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TYPHOID INCREASING.

ANOTHER SUPPORTER

Of Mr. Chamberlain's Fiscal Policy Elected to the House of Commons.

London, Dec. 23.—Rowland Hunt, Liberal Unionist, and a supporter of Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal policy, has been elected by a majority of 970 to represent the Ludlow division of Shropshire in the House of Commons, to succeed Robt, J. More (Liberal-Unionist) deceased. At the previous contested election the Liberal-Unionist majority was nearly 4,000. The campaign was fought exclusively on the fiscal question.

ciated Press.)

Pittsburg, Dec. 23.—Typhoid, fever is rapidly increasing in this city, and fhreatens to take on the character of an epidemic. For the first twenty-two days of December there were 410 cases, and during the last twenty-four hours 49 new cases were reported. This breaks all previous records. The disease is violent and a large proportion of those taken sick are now dying,

The Japanese Government Preparing for Transportation of Expeditionary Force-Rumors Denied.

London, Dec. 23.—There is no truth in the report from Pekin that the fleet from Butterfield, of Hongkong, consisting of 25 merchant ships, has been transferred to Japan. Butterfield and Swires describe the story as "ridiculous and without foundation."

Favor Peace.

Paris, Dec. 23.—An authoritative denial is made here of the reports published in London that Foreign Minster Deleasse had offered to arbitrate the Russo-Japanese dispute.

The steps taken by M. Deleasse are confined to those outlined in these disputches yesterday, he and Lord Lansdowne making pacific representations at Tokio with the view of ameliorating Japan's answer. In making these representations France and Great Britain acted separately, but on the same general lines. Their action, therefore, is not in joint accord, but is timited to an urgent expression in favor of a pacific solution.

The official view here continues to be

China May Suffer.

Pekin, Dec. 23.—That there is only a faint prospect that war between Japan and Russia can be avoided, is said to be the opinion of the two members of the diplomatic corps at the Chinese capital, whose opinions regarding the present critical condition of affairs in the Far East are probably most valuable, namely, Japanese Minister Uchida and the British minister, Sir Ernest Mason Satow. Mr. Satow, is quoted as saying that anyone who imagines that Japan will not fight for what she conceives to be her greatest interests does not know the Japanese people. China May Suffer.

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Mr. Uchida has always advocated war, if necessary, to secure the evacuation of Manchuria.

Sir Robert Hart, director of Chinese, imperial maritime customs, sold to-day that he feared China would be the chief.

sufferer should war occur, for she might be ground between the milistones. The deendency of the Chinese government was never more completely displayed than in these times which her ministers go from legation to legation imploring governments to help China, without any thought of China halping herself. There is absolutely no strong man among the ruling ministers. Prince Ching, or Marquis Tsing, like 14 Hung Chang, are all venerable conservatives like Feines Ching.

Wu Ting Fang, the well known exminister to the United States tells his official friends that he despairs of China's future. "I see no hope," he said, "for China. The partition of the Empire sooner or later, is inevitable. He is disgusted with official life at Pekin and proposes to resign his present position at the first opportunity.

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London, Dec. 23.—The British foreign office declined to discuss the statements, made in the Associated Press dispatch from Berlin to-day on the ground than "the contingency was too hypothetical."

At the German and other ambassies, the impression prevails that the Russian-Japanese negotiations-have reached such a point that it would not be at all surprising if Great Britain expressed her willingness, provided Japan agrees to accept a certain specified compromise, to guarantee to back up Japan, if necessary by force of arms.

Alexieff's Powers. Alexien's Powers.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23,-A telegram rom Vladivostock, under to-day's date, o the Wostochnozi Vestnoki, says Adural Alexieff, the viceror of the Far Last, has been authorized to settle on he spot all questions concerning neigh-

ALL QUIET ON ISTHMUS.

Colon, Dec. 23.—Everything quiet long the Atlantic coast. The United tates converted cruiser Maydower has curried from the Gulf of Durien, to

Cartegena to meet Minister Beaupre, who is on his way there from Bogota, will leave Coston on December 25th, ar-riving at Cartagena on December 27th.

LOOTED BY NATIVES.

Ladrones Stole Money From Treasury in Luzon and Tortured Captive.

(Associated Press,)

Manila, Dec. 23.—Ladrones recently looted the treasury in Luzon. They captured the president and cut the tendons of his heels. The constabulary succeeded in recovering part of the stolen funds. The agreement for the sale of the Friar lands has been signed to take effect in six months, the time allowed for surveys and examination of titles. The bureau organized to administer the affairs of these lands will dispose of them when noseible on long terms of payment. Three-fourths of this land is included with the populated districts which makes it a difficult proposition for the administration bureau.

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Governor Taft has pardoned, geveral dipino prisoners on the approach of the hristmas festival; including the priest, aconardo De Puzy, who was under sensince of death by a military court for burying alive the president of Taylay. The sentence has been commuted to genula servitude for a period of twenty

BOMBARDED FORT.

Gen. Morales Defeated the Force Under the Command of Gen. Jiminez.

Cane Hayti, Dec. 23.—A dispatch received here says that General Morales, with a strong force and many cannon, disembraked at Monte Cristo, Santo Domingo, on Monday after a bombard ment of the fort. The troops under General Jiminez were defeated. General Morales, after establishing a depot for munitions of war, returned to Santo-Domingo.

SAW ALEX. DUNSMUIR TEAR UP WIFE'S WILL

Application Respecting Examination of Books of E. & N. Company to Be Heard on Monday.

This Morning's-Proceedings.

When court resumed this morning Sir Charles H. Tupper called atteation to the fact that it was necessary to inspect certain books. It had been found different to the fact that it was necessary to inspect to entat his was necessary to inspect to entat his would be granted. He also requested that an accountant be allowed to examine these books.

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His Lordship, Mr. Justice Drake, could not see how this would be material to the present trial. He admitted it might have a bearing on future actions, but could hardly be construed as affecting.

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His Lordship agreed to hear such an application on Monday.

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forded his side to carry out the examination of the books.

Mr. Davis said he would give no such

His Lordship fixed Monday as the time of the hearing of the application.

Witness knew that Alexander Duns-nic and Mrs. Wallace were not mar-ed. Mrs. Wallace gave her to under-and that they were going to be mar-ed. Witness slid not know that she

Mrs. Dunsmuir towards her, and witness told her then that whei she tairs. Dunsmuir) wanted her to telephone for her. When the will of Mrs. Wallace was brought in the latter part of 1898 Arr the early part of 1899 Mrs. Wallace was ill in the Grand. The will was signed by Mrs. Wallace, and witnessed by Capt. Freeman and witness. It was handed to Alexander Dunsmuir, who read it, tore it up and threw it in the fire. Mr. Dunsmuir said that he wanted the property to be given to him. He wanted a free deed gift. He said he wanted no will, but a free gift. He seemed to be put out with respect to the will. Witness—was not surprised that Mrs. Wallace left the property of Mrs. Hopper.

When witness called at the Grand to see Mrs. Wallace she saw Alexander Dunsmuir frequently in bed. Whenever Mrs. Wallace cold her, the cause of his being in bed was drink.

Witness had got a card from Mr. Lowe to go and see Mr. Thorn. She knew Mr. Lowe, one of the some of witness had been employed for about three years in the office of R. Dunsmuir & Sons. He had remained in the office until Marck of this year. Her son had spoken to her about the case, having come to her house wift a stenographer. Witness said that she disapproved of Mrs. Hopper taking this action on account of her mother's name. She could not recoilect that she had said to Mamie Howe that the disapproved of Mrs. Hopper action in dragging her mother's mane into the ease one way or the other. Who was I to settle the case? she r

James would do anything he said he would.

