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FLOUR CORPORATION. Interests of Oregon, Washington and California Are to Be Amalgamated.

(Associated Press.) San Francisco, Nov. 6.—Confirming previous reports the calls says: "A deal is practically accomplished for the amalgamation of all the extensive flouring interests on the Pacific Coast. It will take in the large plants of Washington, Oregon and California, and will call into existence one large corporation, with a capital of \$20,000,000, and facilities equal to supplying the present and prospectively greater demands of the Pacific Coast, and of the Orient. Under the plan for financing the deal the owners of existing properties are to receive on a fixed and added valuation of plants, etc., 20 per cent. in cash and the remainder in bonds and stocks to be issued by the new corporation to be formed to effect the amalgamation."

LIBERAL RETURNED. H. Samuel Elected to Imperial Commons For Cleveland Division of Yorkshire.

(Associated Press.) London, Nov. 6.—The election in the Cleveland division of Yorkshire yesterday for a member of parliament to succeed A. E. Pease (Liberal), who recently resigned the seat, resulted as follows: Herbert Samuel (Liberal), 5,834; P. Geoffrey Drake (Unionist), 3,798. Liberal majority, 2,036. The government's education bill, eight hours work for miners, and temperance were the principal issues. At the last election Mr. Pease was elected without opposition.

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VICTIM'S WATCH FOUND.

Negro Probably Guilty of Crime With Which A. E. Mason Is Charged.

(Associated Press.) Boston, Mass., Nov. 6.—The gold watch of Clara Morton, the McLean hospital domestic who was killed Saturday evening and with whose murder A. C. Mason, of Boston, is charged, has been found in a Boston pawn shop, and the Boston police are searching for a negro who is said to have sold the article. The man wanted is described as a negro about 21 years old. Chief Watts, of Boston, does not conceal his belief that he murdered Miss Morton, and that Mason, who is now held in Middlesex county jail without bail, is innocent.

PROF. HUESSMANN DEAD. Was Author of Books on Viticulture and Horticulture.

(Associated Press.) Napa, Cal., Nov. 6.—Professor George Hueismann, one of the best known pomologists in the United States, is dead, aged 75 years. He was one of the founders of the American Pomological Society, a contributor to many magazines and author of several books on viticulture and horticulture.

FRENCH MINERS MAY REMAIN OUT

TROOPS KEPT BUSY IN COAL DISTRICTS

National Committee Will Consider Steps to Be Taken—Appeal to Dock Laborers.

(Associated Press.) Paris, Nov. 6.—The striking coal miners are showing great dissatisfaction over the arbitration decision against an advance in the rate of wages, and their national committee has called a meeting to take place at Arras, department of Pas de Calais, on Saturday, to determine on the course to follow. At St. Etienne, department of Loire, the miners have adopted resolutions to appeal to the dock laborers to renew the strike against loading coal unless the companies to-day grant the miners' terms. The strikers at Lens, department of Pas de Calais, have unanimously adopted resolutions to continue the strike pending the decision of the Arras meeting of Saturday. The troops are kept busy maintaining quiet in some of the mining districts.

On Way Home. Mahanoy City, Pa., Nov. 6.—After a good night's rest the members of the arbitration commission left here to-day for their homes. At Washington Recorder Wright will carry on the business of the commission. He will there receive the statements of the various local companies in reply to that of President Mitchell, representing the miners. Arbiters Will Decide. New York, Nov. 6.—By an agreement first reached by the arbitrators, the plasterers who have been on strike all over the city since October 21st will return to work to-day at the union wages of \$5 per day, pending a settlement of points in dispute by arbitration. Both sides are pledged to abide by the decision of the arbitrators, who will be members of the two committees. This action averts a threatened general sympathetic strike of 75,000 men in the building trades.

Evictions. Haselton, Pa., Nov. 6.—Six families occupying houses at Jeddo, who received notice recently from C. E. Markle & Co. to vacate within six days, but who failed to do so, were evicted to-day by Sheriff Jacobs. The six days expired on Monday.

PORTO RICO ELECTIONS. Republicans Have a Large Majority—Charges of Fraud.

(Associated Press.) San Juan, Porto Rico, Nov. 5.—There was no serious disorders anywhere in Porto Rico yesterday. The election, which resulted in a sweeping Republican victory, passed off quietly. This was due largely to the fact that Governor Hunt sent out 22 special representatives covering the whole island, with plenary powers to adjust differences, summarily Federico Degetau was re-elected resident commissioner at Washington by a large majority. The Federals have ten delegates in the legislature and the Republicans 23. In most of the turbulent districts and cities, Guayama, Cayey, San Lorenzo, Aibonito and others, the Federals, owing to intimidation, abstained entirely from voting, and lost five delegates to the legislature. Fraud was charged everywhere, and the government has promised prompt prosecutions.

