundle of Nerves, discussing the human body's dependence on the nervous system.

Advertisement for Fat Baby, a product for infants that fills out and surrounds the tender parts.

Advertisement for Zambesi District, mentioning the Zambesi district and its resources.

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Provincial Gazette

The Weekly Government News as Chronicled in the Official Organ.

A Number of Appointments Made—Several Applications for Railway Charters.

The Provincial Gazette, which was issued last night, makes the following announcements:

The Vancouver and Lulu Island Railway Company will apply for an act declaring that road to be for the general benefit of Canada.

Incorporation will be sought at the next session for a company to build a railway from Grand Forks along the north fork of Kettle river for 30 miles to the mouth of the Kettle river, thence along the valley of the west fork of the north fork for 40 miles to Summit creek, and thence for five miles to the headwaters of Eagle creek, and thence to its mouth, with power to build branch lines to Franklin and other camps.

A company will also seek incorporation for the construction of a tunnel between Silterton and Sandon from a point on the north side of Four-Mile creek, near which it enters Locan lake, to Sandon.

The Cowichan Improvement Company, Limited, has been re-incorporated with a capital of \$24,000. The objects of the company are to improve the navigation of Cowichan lake and Cowichan river from Cowichan lake to the sea.

The "Winnipeg Mines, Limited," has been incorporated with a capital of \$1,250,000.

The "Emily Blith Mines, Limited," has been licensed as an extra-provincial company, with a capital of \$75,000. The head offices are in England, the local offices in Vancouver, and C. E. Hope, attorney for the company.

La Franco-Canadienne has also been licensed as an extra-provincial company with a capitalization of 200,000 francs. The head office is in Douai, France, and the local office at Kaslo, with J. J. Phoenix, attorney.

Application will be made to the legislature at its next sitting for the incorporation of a company from Victoria and surrounding districts to carry on a general trust business.

The government has accepted the resignation of J. E. Knight, J.P., of Ashcroft.

Bodwell & Duff file their application for a charter for a railway and ferry from Victoria to Chilliwack. The streets over which the road will run in Victoria are set out as A. Bay, Eyre, Blanchard, Esquird, Cormorant and Store.

A highway has been opened in Cowichan as follows: Commencing at the point where the present road to McCalm's leaves the Cowichan Lake trunk

road; thence southerly along the centre line of the existing road to Cowichan lake, a distance of about 300 yards, and having a width of 33 feet on each side of the said line.

The following appointments have been made: To be Justices of the Peace for the counties of Victoria, Nanaimo, Vancouver, Westminster, Yale, Cariboo and Kootenay: Eli Harrison, of Victoria, and James E. Harris, of Nicomen; to be commissioners for taking affidavits in and for the Supreme Court of British Columbia: Thomas Percival Galt; of the city of Toronto; to be police commissioners at Phoenix: James Marshall and James Pinnet; to be a license commissioner at Phoenix: James Marshall, vice W. R. Williams; and to be a notary public for the province: Harry Bird, of Nelson.

The sittings of the courts of revision and appeal (under the Assessment Act) in North Yale will be held as follows: Kamloops, on December 28th; Nicola Lake, January 4th; Princeton, January 11th, 1901.

Under Auspices of King's Daughters Circle at Metchoin—Enjoyable Concert.

On Friday evening a successful sale of work and concert was held in Metchoin hall under the auspices of the King's Daughters Circle in aid of their piano fund. There were three stalls containing useful and fancy articles for sale, one decorated prettily and patriotically in red, white and blue, was presided over by Miss Fisher, assisted by Mrs. Weir and the children of the Little King's Daughters Circle. "Bear ye one another's burdens." Another artistic stall draped in yellow and white was provided by Mrs. Watt and Miss Wallace. The third was a most dainty blue and white booth arranged by Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Treachard. The buying was brisk all evening, almost none of the articles remaining at the close, the Metchoin people proving themselves as generous buyers as providers. The highly satisfactory sum of \$200 was the result of the evening's entertainment and work.