Re-examined, witness said Mr. Duggan was a private detective. Her son was dismissed on account of lack of work owing to the strike.

Witness was not sure whether the will was form up the evening it was signed or the morning after.

The next witness called was J. J. Aguew, who was examined by A. P. Luxton, He testfied to having seen Alexander Dunsmuir many times from 1898 on. He had been out to San Leandro on several occasions, Alexander Dunsmuir would take long walks about the farm. At the wedding dinner Alexander Dunsmuir will dear the surprise of witness, who "expected to have quite a time himself." The next morning Mr. and Mrs, Dunsmuir got on the train at 16th street.

In 1898 before Alexander Dunsmuir and Mrs, Wallace went East the former had asked witness to be on the look out for a farm for him. After he came back they went out to see the places which witness had selected. Alexander Dunsmuir for Mrs, Wallace.

The court then adjourned autil this afternoon.

FISCAL QUESTION.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.-E. S. Montague an Herbert are registered here from Eng Tkey are studying the fiscal question have letters from Lord Rosebery others to Lord Minto, Siy Wilfyld La and other ministers of the grown.

General Manager of New Financial Institution.

DOMINION NEWS, &

Hamilton Woman Burned to Death While Lighting Fire—Alleged Child Murder at Orillia. (Associated Press.)

Hamilton, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Partridge, 33 years old, residing at 214 Mary street, who was burned last night by the explosion of coal oil with which she was lighting a fire in the stove, is dead;

Liberal Candidate, W. O. Sealy, of this city, was nomin-ated by Liberals yesterday for the House of Commons at the general elections,

Montreal, Que., Dec. 23.—It is an nounced this afternoon that the board of directors of the C. P. R. have elected David McNicoll, vice-president, and W. White, second vice-president, with head-quarters at Whiniper.

For West Algoma

Sault Ste Marie, Ont., Dec. 22.—West Algoma Liberals yesterday nominated J. J. Kehoe, barrister, as candidate for the

Alleged Child Murder. Alleged Child Murder.

Orillia, Ont., Dec. 23.—Mrs. ChristinaSaunders, widow, 28 years old, and
Phoebe Davis, a sister, have been committed for trial on the charge of murdering the former's infant son, born on
December 2nd, and John Pallister,
father of the child, for whom Mrs.
Saunders was housekeeper, for concealing the birth, death and burial of the
child, has also been committed, and are
at present confined to the county jail.
The child had been buried in a woodshed.

> TRAINING SHIP ASHORE. (Associated Press.)

Antwerp, Belgium, Dec. 23.—The large vessel which went ashore in a fog vesterday at Nieuwerstuis, near Flushing, Holland, close to the spot where the Red Star line steamer Finland grounded on Saturday last, is a Dutch training ship. BRAKEMAN DROWNED.

Fell Into Slocan Lake While Engaged Loading Barge With Freight Cars. (Associated Press.)

Slocan City, Dec. 23.—This mern'ng, while loading a barge with freight cars. Brakeman E. O. Conley, of Nelson, aged about 24, fell into Slocan lake and was drowned. Every effort was made to rescue him with no avail. Conley was single; his antecedents are unknown here.

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THE WHITE PASS AND YUKON ROAD

FACTS REGARDING WORKING OF LINE

Earnings of Company Have Decreased -President a Believer in Future of Klondike.

New York, Dec. 22.—The annual report of the White Pass & Yukon, the most northerly railroad, is extremely in-teresting as affording the first official sketch of the peculiar railroad. It is noteworthy that trouble seems to sit lightly upon the men that are running the road. In 1902 they paid a regular

the road. In 1902 they paid a regular dividend of 5 per cent, and a special stock dividend of 25 per cent. In 1903 carnings had fallen off to such an extent that the total amount available for dividends was reduced to \$354.876.

This total is not the total of the rall-road company, whose year ends June 30th, but of the entire local and mail and other services, and the year is made to end December, 1902. The report is peculiar in this respect, containing two distinct sets of figures, one for the company, and the other for the so-called local companies.

The riccome account, for the railway company, whose year ends June 30th, 1903, shows as follows, with comparisons:

Total Net\$353,530 \$769,434 \$415,904

Net income for river division in 1902 was for fourteen months, and mail income in 1903 was for eight months only. The profit and loss of the senior company shows as follows:

1903. 1902. Dec.
Surplus after chgs.\$ 00.410 \$136,367 \$ 88,313

Dividends 68,750 68,750

Deficit\$ 8,440 Surplus \$ 68,217 \$ 76,557

ladies who have told him about their trip via the winter mail service from White Horse to Dawson have talked to him about it, and assured him that they considered it a deightful experience.

The line is narrow gause and seems to be largely built on trestles. The total number of bridges in the 312 miles of railroad has been 101, but this number is being cut to 28. During the year several curves were taken out of the road and the roadbed was widened in places. The rail division carried 16.059 passengers and 28.095 tons of freight. The average load per car was 9.77 tons, and the average load per car was 9.77 tons, and the average load per car was 9.77 tons, and the average load per car was 9.77 tons, and the average load per car was 9.77 tons, and the average load per car was 9.77 tons, and the average load per car was 9.75 tons of freight. The fleet steamed 112.209 miles during the year, and served 175.539 meals abourd the boats. Only 1.001 passengers took the trip by sleigh and coach over the trail from Dawson to White Horse during the winter, though 140 trips were made. The trip takes five days.

Considering the small tonnage the earnings are something immense, looking at the matter from the standpoint of the American railroad. Nothing is said to hint at the gates charged, but they must be something strandpoint of the American railroad. Nothing is said to hint at the gates charged, but they must be something strandpoint of the American railroad to the session of the session. The president explains at some length that gertain large merchants in Dawson City, who thought they were paying too much freight tried during the vent to complete the west of the sesson, however, as inchied registrand and freight, of which the ballended got its share.

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the output was largely from ground of such marvellous richness that the gold could almost be picked out by hand with-out the aid of mechanical appliances, while in 1902 it was necessary to wash more grayel, and the machinery was not available except in a few cases."

The president is a great believer in the future of the Klondike region.

THE KOREAN DISTURBANCES.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22. Of the Rus an warships recently at Chemples

St. Petersburg. Dec. 22.—Of the Russian warships recently at Chemulpo, Korea. In connection with the disturbance there, only the cruiser Biyran remains at the place. All the other vessels have returned to Port Arthur.

Vice-Admiral Stark, commanding the Russian Pacific squadron, while the warships were at Chemulpo had an audience of the Emperor of Korea.

According to the Port Arthur Novykral, the Chinese milifia fought in the ranks of the Chinese robber bands in the recent encounter with Russians. The paper contends that Russian is compelled to take active steps to rid Marchuria of these bands because China has not fulfilled her freaty engagements.

SHOT ON WAY HOME.

Negro Who Disregarded the Repeat Warnings of "Whitecaps" Was Murdered in His Buggy.

Brookhaven, Miss., Dec. 22.—Ely Hilson, a negro, living eight miles from
Brookhaven, was assassinated the day
before yesterday, while on his way home
in his buggy. Hilson was warned by
"Whitecaps" last winter to leave the
country, but he paid no attention to the
warning. His home was visited in the
night about four weeks ago by "Whitecaps," who fired several volleys into the
house. He still disregarded the warning and remained at his home. Hilson
is the second negro killed in the same
section of Lincoln county within the last
month, and other negroes are greatly
alarmed over the situation.