SUDDEN DEATH. Son of United States Senator Vest Found Dead.

(Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 6.—George Vest, Jr., son and private secretary of Senator Vest, of Missouri, died at the Columbia hotel in this city early this morning. He went to the hotel yesterday evening, and was seen last by the night clerk early in the morning, when he asked for ice water. He complained of feeling ill. When the clerk next called at the room, about 6 o'clock, he found Mr. Vest dead. A physician was summoned and said the immediate cause of death was convulsions, due to acute gastritis. Mr. Vest was about 42 years old and leaves a widow and family.

IN DRUNKEN ROW. Woman Killed and Murderer's Sister Fatally Wounded.

(Associated Press.) New York, Nov. 5.—In a drunken row at Seneca Lake last night, John Mooney shot and killed a woman named Besseme, fatally wounded his sister, Miss Mooney, and shot John McLellan through the lungs. McLellan will recover. Mooney was arrested and Chas. Merrill was taken into custody as an accomplice.

NEW RAILWAY TREASURER.

(Associated Press.) New York, Nov. 6.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company, Edward L. Rosster has been elected treasurer of the company to succeed the late Samuel Prince. The new treasurer is a son of E. V. W. Rosster, vice-president of the road.

HOW PARTIES STAND.

According to Latest Returns 207 Republicans and 178 Democrats Have Been Elected.

(Associated Press.) Chicago, Ill., Nov. 6.—Dispatches to the Associated Press up to 10:40 o'clock show that the Republicans have elected 207 members of Congress and the Democrats 178, with one California district in doubt. Odell's Plurality. New York, Nov. 6.—Corrected returns received from the state up to this morning make Odell's plurality 11,262. In California. San Francisco, Nov. 6.—The latest election returns indicate the success of Dr. Pardee, the Republican candidate for governor, by a plurality of about 3,500. His opponent, F. K. Lane, will request the recount of the Congressional returns so far as completed indicated that five Republicans, two labor union Democrats and one straight Democrat will represent California. In the legislature Republicans will have one joint ballot for the election of a United States Senator, 91 members out of a total of 120 members.

WEAK ON PACIFIC. General Miles Says United States Fortifications Are Incomplete.

(Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 6.—The annual report of Lieut.-General Miles, commanding the army, is a brief review of the reports that have been submitted to him by other officers. General Miles calls attention to the incomplete condition of the fortifications, especially on the Pacific Coast, where millions have been expended in engineering and ordnance work, and yet the commands have not been properly supplied with ammunition, electric plants and other appliances essential to the effectual use of fortifications in actual warfare.

COMBINE INCORPORATED. Minnesota Harvester Company Has a Capital of \$6,000,000.

(Associated Press.) St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 6.—The Minnesota Harvester Company has been incorporated here with a capital of \$6,000,000. The incorporators are: A. Severance, Robt. E. Olds and Chas. W. Withee, who, with F. B. Kellogg and Alfred T. Flisberg, compose the board of directors. These are all St. Paul men, and the identity of the real promoters, who are said to be Eastern capitalists, has not disclosed. Vice-President O'Shaughnessy, of the American Grass Twine Company, issued a statement yesterday that the new company will be independent of the recently formed combination of harvester companies.

ANOTHER DEATH. Thirteen Persons Now Dead as Result of Explosion of Fireworks.

(Associated Press.) New York, Nov. 6.—Another victim of the explosion at Madison Square Gardens on the evening of election day died in Bellevue hospital. The total number of deaths from the accident is now thirteen. THE ALASKA BOUNDARY. Action of Secretary Hay Seems to Indicate Alleged Monuments Were Not Found.

(Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 6.—Lieut. George T. Emmons, U. S. navy (retired), has reported to Secretary Hay the results of his investigation, along the Alaska boundary, of certain stories which have found frequent repetition in late years to the effect that the country in which the supposed boundary monuments have been discovered making the real boundary line between Alaska and the British Northwest Territory at a point many leagues further from the sea than the British have been willing to admit. Lieut. Emmons is thoroughly familiar with the country, and spent much of the summer in the region. The state department will not make the report public at present. It is regarded as a fair conjecture that Emmons has not found the stones reported to be boundary monuments, or else the state department would take steps to bring that fact to the attention of the British government. Instead of this, the report has been referred to the secretary, John W. Foster, and Senator Fairbanks, members of the joint commission, which was charged with the settlement of the Alaska boundary question among other matters.