At intervals during the evening there was dancing and music. Mrs. Demery was dancing, Mrs. Oldershaw, Mr. Holzgren, Mr. Argyle, and Mr. Cartwright being the vocalists. Much merriment was caused by Mr. Argyle's auction of left over articles. There were also several articles raffled; a screen, kindly donated by Weller Bros., won by Mr. T. Keeney; a prize doll, won by Mrs. J. Wallace; a picture of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, won by Mrs. Sweetman; a cushion, won by Mr. J. Ford. The new Dominion piano, purchased by the King's Daughters, was in use most of the evening, and received many encomiums. It is proposed to use the piano to be used in the district school, so that the children may be properly taught callisthenics and patriotic songs, etc. It is already much appreciated. The treasurer's report reads:

Receipts from sale of work, Dec. 7, 1900, held under the auspices of King's Daughters Circle, Metchoin, at Metchoin hall.

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| Mrs. Watt's stall and private subscription..... | \$148.35 |
| Mrs. Treachard's stall and private subscription..... | 38.30 |
| Mrs. Fisher's stall and private subscription..... | 27.80 |
| Sale of tickets for concert..... | 25.00 |
| Total..... | \$239.45 |
| Expenditure..... | |
| Mrs. Watt's stall..... | \$18.35 |
| Mrs. Treachard's stall..... | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Fisher's stall..... | 6.30 |
| Musicians..... | 15.00 |
| Total..... | \$41.65 |
| On hand..... | |
| Proceeds of tea..... | 4.00 |
| Per Mrs. Foster..... | 1.50 |
| Rental of piano for dance, Nov. 23..... | 5.00 |
| Receipts from sale of work..... | 230.45 |
| Total receipts..... | \$246.45 |
| Total expenditure..... | 48.95 |
| Balance on hand..... | \$297.50 |
| (Signed)..... | A. S. WEIR, |
| Treasurer. | |

The ladies of the King's Daughters Circle wish to thank most heartily the following Victoria firms, who gave liberal donations to the fund, in articles for sale and money: Weller Bros., R. Hunter & Sons, Speed Bros., Mowat & Wallace, Dick, Ross & Co., Lewis & Leiser, The Hutchinson Co., E. B. Macdon & Co., V. E. Campbell, Geo. Manson & Co., Victoria Machinery Depot, H. Manell & Co., Thos. Shotbolt, Victoria News Co., John Cochrane, G. H. Maynard, Nicholles & Renouf, Hastie's

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They were also received from the Victoria Ministering Circle of King's Daughters, and individually from many members of it and other Victoria ladies, and to these all also Metchoin Circle gives its grateful thanks. A handsome donation of \$40 was received from the quarantined passengers of the City of Seattle, the proceeds of various entertainments organized by them, and handed over to the Metchoin Circle, in aid of the piano fund.

A MUSICAL TREAT. Entertaining Evening Promised by the Philharmonic Society.

The first Philharmonic concert will take place in the Institute hall on Tuesday, December 18th, at 8:30 p. m., when a mixed programme will be presented. The first part will be devoted to selections from the "Messiah," in keeping with the Christmas season, in which such well known soloists as A. T. Goward and Mrs. Janou will take part, also a bass soloist new to Victorians, Mr. Crane, who is said to possess a powerful voice. Mr. Crane will sing "Thine Spirit the Lord," a recitative with full orchestral accompaniment.

The second part of the programme will be given with Professor's lively "Stradella Overture," and the soloists taking part will be Mrs. Moristy, Mrs. Walsh, Windle, Mrs. Wornell and Ernest A. Powell. Mrs. Moristy will sing Jacobowski's Lullaby (from Krainale), and Mrs. Windle will lead in Mendelssohn's "Concert in G." The programme will conclude with a performance of Bach's Choral Fantasia for full chorus and orchestra, with piano obbligato by Mrs. Walsh Windle.

PASSENGERS. Per steamer Charmer from Vancouver—F. J. Hall, Miss Beers, Miss Perkins, G. O. Coleman, Mrs. Foster, W. Carmichael, Mrs. Lang, B. Cassidy, J. G. Walker, J. R. Stet, P. Malson, G. Colton, P. O'Connor, M. C. Ireland, P. F. Mathews, Jas. Bauder, E. Dewdney, F. J. Wheeler, R. Collier, W. F. Robertson, Mrs. Birtwhistle, P. O'Donnell, F. M. Raffenburg, E. F. Geiger, H. Watters, B. K. Patterson, J. S. Pearson, Mrs. Pearson, W. J. Morrow, O. Hanson, Mrs. Tanner, Miss Tanner, D. W. Riddle, F. Warren, Mrs. McCannell, Chas. McCannell, Miss McCannell, Miss McCannell, J. T. Staver, E. Bull, R. T. Hill, C. O. Brown, C. R. J. Roberts, E. Schaefer, T. Soames, Frank Daniels Co. of 52 people, L. H. Barton, Mrs. Jensen.

