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COLOMBIANS THREATENED WAR

Declared They Would Fight if the Canal Treaty Was Ratified.
 (Associated Press.)
 New York, Feb. 25.—A cable from Panama to the Herald says the ratification of the Panama canal treaty resulted in the immediate recall of the United States warships and about half of the marines from the Isthmus.
 Despite Colombia's internal disturbances, letters just received from there declare that the Colombians are ready to fight as soon as the news arrives that the treaty has been ratified. One general in Cartagena is quoted as saying if the government does not declare war the troops on the border will invade Panama anyhow.
 The last information from the coast is that another regiment of soldiers has been sent from Cartagena to the frontier.
 If the Colombians carry out the threat to attack they cannot reach the railroad section as fast as vessels can be sent from any part of the United States after news of the advance.

FAVOR AMALGAMATION.

President of American Federation of Labor Interviews Porto Rican Delegates.
 (Associated Press.)
 San Juan, Porto Rico, Feb. 25.—A conference was held yesterday between Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and delegates of the two Porto Rican labor unions, representing all the organized labor of the island.
 Mr. Gompers urged their amalgamation under the American Federation of Labor, and a resolution to this effect was adopted by the delegates and will be voted upon by the unions on March 12th.

WILL FACILITATE DELIVERY.

Mail on British Liners Will Be Sorted During Voyage Across the Atlantic.
 (Associated Press.)
 London, Feb. 25.—Post office officials from New York are on board the steamer Oceanic, which left Queenstown today for New York, inaugurating a new arrangement for British mail steamers: the sorting of letters during a voyage.

THE JAPANESE SCHEME TO CLOSE PORT ARTHUR

Torpedo Boats, Which Convoyed Ships Intended to Block Entrance, Continued Fighting Until Daylight--Russians Say Plan Failed and Harbor is Open.

(Associated Press.)
 St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—1.45 p. m.—No further details were available this morning of the unsuccessful attempt of the Japanese to blockade the entrance of the Japanese to battle on the Russian fleet at Port Arthur by sinking big merchantmen at the mouth of the harbor.
 The brief details contained in the official dispatches indicate that the coup was planned, according to the usual Japanese tactics, to take place during the night, and that it was desperately pushed and backed by eight torpedo boats, which continued fighting until daylight, but that it failed completely.
 Great praise is given to the Russian battleship Retvizan, which lay outside the harbor entrance for her gallant work in beating off the enemy. Her part in the action shows that the reports of the injuries which she is said to have sustained in the attack of February 24 were greatly exaggerated.
 The official dispatches do not make clear the exact number of ships sent in for the purpose of blocking the mouth of the harbor, or whether the four vessels destroyed were beached by the fire from the shore batteries or by the fire of the Retvizan. Consequently all the unknown additional details are expected from Viceroy Alexieff in the course of the day. As he is at Mukden, the report of the commander at Port Arthur first goes to him and thence is forwarded to the Cas. The report that after daylight floating torpedoes were seen in the roadstead causes anxiety.
 According to the latest advices, the Japanese fleet yesterday was still visible on the horizon.
 The news of the Japanese repulse was received here with great rejoicing, and was looked upon as partially wiping out the score against the enemy.
 The official bulletins were given out too late for editorial comment, but the news of the initial success of the Russian arms was prominently displayed. Not one of the newspapers here has yet received special dispatches giving news of the Japanese repulse.

EXPECT NEWS OF FIGHT.

Another Engagement Believed to Have Taken Place at Port Arthur.
 (Associated Press.)
 Tokyo, Feb. 25.—(Delayed in transmission.)—Advises are hourly anticipated here of a third naval engagement, which has taken place at Port Arthur.
 It was known that the fleet, under the command of Admiral Togo, had been in action, but the nature of the operation about to be undertaken had not been disclosed to the navy department. The latter admits anticipating information, but says it does not expect to receive any before Wednesday. It is thought here that Admiral Togo first attacked with his torpedo boats and then shelled Port Arthur.
 The opinion expressed by the foreign ministry here is, however, almost united against the ability of the Japanese ships to shell the place without dangerous exposure to the heavy guns of the shore batteries.
 The Japanese, however, are confident that the place is vulnerable at three points on the seaside, and in proof of their opinion is the explosion of a number of shells in the town on the occasion of the recent night fight. The Japanese once had Port Arthur, and they have complete information in regard to distances and ranges. A bombardment of the place should prove highly destructive, as it is narrow and cramped. A few shells thrown over the hills into the basin holding the bay and down could not fail to do serious execution. The Japanese shells are charged with a high explosive, and are very effective, and it is believed possible to render the harbor untenable for a Russian warship by bombardment, and force them to put to sea at night in the open bay.

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 The Premier added that there appeared to be no truth in the rumor that Spain was mobilizing her forces, although she was strengthening some of her garrisons.

ANGLO-FRENCH TREATY PENDING

COMPLETE ACCORD PRACTICALLY ASSURED

Questions in Dispute With Regard to Egypt, Morocco and Newfoundland Being Adjusted.
 (Associated Press.)
 London, Feb. 25.—Premier Balfour had sufficiently recovered his health to come from Brighton to this city today to preside at a cabinet meeting. Prior to the meeting, the French ambassador, M. Cambon, called at the foreign office and had an hour's talk with Foreign Secretary Lansdowne.
 The ambassador returned here from Paris last night, and apart from an exchange of views in regard to the most recent developments of the war, on which subject more than two cabinets are keeping in the closest touch with each other, there is good reason to believe that a settlement of all matters in dispute between France and Great Britain is on the eve of being arranged. Such questions as Egypt, Morocco, Newfoundland, etc., have been fully discussed by the two governments for some months, and the differences are being gradually eliminated, until practically nothing remains but an early signature of a treaty removing all the outstanding obstacles to a complete accord between the two powers.

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GERMANY AND RUSSIA.

Nothing Known of Negotiations By Which Former Will Grant Advantages.
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 London, Feb. 25.—Replying to a question in the House of Commons today, the foreign under secretary, Earl Percy, said the government was not aware of any negotiations between Germany and Russia, whereby, as announced in some newspapers, in return for Germany affording Russia certain advantages during the war, Russia would support Germany in regard to the Bagdad railway question, and a general extension of German predominance in Asia Minor.

RUSSIANS IN JAIL.

Count and Countess Charged With Attempting to Murder a Former Friend.
 (Associated Press.)
 Seattle, Feb. 25.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Dawson, says that Count and Countess Meteski are in Nome jail charged with attempting to murder Captain Wm. Gilpin, a former friend. Their bonds are fixed at \$5,000. The trouble took place at the Russian mansion, where the Countess tried to shoot the captain. She did not succeed because he had taken the powder out of the cartridges.

THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

One of Modifications Proposed to Be Made in Contract With the Government.
 (Special to the Times.)
 Ottawa, Feb. 25.—One of the modifications which is to be made in connection with the Grand Trunk Pacific contract is that \$25,000,000 common stock which the Grand Trunk Railway Company is to hold, may be sold or hypothecated as long as it is in the hands of parties interested in the Grand Trunk. The original agreement provided that it was to be kept in the name of the Grand Trunk.

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BARON SUYEMATSU HERE EN ROUTE TO LONDON
 He Discusses Eastern Situation—Important Mission to Courts of Washington and St. James.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.
Daily Report Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department.
Victoria, Feb. 25—5 a. m.—The barometer is falling along the Coast in advance of an ocean storm area which may cause a gale along the seaboard. Showers have occurred in this vicinity, and copious rains in California. Snow is again falling in Cariboo, while from the Rockies eastward to the Great Lakes the temperature is still considerably below zero.