PUGILIST'S DEATH

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 22.—The coroner's jury in the case of Thos, Pendergast, who died a few hours after his fight with "Kid" Williams last Friday night, has returned a verdiet that "Deceased came to his death from rupture of a blood vessel in the brain, caused by blows received in a boxing contest with 'Kid' Williams, in this city, and in our opinion without malice." The gloves were examined by the jury and found to be over five ounces. Williams is out on \$3,000 bail.



FAR EASTERN SITUATION.

Tokio Dispatch Says Settlement May Be Reached if Russia Acts Quickly.

London, Dec. 22.—A dispatch to Reu ter's Telegram Company from Tientsin says the correspondent has been informed, on the highest Chinese official authority; that the asynthetions between Russia and Japan will terminate amic

Tokio, Dec. 22.—It is asserted in of-licial circles here that the Japanese re-oly to Russia rejects the fundamental wints at issue, which are understood a include a mutual guarantee for the acceptation of Korean sovereignty, while securing their individual interests. The situation is grayer than since the commencement of negotiations, but is still susceptible to a pacific solution of Russia will quickly reconsider her reply.

Transports Chaftered. Transports Chartered.

London, Dec. 23.—The Daily Mail's Kobe correspondent says it is reported that the Japanese government is chartering numerous steamers and transports, including three belonging to the Nippon Yusca Kaisha, a Japanese steamship

At the London office of the Nippon-Yusen Kaisha, in response to inquiries, it was declared that there had been no intination that the government desired to requisition any of its steamers. The Daily Mail's Tientsin correspon-dent learns, upon what he says is good authority, that in the event of war hetween Russia and Japan, the Chinese military authorities will co-operate with the Japanese. According to the corres-pondent, it is said, in Tientsin that a number of Japanese warships are concen-trating in the vicinity of Port Arthur.

EXTERMINATED FAMILY.

Despondent Machinist Killed His Wife and Three Children and Commit-ted Suicide.

ted Suicide.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 21.—Roscoe W. Derby, a machinist, despondent over his financial affairs, killed his wife and their three children at their home here early on Sunday, and then committed suicide. The crime was extraordinary in its thorouchness, and evidently, had been planned carefully.

Mrs. Derby was probably killed during sleep, the expression on her face showing no sign of a struggle. The children, however, probably had a struggle with Derby after they had been awakened by the shooting, and made an ineffectual attempt to escape. The body of Harold, aged six years, was found in a pool of bloed in the kitchen, and that of Alice, aged seven years, in the diningroom, with her face to the floor and a bullet in her breast.

Harold evidently had been chased about the house by his father, as the intensitings were in disorder. From the isoration of his wounds, the boy probably was caught by his father and held while the revolver was placed against the little fellow's forehead and two bullets sent into his brain. There also was evidence of a strucke on Alice's part

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The last of the children to die was Thomas, aged five. He had remained in loct, when Derby shot him in the head. After the crime had been committed, Derby went to the room where his wife lay dead and, lying down at her side, fixed a bullet into his own brain. A number of pool race cheques were found about the room, showing that Berby had been trying his luck at betting.

SIX DEATHS FROM GAS.

Although Window Was Open to Each Room, the Result Was Neverthe-less Fatal.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Six persons were asphyxiated by gas on Saturday night and the coroner concluded that the cases were all accidental. In most instances a window was open in each room in which the gas was escaping, and the coroner called attention to the fact that it is popularly supposed a fatal result cannot ensue when fresh air also has entrance.

trance.

John Lundin, a railway foreman, and
Percy Nelson, a laborer, were asphyxiated in a Sacramento street lodging

rooming at 600 Golden Gate avenue, was found in her room in a comatose condi-tion and died at the hospital.

T. Kawabata and I. Murakami, Japan-ese fishermen, who had arrived from Honolulu Tuesday, were found dead in a lodging house.

MUST AMEND ACT.

Parliament Will Be Asked to Remov Difficulties Regarding Sale of Land in Ireland.

Land in Ireland.

London, Dec. 22.—Both the Nationallists and the Unionists are discovering
serious flaws in Irish Secretary Wyndham's Land Act, which will necessitate
further amendment in parliament. In
the Land Judges' court in Dublin, after
several days' discussion, Justice Ross
has delivered indement, regarding the
sule of Lord Ely's estate, according to
which the tenant for life is not entitled
to appropriate the bonus under the new
act for his own use, but must hold it subject to trusts of setflement. The judgment, if upheld on appeal, will prevent
landlords, who are tenants for life, from
selling as they would thereby lose their
chief inducement to sell under the act.
The judgment will probably have the
effect of suspending all sales and negotiations to sell until parliament has removed the doubts and difficulties which
lave arisen in the interrogation of the
act.

WILL STRENGTHEN TIES.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—It was understood to-day at the 49th convocation of the University of Chicago, that Gonations amounting to \$1.850,000 had been received from John D. Rockefeller, founders of the university.

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Hon. Geo. W. Ross, premier of Ontario, delivered an address at the university to-day on the "Political Cleavage of North America,"

Speaking of the movement recently inaugurated by Joseph Chamberlain to federate the English colonies on the basis of Imperial protection against the world, Premier Ross said: "It requires no argument to show that the establishment of commercial relations within the Empire on the basis of preferential tariff would greatly strengthen the ties which bind all the colonies, including Canada, to the Empire, and remove still further in the background whatever inducements remain for closer political or commercial relations with the United States."

VANCOUVER NOTES.

A. Dowie Intends to Sail From San Francisco Instead of Terminal City.

Rev. R. M. Simmons, elder of the die Church in Zion, has received the ollowing the gram from John Alexander

Dowie;

"Owing to the unbertainty concerning the sailing of the Moana, I am compelled to go via San Francisco. Deeply regret I cannot sail from Vancouver. Give all my hearty love, saying I hope to visit them en route to China next winter."

Immediately Rev. Mr. Simmons cancelled the contract—which had been made for the use of the Vancouver opera house on January 6th and 7th. He stated that in spite of the decision announced in the telegram, an effort would be made to induce Dowle to make a special trip from San Francisco to Vancouver ere he sails from the former city for Australia. It is just possible, therefore, that the cancelled addresses will get be rearranged.

Burglars have given the Westminster avenue merchants a lively time during the past week. On Thursday A. C. Weinrobe had a plate glass window broken and two watches and a bracelet, valued at over \$500, were stolen. On Friday night they began with Wright's second-hand store on the west side of the avenue. Exactly at the spot where a large revolver lay they broke a nole through the window and secured the weapon. Thus armed they repeated the attack on Weinrobe's. They broke the glass, but were stopped from going further by a set of grated bars. They then tried their luck on Collister's, next doen, but being alarmed made off. Undeterred by these failures, they next tried Messrs. Dennis & Alltree's hardware store, where they shattered the back wonds with a rock weighing 25 pounds. They went to the show cases and abstracted about \$75 worth of Knives and razors. It is apparent that having accomplished their purpose they were in no harry to depart, for part of a packet of cingretics, half a box of matches, and some scraps of paper in the back room showed that they must have sat down to what might be called the hear home, corner of Eleventh avenue and Manitoba street, Monnt Pleasant, on Sunday morning. The deceased lady had attained the ripe age of \$2 Mrs. Clarke leaves her husband, and four sons and two daughters, to mourn her death.

Mrs. Davie, wife of the

leaves her husband, and four sons and two daughters, to mourn her death.

Mrs. Davie, wife of the Rev. J. H. Davie, who for years was the Anglican clergyman at Sapperton, died on Sunday morning. Deceased had not been in good health for some time, Besides her husband, Mrs. Davie left the following family: The Misses Florence, Winifred and Sarah Davie, and Messrs, Ian and Gavin Davie.

TWO NEGROES SHOT.