PAVED WITH GOLD. Why Streets of Altman, Colorado, Were Lora Up.

Denver, Col., Nov. 4.—For some time past the authorities of Altman, in the Urtepe Creek district, which enjoys the distinction of being the highest incorporated town in the world, have been paving the streets with gold. The town is situated on a waste dump of the Pharmaciat mine. Some of it looked so well that samples were taken at random and assayed, and the result showed a surface until stopped by the police. The Pharmaciat mine has ceased giving away the dump, and is hauling it to the reducing mills. TIERED OF LIVING. Seattle, Nov. 5.—Tired of living, Albin Anderson, of Southside, blew out his brains on the old university grounds, back of the army, shortly before 9 o'clock on Monday evening. His lifeless body was found, face downward, in a pool of blood. It looked so well that samples were taken at random and assayed, and the result showed a surface until stopped by the police. The Pharmaciat mine has ceased giving away the dump, and is hauling it to the reducing mills.

ONE BENEFIT OF "ALL RED" ROUTE

IMPORTANT REDUCTION IN THE CABLE RATES

Postmaster-General Advised of the Cut —Hon. W. C. Wells Interviews Ministers.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Nov. 6.—Sir William Mulock has been notified by the Pacific cable board that the rate per word between points in Canada to all points in Australia or New Zealand is two shillings and fourpence per word. Every word will be counted. The present rate from Ottawa to Australia is 30 cents per word. The old rate before the cut was made was \$1.50 per word. Decision on Saturday. Hon. W. C. Wells, commissioner of lands and works, had a long interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Clifford Sifton to-day in regard to a subsidy for the New Westminster bridge. He laid the claims of the province very strongly before the ministers, and after the interview Mr. Wells told your correspondent that it was very satisfactory. An adjournment was made until Saturday, when a final decision will be reached. Rose's Murder Case. The Rose murder case from Nelson is before the government. It will be held over for a couple of days because there is talk of an application for a new trial. Cabinet Vacancy. No decision has yet been reached regarding the vacancy in the cabinet. HANDWRITING EXPERT. Gave Evidence To-day in the Molinoux Trial.

(Associated Press.) New York, Nov. 6.—In the Molinoux trial to-day David H. Carvalho, the handwriting expert, resumed his testimony. He said he did not believe that Molinoux wrote the poison package wrapper or any of the disputed writings. In great detail he explained to the jury his reasons for this. As soon as his direct examination was over, Assistant District Attorney Osborne again tried to have the "Barnet" diagnosis blank admitted as evidence, but Justice Lambert held to his earlier ruling excluding it. THE BOND TREATY. Secretary Hay and British Ambassador Discuss the Convention.

(Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 6.—Secretary Hay and Sir Michael Herbert have again taken up the Bond treaty providing for limited reciprocity between the United States and Newfoundland. The convention was reduced to form before the Newfoundland premier left Washington a short time ago, but since then it has been the object of careful study here and in London, and it is believed at Ottawa as well, and some changes may be required.

BANK OF ENGLAND RATE. London, Nov. 6.—The Bank of England's rate of discount was unchanged to-day at 4 per cent.

COL MONRO'S SUCCESSOR. Several Names Are Mentioned in Connection With the Post.

(Associated Press.) The resignation of Lieut.-Col. Monro, commanding officer of the Fifth Regiment, C. A., leaves the local militia organization once more without a head. It also tends to emphasize the onerous duties which the commanding officer of a regiment has to perform—duties for which he not only receives insufficient allowance, but which frequently bring the officer who performs them little thanks. Although Col. Monro and his officers decline to discuss the circumstances attending the resignation of the former, it is well understood that he found the duties of the office too exacting to be performed without seriously interfering with the conduct of his business affairs. Only those who have held a commission understand how many demands are made upon the time and the purse of an officer, and especially of one who has undertaken the duties of commanding officer. Those responsible duties Col. Gregory found to be burdensome, and he was more independently situated in some respects than Col. Monro. Although Col. Gregory has already served the limit of his term, and actually retired under that regulation, there is an agitation in the regiment to request him to resume his old post. It is very unlikely, however, that he would accept a second term of office even if it were offered to him. Of the names mentioned, the names most frequently heard in connection with the post are those of Capt. Trake, Capt. Hall, and Major Hibben. The latter is next in seniority, while the other two officers are not so well known. They are both, however, very unfortunely situated in regard to the time of their disposal.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Marconi's System to Be Established Between Port Townsend and Skagway.