Forecasts.
For 26 hours ending 5 p.m. Friday.
Victoria and vicinity—Expecting easterly winds, mostly cloudy, followed by rain or sleet, not much change in temperature.
Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, mostly cloudy, followed by rain or sleet.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 29.86; temperature, 29; minimum, 29; wind, 6 miles E.; rain, .01; weather, cloudy.
New Westminster—Barometer, 29.90; temperature, 32; minimum, 32; wind, 8 miles E.; rain, .10; weather, fair.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.90; temperature, 24; minimum, 22; wind, calm; weather, clear.
Barkerville—Barometer, 29.90; temperature, 10; minimum, 10; wind, calm; snow, trace; weather, snow.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, 46; minimum, 46; wind, 4 miles W.; rain, .20; weather, clear.
Edmonton—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, 10 below; minimum, 10 below; wind, calm; weather, fair.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.
Victoria Meteorological Office,
17th to 23rd February, 1904.
The weather during this week has been unusually overcast and rainy along the Coast, on the Mainland there has been an abnormal amount of cold weather, and between the ranges in Northern British Columbia a large amount of snow. Frost occurred on the Lower Mainland upon six out of the seven days, and the large quantities of ice in the Fraser has prevented the boats from getting up the river. Though the winds have not been heavy in this vicinity, except for a few hours on the 22nd, several severe storms have occurred on the coasts of Oregon and Washington. The heaviest wind velocity reported was 70 miles an hour at Cape Flattery during the afternoon of the 22nd. At the same time thunderstorms occurred on the Sound, and heavy wind, rain and sleet signals were reported on the Straits of Fuca and Georgia.
The weather has been quite cold in Cariboo and Kootenai, though upon one day did the temperature fall below zero. On the other hand in the Territories and Manitoba the temperature has been below zero throughout the week and light snow occurred upon several days. The lowest temperature recorded was 26 below zero at Prince Albert. In the Yukon steady cold weather has prevailed, the average daily highest temperature was only 21 below zero and the average daily lowest was 31 below zero.
Victoria—Sunshine recorded was 6 hours; rainfall, 1.12 inch; highest temperature, 40.3 on 21st; and lowest, 34.2 on 20th.
New Westminster—Rain and melted snow, 1.92 inches; highest temperature, 44 on the 18th; and lowest, 32 on 20th, 21st and 22nd.
Kamloops—Snow, 5.4 inches; highest temperature, 42 on 18th; and lowest, 12 on 17th and 22nd.
Barkerville—Snow, 13.00 inches; highest temperature, 32 on 17th and 18th; lowest, 2 on 20th and 23rd.
Dawson—Snow, 2 inch; highest temperature, 10 below on 22nd; lowest, 44 below on 20th.

PASSENGERS.
Per steamer Princess Beatrice from Seattle—R. Prior, Maxwell Grant, T. S. Slaughter and Mrs. Stevenson, H. S. Smith, F. N. Drake, wife and three children, J. Carlson, Miss MacKay, Mrs. C. Swanson, B. Middleton, Mrs. Chas. Tinsley, A. H. Hawking, T. Graham, Chas. Nelson, M. Mallon, Mr. Mayer, J. A. Moore and wife, L. Callison, E. Lacy, T. L. Sullivan, W. E. Wiley, H. S. Frazier, Miss Estman, A. C. Burke, D. Lawrence, B. Stern.
Per steamer Charmer from Vancouver—H. Malare, W. C. Birdsall, W. G. Bechtel, F. J. Stevens, J. M. Palmer, Geo. Parker, W. S. D. Smith, J. Hurlbush, N. J. Sharp, C. M. James, F. C. Cotton, G. H. Cowan, J. W. P. P. and wife, B. E. Gillespie, Mrs. Carter, J. Rae, C. F. Jackson, R. V. Winch, J. C. MacLure, Maxwell Smith, T. Cunningham, Mac Donaldson, K. T. Elliott, E. J. Coyle, Miss Johnson, W. J. Holden, A. Becker, W. W. B. Melnar, R. Mitchell, E. R. Inglis, J. T. Doble, H. A. Evans, J. P. Hill, G. Campbell, J. P. Telford, G. J. Hicks, Mrs. McArthur, Miss Workman, G. Herman, C. K. S. Inker, Mrs. D. Manchester, D. C. Hills, E. Golling and wife, J. B. Richards.
Per steamer Whatecom from the Sound—J. Lynch, Jas. Jenkins, McKenzie, W. Webster, F. Brandt, Jas. Casin and son, S. Erb, W. B. Card, A. L. Merrill, G. H. Andrews, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Wm. Gray, Jas. Moon, R. C. Myers, H. L. Austin, P. R. Price, Dr. Morrison, Miss Della, H. Watson, H. H. Butler, R. C. Wilson, N. J. Bishop, S. Eckles, A. Robbins, S. McCurdy, H. Leach, Jas. Marks.
Per steamer Troquels from Island Ports—R. M. Palmer, W. E. Scott, Canon Paddon, E. L. Padden, John Baird, G. B. Dyne, Miss Payne, G. F. Payne.

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Per steamer Troquels from Island Ports—Godard & Sons, J. J. Sluzgetz & Son, Fell & Co., J. Dupen, Mr. McCormick, R. M. Palmer, Vic Creamery, Kwong Hing, Thos. Bennett, R. Porter & Sons, Canon Paddon, John Tollich, B. K. Milling Co., Mowat & Wallace, Nicholles & Renouf.
Per steamer Princess Beatrice from Seattle—B. & K. T. N. Hibben, Watson & McGee, F. P. Geizer, R. S. B. A. Paint Co., J. C. Darling, Times, Mrs. Tinsley, R. C. Co., S. L. & Co., H. H. Abbott, Hickman Tye, H. W. Co., Alton I. Wiza.

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Good Fellow," followed by three cheers and a tiger.
Mr. Keen acknowledged the honor done. He would have liked to have been relieved of the burden. He took it as the highest compliment to the executive committee.
For first vice-president, J. H. Brownlee moved J. B. Hobson. He referred to the great work which Mr. Hobson had done. He was the grand patriarch of placer mining in the province. They looked to him for advice, and they did so gratefully.
Mr. Higgins took of the good work done by Mr. Hobson during the year. There were trying times during the year and it was due in no small measure to Mr. Hobson and Mr. Keen that they overcame these.
The nominations were closed with loud applause and Mr. Hobson declared elected first vice-president.
Mr. Hobson said that he thanked them heartily for the honor. His efforts in the cause would continue as long as he lived. The association would live longer than he lived. It was laid on a solid foundation as he lived. They would find him with a hand on a spoke to aid the mining industry in the province.
This was received with the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," and three hearty cheers.

HOW MINISTERS MET COMMITTEE
REPORT PRESENTED TO THE CONVENTION

Vancouver Will Be the Place of Meeting for Mining Association Next Year.
The Provincial Mining Association yesterday afternoon elected its officers for the ensuing year. Without a dissenting voice the convention re-elected John Keen and J. B. Hobson as president and first vice-president. Roland Machin, of this city, was elected second vice-president. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed when the officers were elected. The two former have served during the trying times of the first year of the association's existence and been found invaluable to the organization. Mr. Machin, the president of the local branch, has shown himself an indefatigable worker and will be a worthy successor to D. W. Higgins as resident vice-president.
Upon opening in the afternoon, Hon. E. Dewdney reported for the committee which interviewed the government. He said that the members were received very cordially.
E. Jacobs, the secretary of the convention, read the report as follows:
Your committee beg to report having had an interview with the Hon. Premier, Hon. Mr. Taitow and Hon. Mr. Green, who met them in a most friendly spirit and expressed their interest in and cordial sympathy with the work of the Provincial Mining Association. They gave assurance that they would always be willing to give their earnest consideration to all recommendations made to them by the association. Realizing the great importance of the questions of repealing the 2 per cent. mineral tax and the crown granting of placer claims, your committee feel that they are justified in asking that they be made a permanent committee with a view to their obtaining full information relative to these matters and to their ascertaining whether it is practicable to submit proposals in this connection that will be acceptable to both the executive committee of this association and the government; the latter having already stated its readiness to carefully consider any alternative scheme to the 2 per cent. tax.
The Hon. the Premier desired that this committee be informed that what the government fully appreciates is the kind thoughtfulness shown in inviting them to be present at the meetings of the convention, they thought it would be better that they do not attend so that the convention may be free to discuss without reserve all matters coming before it.
E. DEWONEY,
Chairman.