Killed by Marshal and Deputy While Resisting Arrest.

Hoffman, N. C., Dec. 22. Two brothers, Galloway and John Blue, negroes, living in Cumberland county, were shot and killed by Town Marshal Thompson and a deputy last night, while resisting arrest for disorderly conduct. The officers were fired upon, but escaped injury.

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widow of the intestate, and for her use and benefit.

Take notice that, pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act." all creditors and ethers having claims against the estate of the above named deceased are requested to send by post or deliver to the said Leonard Caivert Milis, as such attorney as aforesald, at the office of the undersigned on or before the 1st day of February, 1904, full particulars of their claims, duly verticed, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased according to law, having regard only to the claims of which he hall then have notice, and that the said Attorney for the said Francesca Maria Bossi will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

And further take notice that all necessary

period above mentioned.

Dated this 15th day of December, 1903,
S. PERRY MILLS,
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THERE WAS NO PANIC ON STEAMER AMUR

Sound mail received by last night's Clallam rive further particulars of the stranding of the steamer Amur, the news being furnished by passengers who came south on the Farallon.

Robert L. Vining, of Tacoma, who with his wife and son were passengers on the Canadian Pacific liner, says: "The Amur lost her propeller and had a hole stove in her hull, but the double hottom prevented the steamer from sinking."

note stove in her nun, that the deame hottom prevented the steamer from siaking.

"The tide was rising, and in two lours she floated off the rocks. With the assistance of a little launch and a number of sails, we made Port Simpson harbor. The captain and passengers made u. a purse and chartered the steamer Nell to go to Ketchikan for assistance. The steamer Farallon was fortunarely secured, and she came to the relief of the passengers on the Amur. About thirty-live passengers were transferred to the Farallon, together with the letter and paper mail, and we reached Scattle at 8 o'clock on Monday morning. Most of the passengers were booked for Vancouver, so they had to double back from Seattle. "There was no panic among the passengers when the Amur struck on the reef, and the steamer was well managed, under the circumstances. The officers and crew remained with the vessel on the beach at Port Simpson, and the work of making the necessary repairs and placing in position a new shaft is atready under way."

in position a new shaft is already under way."

Charles D. Lane, the well known California and Alaska mining man, was another of the Amur crowd returning on the Farallon, He has been inspecfing his mining properties on Prince of Wales Island. Lane, however, boarded the Farallon at Ketchikau. As soon as the Amur broke down he chartered a launch and put back to Ketchikau, where he awaited the Farallon, informing Capt. Nord of the mishap to the Canadian-liner. This was the first intimation Capt. Nord had of the accident. He at once decided to put in to Port Simpson and tender his assistance. Mr. Lane having informed him that some of the passengers would be glad of the opportunity to take the Farallon for this port.

NAVAL NEWS.

London correspondence under date of December 5th says:

"Fleet Surgeon Cyril J. Mausfield, M. B., has been appointed to H. M. S. Grafton, flagship, for service with the Pacific squadron. Fleet Surgeon Mansfield's councedon with the medical service dates from August, 1895.

"The new first-class armored cruiser Encyalus, which is to be put into commission next month for service under the Australian squadron, will be the largest cruiser ever employed on that station, as she has a displacement of 12,000 tons against the 7,700 tons of the present flagship, Royal Arthur. She carries a more powerful armament, and, being a 21-knot cruiser, is three knots speedier than the latter. It is believed that ultimately the southern division of the Pacific station will be included in the Australian station.

"The Bonaventure, which was com-

with the Included in the Australian station.

"The Bonaventure, which was commissioned the other day at Devonport by Captain R. G. Fraser for service on the Pacific station, is a sister cruiser of the Flora."

FIGHT RENEWED.

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Again—the Pacific Mail Steamship Company and its allies have announced a cut in their freight and steerage passenger rates to the Orient.

The reduction follows a recent rise in rates, and has been made because of a rival steamship, the Ching-Wo, of the China Commercial Company's line, going to San Francisco. The steerage fare has been reduced from \$35 to \$20, and the freight charges on flour from \$2 to \$1. As soon as the Ching Wo departs the rates will be again restored. They will be knocked down again upon the arrival of another steamer of the competing line.

The China Commercial Company is sending the steamer Atholl north to Tacoma to load flour and general merchandise. She has been chartered by the company for an indefinite number of trips to the Orient and return. Bookings for her cargo at Tacoma have already been made, and it is reported that she will have nearly a full load.

VALENCIA WILL CALL.

Umbrellas For Christmas.

At present the Cottage City is Bardly able to maintain this schedule when obliged to make all her Alaskan rounds and call at Vancouver as well.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamer Queen City returned from Crofton yesterday after delivering at the smelter there 150 tons of ore from the Yreka mine, Quastino, Last night she sailed again for the West Coast.

Steamer Tees is due on Friday or Safurday from the north. She will bring south the Fenanting passengers on the Amur, who were not transferred to the Ferantino.

Valencia Will Call on Her Way to Skagway Saturday Oriental
Freight War,

Amur, who
Farallon,
R. M. S. Empress of India will said
for the Orient on Monday, and the Empress of China will leave Yokohama for
Victoria on Christmas day.
The tug Tyee, with the disabled schooner Nome freighter Meteor in tow.
is expected to reach Scattle to-day.

SERVICES APPRECIATED.

Strawberry Vale School.

The closing exercises of the Strawberry Value school were of the most enjoyable character. The chair was occupied by J. B. Erssine, who presided over an excellent programme of songs, recitations and dialogues. Among the features of the programme might be mentioned a song by G. H. Cross, a violin selection by C. Thomas, a duet by Mrs. Geo. Jones and S. Jones, violin duet by Mr. Thomas and Mr. Cloverdale, and a comie recitation by Mrs. Fergusen. A subscription list was opened and Set was rossed to be devoted to the purchase of an organ. Refreshments, three cheers and a tiger for H. O. Case, the teacher, and the National Anthem closed the entertainment.

The anthracite coal beds at the Comox mines are promising well. Frank Little, the superintendent of the Wellington Company's mines, who has recently re-turned from the fields, say that satis-factory progress is being made, and that the body of coal is also proving satisfac-tory.

tory.

The extent of the anthracite body, he says; is probably about 800 or 1,000 acres. The coal averages about four feet in thickness also, so, that there is a very considerable deposit from which

to drain.

Sufficient work has not yet been done to allow of much coal being taken out. The quality, however, is very satisfactory, and when enough has been mined it will be put on the market. It is expected that the anthracite will find a ready market for household purposes, being free from the objectionable smoke which accompanies the softer coal. It is also well adapted for use on locomotive engines.

engines.

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will materially affect the coal trade fre
Vancouver Island, and will add to
present reputation in this respect.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victori

Victoria. Dec. 23.-5 a. m.-An extensive high harometer with a centre of 20.50 inches covers the North Pacific stope. It is causing fair weather from this to California, moderate winds on the Coast and fogs are reported over portions of the Straits. More snow has fallen in Carlboo and one inch at Kamloops. Moderate temperatures still continue cast of the Rockies. Forecasts.

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The members of the United States

The members of the United States Congress could almost give Hon, Messrs. McBride, Green and Wilson pointers on how to augment income by taking generous allowances for travelling expenses. There was a special session of Congress this year for the purpose of dealing with the Cuban Reciprocity Treaty. There is no elasticity in American methods of calling Legislatures together. It is written that the regular session of Congress shall commence on a certain day, and all arrangements must be made to fit into that rule or law. This year the special session was brought to an end one day and the regular session commenced on the next. The members did not leave Washington, but they drew their mileage of travelling expenses to their constituencies, amounting to several hundred thousand dollars, just the same. They know how to profit from their op-

They may have no such excuse for materially adding to their non-assessible income during the coming year, and we would suggest that the session of the Legislature be cut in two and a double indemnity collected. The public would not mind. It should be delighted at the opportunity of providing adequately for such an able, energetic and enterprising set of men. The chance may not occur again. If the House were to be seized with the lintoxicating idea of turning the Ministers out we know their consciences would forever reproach them consciences would forever reproach them for failing to rise to the full height of their opportunities. Their present term will be their last.