Per steamer Utopia from the Sound—Miss Campbell, H. Clark, A. Mann, D. Ritchie, J. O. Hilbert, F. Shoppard, A. Stevens, H. Henderson, G. A. H. Potts, W. Glover, A. Emery, A. Hawkes, E. Hill, W. Buller, A. M. Linn, M. Squire, H. Dunham, F. M. Thornton, W. Simon.

COSSAGES. Per steamer Charmer from Vancouver—D. H. Rose & Co., S. Laidler & Co., J. P. Leitch, D. K. Chalmers, B. C. Cold Storage, H. Clarke, Henderson Bros., Dom. Cit. Co., Turner, B. & Co., V. E. Brooks, Stockham & D. R. P. Rithet & Co., T. W. Motior, G. M. Cookson, Earsman, H. & Co., A. Stewart, Fell & Co., P. McQuade & Son, S. J. Pitts & Co., Thos. Barrie, H. B. Co., J. H. Todd & Son, Colonel Co., J. W. Davie, P. R. Stewart & Co., Bank of Montreal, B. C. Cycle & S. Co., Wilson Bros., E. B. Marvin & Co., Whaley, B. & Co., T. Shotbolt, J. Hunter, Weller Bros., McE Smith & Co.

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Chair taken at 8:15 p. m.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

Monday, Dec. 17th
THE LEADERS
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MINSTREL COMPANY.
Prices, \$1.50, \$1.00, 75c. Gallery, 25c.

Social Dance

Will be given in the K. of P. hall on Monday, Dec. 17th, by the Ancient Order of Foresters.
Admission, 25c. a couple; extra lady, 10c. Dancing commences 9 o'clock.

ATTENTION!

Friendly and Benevolent Societies.

A mass meeting of the Societies (male and female) will be held on Sunday, the 16th inst., at the A. O. U. W. hall, Yates street, for the purpose of receiving the reports of the Federated Board, and the discussion of Hospital and other matters of interest to the Lodges. A full attendance of members and lady friends is requested. Members of Insurance Orders also invited. Chair to be taken at 2:15 p. m. W. H. PRYCE, President Federated Board.

NOTICE.

In response to a requisition signed by ten members, a Special Meeting of the British Columbia Agricultural Association will be held at the Council Chamber, at the City Hall, in the City of Victoria, on Thursday, the 27th day of December, 1900, for the purpose of electing officers and such other business as may be considered necessary, and to arrange for an Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition at Victoria in September next.

THE MINERS' SORE FEET.

A Source of Distress and Suffering Which Many Miners Avoid by Using Dr. Chase's Ointment.

The sale of Dr. Chase's Ointment in British Columbia is enormous, and on inquiry it is found that it is used by miners in large quantities as a cure for chafed, sore feet, made so by wearing heavy boots and being continually on foot.

Every miner who reads this will appreciate the value of an ointment which promptly gives relief to this and every other form of irritated and itching skin. In order that you may try Dr. Chase's Ointment for yourself we make the following offer.

To every miner who will send his name and address, mention this paper, and enclose a two-cent stamp to pay postage, we shall send post-paid a sample box of Dr. Chase's Ointment. It is indeed the miner's friend, for besides curing chafing and itching skin, Dr. Chase's Ointment is an absolute cure for piles. 60 cents a box at all dealers, or Edmanston, Bates & Co., Toronto.

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Mincemoot too, such as your grandmothers made in the brave old days gone by, when Little Jack Horner sat in the corner eating his Christmas pie.

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57 YATES STREET, NEW Xmas Jewelry.

Have received a large and very choice stock of goods suitable for Xmas gifts.