Mr. Hobson suggested that the committee be made members of the executive.
R. McLennan wanted to know what the committee had done. It looked to him as though it simply extended the life span.
Mr. Smith moved for the adoption of the report and the committee be discharged.
This was pointed out as impossible as the adoption of the report made this a permanent committee.
J. Morley moved in amendment that the report be received and the committee discharged.
Mr. Higgins thought the committee had done a good deal. The barriers had been broken down between the government and the association. He did not believe in making the committee a permanent one, however.
Mr. Dewdney said that the committee thought that its chief work was to establish a feeling of goodwill between the association and the government. It was not to be expected that the committee could devise a substitute for the 2 per cent. tax in two hours.
Mr. J. Smith did not want to disparage the committee. He wanted the matter left to the executive committee, who were responsible for it.
E. B. Kirby thought it was not a businesslike proposal to appoint a committee for this purpose. The executive should be free to do as it liked in the matter.
A. E. Howse wanted the report referred back to the committee to eliminate this objectionable feature. The association had no power to appoint this committee.
Mr. Galt was well satisfied the committee had received from the government what led it to believe that the ministers were favorable to recommendations to be made.
The amendment of Mr. Morley was carried.
Coming to the election of officers, Mr. Hobson said:
"I rise to place in nomination for the office of president in this association a gentleman whose name is in the thoughts and on the lips of every delegate in this convention, a man who will never tell you to swing horses in the middle of the stream; a man who has served you earnestly and faithfully for the past year. His name I give you as president of this association, and in your behalf please to him your love, your respect, your admiration and your unflinching support. I place in nomination for the office of president of this association the name of John Keen, of Kamloops."
This was received with loud applause. Mr. Higgins took the chair and the meeting without a dissenting voice elected Mr. Keen as president.
Mr. Keen resumed the chair and the audience rose and sang "For He's a Jolly

the varied character of the works there. Capt. Wolley pointed out that the object of the convention was being lost sight of. This was an educating factor. It was not the purpose of educating the section which they met. They were here to educate the legislators. That was why the association existed and that was why they were sent here.
Smith Curtis also objected to the side-tracking of the main purpose of the association. It existed to make itself felt upon the government, and they should meet where that could be done most easily. They were not meeting to be entertained. Petty jealousies too often came in. The reports from the meeting of the Vancouver branch had done something to hurt the convention.
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MILITARY INSTRUCTOR.
Question of One For the High School Cadets Dismissed by Trustees Last Night.
The school trustees met last evening with all the members present.
The committee, consisting of Trustees Hall, Mrs. Jenkins and Boggs, appointed to go into the subject of increased school accommodation, reported as follows:
1. That a four-classroom building be erected on the Central school grounds.
2. That an architect be appointed to prepare a plan for such a building on the understanding that in case the by-law fails to pass there is to be no charge for the plan.
Trustee Hall argued in favor of putting the building which would be suitable for year to come.
Trustee Lewis thought that just at the present time it would be unwise to expend money on assembly halls. School room accommodation was a pressing need, and the former could wait in the meantime.
The report of the building and grounds committee was presented, recommending the appointment of three architects. This was adopted.
The following were appointed by ballot: Victoria West, H. Wilson; proposed extension, Mr. Keith; repairs, Mr. Woodgate.
Trustee Hall pointed out that with Mr. Woodgate the same plan would be followed as in former years. In the case of Mr. Wilson and Mr. Keith, it should be understood that there would be no remuneration unless the by-law passed.
On motion of Trustee Hall it was ordered to acquire the Mayor by writing as to the board's extraordinary expenditure.
Trustee Boggs moved, seconded by Trustee Galt, that the D. O. C. be asked to detail an officer to give instruction to a cadet corps which is about to be organized by pupils under the name of the Victoria College Cadet Corps, and that a committee be appointed to arrange for funds to remunerate the officer so to be detailed.
This work will be carried on without cost to the board.
Trustee Boggs went fully into the subject, stating that by the change in the law governing these corps it was now possible to establish one of boys under 17 years of age. A corps numbering fifty had been formed already at Victoria College, and the uniforms had already been sent for. The corps was desirous of having the support of the school board. Trustee Boggs explained that the government furnished accoutrements and instruction at the rifle range; in the law as at present acts as a severe hardship to mine owners and prospectors who must use explosives in their work.
Resolved, That in the opinion of this convention, the law should be so amended so as to allow of the carriage of explosives under reasonable restrictions, and which we believe, can be done by the provision of a properly safe-guarded magazine.
Mr. Galt referred to the change as a radical one and one demanding careful attention before being adopted.
Mr. Machin pointed out that the prospector needed explosives. It was a desirable hardship to make it impossible for these men to carry a few caps, etc. A hunter might carry shells, but the prospector was debarred from carrying explosives. Provision, as in England, could be made by which in case of damage an officer might simply cut loose the fashings and let the magazine into the water.
J. Findlay pointed out the inconvenience.
C. Sheldon Williams referred to the fact that under the present regulations explosives were taken, under discussion it was carried in trunks and satchels and about the person of travellers. The system was therefore more dangerous than by a magazine, as described by Mr. Machin.
The resolution passed.
The rules were then suspended in order to decide upon the next meeting place, on motion of T. H. Smith.
Mr. Hobson moved that the next convention should be held in Vancouver. He said that it had last year been understood that the next convention should be held in the Terminal City. It was not their fault that it was not held in Vancouver. He thought that next year it should go there.
Others favored the next meeting in Vancouver.
Mr. Williams pointed out that the meeting was to be held in the time of the sitting of the legislature. To do the best, they should meet in Victoria.
Capt. Wolley said that the convention met for the purpose of doing business and not for pleasure. Therefore they should meet where they could be in touch with the government.
Mr. Kirby favored this also.
Mr. Williams thought one of the great objects of the convention was to educate the public. This would be accomplished by meeting in Vancouver, where they did not understand mining.
Mr. Adams was in accord with the holding of the convention in Victoria. He moved that Victoria should be the next meeting place.
The meeting decided in favor of Vancouver being the next meeting place.
Mr. Crossland moved in favor of a summer session being held at the city of Nelson. He set forth the advantages of such a convention. The C. P. R. would give reduced rates to all wishing to visit Fernie, Rossland, or any surrounding points.
Mr. Hobson seconded the motion. Messrs. Moore and Jacobs described

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A PATROL WAGON. The new Police Commissioners gave proof of their determination to stifle the inherent human tendency to evildoing by supporting Chief Langley's application for a patrol wagon. It is surmised that their action was dictated by a desire to fully meet all the exigencies that may arise during their term of office.

For the additional carriage there is not an extra charge, but a reduction. It may be that these discriminations are exempt from government control. The terms of the bargain certainly prevent the government from reducing rates. But the commission should soon be in a position to test its authority in the matter of discriminations between shippers and between localities.

Satisfaction Guaranteed. To all who bring their watch, clock or jewellery repairs to us, we employ none but Skilful Workmen, Who Do Good Work. And our charges are moderate. If you have any articles in need of repair, give us a trial, and the result will prove to you that we do give satisfaction in repairing all articles entrusted to our care.

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Lofas (Fibre Sponges) 500 on sale, Friday price, 3 for 5c. 480 Story and Picture Books For the little ones, Regular 15c, 20c, and 25c, Friday 10c each.

85c Muslins 35c Madras Muslins, 46 inches wide, three coloring, Friday 35c. 65c Curtain Net for 35c Three styles in Curtaine, 27 inches wide, with border on each side, Friday 25c, yard.

Women's Exchange Cook Books 526 pages, A new and complete American culinary encyclopedia. Facts worth knowing, health suggestions, care of the sick, table etiquette, dinner-giving menus, household and toilet and cooking recipes. By Mrs. Minnie Palmer with the approval of Mrs. J. B. Lyon, president of the Women's Exchange, Chicago. Published at \$1.50. Friday 45c.

A Special Bargain in the Upholstering Department On Friday we will take orders for recovering chairs that would cost in the ordinary way \$8.75 to \$10.00, at \$5.00. Easy chairs covered with Tapestry, worth \$12.50 and \$15.00 a yard, and using 3 to 4 yards of material, will be upholstered for \$5.00. Nine patterns to choose from.

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Hall Racks in Oak \$10.50, were \$15.00 \$16.75, were \$22.50 Parlor Tables and Stands, \$1.50, \$3.75 and \$5.75. Book Cases and Stands, complete, \$14.75, \$18.75, \$22.50, \$24.75.

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Japanese Mattings With war and panic in the Far East, matting prices will not touch these rock-bottom levels for some time. Finest grade Japanese Mattings, all colors, fine selected straw, linen wrap, 40 yards to the roll, value \$12.00, for \$7.75 roll.

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M.W. WATT & CO. LIMITED, 41 GOVERNMENT ST. B. C. Protestant Orphans' Home NOTICE The annual meeting of subscribers to the above Home will be held in the Committee Room at the City Hall, Victoria, B. C., on Monday afternoon next, the 29th February, at 4 o'clock, to receive reports from the various officers, elect management, contribute to the ensuing year, and transact such other business as shall then be brought forward.

DENTISTS DON'T LIKE OUR TOOTH WASH Because it hurts their business. Makes the teeth beautifully white, prevents discoloration and decay, and keeps the teeth in a sound and healthy condition all the time. Delightful to use, antiseptic, fragrant, refreshing and healthful. Use our "TOOTH WASH" And you won't have to see your dentist so often.