OMINOUS SIGNS.

There is no longer any doubt that the situation in the Far East has assumed an ominous appearance. Japan has long nourished her wrath against Russia. The wrangle. nourished her wrath against Russia. The war with China profited her nothing because the great bulk of the Muscovite was interposed between her and the fruits of victory. If any nation gained a material advantage from the war which set Japan upon a pinnacle in Asia and established her as one of the great fighting nations of the earth, that power was Russia. The Czar's advisers saw that the day for the partition of the Sick Man ing nations of the earth, that power was Russia. The Czar's advisers saw that the day for the partition of the Sick Man peculiar principles. of Asia had come, and they promptly planted forces in the spots where they could be utilized to the greatest advan

We have never entertained the thought We have never entertained the thought that the Russian troops would be with-drawn from the Chinese domain. Very few people with a knowledge of Russian methods admitted such a possibility. Russia would have retreated if convinced. few people with a knowledge of Russian methods admitted such a possibility. Russia would have retreated if convinced that the powers of the earth were determined to make her; but her statesmen comprehended the situation and were determined to make the most of it. Great Britain has as much territory as she can Britain has as much territory as she can can always a singer sewing machine. Britain has as much territory as she can conveniently supervise for the present. There are sufficient reasons why she There are sufficient reasons why she should hesitate before taking up the great burden of governing even a small section of territory populated by multitudes of Mongolians. Germany and France may believe Cathey is too remote from their governmental centres to be administered with advantage. The United States probably thinks the time has not yet come for her to expand into the powers may have had something to do with the decision to leave China in her territorial integrity. Whatever the reason, it is an obvious fact that to Japan has been left the task of curbing the ambition of Russia to dominate the northern part of Asia. It is a heavy undertaking. bition of Russia to dominate the northern part of Asia. It is a heavy undertaking, but the Japanese are evidently in the mood to try it. The Mikado and his advisers are exercising all the influence they possess to hold the eager population in check. The representatives of the people have given expression to their sentiments by voting out of office the government they thought to be conducting negotiations in a too conciliatory manner. Authorities contend the Japanese are exercising all the influence policy of our government has been instrumental, to some extent at least, in bringing about. But it is possible our astutue neighbors are correctly reading the signs of the times. They mented upon at a meeting of the officers, and the Planet in its report gave the sure to follow the adoption of preferential:

WRANGLING PARTIZANS.

The politicians of Ontario seem to be having a merry time this joyous Christ-mastide. The Conservative organ in this city, whose advices are from a reliable source, and are therefore authentic, says the party has organized a bodyguard for the preservation of the life and liberties of Gamey, who is the political here of the day. The new leader exects falsely, mutilated books which he said contain-ed the evidence to sustain his charges against the Ross government, altered bank deposit slips, fled from the law he had offended, came back, and has been elevated to the chief-post in the party. Surely it is a fitting thing that such a man should be placed at the head of the party which has abased itself so!

They know how to profit from their opportunities.

As we have said, here is a pointer for
the just sufferesth because of the partizant, ship of the judiciary! All because of the condemnation of Gamey and his ac-

They know how to portunities.

As we have said, here is a pointer for the Premier and his conscientious colleagues, who travelled to Montreal for the purpose of interviewing the leader of the Dominion Conservative party and the Dominion Conservative party and caising a campaign fund. They also country were and charged the house of the province were said in the treasury the province were said in the treasury the province were said to a heavy debt; if instead of the country were said to the potential to the positions of the country were said to the potential to the positions of the country were said to the potential to the potent

resentatives.

The superior persons who stand aloof and hold up their hands in horror at the goings-on in Ontario between Ross and Whitney might be justified in their criticisms if all mankind were construct-ed of the superfine material that enters

HOW WE SHALL GROW.

The wages of hundreds of thousands of workmen are being reduced in the United States, factories are being closed up in every locality. This in the most

Canada. The Singer sewing machine people have selected a site for big works in Quebec. They say they can manu-facture in Canada to better advantage

government they thought to be conducting frequency for the constitutions in a too conciliatory manner. Authorities contend the Japansea Ministry is not responsible to the Diet, but to the Sovereign. But the Japanese consider themselves a very advanced people. It might not be a popular thing for a Mikado to attempt tothwart the desires of his warlike tribes. They might adopt a modern means of disposing of those who stand in the wayof the test they demand—a trial of strength with their new enemy. Toround off her history Japan needs but a
revolution. She might try that experiment too if tempted.

The bone and sinew of Russia is taking no interest in the great game, so far as
the world can judge. It is not a partaker in the preliminary rounds. If the appeal
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the policy of the power may be sung. The bation that has sprung into the foremost ranks of the powers within a couple of decades can not be sauffed out in such a summary fashion. But her environs will be narrowed, while the power she presumes to consider her rival will indeed become proof of the manner in which the eyes



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Real Old.—This is the time of year when people buy the best. When it is whisky they ask for Black and White—the popular Scotch—as supplied the House of Commons, London. For sale by West End Grocery, Fell, Carne, Ross, Saunders and leading bars.

The municipal elections in Duncans will take place in the middle of January. Alex. Herd for reeve, in the place of John Evans, M. P. P., will be opposed by Horace Davie, J. W. Camell, councilman last year, will stand again. He will be opposed by Harry Smith. As all are good men and a great deal of interest is manifested, a very warm election is anticipated.

To-morrow will be an eventful day for hurried shoppers at The Westside. It is the second day of the bargain carnival at the store There is no doubt that The Westside has the goodwiff of the public, which has been more than evidenced by the crowds of busy shoppers that have crowded the aisles every day for the last three weeks, particularly in the afternoons.

—Special Christmas services will be held in the Centennial Methodist church next Sunday. In the morning at 11 o'clock there will be a grand rally of boys and girls and their parents and friends, when the pastor will give an appropriate address, and the choir will turnish suitable music. In the evening an extensive musical programme has been prepared by the choir of 35 voices, and an address will be delivered by Mr. Rawei, of Maoriland.

A decision was reached in the County court lafe yesterday afternoon in the case of Minor vs. B. C. Electric Railway Company. C. W. Minor claimed \$1.000 for the loss of his dog. Rex Montez, it being argued that the Electric Railway Company was responsible for the dog's death, it having been injured by colliding with a car. Damages were awarded by the court for \$200. For two days the case was fought out in court before His Lordship Chief Justice Hunter and a jury. The plaintiff's case was in the hands of J. H. Lawson, jr., the defence being represented by A. E. McPhillips. K. C.

—In about a fortnight's fime it is expected that Turkish baths will be opened in connection with the Driard. The entire basement of that hotel is being fitted up with lounging rooms, and the other conveniences necessary to make the baths up to date in every particular. Carpenters have been at work for the past month, and have practically completed the construction of dressing rooms and other apartments. The heating apparatus is now being installed. When completed there will be accommodation for both ladies and gentlemen. It is also the intention to have a barber's shop and boofblack stand in connection with the baths.

boths.