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80 Johnson St. General Directors and Embalmers. Have purchased the old established business of T. H. Storey, refitted the establishment in an up-to-date style, and imported a complete new stock of furnishings direct from the East.

Our Mr. P. Brooks, from an Eastern undertaking establishment, has all the knowledge necessary to take in-hand everything pertaining to the business, thereby relieving patrons of all worry connected therewith.

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ON TUESDAY, DEC. 18 AT 11 A. M.
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All in good condition and capable of any work. These horses have been working steadily up to date, and are all grain fed and in splendid condition.

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SHIPPING NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

VICTORIA TIDES.

By F. Napier Denton.

The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to the average lowest yearly tide, and 18.6 feet above the sill of the Esquimaux dry dock.

| Saturday, Dec. 15. | | Sunday, Dec. 16. | |
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| Time. | Height above zero. | Time. | Height above zero. |
| 2:30 a.m. | 6.1 feet. | 1:00 a.m. | 7.3 feet. |
| 3:45 a.m. | 8.4 feet. | 2:20 a.m. | 6.4 feet. |
| 5:30 p.m. | 4.5 feet. | 10:50 a.m. | 2.6 feet. |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | 3.5 feet. |

R. M. S. Warrimou, sailing for Australia to-night, will have a cargo from this port, a shipment of 2,000 cases of salmon, and the personal effects of Rear-Admiral Beaumont, being forwarded to Sydney. She will have among other passengers embarking here a number of naval officers, J. R. Abercromby, M. Adams, A. Adams, L. E. Pearson, wife and child, W. J. Morrow and P. K. Lyon. The last named two come from Portland.

Steamer Utopia arrived from the South this morning, inaugurating her new schedule. Hereafter the steamer will arrive in the morning, leaving here at 9:30 o'clock.

A large loaded steamer, supposed to be the overland Royalist from Java, passed Carmarthen at 9 o'clock this morning.

The United States lighthouse tender *Mazanilla* is in port on one of her periodical visits.

Steamer *Charmier* left Vancouver at 1:40 and connected with the train.

Steamer *Senator* is due from San Francisco to-morrow morning.

A LONG JOURNEY.

J. M. Bell Returns to Ottawa After Trip to Great Slave Lake.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—J. M. Bell, of the geological survey, has just returned to Ottawa after an absence of about 45 months.

During this time he travelled from the Arctic ocean to the boundary line, Bell left Edmonton a year ago last June, and went by Athabasca lake and Slave river to the Great Slave lake. He spent last winter there, and when navigation opened he went down the Mackenzie river to Fort Norman, and then took Bear river to Great Bear lake, most of which is within the Arctic circle. From Bear lake he made a portage to the mouth of Copper Mine river, and was about five miles from the Arctic ocean when he turned south. It was about the 1st of August last winter he started on his journey by Fort Rae, Fort Chipewyan and Lake Laberge to Edmonton.

A Canton, China, dispatch says the falling orchard of a man on a passenger boat on the West river, near Ho-Kang, led to the rush of some 400 passengers to the side of the vessel, which caused her to sink, after 200 persons being drowned.

Ayer's Pills
Is your breath bad? Then your best friends turn their heads aside. A bad breath means a bad liver. Ayer's Pills are liver pills. They cure constipation, biliousness, dyspepsia, sick headache. 25c. All druggists.

Want your mouth clean and a beautiful brown or rich black? Then use **BUCKINGHAM'S EYE FOR THE WHISKERS**. It is the best and most successful.

TRAVELLER FOUND DEAD.

Charles Baldwin Died of Heart Disease—Letter From Washington Regarding Boundary and Fishery Question.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Dec. 14.—Charles Baldwin, a commercial traveller representing Little & Co., London, Ont., was found dead of heart disease in his rooms over the Bank of British Columbia this morning.

United States Consul Dudley has received a communication from secretary of state, Washington, concerning territorial disputes and the question of fishing off the coast of British Columbia. Regarding the latter subject Consul Dudley is informed that the Washington government "cannot undertake to advise persons as to what course they should pursue in the matter of fishing in the waters of Dixon Inlet and Hecla Strait, but will endeavor to protect all legitimate interests of American citizens involved." Regarding the boundary question, Secretary Hay writes that "as a purely temporary measure, a provisional line between the respective jurisdictions has been traced at certain points, namely on the Dalton Trail, and at Chilkoot and White Passes, all these being without prejudice to the fullest assertion of our rights and the determination of the true treaty boundary upon the final judgment for its permanent settlement. When that time comes, every legitimate right under the treaty of cessation of Alaska will be asserted."