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IT WAS A GLORIOUS VICTORY. There is one thing to be said for the Russians. They are strong on proclamations, rewards for heroic deeds, and in making the most of their exploits. We pointed out yesterday that the accounts of the glorious victory alleged to have been achieved at Port Arthur should be accepted with allowances and reservations. We remarked it is strange that the Japanese, impetuous fighters though they are known to be, should have sent cruisers and transports within unwithdrawable range of the Port Arthur batteries. It now turns out that the cruisers and transports which were sent to the bottom after dreadful carnage were merely old merchant ships sent in there by the Japanese for the purpose of being sunk. They were intended to blockade the harbor and seal the Russian warships therein. Whether the purpose of the Japanese was accomplished or not is not clear. The vessels are at the bottom, but the galling fire of the Russian warship which had the honor to be built in the United States, as the dispatches tell us whenever they have an opportunity, may have prevented the Japs from dropping them in the channel. In any case, the Russian admiral does not seem anxious to come out when the Japanese are looking for a fight. To be sure he might make a sneak (as the boys say) when the enemy is engaged elsewhere, but in view of the hubbub his friends in St. Petersburg and elsewhere are making about honor, chivalry and good faith, we are convinced he would never attack any unprotected port or ship without giving the enemy due notice of his intentions.

RAILWAY DISCRIMINATION. Toronto Globe. The new freight tariff issued by the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railways shows the need of an efficient railway commission. The government will render a valuable service in implementing the legislation which provides machinery for the regulation of rates and the redress of grievances. The new rates to Vancouver, New Westminster and Victoria are not only higher than the old, but are higher than the rates from New York, Boston, and Pittsburgh to the same points. The regulation of such rates is made comparatively easy by the American law, which provides that in an international haul the part within the territory of the United States must be regarded as a separate contract. This makes it possible to compare the rates on the Canadian section of an international haul with the rate over the same line for exclusively Canadian business, and to detect if the railways are usurping the functions of government and subsidizing or taxing international trade. The Canadian Pacific Railway has immunity in the west owing to the unfortunate bargain with the original company. The only means of reaching the company there will be by the regulation of rates on competing lines.

The rates to the Canadian coast cities are now from eight to twenty cents per 100 pounds lower from New York and Boston than from Toronto and Montreal. This is a reversal of the protection policy without the consent of parliament. The Canadian manufacturer has the advantage of the tariff in pushing his business in the west, and it is neutralized by the policy of the railways. The advantages which the manufacturers derive are taken from them in higher freight rates. It is known that the Canadian railways have secured a large part of the protection afforded manufacturing industries in Canada. The policy of charging all the traffic will bear naturally leads them to consider the protection and other advantages which the Canadian manufacturers enjoy. The result is a scale of freight charges which absorbs the favors bestowed by parliament. But it is seldom that the matter is dealt with in the systematic way disclosed by the new freight schedule. There is a further discrimination against Canadian business in the west. Rates to Seattle and San Francisco are five cents per cwt. lower than to Vancouver. A merchant in Toronto whose goods are transhipped at Vancouver for San Francisco pays five cents per cwt. less than if they were left at the Cana-

PERSONAL. Rev. R. B. Blyth, until recently pastor of the Congregational church, and Mrs. Blyth, left last evening for Montreal, California. Before leaving Mr. Blyth bade farewell to members of his congregation and other friends. It is probable that they will take up their residence there permanently.

Mrs. Geo. R. Jackson and her two daughters returned on Monday from California, where they have been for the past two years. They came overland. They are staying at the residence of Mrs. Jackson's mother, Mrs. D. Stephens, Michigan street.

John McEdward, purser of the steamer Athabasca, plying between Port Arthur and Port William, is spending a well earned vacation here. He is accompanied by Mrs. McEdward and Miss McEdward. While in the city they are guests at the Driad.

H. H. V. Koelle, who, until recently, acted as manager of the local branch of Pelletier-Harvey, Bryant & Gillman, left last night for Montreal, where he will reside in future. He was accompanied by Mrs. Koelle and family.

W. L. Chalmers, of Chalmers & Mitchell, left last evening on a business tour of Great Britain and the continent. He will visit all the great commercial markets. Mrs. Chalmers accompanies her husband as far as Ontario.

W. R. Robbin, formerly of Edmonton, has taken up his residence here. Mr. Robbin visited Victoria several times and was so well pleased with the city and the climate that he purchased a ranch at Elk Lake.

Provincial Fruit Inspector Thomas Cunningham arrived from the Mainland last evening to attend a meeting of the board of horticulture at the parliament buildings today.

A. V. Crisp and T. J. Stevens, of Vancouver; S. Erb, of Chemaluz, and J. Telford, of Montreal, are in the city. They are among those registered at the Victoria hotel.

A TIMELY EXPOSITION. The demand of the British Columbia Mining Association for the abolition of the duty on mining machinery and on oil for concentration purposes, coupled with the evident disposition of many of the members to demand that the duties on "smelters" shall be wiped out also, has given our worthy protectionist contemporary a dreadful shock. It faces the situation in a very uncertain fashion and rambles all round it without saying anything in particular. It mumbles something about the Canadian manufacturer being given a reasonable opportunity to do business.

A few weeks ago nothing would do for all portions of Canada, regardless of special circumstances, but "adequate protection," which may be interpreted as "protection up to the hilt." Now the plea is advanced that as there is but a limited demand in Canada for mining machinery at the present time, and as it is apparently impossible for manufacturers to go into the business upon a large scale, the special situation must be faced in a special manner. That is, the request of the Mining Association is a fair one. Inasmuch as mining machinery of the class which cannot be procured in Canada has been upon the free list for several years, it appears that the advisers of the government in this province have secured in advance for the mining industry one thing that is needful for its welfare and progress.

When it was proposed to give bounties to encourage the production of lead we were told by our miraculously endowed contemporary, which was endorsed in its position by another great authority with practical mining experience in a general sense, the then Minister of Mines, now the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, that the lead bounties could do no good and was not stimulating the production of lead. Nothing would do but "adequate protection." There must be a uniform wall all along the line. Regardless of all consequences, the Canadian markets in all lines must be reserved for Canadians. As a matter of fact, the market for refined lead in Canada is about as limited as the market for mining machinery. The government adopted the course which promised to stimulate one industry in British Columbia without blighting other and possibly equally important industries in the East.

It is because the government has followed that course regardless of threats that the development of Canada has been so symmetrical since it was called to power. If the Finance Minister were to listen to the demands of each clamor for "adequate protection" as his predecessor, Hon. George E. Foster, did, and as he would assuredly do if he were installed in the post again under a Conservative administration, a few favored individuals might prosper exceedingly for a year or two, but the business of the majority would soon be adversely affected and the conditions in Canada would speedily be the conditions under which the basic and all subsidiary industries languished. Preposterous thought it may appear, it is the fact that the newspapers which are most vociferous in their praise of protection were loudest in their demands for relief from the exactions of the paper combine. They insisted that the government should act, and the duty on news print was reduced. But this same class has no sympathy for the settlers in the bleak Northwest, who on account of the high price of building material are forced to live in sod houses. Anything that affects their own profits they assail with violence. The hardships of the men and women who are endeavoring to establish themselves in a new country and who must sell practically all they produce in competition with the world they consider not at all. But the fact that some of the delegates to the Mining Convention would impose the condition that home products to entitle their producers to protection should be sold at the same price as goods of a similar character produced in foreign countries, indicates exactly the attitude of the average producer to the tariff. It is the welfare of the average citizen of government is bound to consider. The interests of the nation, not the interests of individuals, have been the paramount consideration with the former government. Because such is the fact the country has prospered under Liberal rule and the Liberal government is popular.

The deliberations of the Mining Association appear with a crash, some of the pet theories of the "adequate protectionists."

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City News in Brief.

—Get Mrs. Flew's daffodils at the Windsor grocery.

—Good dry cordwood at Johns Bros., 250 Douglas street.

—Read the splendid list of Friday bargains at The Westside.

—Don't ring, take down the receiver and ask for 100, and see how promptly and satisfactorily Eskrine can supply your grocery order.

—The regular meeting of the Canadian Order of Foresters, Court Columbia, No. 834, will meet at Sir William Wallace hall at 8 o'clock to-night. All members are cordially invited to attend.