R. L. Moore, formerly chief operator at the local branch of the Western Union Telegraph office, was in the city recently on his way to San Francisco on business. Mr. Moore represents a number of Seattle capitalists who are interested with the Marconi company in introducing that system on the Pacific coast. His mission at San Francisco is to interview the officials of the different steamship lines regarding the installing of the Marconi system on all steamers going from that port. It is understood that it has already been practically decided by the Marconi company to take this step, so that Mr. Moore anticipates no difficulty in reaching an agreement satisfactory to both parties concerned. On completing his business in California Mr. Moore will proceed to Mexico on the same business. The Marconi system is becoming to be considered among the steamship lines of the Atlantic as almost an essential part of the equipment of every vessel. Some days ago a cablegram was received at the local Western Union office dated 20 miles off the coast of England, announcing a gentleman's safe arrival in the Old Country, almost before he had departed from the steamer. Mr. Moore stated that next spring it is the intention of the syndicate represented by him to establish a continuous Marconi system between the Sound and Juneau and Skagway. A station will be established at Port Townsend, two on Vancouver Island, and several on the coast of British Columbia. This will make it possible to communicate with the North by the wireless telegraph system. The expense attached to establishing this system is only in equipping the different stations and maintaining operators at these points.

GOT SIX MONTHS. Delaney Pleaded Guilty to Theft of \$27 and a Pin.

James F. Delaney, alias Hayes, the young man who was with Conrad Sutter and the Swede, Axel Marriason, on the night the latter was robbed, and who was considered an accomplice in the crime, was this morning sentenced to six months' imprisonment for stealing \$37 and a gold pin from a woman by whom he is employed, on Chatham street. He pleaded guilty. As already stated the theft was committed on Thanksgiving Day when the occupants of the house were absent. Delaney prized open the trunk and abstracted the money and a nugget pin, after which he carefully rearranged the contents so as to give them an undisturbed appearance. When the theft was reported to the police Delaney was suspected. He was detained at the police station as a necessary witness in the present case, but it was all along decided that he must face this charge. His sentence was lighter than he expected, for according to one of the jailers he felt sure he would have to go to the penitentiary to which Conrad Sutter has already been taken. The four hotel runners who are charged with an infraction of the street-by-law by their very energetic announcement at the entrance to the wharves, were called and again remanded. A Fort Rupert knockman, who has been satisfying her thirst, not wisely but too well, was fined \$5 and \$1.50 costs or ten days' imprisonment.

ANNUAL DINNER. Ye Olde London Wanderers to Hold Banquet on Monday Evening at Boomerang.

The first annual banquet of Ye Olde London Wanderers will be held at the Boomerang hotel on the evening of Monday, the 10th inst. The officers and members of the association are endeavoring to make their initial efforts not only to be forgotten, but to be remembered, and the programme has been laid out on an elaborate scale, and there is no doubt but that the members intend spending an enjoyable evening together. Following is the toast list and programme: Overture, R. Burke; toast, "The King"; the Chairman; "God Save the King"; toast, "The Royal Family"; the Chairman; "God Bless the Prince of Wales"; song, E. Codling; toast, "The Lord Mayor"; Rev. M. N. A. Cohen; song, J. Parks; toast, "Our Native City"; H. Langton; song, E. A. Tinson; toast, "The Club"; the Secretary; refutation, Rev. M. N. A. Cohen; toast, "Our Adopted City"; E. Codling; song, N. S. Goodwin; toast, "The Press"; T. J. Dear-borg; song, J. A. Williams; toast, "The United Service"; G. Holmes; song, H. L. Salmon; toast, "Our Visitors"; E. J. Salmon; "Auld Lang Syne"; "God Save the King."

BRIEF DISPATCHES.

The remains of John W. Mackay, who died in London, July 20th, were placed on board the White Star liner Oceanic before she left her dock at Liverpool yesterday. The Earl of Minto, Governor-General of Canada, and Lady Minto are expected to visit Rochester, N. Y., during the second week of the Rochester art exhibition, which begins November 17th. The Royal Academy of Canada is to have an exhibition of about 30 pictures, and this is highly praised for the Earl's visit. Rev. Wm. Haysford, one of the best known older ministers of the Methodist church, died at Waterford of a lingering illness. He was a prominent Mason.

WARSHIP MOVEMENTS. Nearly All the Esquimaut Fleet Will Winter in the Southern Climate.