Joseph Griffith, an old timer and member of Vancouver's first council, died this morning.

DESIRED A DIVORCE.

(Associated Press.)

Berlin, Dec. 14.—The government of Anhalt has officially published the decree divorcing Prince and Princess Arthur of Anhalt. The latter is a granddaughter of Queen Victoria. The divorce has been granted in consequence of their mutual desire.

HEAVY LOSSES.

(Associated Press.)

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 14.—The buildings, foundry and machinery of the Lane & Hiley works, this city, were burned last night, the total loss being from \$200,000 to \$250,000. Capt. Packer, of the fire department, was seriously injured.

HIGHEST RAILWAY BRIDGE.

(Associated Press.)

Rangoon, British Burma, Dec. 14.—The Gokteik viaduct in the Shan hills, the highest railroad bridge in the world, has been successfully completed by the Siam railway, Siam and Gokteik, and finally handed over to the Burmah Railway Company.

Sporting News

THE HUNT CLUB CROSS-COUNTRY RUN.

The Victoria Hunt Club will hold a cross-country run to-morrow afternoon, starting from Major Dupont's residence, Stadacona, at 2:30 o'clock.

WHIST.

J. B. A. A. WHIST TOURNAMENT.
At the regular weekly whist tournament of the J. B. A. A. last evening the first prize was won by S. Sea, Jr., and the second by Walter Fraser.

THE KENNEL RECENT IMPORTATION.

A fine English setter bitch has recently been imported by George E. Munro. It is one of the best specimens in the province.

THE WHEEL SCORE IN SIX DAYS RACE.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 14.—The score in the six days' bicycle race at Madison Square Garden at 8 o'clock this morning was: Elkton and McFarland, 1,545 miles; Stier and Gougeville, 1,573 miles 4 laps; Walter and Stinson, 1,583 miles 4 laps; Fisher and Frederic, 1,573 miles 3 laps; Kaser and Rysor, 1,572 miles 5 laps; Babcock and Aaronson, 1,387 miles 4 laps; Turville and Gimn, 1,475 miles 9 laps.

THE RING THE McGOVERN-GANS FIGHT.

(Associated Press.)
Chicago, Dec. 14.—The Times-Herald says in its account of the McGovern-Gans fight: "In a bout, heavily accented with crookedness, Terry McGovern became the light-weight champion of the world. Before since admitted that the fight had a hot look. He did not see a blow that should have put Gans into a state of prostration in the first round, and Gans's blows were the weakest ever seen from a man of his known hitting ability."

RUGBY FOOTBALL THEIR LAST PRACTICE.

The final practice of the Victoria Rugby football club, preparatory to their match with the Terminal City team at Vancouver to-morrow afternoon, was held last evening. The team to represent this city will line up as follows: Full back, J. A. Riffert; three-quarters, J. Gillespie, J. C. Matters, C. Gamble and K. Schofield; half, A. F. Osward; forwards, A. Gillespie, forwards, H. Little, Cope, Fraser, W. Lorimer, B. Schwengers, J. Bromley, G. C. Johnston and J. Pemberton. The junior team will accompany them.

All members of the club senior team can get their transportation and cabin tickets from Mr. Briggs, at the night office, C. P. N. Company's wharf.

FOOD CHANGED TO POISON.

Put-ting food in the intestine produces effects like those of arsenic but Dr. King's New Life Pills expel and destroy all poisons from clogged bowels, gently, easily but surely, curing Constipation, Biliousness, Sick Headache, Fevers, all Liver, Kidney and Bowel troubles. Only 25c. at F. W. Pawcett & Co.
—Anything you choose at Welier's can be put away and delivered Xmas eve or whenever desired.

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Kid Bodies and Dressed

From 10c. Each to \$7.50

Now is the time to buy if you want to have them dressed for Christmas. Our Kid Body Dolls are the best we can buy; no rubbish. Even the Cheap ones are good.