—Jesse A. Longfield (late with Hopkins, England), tunes, regulates and repairs pianos and organs. Twelve years' practical experience. Address 248 Cook street. Phone 711.

—"How to Sall a Ship When on Fire" is the subject which Capt. Gaudin has selected for his lecture in the marine school, the old customs house, to-morrow evening. A good attendance will be looked for.

—Steamer Cottage City will call here on Saturday en route to Alaska ports. The vessel is scheduled to sail to-morrow, but will be detained a day on the Sound. The Ramona, which relieved her for one trip, is expected from the north this evening.

—This evening at the Oriard hotel a smoker will be given in honor of the visit of the delegates to the Provincial Mining Association. All the subscribers to the fund in the city are requested to be present in addition to the delegates from outlying points.

—Fire, Life, Marine Accident Agency, The Liverpool and London & Globe (Fire) Insurance Company, The Travelers' Life & Accident Insurance Company, The St. Paul (Marine) Insurance Company, The London & Lancashire & Atlantic S. S. Tickets, Office Wellington street, Hall, Geipel & Co., 100 Government street. Telephone call No. 83.

—There arrived from Australia on the R. M. S. Miower a few days ago the owner of a sheep ranch, who has come to Canada to see what openings there are for the manufacture of woollen garments. He has visited the Northwest, where he believes a big market can be found, and he has come to the conclusion that woollen products can be manufactured cheaper on this coast through importing the necessary raw material from Australia for less than the Ontario goods can be sold.

—The committee having in hand the arrangements for the trip to Mount Sicker, made possible by the generous offer of a special train by the E. & N. Railway Company, are extending an invitation to the members of the Senate, and the members of the House of Commons in Victoria, to accompany the delegates to the Provincial Mining Association on this outing. The train leaves at 8 o'clock in the morning, and the day will be spent at Mount Sicker.

—An exhibition of the fire extinguishing qualities of "Kilfyre," an Eastern preparation for putting out fires, for which H. W. Clark is the agent for British Columbia, was given by Chief Watson yesterday afternoon. Large packing cases filled with kindling and excelsior and saturated with coal oil were ignited, and the chief showed how effective Kilfyre was as an extinguisher. For small blazes it is invaluable. H. J. Knott has taken up the agency for Victoria. Messrs. Spencer & Co., and the Board of Trade have given orders for a supply of the extinguishers.

—Armed Sergeant C. W. W. Hooper and Mrs. Hooper arrived on Sunday evening from England to take up their residence in this city. The branch of the service to which the sergeant belongs has in charge all repairs in connection with the big guns. It is in reality a corps of expert machinists and renders very necessary and very efficient service, and the sergeant expects to be here five years. Changes are made less frequently in this branch of the service than in others. With Sergeant Hooper there arrived two corporals and five privates of the Ordnance Corps, which has charge of artillery stores and their issuing.

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—Wood and Coal.—R. Daverne, 34 Blanchard street; telephone 97.

—The Pollard opera company will leave for Australia on March 4th.

—Business in full swing at The Westside. A grand list of bargains for Friday. See advertisement.

—Leave's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is better than other soap powders, as it also acts as a disinfectant.

—"Those are the finest mackerel I have seen here." This is the unsolicited statement of some who have seen the big ones at Erskine's, retailing at 25 cents each, corner Johnson and Quadra.

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—The annual meeting of the subscribers to the Protestant Orphanage will be held in the committee room of the city hall next Monday afternoon, commencing at 4 o'clock. The business will be the reports of the various officers, election of management committee for the ensuing year, and other matters concerning the welfare of the institution.

—A meeting of the Provincial Board of Horticulture was held in the agricultural department of the parliament buildings this morning, when the recent amendments to the Horticultural Board Act were considered. These amendments apply to the licensing of nursery stock dealers in the province, and how best to obtain the licenses was the principal matter before the meeting this morning.

—Two games of the shuffle tournament in connection with the Y. M. C. A. were played last evening. E. Middleton and E. B. Jones beat Watkins and Lovridge by a score of 21-4, 20-4, and J. Middleton and C. Haskin defeated Giles and Roseman by 20-18, 20-8. A series of games will be played on Friday evening between teams representing the Centennial school and Y. M. C. A.

—A very enjoyable social was held at the Spring Ridge Baptist Sunday school room on Monday evening. Besides music and refreshments, there were several novelties in the way of amusements, including a conundrum competition, and a search for hearts (paper ones), prizes being awarded to those discovering the largest number. The entertainment was under the direction of Mrs. Pined and Mrs. McNaughton.

—A meeting of the Victoria Fruit Growers' Association will be held to-morrow in the rooms of the department of agriculture to discuss the business of the coming year. Reports will be received from the various committees appointed at the last general meeting to investigate the different methods of conducting the fruit growing industry, and these papers, it is expected, will pave the way for very profitable discussion.

—Last evening the newly elected officers of Post No. 1, Native Sons, were installed by Past Chief Factor Dr. J. D. Helmcken: Chief Factor, W. H. Langley; chief factor, Thos. Watson; first vice-factor, George T. Fox; second vice-factor, S. Sea, Jr.; secretary-treasurer, E. J. Johnson; recording secretary, A. E. Haynes; treasurer, J. McTavish; inside sentinel, R. Hesseck; outside sentinel, E. Smitburst. Supper was served at the close of the ceremony and was accorded ample justice by the sixty members in attendance. An adjournment was taken to the lodge room, where the proceedings partook of the nature of a social gathering.

Catarrh Sufferers Read!

C. G. Archer, of Brewer, Maine, says: "I have had catarrh for several years. Water would run from my eyes and nose for days at a time. About four months ago I was induced to try Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder, and since using the wonderful remedy I have not had an attack. It relieves in 10 minutes."

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- LABRADOR HERRING, 2 lbs. for 25c.
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- FRESH FINNAN HADDIES, per lb. 15c.
- KIPPERED HERRINGS, 2 lbs. for 15c.
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—All paths lead to Victoria's busy store. See the big Friday bargain list at The Westside in this issue.

—The Pollard company scored another success at the Victoria last evening, when they presented the ever-popular "Geisha." This tuneful production was never sung or acted by the talented children better than in their present engagement. Jack Pollard was a comical Wun Hu, proprietor of the tea house, and Daphne a very vivacious Molly Seymour. Alice Pollard acted and sang the part of O Mimoso San most delightfully. Her rendering of the "Jewel of Asia" earning her an enthusiastic recall. Ivy Pollard was an excellent Reginald Fairfax, and Connie Pollard a charming Juliette Diamant, the French girl. Fred Pollard, Oscar Heintz and Willie Taomas, as usual, took their parts very capably. To-night "Dorothy" will be given.

—The annual spring show of the Vancouver Kennel Club will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 31st, April 1st and 2nd, in the Terminal City. It promises to be a very successful show, thanks to the secretary, Geo. J. Dyke, and the officers and members of the club, which has risen in members from twenty to two hundred and fifty. This is the opening event of the Pacific Coast circuit, embracing Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, Nanaimo, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and San Francisco. There are thirty-five cups to be offered, one each from the Governor-General, the Lieut. Governor, "The Stockkeeper," London, Comptroller of Alameda; Hon. Chas. Wilson; Col. Dudley, U. S. Consul, and others. There will be, besides, over one hundred special prizes offered by the merchants of Vancouver.