A most enjoyable evening was speut at the Central hall, Salt Spring Island, on December 17th. H. W. Bullock, acting as chairman. A tastefully arranged Christmas tree with books and toys for the children of the Vesuving Bay, public school, occupied one corner of the hall. A long programme of acting, singing and reciting was much appreciated. Refreshments, of which the ladies brought an abundant supply, were then served. After the tree was stripped of its treasures, the entertainment came to a close with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman and Miss Black, the teacher, and the singing of the National Anthem. The hall was then eleared for dancing. Special mention should be made of the kindness of Miss Mary Jane Mowat, who loaned her organ for the evening. Thanks are also due the public, who subscribed so generously and also some of the merchants of Victoria.

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Victoria lodge, A. O. U. W., meets this evening, when officers will be elect-ed and other important business transact-

-The steamers Thistle and Fingal are in port, the former from Union and the latter with a load of hay for Scott & Peden. -0-

-The County court has adjourned until January 14th. All the cases not disposed of will therefore stand over until that date.

The barque Pass of Brander has passed her third Lloyd's survey on the Esquimalt Marine railway, and will leave for the Sound in a day or so.

—If you are not going "home" this Xmas send a portrait, one of the "just-like-you-at-your-best" kind, taken at the Skene Lowe studio. Sit now; no time to

The funeral of the late Mrs. Bowes Haynes, of Metglosin, took place this afternoon from the parlors of W. J. Hanna. Religious services were conducted by Rev. J. P. Westman.

The regular weekly meeting of Columbia Lodge, I. O. O. F., will be held this evening, when the third degree will be conferred upon a member. After business has been transacted, the remainder of the evening will be spent in a social manner.

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This morning an Association football match took place between the St. Louis College and North Ward teams at Bereon Hill. The former eleven defeated the North Ward eleven by a score of two goals to nil, Sweeney and Keappock doing the scoping. For the wimers F. Baylis, J. Toeke, F. Brown, J. Robbins and McArthur played a good game. C. Carter made an impartial referee.

The extra attraction at next Saturday evening's promenade concert at the drill hall will be a match game of intercity basketball between the Victoria West and Nanaimo teams. It is safe to predict that next Saturday's game will be productive of keen competition and much excitement. An excellent musical programme in keeping with the senson of the year will be rendered-during the evening by the regimental band.

Vesterday afternoon and evening the annual fair of the Ladies Aid of the Congregational church was held, there being a large attendance. The booths were all prettilly decorated and well patronized. The programme given in the evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, was much appreciated. Those in charge of the arrangements are to be congratulated upon the unqualified success of the fair.

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—A committee of the Victoria Socialists waited upon G. Weston Wrigley and Mrs. Wrigley at their home, 32 Second street, on Monday evening, and in view of their leaving Victoria for Wallace, Idaho, this week, inade presentations to each, showing their appreciation of the work done by these Socialists during their year's residence in Victoria. A telegram received from Toronto to-day states that George Wrigley, well known as editor of the Canada Farmers' Sun, Citizen and Country and the Canadian Socialist, has burst'a blood vessel in his head and also suffered a stroke of paralysis on his right side. His son, G. Weston Wrigley, has been a resident of Victoria during the past year, and recently accepted the editorship of the State Tribune, at Wallace, Idaho.

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A RETURN MATCH.

AT OAK BAY. Victoria will play either the Royal Engineers or Navy at Oak Bay on Christmas Day. A challenge has been sent the former team, but as yet no reply has been received. In the event of the Engineers being unable to play; no difficulty is anticipated in arranging a match with a Navy team.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. SPECIAL MEETING.

As announced yesterday, a special meeting of the Victoria District Football Association will be held this erening at the X. M. C. A. rooms. A number of matters will come up for discussion, and a full attendance is requested. Delegates from all teams represented in any of the city lenguage training and a full attendance of the control of the control

GAME ON CHRISTMAS DAY GAME ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

It has been decided that the league match
between the Victoria and Columbia transshall take place on Christmas Day at the
Caledonia grounds. The game will probably start at 2.45 o'clock. A referee has
not as yet been decided upon.

The Columbias will be represented by
their strongest eleven, and intend putting
up a hard game. It is expected that the
line up of the Victoria team will be the
same as on Saturday last against the Garrison. S. Loriner will probably be found
at centre forward and Pettigrew on the
defence.

ATTELL v. KRANT.

ATTELL v. KRANT.

To-morrow evening a twenty-round contest for a decision will take place between Caesay Attell and Kid Krant at the Victoria theatre. All arrangements are completed, and the prospects are that this bour will prove fast and exciting—Bo of victory. On the contest of the completed will be contested by the contested of the conteste

MORE TOURNAMENTS.

The J. B. A. A handleap tournament, which has been in progress for the last couple of months, will in all probability be conspicted before the end of the month. As states in these columns several days ago, the finals remain to be played between B. C. Pettingell, Frank Smith and Stan. Smith. The match between the two former players has been arranged to take place at the club rooms on Saturday evening, and it is expected that the final between the winner of this game and Stan. Smith will be played a few evenings later.

Preparations are being made to organize a single and double handleap tourney among members of the James Bay Athletic Association at the commencement of the New-Year. Entries will be called almost immediately and all interested are asked to send in their applications as soon as possible. MORE TOURNAMENTS.

During the first two weeks in January there will be a tournament (both double and single) between players representing the J. B. A. A. and the Fernwood Athletic Association. The teams will comprise six men from each club, and the tournery will last two evenings, the first part being played off at the F. Y. M. A. rooms and the second at the J. B. A. A. The Fernwoods court has been greatly improved, slace, last season, and players will find it as good as any in the city.

RUGBY FOOTBILL.

Referring to Saturday's game at Naunimo between the Vancouver and Coal City lifteens, the Free Press says:

"Vancouver, 19. Nanamo, 0. This does not cell the whole story of Saturday's game for the Rugby champlonship of British Columbia, nor is it correct to say that it was a pty that the visitors aid-not meet foem in worthy of their steel, or that the only reason the score was not higher was that they did not exert themselves as much as they might have done. There was no the start was not the game when Vancouver could

VICTORIA V. NAVY. Next Saturday a game will probably be blayed between the Victoria and Navy sease at the Caledonia grounds. The match will connence at 3 o'clock, and will likely a well contested. It has been arranged by the local fifteen in order to obtain a sool practice in preparation for the league muc to be played with Vancouver on local rounds in January. All enthusiasts ore ookling forward to this match. The Victoria team will try hard to turn the tables in the Vancouver fifteen on their own rounds.

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EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE.

"The Unwelcome Mrs. Hatch."

Although there was a fair-sized house at the Victoria theatre last night to behold the presentation of "The Unwelcome Mrs. Hatch" by Miss Florence and her capable company, it was not nearly as large as the excellence of the performance deserted. The play has had considerable vogue in the East, but last night was the first time it was produced in this city. It is a pathetic story that is told, and enabled Miss Roberts in the leading role to display that subtlemastery over the emotions for which she is noted. In fact before the curtain descended on the last act there was many a wet eye in the audience. Needless to say Miss Roberts was well supported by her company, all the members acquitting themselves in the most satisfactory manner. To-night "Peggy Thrift," an adaptation of the fine old English connedy known as "The Country Girl." will be presented. Playgoers who want to witness something good should attend to-night's performance.

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A quiet wedding ceremony was performed in the home of Mr. C. Beadleston on Wednesday morning last, when Mr. Thomas Revier Patterson and the bonds of holy matrimony. The bride and bridegroom were supported respectively by Miss Agnes Kidd and Mr. Joseph Kidd, daughter and son of Mr. Thomas Kidd, e.M. P. P. It is rumored the Bank of British North America, of Vancouver, intend to open a branch at Ladner in the near future.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year at the last regular meeting of the A. O. C. W. lodge: P. M. W., T. E. Ladner; M. W., J. Glichrist; Foreman, W. Pybus; Ph. Sec., W. H. Smith, Rec. Sec., T. W. Kerr; Receiver, R. Modit.