There will probably be only one of the larger warship fleet here for Christmas, and she will be the survey ship Egeria. It is expected she will commission for another most of the winter. The flagship will be leaving for southern waters on the first or second of next month, and it has now been decided to send the Amphion south. Up till the present it had been supposed that she would remain in Esquimaut until January or February, but there appears to be a disposition on the part of the Admiralty to have as many as possible winter in southern climes. By such arrangement the crews escape influenza, which, once contracted aboard ship, has been found hard to remove. The Amphion, according to present plans, will accompany the Grafon and, proceeding as far as Panama, she will relieve the Phaeton, to allow the latter to continue her voyage farther south to meet her relief, the Flora. The Sherwater is also to sail from Esquimaut to spend the winter in southern climes. She will be relieving her monthly set in early in December and will be going direct to Pitcairn Island. By leaving about the middle of this month, it is calculated she will escape the severest of the winter storms which usually set in early in December and continue for a month or six weeks. It will be remembered that the ill-fated Concor delayed her departure until the end of December last year, and later caught in some of the heavy snow which prevailed after that date disappeared and was never seen thereafter.

DOES NOT FAVOR AN IMPORT DUTY

A SILVER-LEAD MINE MANAGER'S OPINION

Says Tariff on Lead Would Only Benefit the Smelters—Gives His Reasons.

"I can't see how an import duty on lead will benefit the silver-lead mines. It isn't advocated by a single silver-lead mining man in this province." This observation was made to a Times representative this morning by P. J. Hickey, manager of the Ivanhoe mine, Sandon, who is in the city on business. He pointed out that the total consumption of lead in Canada was thirteen or fourteen thousand tons, and it was altogether improbable that the British Columbia smelters would give the mines the benefit for that amount by a better rate. The smelters only would gain by the imposition of the duty, but not the mines. Competitive smelting and freight rates were wanted, and in his opinion an import tariff would destroy these. As a matter of fact, the silver-lead mines of Sandon would never be in a prosperous condition until their products could get directly to the open market. Now, he explained, it went through several intermediaries. Before the establishment of smelters in this province Mr. Hickey said they received New York prices for their lead. Immediately local smelters were operated London quotations ruled in pursuance of an agreement among the various smelting establishments. The loss to the silver-lead mines, he pointed out, was apparent when the quotations were compared. At New York they received \$4.12 1/2 per hundred, a figure maintained by the smelting trust in the States, while the London rate, which was now the rule, was \$2.30. The silver-lead mines were therefore obviously better off when their product gained access directly to the market across the line.

The American Refining Company, which controls many smelters throughout the United States, does not buy from the silver-lead mines of the Slocan. If satisfactory rates could be arranged the entire output of the district, or the greater portion of it, say forty thousand tons a year, could be disposed of in this direction. Mr. Hickey also mentioned that Mr. Van Odel, whose company is about to operate a silver-lead refinery in Spokane, told him that under existing freight conditions they could treat his product for \$9 and settle on New York quotations less the duty. The trail cost of treatment was \$15, settled on London quotations.

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DOUKHOBORS STILL MARCH EASTWARD. ARE DETERMINED TO CONTINUE JOURNEY. Exposure to Weather Is Sapping Their Vitality—Some Have No Protection From Cold.

Winnipeg, Nov. 5.—The Free Press has received the following from a staff correspondent with the wandering Doukhobors: Solongith, Man., Nov. 5.—It was dark when the pilgrims arrived. They camped to-night a mile and a half west of this point.

dialogue between myself and several of the Doukhobors. Add in each case the answers were very much alike. STRIKE COMMISSIONERS. They Have Finished Tour of Inspection—Hear Witnesses Next Week.

Malanoy City, Pa., Nov. 5.—The anthracite strike commission ended its tour of observation of the coal fields in the Panther Creek valley to-day, and the members of the party will return to their homes to-morrow and will meet again at Scranton on November 14th to take the testimony of the miners. The biggest day's work of the entire trip was accomplished to-day, when the commissioners made a complete inspection of two large collieries and a tour of the region lying between Mount Carmel and this city.

UNITED STATES CONGRESS. Results of Elections at Eleven O'clock Last Night. Washington, Nov. 5.—The results in the election for congressmen at eleven o'clock to-night were as follows:

That Lame Back. You can hardly straighten up, the back feels so sore. There's a chance that it is kidney trouble, and that is something which it is dangerous to neglect. The best medicine for disease of the kidneys is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery.

How to Get Rich. Take a quantity of silica costing one-fourth the price of oil; mix it with oil, and sell the compound to the public at the price of pure oil; offer "prizes" with the compound to make it sell.

THREE SHOT. Fight on Streets of Orange, Texas, Where Marshal Was Killed. Orange, Tex., Nov. 5.—Three men are dead as a result of a shooting affray here to-day. They are Jeff Chenault, City Marshal Kordan and Tony Jones.