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- #### Grand Values in Dress Goods
- Every lady should be interested in this message of money saving offerings from the Dress Goods Section. Some wonderful values in Dress Goods suitable for ladies' and children's wear.
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| 75c Dress Goods, 25c | \$1.50 Dress Goods, 45c |
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- 50c Moriette Skirting, 24 inches wide; Friday Bargain, 25c
- 75c Oriental Velour Skirting, 40 inches wide; Friday Bargain, 50c
- 20c Fine Quality Dress Lining, 38 inches wide; Friday Bargain, 10c

Staple Department to the Front Friday

- Right in the front rank of popularity is our Big Busy Staple Department. We have arranged some tempting Bargains for you Friday.
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| 25c Curtain Muslin, 15c | 25c Art Saten, 15c |
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- 10c Cretonnes, heavy weight, good patterns; Friday Bargain, 6c
- 25c Art Silkoline, 40 inches wide; Friday Bargain, 10c
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| 50c Wash Goods, 10c | 25c Sheeting, 10c |
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Special Bargains in Curtain Muslin

- Friday is the day for you to buy Curtain Muslin. We are showing a handsome range of Brussels Net with Lace Trim, also White Muslin with Frill, at a saving of 50 per cent., for a Friday Bargain.
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| 10c Fine Wools, 5c | 40c Silk Fringes, 10c |
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Bargain News from the Busy Second Floor

- Never any dull moments in this popular section. We have selected a line of wanted articles and priced them low to give you Big Business Friday.
- Bargains in Children's White Dresses
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| \$1.60 Dresses, 90c | \$2.35 Dresses, \$1.50 |
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- Bargains in Children's White Skirts
- Four Special Friday Bargains
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| 50c Skirts, 30c | \$1.00 Skirts, 60c |
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| 75c Skirts, 40c | \$1.50 Skirts, \$1.00 |
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- \$1.50 Corsets, sizes 18, 19, 20 and 26, Friday Bargain, 50c

\$20.00 Reductions in Ladies' Capes, Regular \$25.00, Friday \$5.00

10 only. Lace Capes, made over a foundation of Taffeta Silk, some with Sequin trimmings, all Black and White, a handsome garment for elderly ladies. Regular up to \$25.00. FRIDAY BARGAIN \$5.00

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This nice weather makes you feel like house cleaning. No doubt you will need new Curtains. We mention a few of the Bargains for Friday:

75c Curtains, 50c	\$1.00 Curtains, 75c
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A Big Clearing of Oddments

- Lots of things in this Bargain List that will mean a saving of your money. We group the lot at Special Bargain Prices to clear Friday.
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| \$1.25 Wool Shawls, Friday, 75c | 90c Hose, 25c |
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- \$1.50 Combinations, 50c
- \$2.50 Ladies' Wool Combinations, \$1.25
- \$2.00 Gloves, \$1.00

Men's Furnishings, Under-priced

- For Friday we will offer in the Men's Furnishing Department six strong specials that for money-saving opportunities will beat all previous records. Let the prices speak:
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| \$1.00 Night Shirts, 75c | 75c Top Shirts, 35c |
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- \$1.50 Men's Fine Kid Gloves, 75c
- \$2.50 Men's Sweaters, \$1.50
- \$1.25 Flannel Shirts, 75c

Boys' Clothing—Must Go

- Reductions have followed reductions, and cost is lost sight of in our efforts to close out this popular department. Some special snaps for early shoppers:
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| 75c Boys' Tams, 25c | \$4.00 Boys' Suits, \$1.45 |
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- \$4.00 Boys' Reifer-Overcoats for \$1.50
- \$6.00 Tailored Suits, \$2.50
- \$6.75 Boys' Overcoats, \$2.50

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**WILLY ORIENTALS
FOOLED SCRIBES**

**HOW JAPAN PLAYED
THE CORRESPONDENTS**

Struck While They Slept—Told by Passenger Direct From Across the Pacific.

The Japanese government played a typical Oriental trick on the war correspondents just before they struck that sharp, terribly effective blow at Port Arthur which carried mingled grief and rage to every Russian heart, not excepting the Imperial occupants of the winter palace at St. Petersburg. The Japanese saw a large yawning opportunity for a coup de main which would give her a decided advantage in the conflict that she knew must inevitably ensue. It was obviously important that no inkling of her plans should reach the outside. But to maintain this secrecy she had to deal with a contingent of journalistic sleuths, the cream of their profession, who had assembled in readiness for the opening of hostilities.

They certainly succeeded luminously, and the way they did it was graphically described by C. M. O'Leary, a prominent business man of Japan, who arrived on the steamer Iyo Maru yesterday afternoon. Mr. O'Leary had in his possession a number of photographs and letters from war correspondents who intrusted them to him for delivery. When he left the island kingdom the stormy petrels were feeling just about as warm as they will feel when they get into a tight corner somewhere in Manchuria, but the war was altogether of a different character. It was the triumph of resentment.

"The Japanese government played the correspondents a cute trick," Mr. O'Leary said. "They were determined that the slightest semblance of an indication of their plans should not get out. When the newspaper men assembled at the hotel in Tokyo they were told they would receive information and passports in plenty of time to take in the first move. So they waited anxiously and patiently until one morning they heard something which made their hair rise and their gorge so well. It was the news that the Japanese had struck on Port Arthur, the opening operation of the war and the event of all events they wanted to bag. The Japanese government kept their secret well. I lined with Capt. James, the London Times correspondent, the day before the attack and he knew absolutely nothing of when the hostilities would commence. Naturally, the movement of a bunch of war correspondents in any particular direction would put the enemy on their guard, and Japan didn't propose to take any risks. There was one correspondent who was at the conference, a man named Jack London, and he had gone off on his own boat. As you are probably aware, London's boat ended in a Japanese jail, in which he was incarcerated for photographing Japanese fortifications."

Mr. O'Leary expresses the greatest confidence in Japan's ability to hold her own with Russia. He says she feels that she has the moral support of Great Britain and the United States, although she wants this to be her battle and hers alone. By virtue of her dominant commercial interests in Korea and those in Manchuria, she is not supposed to attack on her to take the initiative against Russian aggression, but her victory will be productive of results most beneficial to those enlightened powers which believe in equal privileges and community of trade.

Among the passengers of the Iyo Maru were several missionaries who had been laboring in China and Japan. Of these Miss Lawrence, who was sent out to Western Honan some years ago by the Methodist church of the United States, is en route to her home on furlough. To a Times representative on board the vessel yesterday she gave an interesting talk regarding conditions in Honan, of which comparatively little is known by the outside world.

It is a province in the Central part of China and has a population of twenty-one millions. The particular section in which she was stationed is about one hundred miles from Hankow on the Yang-tse-Kiang river, or double that distance from the seaboard. River steamers make the journey to Hankow, but from there travellers must trust to Chinese baggage. Honan province was only thrown open to missionaries six years ago, but the field is pretty well covered. The people have not developed any perceptible hostility towards the Americans and Europeans and appear to be remarkably tolerant. Hostility, however, is not difficult to stimulate. Two years ago there was an outbreak of cholera in Western Honan. The superstitious Chinese at once leaped to the conclusion that the foreign missionaries were responsible, and they killed them. Others took their places and have encountered no trouble.

0.12 per cent. of tonnage owned. This is by far the lowest percentage of all as regards vessels owned, but when the percentage is calculated on tonnage basis the British flag misses the premier position by a narrow margin. Germany taking the first place with a percentage of 0.10. Attention has already been drawn to the number of heavy losses that have befallen French sailing ships during the last few months, and an examination of the tables shows that the tricolor was no less unfortunate during the quarter under consideration. No less than nine vessels, representing 4,335 tons, were lost, giving a percentage of 1.41 of vessels owned and 0.93 of tonnage. Norway, as usual, comes out very badly, with a percentage of 1.50 of vessels and 1.84 of tonnage.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

VANCOUVER.
At a mass meeting on Tuesday night held under the auspices of the Electoral Union the following resolution was passed: "Whereas the city council applied to the provincial legislature for certain specified amendments to the city charter and after the bill embodying the said amendments had passed through its first and second readings, the bill was altered as to make provision for the appointment of a police commission, and rushed through its final reading in the face of a strong protest against the legislature making any changes in the charter, other than requested by the city council. Be it therefore resolved, that this meeting is strongly condemning any interference with the liberty and constitutional rights of the citizens of Vancouver."

It is reported that the various saw mill interests in the city have now under consideration a scheme, whereby all sales of lumber shall be made through a central office, thus regulating the price and lessening expenses. A committee from the Lumbermen's Association will visit the Sound office and Portland to enquire into the working of similar organizations across the line.

PERNIE.
Two bodies, victims of the explosion of May 22nd, 1902, were found near the face in the main west level parallel of No. 2 mine a few days ago. A large cave-in had occurred in this level and a cut had been driven around this to get at the face. The bodies were in a fair state of preservation. One was identified as that of W. J. Davis by the number of the lamp found beside him. The other is believed to be Clare Elynn, the clothing being identified as resembling the description given by the widow. This level was not being worked at the time of the explosion and it was not supposed that any men were near that place. Mr. Davis was a brattice man, and his work took him all through the mine. Mr. Elynn was boss driver. These bodies complete the list of the victims, so far as known, of the explosion that occurred twenty-one months ago. The list now numbers 128. The management made close estimates on the day following the disaster when they placed it at 130.

A lumber deal was put through recently whereby Messrs. R. W. Wood and A. B. Triles bought the timber and mill property of the Lacey Lumber Company at Elkmouth. The price of the property is in the neighborhood of \$26,000.