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GENERAL AGENT, VICTORIA, B. C.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ENTERTAINMENT—Under the auspices of 4th Victoria Coy. Boys' Brigade, in First Presbyterian church schoolroom to-night, drills, songs, recitations, duets, instrumental selections. Admission, 25c.

TEACHER WANTED—For Ymir public school. Duties to commence on 2nd January, 1901. Applications to be addressed to W. E. Forrester, Secretary School Board, Ymir, B. C.

WANTED—Gentleman requires comfortable home, as paying guest, with a family living in a good neighborhood, or well furnished rooms with board. References if desired. Full particulars to S. H. O., Box 388, Victoria.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHOIR will present a Cantata, entitled "The Crusader," followed by a miscellaneous programme, at the Old Fellows hall, Fort Street road, on Monday evening, December 17th, at 8 o'clock. J. G. Brown, conductor. Admission 25c.

JAPANER wishes work as cook's assistant. Apply to Chatham street.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

POPULAR CONCERT—Saturday evening next, Temperance Hall. Programme by Mr. A. Parfitt and orchestra, assisted by prominent vocalists, etc. Admission 10c.

ARMY CONTRACT.
Tenders in duplicate addressed to the Officer Commanding Troops, Work Point Barracks, will be received until 12 noon on Tuesday, 18th inst., for the supply of

BREAD, BISCUIT AND FLOUR
for use, etc., of troops at Esquimaux, B. C., and military outposts, for a period commencing from date of acceptance to the 30th September, 1901.

Forms of tender and conditions of contract, and all necessary particulars as to the approximate quantities, etc., required can be had on application to the office of the Acting Army Service Corps Officer, Work Point Barracks, on any week day between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. The tenders will be properly filled up, signed and dated, and no tender will be notified unless delivered as above directed by 12 noon on the date mentioned, under closed envelope, and marked Tender on the outside.

The Officer Commanding Troops, Esquimaux, does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

A. GRANT, Lieut.-Colonel, Commanding Troops, Esquimaux, Work Point Barracks, 12th Sept., 1900.

VANCOUVER ISLAND MINING & REALTY INVESTMENT AG'Y, LD.

35 FORT STREET.

Four houses and lots for sale on the inland plain.

\$600 will buy house and 2 lots, Lansdowne road.

\$225 will buy house and 1 lot, Lansdowne road.

\$525 will buy house and lot on North Pembroke, on very easy terms.

\$50 will buy house and lot on Taunton street.

\$475 will buy 1/4 acre near city limits, on very easy terms.

\$150 will buy house and lot on Alfred St.

FOR SALE
A Full-Bloded Irish Setter Dog

Well-trained, and recommended good for birds, also for duck in water, far sale very cheap. Must be sold as soon as possible.

F. J. BITTENCOURT,
91 YATES STREET.

Kilmarnock Scotch Whisky.....

This very fine quality of Scotch Whisky is fast growing in favor in British Columbia. It has for many years been the leading whisky all over Europe, and is to be obtained in all the leading hotels, clubs and refreshment places in London and other large cities of Great Britain. It is termed the "Johnnie Walker", which means Walker's famous "Kilmarnock".

The people of British Columbia demand a good Scotch Whisky, which we take pleasure in presenting, and if you will try the "Kilmarnock", you will accept no other. The proprietors of this whisky, Messrs. John Walker & Sons, of Kilmarnock, do not spend money in fancy advertising matter, and attractive labels, bottles, etc., preferring to put the value into the whisky, thus giving the consumer the benefit.

The "Kilmarnock" is always the same in quality. It is to be found in all the clubs, hotels and refreshment places in British Columbia. Take no substitute. If your grocer does not keep it, come to us, and we will take pleasure in directing you to places where it can be obtained, if desired, in small quantities. We have it in case and in wood.

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Canada and The States

Report That American Government Desires Revival of International Commission.

Washington Authorities May Be Prepared to Discuss Matters in Liberal Spirit

(Special Correspondence of the Times) Ottawa, Dec. 7.—It is reported here that the American government are disposed to ask for the revival of the International Commission for the purpose of dealing with the various matters that were left in abeyance after its last meeting in Washington.