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PATENT OFFICE REPORT.

Rowland Brittain, patent attorney, of Vancouver, sends the following abstract from the Official Gazette of the United States patent office for the week ending December 8th, 1903:

During this week 080 patents were issued, 619 being to citizens of the United States, Belgium 1, Canada 11, Cuba 1, Great Britain 14, France 6, Germany, 15, Inity 1, 3upan 1, Mexico 2, New Zealand, 3, Sweden 1, Switzerland, 1, Transwani, South Afroa 1, and Vicioria, Australia, 3.

Transvaal, South Afroa I, and Victoria.
Australia, 3.
Capt. J. Glaholm and G. T. Kent, both of Nanaimo, received this week a United States patent on an improved parallel ruler especially designed for transfering courses on a chart from the compass rose. Instead of the two straightedges, coupled by parallel links, as is the common practice, this invention provides three straightedge members, the outer ones being each connected by one short link to the centre one, and one link of double length, is pivotally connected across the three so that the one straightedge being held on the chart the outer one can be moved up with an extremerange, the parallelism of the series being maintained by the short connecting links between each and half of the longer one, which is common with all. The outer edges of the rulers are graduated with scales to facilitate measurements adapted for harbor, coast or deep water charts, and are furnished with slidable indicators by which such measurements may be marked off on a course.

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CHRISTMAS TREES.

Entertainments at the Metropolitan Methodist and First Presbyterian Churches Last Evening.

FAIR WAGE OFFICER,

D. J. ODonoghue, of Department of Between Five and Six Hundred Have Labor, Visiting the Coast.

Made Required Declarations.

Fair wage officer, D. J. O'Douoghue, of the department of labor, acrived in the city last night on official business. His duties are to fix what is a fair wage, and the schedule decided upon is incorporated in contracts awarded for government works.

Made Required Declarations.

By noon to-day about five hundred and fifty householders had qualified for the municipal voters list by making the necessary declaration at the city hall. There remain seven days in which this can be done, and it is urgent that those who have not qualified should make a pilgrimage to the city assessor's office before the time expires—the earlier the better.

Last year about thirteen hundred householders qualified at the city hall. The mayor's voters' list contained 4.435. The mayor's voters' list contained 4.435. The mayor system was exceptionally large. This was due to the activity of the rival candidates and their supporters who canvassed the municipality pretty thoroughly. It is hardly likely that the vote for mayor this year will be as big as in the last municipal contest, but it doubtless will be a large one.

In the Times's review of the candidates for the approaching election mention of the candidature of E. A. Lewis for school trustee was inadvertently omitted. Mr. Lewis announced himself several days ago. ated in contracts awarded for government works.

The pursuance of his duties in this connection Mr. O'Donoghne will visit Nanaimo, where additions are to be made to the post office; Sidney, where the pier is to be extended; Quatsino, where the wharf is to be extended; Quatsino, where the wharf is to be extended, and various other public works.

He has just returned from the Kootenays, whither he went to fix the wage schedule for the Rossland armorfes, He is also while on the present trip collecting statistics of the prevailing wages in each district for reference by the department of labor in the future.

Mr. O'Donoghne had an experience on the plains a few weeks ago which makes him appreciate the balmy weather which he encountered at Victoria. He was on a forty-mile drive from Mosoomin, Northwest, to Pleasant Hills, where a railway is being built. A bliggard overtook them.

he encountered at Victoria. He was on a forty-mile drive from Moosomin, Northwest, to Pleasant Hills, where a railway is being built. A blizzard overtook them, the thermometer dropping to 40 degrees below, and the trail became obliterated. To add to their troubles the driver was overcome, and Mr. O'Donoghue was able to stir him to consciousness only by the most strenuous exertions exertions which probably prevented him from lapsing into the same condition as the driver. Fortunately a shack was finally reached, where a roaring fire soon made them forcet their troubles.

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A Sunflower drill gave a great deal of entertainment, the arrangements for it having been very complete. At the close of the programme Santa Claus made an appearance, and assisted by the officers of the programme Santa Claus made an appearance, and assisted by the officers of the spinol stripped the free, distributing the girts to the children. There was a large attendance at an entertainment given by the children of the Sunday school of the First Presbyterian church last evening. The chair was occupied by Superintendent Meston. After the usual preliminaries about 60 children took places on a large platform which had been constructed for the occasion. The cantata, "Santa Claus the Second," was carried through with the greatest success. The hall was prettily decorated with evergreens and flowers. The regular Christmas treat will take place on the evening of Tuesday, December 20th.

A Sunday school entertainment will be

place on the evening of Tuesday, December 20th.

A Simday school entertainment will be held this evening at the Centennial Methodist church. An excellent programme has been prepared for the occasion, A cantata will be given by the children. There will be a Christmas tree, and presents will be distributed by Santa Claus during the evening.

POINT ELLICE BRIDGE.

The Floor System Is Now Half Way Across - Retaining Wall Landing.

The work of establishing the superstructure of Point Ellice bridge in position is proceeding very satisfactorily, and the city engineer this morning expressed himself highly pleased with the progress made. The floor system is now half way across the Arm, which, the view of the fact that operations only began a week ago last Saturday, is quite gratifying to the authorities. It is the intention to grace the structure with a fine boat landing at the dastern end to which steens will descend from this approach. The bridge will have a grade of about three feet and a half. It is expected that it will be open for traffic in a month or six weeks.

PERSONAL.

E. L. Wrigglesworth, of Fernie, and Mrs. Wrigglesworth, arrived in the city last evening from Fernie, where they were married on Wednesday last. They intend spending several weeks in Victoria. Mr. Wrigglesworth is manager for Wrigglesworth & Co., contractors for the Crow's Nest Goal Co., for the coke ovens 4t Michel. His bride was Miss A. R. Ferguson, a popular and accomplished young lady of Fernie.

G. Dunn a commercial man, of San Francisco, Cal., and R. F. Cotton, a civil engineer, of New Westminster, are registered at the Dominion.

J. Norton, formerly a rancher of Sait pring Island, returned last evening after trip to New York. He is at the Do-island.

. . . W. Hyde Wordingham arrived in the city last evening by the steamer Iroquois and the Victoria & Sidney rallway. Miss Phillips Wolley returned from Van-couver last evening.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The ferry boat American and the tor-pedo boat Winslow collided in the East river at New York on Tuesday. The ferry was badly damaged, but the cap-fain succeeded in reaching a pier. The Winslow will also have to be docked for

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The apostolic delegation, Washington, has received word from Rome that the Pope has granted dispensation from abstinence on New Year's Day, which falts on Eriday this year. The delegation has sent out circular letters to all the bishons, notifying them of this fact.

Ralph McLain, a farm hand, aged 14 years, and Herbert Dewitt, aged 12, were driving across the Lackawanna railroad in Elmira when the buggy was struck by a Lackawanna train. McLain was killed instantly. The other boy died on reaching the hospital.

The Duke and Duchess of Roxburghe arrived at Dunbar, Seotland, on Tuesday, and were given a magnificent reception. As soon as the Duke and Duchess entered their carriages the horses were unhitched and the carriage was drawn by the pipers to Broxmouth Park, the sent of the Roxburghes. The carriage was followed by two hundred torch bearers.

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Oren M. Beach, formerly president of the Farmers' and Clitzens' bank, of Brooklyn, N. Y., died at Danbury, Cona., on Tuesday, aged 80 years.