NELSON.
At Trustee Ritchie's suggestion the principals of the Nelson schools will be instructed to institute a weekly fire drill for all the classes, and the chief of fire will be asked to instruct the chief of the fire brigade to take a hand in training the children at fire drill and to have a general turn out of the pupils at least once a month.

MORRISSEY.
"It is understood that the management of the Coal Company intend driving a huge tunnel into the coal bed at Morrissey mine. At present the coal vein is tapped at a great elevation, entailing much expense in getting the coal out. The new tunnel, if driven, will commence between the tippie and the company's boarding house—this is right at the base of the mountains. This will be a huge contract, and a great many men will be employed. When completed it will be of great advantage to the coal company in the saving of hauling power. The principal purpose of the tunnel, however, is to secure a better quality of coal, and as it is a foregone conclusion that the purpose will be accomplished, the purpose will be given to the work here in every way and the production of coke will be greatly increased."—Despatch.

ROSSLAND.
Robert H. Anderson, superintendent of the La Roi mine, spent a couple of days in Boundary recently, visiting the Oro Denoro mine. He found from 150 to 175 tons of ore being shipped daily to the Granby smelter, the product being mined from two of the open quarries of the Oro Denoro. Little difficulty was experienced in keeping the workings clear of snow, and Mr. Anderson was highly pleased with the evidences of activity and progress on all sides at the mine.

GREENWOOD.
Greenwood is to have an abundant supply of pure water before the year 1904 expires, if the present plan of the city council can be carried out. For several weeks the council has been in consultation with the city engineer relative

to securing the supply from a pure source than the present. At present Twin creek, which flows through the city of Phoenix, is the source of supply. At a recent meeting of the city council it was decided to secure the services of Major Van Buskirk until recently city engineer at Rossland to assist Mr. Johnson in preparing a detailed plan of the proposed extension.

FRODOX.
The city council has decided to accept the offer of George C. Hodges of Nelson, district superintendent of the Nelson & Vernon Telephone Co., to install a fire alarm system in this city. Mr. Hodges will at once begin the work of putting in the necessary wires.

On the Blue Jay, work on which was resumed recently, the tunnel being driven to reach the ledge found in the shaft, is now in about 200 feet, and the ore body will soon be struck.

**KILLED TWO BIRDS
WITH ONE STONE.**
DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS CURED JAS. ATWELL'S LUMBAGO AND BLADDER TROUBLE.

Campbellford, Ont., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Formerly cured of Lumbago and Bladder Trouble, with which he suffered for years, James Atwell, a well known resident of this place, is not slow to give the entire credit to Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"I could get no relief till I tried Dodd's Kidney Pills, and they cured me," is the way Mr. Atwell put it when interviewed. "I had been troubled with severe pains in my bladder and in passing my urine would hurt me so that tears would almost come to my eyes. I used medicines and a bandage prescribed by the doctor, but could get no relief. I also had Lumbago. A course of Dodd's Kidney Pills cured me and I have had no trouble since. I will never be without Dodd's Kidney Pills in the house."

Dodd's Kidney Pills have made many another cure in this neighborhood. They are a family medicine in nearly every home, and the relief obtained by a sure cure for any form of Kidney Complaint, as well as the greatest tonic in the world.

THE WISHBONE.
Its Importance Shown in the Turning of Birds in Flight.

At the last meeting of the Boston Scientific Society, C. J. Maynard, an authority on birds, spoke of what proved to be a very timely topic, "Why there is a wishbone." To begin with, the speaker denoted the lack of knowledge that exists regarding the structure of the birds, internally. "For example," said he, "it is doubtful if five men in the United States know much about the anatomy of the common robin. The ornithologists know all about external characters, but they do not know the number of the feathers, methods of flight, habits and the like, but exceedingly little about the interiors of the birds they study." Classifications have been made largely by externals, when study of the anatomy must be a very important part of the subject, and himself begun with the anatomy, and more than twenty years ago, in some of his publications, he dared to separate the owls from hawks. They have been placed in the same order, and have so remained till very recently. No others have separated the birds into two orders than Mr. Maynard did so long ago. His deductions were from a knowledge of the anatomy.

The wishbone is called by scientists the furcula, and is in reality the union of what are in man the two separate collar-bones. These in the birds receive the brunt of the strokes of the wing that turn the creature in its flight. Few realize the strength of stroke of the bird's wing. It is said that a swan has been known to break a man's leg by a blow of its wing, and in like manner the "wing-beaters" of the larger birds are dangerous if they strike the head or face. If, therefore, a large bird is in the habit of making sudden turns to right or left in its flight it must be fitted with a wishbone competent to withstand the great strains of the wing-stroke on one side, with no special action on the other side. For this reason we find in the eagle and like birds of quick turning flight a furcula that is a perfect Roman arch, widely at variance with the Gothic arch, which is the shape of the wishbone of our common fowls. The eagle's furcula is a solid rounded arch, everywhere equally strong, and not developing those points of weakness that make our sport of breaking the wishbone possible.—Boston Transcript.

During the past twenty years Jews have acquired 61,540 acres of land in Palestine. On this land have been built twenty-two villages and thirteen plantations.

Mrs. Wilcox Had Sick Headache, Nervousness and Insomnia.

Mrs. Wilcox, Creemore, Ont., after being renewed in health, strength and vigor by Paine's Celery Compound, gratefully writes as follows: "For years I have suffered from constant sick headaches and nervousness; at times I have been so bad that I have been unable to sleep two hours a night for weeks. I have tried many medicines and doctors, a great deal, but never received a hundredth part of the value from them that I obtained from Paine's Celery Compound. After using three bottles I can sleep well, my headaches have ceased, and I feel healthier and fresher than I have done for years."

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Follow The War

Do you appreciate the fact that the Russo-Jap war is likely to prove one of the greatest of modern times, possibly involving other nations, and threatening the autonomy of the Russian Empire? If so, you cannot afford to miss a single issue of the Victoria Daily Times, which owing to its being published in time between here and Tokio gets the news over papers any other time of the day. Thus, although the war has been in progress but a few chanced hostilities, even the destruction of the Russian squadron at Port Arthur, etc. In this as in the South African war, the evening paper GIVES THE NEWS FIRST.

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HORSE'S SENSE OF SMELL.

A horse will leave muddy hay untouched in his bin, however hungry. He will not drink of water objectionable to his questioning snuff or from a bucket which some odor makes offensive, however clean. Intelligent nostrils will widen, quiver and quary over the faintest hit offered by the faintest of hands, with coxings that would make a mortal shut his eyes and swallow a mouthful of a gulp. A mare is never satisfied by either sight or whiff until she has a certified nasal proof of the fact. A blind horse, now living, will not allow the approach of any stranger without showing signs of anger not safely to be disregarded. The distinction is evidently made by his sense of smell, and at a considerable distance. Blind horses, as a rule, will gallop wildly about a pasture without striking a surrounding fence. The sense of smell informs them of its proximity. Others will, when loosened from the stable, go direct to the gate or bars opened by their accustomed feeding grounds, and when desiring to return, after hours of careless wandering, will distinguish one outlet and patiently await its opening.—Agricultural World.

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NOTICE.
A reward of \$100 each will be paid to any person or persons furnishing information which will lead to the arrest of Wong Lam Yuen, Wong Hung, Wong Sam, and Wong Suen, who are charged with the murder of Man Quon at Victoria, B. C., on the 31st January, 1904.
J. M. LANGLEY, Chief of Police.
February 5th, 1904.

NOTICE.
The reward of \$1,000 offered for information that would lead to the arrest of David Ferguson, dead or alive, has been withdrawn this day by me.
J. M. LANGLEY, Chief of Police.
February 5th, 1904.

NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that an application will be made by me to the Board of Licensing Commissioners, at its next sitting, for the transfer of the license now held by me for the sale of spirituous and fermented liquors by retail in the "Omnicafe Saloon," situated on Government Street between Johnson and Yates, to James Hogg, of this City.
J. BARRETT.
Date this 22nd day of Jan. 1904.

NOTICE.
All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company within that tract of land bounded on the south by the south boundary of Comox District, on the East by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 96th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the E. & N. Railway Land Grant.
LEONARD H. SOLLY, Land Commissioner.