The United States insisted before the commission adjourned upon the retention of the country around the Lynn Inlet because they had a year or two before established settlements there, a fact which they had done this against the earnest protest of Canada.

Washington Not Prepared to Consider Reduction of Rates From Great Britain. London, Dec. 13.—In the House of Commons today Mr. Chamberlain said Great Britain had proposed to establish cheaper postage with the United States, but Washington had not been prepared to entertain the offer.

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IN SEARCH OF WITNESS.

Sweden Says He Was Sandbagged and Maltreated by Employers.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—Otto Lundberg, a Swede, who claims to have been employed as a coachman by prominent New Yorkers, is in the city to-day, and tells a distressing tale of the treatment he received.

PEACE CONDITIONS

Reported to Have Been Accepted by the Empress Dowager. London, Dec. 14.—Information has reached the War Office, which says, according to the Standard, that the Empress Dowager has agreed to accept the following peace conditions.

PROTECTION OF PATENTS.

Brussels, Dec. 13.—The international conference for the protection of industrial property, at which United States Assistant Patent Commissioner Chamberlain and Minister Townsend were the American representatives, has adopted the following resolutions.

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LACROSSE.

THE CANADIAN TOUR. Montreal, Dec. 13.—Local increase in the number of spectators attending the lacrosse matches is being noted.

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GAME AT BOYS' BRIDGE HALL. The Boys' Brigade hall was the scene of a considerable excitement last Monday evening, when the first game of a series was played, between W. Leimer's team and an aggregation chosen by Ed. White.

GOLF.

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MUNICIPAL

Collector's List of Lands or Improvements on Real Property Within the Corporation of the City of Victoria

To be Sold for Taxes, Interest and Costs on the TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1900, at the City Chambers, City Hall, Victoria, B. C., at 12 o'clock noon, in pursuance of "The Victoria Real Property Tax Sale By Law, 1900," unless in the meantime the arrears of Taxes, Interest and Costs due in respect of each Lot in the Schedule hereunder written be paid. If sold the said Lands and Improvements will be chargeable with a proportion of the Legal Costs of and incidental to the obtaining of the Judge's Order confirming such Sale.

Table with columns: Lot, Block, Section, Assessed Owner, Registered Owner, Total Arrears of Taxes, Interest and Costs, Total Arrears of Taxes, Interest and Costs, Total Arrears of Taxes, Interest and Costs.

N.B.—In column numbered 4 in above list the letter "L" means Land and "I" means Land and Improvements. Dated this 27th day of November, A.D. 1900, at City Hall, Victoria, B. C.

CHARLES KENT, COLLECTOR OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, B. C.

Advertisement for Hotel Vernon, featuring a new English Billiard Table and other amenities. Includes contact information for Andrew Sheret, Plumber.

Advertisement for '3 TRYING TIMES In a Woman's Life' featuring an illustration of a woman and child. Text describes the benefits of the medicine for women's health.

There is room for 54,000 persons in St. Peter's Church, Rome, for 37,000 in the Milan Cathedral and for 26,000 in St. Paul's, London.

Liverpool has been described as an Irish city in England. The Welsh, however, claim to have built it; their language is frequently to be heard in its chapels and streets, particularly on Sundays.

Provincial News

SANDON. Three hundred guests enjoyed themselves at the dinner given at the Sandon Hotel...

KAMLOOPS. The death of Mrs. D. Lauder occurred very suddenly shortly before 2 o'clock on Monday night at the family residence...

The new buildings at the C. P. depot are well on to completion, and it seems likely that they will be ready for occupation by January as scheduled.

The passenger and freight buildings are receiving finishing touches which will take all of December to finish. The round-house is practically completed and is in daily use.

Mrs. Abraham Lackey, aged 45 years, after an illness of only a few days, died at the General Hospital on Monday from a severe attack of convulsions. She leaves a husband and a family of small children.

Fire Chief Thompson is back in his position. The council, with the exception of the mayor, were unanimous on Monday night in accepting the report of the investigating committee completely exonerating Chief Thompson...

The plans for the new post office, customs office and inland revenue building for Nelson have arrived from Ottawa, and are now in the hands of Mr. James A. Macdonald, architect...

The coroner's enquiry into the death of the late W. F. Wilson, who was found dead on a door step last week, was concluded on Tuesday, and resulted in a verdict of "death from heart failure."