While walking along a crowded street in Chicafo, Albert Altenhofen, a saloonkeeper, suddenly shot and killed Marie Ransch, his wife, and then quickly killed himself. Jealousy is supposed to have been the cause.

Charles Hilson, aged 30 years, was shot and killed by Mattie Lee at Philipsburg, Mont. The woman claimed Hilson owed her a large sum of money. The first meeting of Joseph Chamberlain's commission of tariff experts, which is to enquire into the conditions of British trade and to report, with the object of drawing up a tariff on reform bill, will be held on January 15th. Mr. Chamberlain has accepted the honorary presidency of the commission.

When Frank Henry Burness, a ship's cook, was placed on trial in Brooklyn for the murder of Capt. Geo. B. Townsend, the skipper of the lumber schooner Chas. Buckley, the prisoner admitted his guilt, and a written confes-

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A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,5001,500 feet by marking out the same with two least poets, bearing location notices, one at each peets, bearing location notices, one at each man and the line of the lode or vein.

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Permission may be granted by the Minister of the interior to locate claims containing iron and mica, afao copper, in the Yu-kon Territory, of an area not exceeding 100

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twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who have, or who may receive entries for bar diggings or bench claims, except on the Saskatchewan River, where the lessee may dredge to high water mark on each alternate lessehold.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one senson from the date of the lease for each five miles, but where a person or company has obtained more than one lease one dredge for each fifteen miles or fraction is sufficient. Rental, \$10 per ansum for each mile of river leased, Revaity at the rate of two and a half per cent. collected on the output after it exceeds \$10,000.

Dredging in the Yukon Territory.—Six leases of five miles each may be granted to free miles for a term of twenty years, and the rate of two at term of twenty years, and the case of right is confined to the submergers of right is confined to the submergers of the street the submergers of the street when the submergers is the street at the submergers of the submerge

bredging in the Yukon Territory.—Six leases of five miles each may be granted to a free miner for a term of twenty years, also renewable.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars in the river below low water mark, that boundary to be fixed by its position on the let day of August in the Year of the date of the lease.

The lessee shall have one dredge in operation within two years from the date of the lease, and one dredge for each five miles within six years from such date. Reatal, \$100 per mile for first year, and \$10 per mile for each subsequent year. Reyalty, same as placer mining.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory.—Creek, gulch, river and hill claims shall not exceed 250 feet in length, measured on the base line or general direction of the creek or gulch, the width belag from 1,000 for \$2,000 feet. All other placer claims shall be 250 feet square.

Claims are marked by two legal posts, one af each end, bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten days, if the claim is within ten miles of mining recorder's office. One extra day allowed for each additional ten miles or fraction.

The person or company staking a claim must hold a free miner's certificate.

The dispoverer of a new mine is curitied to a claim of 1,000 feet in length, and if the party consists of two, 1,500 feet altogether, on the output of which no royalty shall be charged, the rest of the party or dinary claims only.

Entry fee, \$10. Royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent, on the value of the gold shipped from the Yukon Territory to be paid to the Qumptroller.

No free miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim on each separate river, creek or gulch, but the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and free miners may work their claims in partnership by fling notice and paying fee of \$2. A claim may be abandoned, and open to occupation and entry by a free miner to the value of at

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LOCAL NEWS.

-Another chapter of the Chinese gam-bling case was drawn out in the police court this morning and part of this after-moon. The proceedings were adjourned after the examination of several wit

The illumination and display of eats and ponitry by L. Goodacre & us is attracting large crowds as usual, as firm has shown a great deal of article skill in decorating, and deserves eat credit for their enterprise.

The sale by auction of the shares in the Roberts-Kitchener mines, held by the late Hugh Grieve, was postponed by Sherif Richards this morning. The sale will take place this afternoon at the court house.

A resident of the Lake district has complained to the provincial police that, an siderly man under the influence of liquor the other day pursued two of his children. The police will investigate the complaint.

The Christmas treat, tree and enter-tainment of St. Paul's Sabbath school. Victoria West, will take place in Semple's hall on Tuesday evening. De-eduber 20th. Supper will be served to the children at 5.30. An excellent pro-gramme will be given by the children, commencing at 8 o'clock, after which Santa Claus is expected to appear and distribute presents from a handsomely decorated tree to every child attending the school.

-lan St. Clair, physical instructor for the public schools, has issued certificates to 25 boys of different schools who have passed a severe examination in sw mmin. In order to pass, the boys had not only to be proficient swimmers, but were required to be well acquainted with the method of resuscitating a person apparently drowned. The latter part of the examination was undertaken by Dr. Robertson. It is the intertion that these examinations shall be held at the end of each sear.

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—Sidney Methodist church was crowded at the annual Christmas treat in connection with the Sunday school. A very pretty tree heavily laden with choice and appropriate presents, adorned the building. Rev. T. H. Wright, pastor of the church, occupied the position of chairman. A good programme was refidered by the Sabbath school choir and scholars. Mrs. Griffin, the supertendent of the school, has done good work during the year with a devoted hand of workers. A vote of thanks, moved by Mr. Shopland, and sceonded by Mr. Hewitt, was tendered the officers of the school and friends; both mover and seconder sreaking in the highest torms of praise of the work of the year and the pleasant evening, enjoyable programme, excellent tree and a bountiful supply of refreshments. Mr. Smith acted as Santa Claus. After purchasing, presents, a balance in hand of over \$18 was reported for carrying on the school for next year.

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—C. F. Todd, president, and F. Elsworthy, secretary of the Board of Trade, and H. Cuthbert, secretary of the Tourist Association, have received a bronze medal from the Canadian committee of arrangements, Montreal, as a mark of appreciation of their services in the received of the General School of their services in the received of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire on the occasion of their sist to Victoria. Secretary Geo. Hadrill in his communication says: "I am sending you by registered mail a hrsnze medal which was struck by order of this committee to compsement the holding in this city in August last of the fifth Congress of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire, it being the first of these congresses held outside the Mother Country. The committee asks your accept ance of this medal in token of the appreciation of the service you rendered in connection with the visit to your city of the over-sea delegates to the Congress.

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To Mr. S. G. Henderson, one of Messrs. B. Williams & Co.'s popular young salesmen, is due the credit of having dressed these large windows, and the firm are so much pleased with the result that they intend to have a flash light photo taken of them. Messrs. B. Williams & Co. report Christmas trade a very brisk, and are giving away a very useful calendar to all customers.

Popular Warrant Officer of Fifth Regi-ment Recipient of Fretty Gift.

At the drill hall last night the members of the school of instruction, who have just successfully passed through a strict examination, met, and, headed by Gr. Woolison, presented Regimental Sergt-Major Mulcaby with a handsome salad bowl. The gift was accompanied by an address, which read as follows:

Headquarters, Victoria, B. C., December, 1963,

o Regimental Sergt. Major Mulcahy, Fifth Regiment, Canadian Artillery.

We, the undersigned members of the fifth Begiment, C. A., being desirons of pressing to you our appreciation of your look of instruction, take the presenting of



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CLARKE-At Vancouver, on Dec. 20th Mrs. E. Clarke, aged 82 years.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I beg to announce that I am a candidate for the office of Mayor for the ensuing year, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence at the coming election,

CHAS. E. REDFERN

THE MATUNALITY

To the Electors of the City of Victoria.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I beg to announce that I will be a candidate at the coming election for the office of Mayor for the ensuing year, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

G. H. Barnard

To the Electors of South Ward.

I beg to announce that I will be a candi-date at the coming election for the office of Alderman for the ensuing year, and re-spectfully solicit your votes and influence at the coming election.

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