Notice to Creditors
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EPHRAIM CHAMPOUX, DECEASED, INTERSTATE.
Take notice that, pursuant to the order of the Honorable Mr. Justice Drake made on the 16th day of February, 1904, John Cornelius Nelson, appointed administrator of the estate of Ephraim Chamoux, deceased, intestate, late of the Honor. Metropole, in the City of Seattle, Washington, United States of America,
And take notice that the creditors of the said deceased are required on or before the 17th day of March, 1904, to send to the undersigned, post paid, particulars of their claims duly verified.
And notice is hereby given that said administrator will, after the said date, proceed to distribute the estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of creditors of whose debts or claims he shall then have received notice, and that he will not be responsible for the claims of any party thereafter notified to any person or persons of whose debts or claims he shall not have received notice.
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Revised Statutes, Canada, 1898, Chapter 92, and Statutes in Force, Chapter 13, PROPOSED RECLAMATION OF LAND AT THE PORT OF VICTORIA, B. C.
Notice is hereby given that, under and pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1898, Chapter 92, and the Statutes of Canada, 1902, Chapter 53, the reclamation of certain foreshore and submerged lands adjoining or abutting on Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5, Block "A," Harbor Estate, Victoria, B. C. A plan of the said proposed works and a description by metes and bounds of the foreshore and submerged lands to be reclaimed has been deposited with the Minister of Public Works, and is open for public inspection at the Land Registry Office at Victoria, B. C., Victoria, B. C., 17th February, 1904.

SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF MINERALS ON DOMINION LANDS IN MANITOBA, THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES AND THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.
Quartz.—Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miner's certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.
A free miner's certificate is granted for one year, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of \$7.50 per annum for an individual, and from \$50 to \$100 per annum for a company, according to capital.
A free miner, having discovered minerals in place, may locate a claim 1,500x1,500 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end on the line of the lode or vein.
The claim must be recorded within fifteen days after the date of its location, and the recorder's office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles or fraction thereof. The fee for recording a claim is \$5.
At least \$100 must be expended on the claim each year or pro rata the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$200 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at \$1.00 an acre.
Permission to be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate claims containing iron and mica, also copper, in the Yukon Territory, of an area not exceeding 100 acres.
The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of royalty on the sales not exceeding five per cent.
Placer Mining.—Manitoba and the N. W. Territories.—Free placer claims for placer mining claims generally may be made on the North Saskatchewan River claims for either bar or bench, the former being 100 feet long and extending between high and low water mark. The latter includes bar diggings, but extends back not exceeding 1,000 feet from the high water mark. The width of the wide may be arbitrary.
Dredging in the rivers of Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—Free claims for dredging are for areas of five miles each for a term of 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 hereafter acquire, bar diggings or bench claims, except on the Saskatchewan River, where the lessee may dredge to high water mark on each alternate low water.
The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season 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 annum for each five miles or fraction, collected on the output after it exceeds \$10,000.
Dredging in the Yukon Territory.—The lease 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 and subject to the rights by its position on the 1st day of August in the year of the date of the lease.
The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within two years from the date of the lease, and one dredge for each five miles within six months after the date of the lease, and one dredge for each five miles for each subsequent year. Royalty, same as placed in the preceding article.
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 being from 1,000 to 2,000 feet. All other placer claims shall be 200 feet square.
Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end, bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten days after the date of its location. It is within ten miles of mining recorder's office. One extra day allowed for each additional ten miles or fraction thereof.
The person or company staking a claim must file a free miner's certificate.
The holder of a mining claim is entitled to a claim of 1,000 feet in length, and if the party consists of two, 1,500 feet altogether, on the same vein or lode. No royalty shall be charged. The rest of the party ordinary 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 the United States.
No free miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim on each separate vein or lode, or on any one vein or lode. A miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and free miners may work their claims in partnership by filing notices, and paying fee of \$2. A claim may be abandoned, and another obtained on the same vein, gulch, or lode, by giving notice and paying a fee.
Work must be done on a claim each year to the value of the gold output of \$200.
A certificate of at least \$200 has been done must be obtained each year. If not, the claim shall be deemed to be abandoned, and open to occupation and entry by a free miner.

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JAP STATESMAN TO RAISE LOAN

(Continued from page 1)

is too much of a diplomatist to make wild predictions as to the outcome of the struggle.

"What is the opinion of the Japanese authorities to the number of fighting men you could operate in Manchuria?" he was asked.

"Oh, I cannot say," he replied cautiously. "Two hundred thousand?"

"Perhaps," replied the Baron, diplomatically. "Three hundred thousand?"

"Yes, I think so; perhaps more," returned the statesman.

He did not think that Russia could maintain more than two hundred thousand men in Manchuria.

"Port Arthur may be pretty strong now, but its natural strategical advantages are limited.

"How about Port Arthur?" he was asked.

"Port Arthur may be pretty strong now, but its natural strategical advantages are limited.

En route to London, the Baron will stop at Washington to interview the United States government.

He proceeded to Seattle on the steamer Iyo Maru this morning.

The German Emperor has more servants in his employ than any other monarch.

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BUREAU OF MINES UNDER DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION PASSED FAVORING CHANGES

Mining Men Will Recommend Reports Dealing Only With Geological and Mineral Formations.

His Honor Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere attended the meeting of the Provincial Mining Association this morning.

DELEGATES WHO ARE ATTENDING MINING CONVENTION.



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Cameron and F. Carter-Cotton, members of the local legislature, who were also in attendance, were invited to take seats on the floor of the convention.

Upon opening the secretary read a communication from the provincial mineralogist acknowledging the receipt of an invitation to attend the meetings of the convention.

Another letter from Mrs. Livingston Thompson, acknowledged with thanks the kind resolution of the association in connection with her husband's death.

E. B. Kirby reported for the committee inquiring into the question of the tariff as follows:

The special clause of the tariff affecting mining is par. 555, schedule B, "Free goods."

Whereas it was the evident intention of the framers of the tariff to specially protect and favor the pioneer and infant industry of mining, and the above par. 555 was designed to accomplish this end.

On motion of Messrs. Kirby and Hobson the report was adopted.

H. E. Crossdale reported for the committee on the question of the bureau of mines as follows:

I beg to report on behalf of your committee appointed to report to the convention concerning the charge of inefficiency made against the bureau of mines, that we do not find that the severe condemnation of the bureau of mines contained in clause 20 of the special resolutions passed by the executive committee is at all justified by any evidence that came before us.

We do find that the provincial mineralogist has a large and arduous task to perform in securing a full and proper investigation of new districts.

In amendment to the motion that the report be adopted, Mr. Kirby moved that the report be received. In doing so he said that he was very sorry that this question had come up.

Mr. Mortimer-Lamb said that without reflecting upon any one personally, it was safe to say that the mining bureau was not doing efficient service.

ports which came out six months after they should have held to be useless. He rather favored the system adopted by Mr. Carlyle in issuing bulletins.

A. B. Clabon held that the association had all to do with the policy pursued. He thought the discussion had done good, and he suggested that the resolution be altered so as to recommend that the reports in future be altered, and made similar to those of the Dominion.

His Honor the Lieut. Governor catered at this stage of the proceeding, and was received with loud applause on taking his place on the platform.

Frank Weir spoke of the fairness of the report of Mr. Robertson with respect to the Atlin district. The owners had looked for a little boom.

A. C. Galt went into the history of the matter before the executive committee. Why it first came up at a meeting in Victoria the various members referred to the objections.

Col. Prior in coming, as Premier of the province, before the convention last year, and offering the funds of the province for the committee in settling the strike at Fernie, was doing a great work.

Mr. Lamb moved as follows: That the report be not adopted, but that in the opinion of this convention, the

bureau of mines is not efficient as it might, with no further expenditure, be made; and that the government be asked to consider and institute such improvements in the bureau as the association recommends.

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RESOLVED, That the government of British Columbia respectfully be requested to consider the question of improving the efficiency of the bureau of mines and bringing it into closer touch with the mining industry, and particularly to so improve the nature of its operations and its reports as to assist the mining industry by scientific geological information, and to avoid anything which may be considered as affecting the commercial prospects and claims of mining districts.

Mr. Hobson, supported Mr. Kirby's resolution. He explained that the original resolution as put before the convention and the executive committee was a compromise. As first introduced into the executive he had opposed it as it was a personal attack.

Before dismissing His Honor the Lieut. Governor said that he had read the reports of the convention, and was much interested. He had been struck by the introduction of the points between the West and the East of the Dominion.

Three cheers and a tiger were given for His Honor and the meeting adjourned until 2.30 this evening.

James Parish Lee, the inventor of the Lee rifle, died on Wednesday at Port Beach, Conn. Mr. Lee was born in Hawick, Scotland, seventy-one years ago.

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