The question of keeping prisoners in irons was discussed at the police committee on Tuesday. The subject of keeping prisoners in irons was introduced on a motion passed by the council...

A People's Association has been formed for the purpose of improving the moral tone of the city through its representatives. Ex-Ald. Brown was elected permanent chairman...

Pending the outcome of the good roads convention in Victoria on the 18th inst., the local organization, which has been formed in Vancouver, has not yet taken definite shape.

Marquis of Salisbury

Personal Sketch of Premier, Who Has Resigned Portfolio of Foreign Affairs

Triumphed His Fortune at Gold Mining in Australia—His Political Struggles

The retirement of the Marquis of Salisbury from the foreign office marks an epoch in the history of England, and reflects faintly a sketch of the British Premier recently published in the London Daily Mail.

Robert Arthur Talbot Gascoyne Cecil, present and third Marquis of Salisbury, is not fond of manufacturing material for the raconteurs. So the public knows nothing about his life beyond a skeleton outline of dates—a record of high administrative offices.

When Lord Robert Cecil he shared the front opposition bench below the gangway in the House of Commons. He was in those far-off days soon after the latter had overthrown a ministry for mismanaging the Crimean war.

Stories Told by an English Surgeon of His Experience in South Africa

Innumerable instances, Mr. Frederick Treves, the surgeon, declares came under his notice of the usefulness of the soldier, and of his solitude for his friends in distress, and many of these he recounts.

Another poor fellow, who was much troubled with vomiting, and who was, indeed, dying, said as he lay being held into the hospital bed, "Put me in the lower berth, because I keep throwing up."

Another instance of pluck also deserves special notice. A private in the King's Royal Rifles, of the name of Goodman, was brought from Spion Kop to No. 3 Field Hospital with the wound he had received in the chest on the 11th night.

Some weeks ago Colonel, Mr. Treves was at Pletersburg, and was looking up in the hospital ward certain cases. Among them was a paralyzed man, and he found him comfortably bestowed, but he was possessed of a handkerchief, the extreme dirtiness of which led the surgeon to suggest that, as he was now in a centre of luxury, he should ask for a clean one.

Officers in the British Navy. The officers of the British Navy are sought young. They are required to pass through the Britannia, a training ship, at present anchored in the beautiful waters of the Dart, not far from Plymouth.

The Torture of ECZEMA

Prevented Sleep

It is a blessing that there is such a reliable remedy as B. B. B. for those tortured day and night with terrible skin diseases and who can get no relief from their misery.

B. B. B. Cures Eczema and all Burning, Itching Skin Diseases.

Notice to Architects

The Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works hereby invites the Architects of British Columbia to submit proposals for the construction of a Government House at Victoria, B. C.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to incorporate a company with power to construct and operate a railway from the City of Victoria, British Columbia to a point at or near Seymour Narrows, Vancouver Island.

Notice is hereby given that one month after date application will be made to the Governor-in-Council for approval of the plan and site of a wharf erected by the Brackman-Ker Milling Company, Limited, on and opposite the piece of land forming part of Section 1289, 1290, Beckley Farm, Victoria City, situated on Victoria Harbor.

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Canadian Development Company Ltd. The White Pass and Yukon Route can be reached via the White Pass and Yukon Route.

Canadian Pacific Railway. WHEN GOING EAST TAKE THE Canadian Pacific Railway.

Atlantic Steamship Lines. Allan Line. Fr. Portland, Fr. Halifax, Fr. London.

Pacific Coast Steamship Co. For San Francisco. The company's elegant steamer Salsola will arrive daily by steamer Salsola and Rosalie, connecting at Seattle with overland lines.

Victoria & Sidney RAILWAY. Trains will run between Victoria and Sidney as follows:

Excursion Tickets. On sale to and from all points good Saturday and Sunday.

Steamer Iroquois. Connecting with the Victoria & Sidney Railway (weather permitting), will sail as follows:

Mail Steamer Utopia. PORT TOWNSEND and SEATTLE.

WING ON Employment Office.

DAILY EXCURSION MONDAY. Fare, 50c, return, 75c. Further particulars at office of DODWELL & CO., LTD., 64 Government St., Victoria.