DOUBLE SUICIDE. Pastor and His Female Assistant Found Dead. Omaha, Neb., Nov. 5.—Rev. W. G. Rabe, pastor of the German Baptist church, and Miss Augusta Busch, a young woman living in that neighborhood, were found dead, early to-day, in the parson's study.

CHAMBERLAIN'S REPLY. To Criticism Regarding Grant in Aid of the New Colonies. London, Nov. 5.—Generals Botha and Delany and ex-President Schalkberger were present to-night at the debate in the House of Commons over the civil service estimates, placing the additional amount required, as agreed, to aid the Transvaal and Orange River colonies during the present financial year at \$40,000,000, which ended in an agreement to vote the sum in question.

AGAINST INCREASE. Decision of Arbitrators in French Mining Trouble. Paris, Nov. 5.—The arbitrators in the miners in the department of Pas de Calais to-day gave a decision against an increase of the present rates, holding that the rates are proportioned to the selling price of coal.

ROLLED DOWN MOUNTAIN. Accident to Stage Coach—Number of Passengers Injured. Ouray, Col., Nov. 5.—The stage coach which runs between this place and Red Mountain met with an accident here on one of the steepest grades of the road, and together with the 14 passengers, rolled down the mountain side, a distance of 300 feet.

A RARE METAL. Montreal, Nov. 5.—"There can be little doubt that we have a new kind of matter," said Prof. Cox, of McGill University, last night, in speaking to a witness representative of the researches on thorium emanation.

NICKEL CORPORATION. American Company's Proposal For Purchase of British Concern. London, Nov. 4.—At a meeting of the Nickel Corporation to-day an offer was submitted from the International Nickel Corporation for the American company to purchase the British concern, giving 50 shillings worth of shares of the International company for every £5 share of the English company.

Fire destroyed the post office building at Glastonbury, Man., yesterday. The loss is about \$2,000.

POLICE INVESTIGATION. Committee Inquiring Charge Against Chief Legault of Montreal. Montreal, Nov. 5.—The civic police committee to-day began the investigation into the charge against Chief of Police Legault, of appropriating to his own use liquor seized in raids on houses of ill-fame.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION. Windsor Mills, Que., Nov. 5.—An explosion occurred to-day in the Corning mill of the Hamilton Powder Company. The mill was blown to pieces, and John Prince, the only employee inside at the time, lost his life.

VICTORIA FIRE ALARM SYSTEM. Fire Station Telephone, 538. 3—Birdsall Wk. and Superior St., James Bay. 4—Carr and Simcoe Sts., James Bay.

WANTED. WANTED—At once, a boy at Casack's Printing Office, Province Building. WANTED—A girl waiter. Apply at once to Dundas Street.

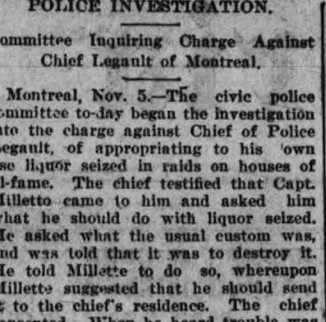
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LOST OR FOUND. WILL THE PERSON who took a gold handled umbrella from the Royal Jubilee Hospital on the 23rd inst., please return it to the Times Office or Jubilee Hospital and save further trouble.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Nov. 6-5 a.m.—Since last night an important storm area has appeared off the coast of Vancouver Island...

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Friday. Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong north and east winds, with sleet or snow.

Lower Mainland—Northerly and easterly winds, fresh to high on the Gulf, unsettled and cold, with sleet or snow.

Reports. Victoria—Barometer, 29.73; temperature, 35; minimum, 28; wind, 4 miles N. E.; rain, .01; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.76; temperature, 32; minimum, 26; wind, 4 miles N. W.; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.82; temperature, 24; minimum, 24; wind, calm; weather, fair.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.93; temperature, 4; minimum, 4; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 54; minimum, 52; wind, 4 miles E. W.; weather, fair.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, 8; minimum, 6; wind, 4 miles N. W.; snow, .08; weather, cloudy.

Port Simpson—Barometer, 29.88; temperature, 20; minimum, 24; wind, 6 miles N. W.; weather, clear.

PASSENGERS. Per steamer Charmer from Vancouver—C. W. Hynde, G. W. Harker, A. B. McNeil, Mrs. E. B. Welch, E. E. Welch, Mrs. Cuthbert, M. Lawson, J. Jones, Mrs. W. J. White, E. Smith, M. Cameron, Miss Millar, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Dennis, Miss Gieswood, A. V. Rollman, B. R. Scarborough, Miss Harper, J. B. Thomson, Harold Emery, Mrs. E. D. Nauraton, Miss Rich, Mrs. Jas. Beveridge, J. Prentice, S. P. Brown, W. Wood, D. K. Hawker, Thos. Johnson, T. S. Williams, Miss C. O. Fraser, Mrs. A. Ames, F. Ormes, P. J. Hickey, H. O. Johnson, L. Hunt, Miss Armstrong, A. Plury, E. M. Mackay, G. Union, C. D. Mason, T. Loderall, M. McKay, R. C. Parrish, H. W. Whitfield, J. B. Young, A. Purcell, Capt. Seaward, A. Ross.

Per steamer Jeannette from the Sound—C. E. Fowler, Miss Clark, Mrs. Matlandine, Miss Matlandine, E. Mallet, D. H. Urielemer, Jas. Dalziel, A. Fowler, Mrs. Jones, Geo. Darr, W. Reeco and wife, Chas. Bartchelet, O. L. Darling, A. P. Gillis, G. B. Rafferty, V. Mallet, John Brown, Wm. Madden, J. W. Ery, T. Hickey, Miss Donnelly, Miss Donnelly, Peter Hughes, W. H. Kettle, H. G. Guernsey, J. W. Smedley, Mrs. O'Connor, Miss Green, Miss McDonald, Archie Byrne, Geo. Morehead, T. Wheat and wife, Mrs. Glimberger, S. Atkinson, Miss L. L. Tolbott.

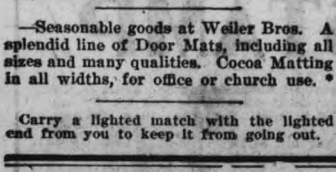
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NEWS BUDGET FROM SOUTHERN COAST

CREW OF THE KARNAK HAD EXCITING TIME

Vessel, as Also Luxor, Now Due Here—Queen City Returns From West Coast.

Shipping men are now looking for the arrival of two Kosmos liners. The vessels are the Luxor, which has sugar for the B. C. Sugar Refinery, and the Karnak. The latter arrived at San Francisco three days ago. For eight days, off the Costa Rican coast, the Karnak stood by her sister ship, the Kambyes, which had gone ashore, and under the greatest difficulties rescued her crew from drowning, afterward landing all hands at Punta Arenas. In addition to this work, the officers and men of the Karnak fought off the natives of Costa Rica, who were bent on stealing the cargo of the Kambyes, and with rifles and revolvers compelled the poons to return through the surf without the rich loot that might have been theirs.

The Karnak, Capt. R. Kopp, is 105 days from Hamburg, by way of Antwerp and London. The port of Valparaiso was left on September 15th. All business was temporarily at a standstill in the Chilean port, owing to the arrival of the Argentine battleship San Martino with friendly greetings from her government to the Chileans, as a result of the new treaty of peace lately effected between the two nations. The greatest honors were accorded to the officers and men of the San Martino at Valparaiso.

After touching at Guayaquil, where many cases of yellow fever were reported, the Karnak reached Corinto on October 18th, La Libertad on October 19th, and Acajutla the following day. The volcano Isalco was in eruption in Salvador, but no damage was reported. San Jose de Guatemala was visited on October 22nd, and Champerico the following day, where the Karnak's officers were informed that there had been a fall of 12 inches of ash from Santa Maria volcano in its immediate vicinity, much damage resulting to the surrounding coffee district.

The Kosmos liner Kambyes, which had been carried ashore 90 miles north of Cape Blanco, on the Costa Rican coast a few weeks ago as a result of thick weather and a strong inshore current, was in a bad way when the Karnak came up to her. All hands were still on board, and great breakers were washing over the vessel. The Karnak sent a boat to the Kambyes, taking off a few men at a time, and although the returning boat was sometimes carried clear aboard the Karnak's deck by the giant rollers and threatened with destruction, all the men were safely landed. The captain, chief engineer, two sailors and two firemen preferred to remain on the wrecked steamer, and for the following two days the Karnak stood by waiting to take them off. The heroic men finally signalled that they were ready to be saved, but by this time the water was up to the first platform in the Kambyes, and all the cargo was submerged. The boat that took off the men was able to go on the deck of the Kambyes. Two days later, at Punta Arenas, the shipwrecked crew went aboard the Herodot, of the Kosmos line, and sailed for Hamburg. The Kambyes, with all her cargo, is reported to be a total loss.

Officers of the Karnak report that when at Punta Arenas, three weeks ago, the Colombian rebel gunboat Padilla was patrolling the entrance to the harbor for the purpose of preventing the departure of the steamer Poas, an English built vessel lately acquired by Colombia, and which is intended for the defense of Panama, in conjunction with the Bogota. When the Karnak left the Padilla was maintaining an effective blockade, with no prospect of the Poas getting to sea.

ARCTIC TREASURE.

Steamer Jeannette has returned to San Francisco with 7,500 pounds of whale bone, 280 fox skins and 13 bear skins. She obtained most of her bone 1,000 miles north of Eolo, Esmeralda, the whales having been taken in all during the season. In the course of her far northern cruise the Jeannette was off the most northerly shore of Banks' Land. This was on August 13th. Previous to that, however, on July 4th, the Jeannette raced with the other vessels of the fleet for the Arctic through Behring Straits, arriving in the great open sea ahead of her rivals. Not all the seven whales that fell into the Jeannette's net were taken without difficulty, for when off Banks' Land a bull whale sounded after being struck, taking with him 400 fathoms of the towing line. As the last of the line went whizzing out the mate drew his knife to cut the rope, to save the boat and its occupants, but the line fortunately parted.

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BRIDGE TENDERS ARE CONSIDERED

BY A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

No Action Taken, But Local Firm's Offer Will Likely Be Accepted—Another Proposal.

Although the city council has not yet awarded the contract for the construction of Point Ellice bridge it is quite plain they have determined that the Victoria firm shall do the work. Furthermore, it is not improbable that this company will build the whole structure, foundation and all, in view of what transpired at the meeting of the streets, bridges and sewers committee last night. The Victoria Machinery Depot Company, through their representative, Chas. Spratt, who was present, offered to build a "riveted" bridge for \$96,000 and in ten months' time. This, he explained, meant that \$15,000 in mechanical work would be expended in this city outside the expenditure involved in the actual construction.

In this connection it might be pointed out that the specifications furnished by H. P. Bell provide for what is known as a "pin bridge," which would be of less weight than the other, but not better. The Victoria Machinery Depot's tender for a pin bridge (the superstructure) is 5.74 cents per pound, or in round figures according to the city engineer's estimate \$68,040. But it would not be completed under sixteen months, because none of the factories could fill the order for material before next January. Besides this disadvantage has very little of the money would be expended in this city. All the parts would be shipped from the factory where the order was placed, and simply put together here. As was explained, the pin bridge would be virtually a bridge built on commission—anybody on the street could purchase it and little mechanical work in connection with it would be done here.

The same firm also offered to construct the bridge for six and a quarter cents per pound, in ten months. If the weight exceeded 1,200,000 pounds they would make a reduction in rate. If the council is willing to pay a premium the firm will secure material for a pin bridge before January and complete it in less time than the present conditions. But factories won't deliver the order without a premium.

The committee was attracted by the offer to construct the whole bridge (foundation, roadway and superstructure) for \$96,000. The fact that a great deal of money would be expended in this city in the improvement makes the proposal an exceptionally tempting one, and the discussion that ensued was generally favorable toward it. The firm has all the equipment for the substructure almost on the scene. It has arranged for the purchase of logs for its new marine slip, securing them at a figure considerably less than the city proposed to pay, and no question was raised regarding the firm's capacity for satisfactorily doing the work.

Mr. Bell coincided with Mr. Spratt as to the amount of mechanical work that would be done here in connection with the construction of a riveted bridge. He explained the difference in weight by the fact that one pin might take the place of forty or fifty rivets, while the installation of certain plates would also decrease the weight of the riveted structure. He had specified a pin bridge in his plans because in theory it was better and in his opinion more economical.

The committee examined plans for a riveted structure, and went into the matter pretty thoroughly, finally deciding to submit a number of questions to Mr. Spratt, to be answered as quickly as possible. The questions in effect were as follows: (1) How much per pound would it cost to construct a pin bridge in ten months, the time in which the firm agreed to complete the riveted structure? (2) How much (in a whole sum) would it cost to build the superstructure of a riveted bridge of the same strength as a pin bridge? (3) What would be the difference in the price in the event of the riveted bridge exceeding 1,200,000 pounds in weight.

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STORM ON COAST.

Some pretty heavy gales were encountered by the steamer Queen City, which returned from Ahousaht and way points on the West Coast last night. The vessel left here on Saturday night and in going down the Straits encountered the big wind storm of early Sunday morning. Shelter was sought at Port Renfrew, but after leaving there a strong southwester was experienced and the whole trip was rendered rather disagreeable by bad weather. At Clayoquot the schooners Diana, Victoria and Carrie C. W. were storm bound, and at Esqualeet the Favorite, Zillah May and Enterprise were held prisoners by the high winds of the past week. The Enterprise had returned out but had returned with her sails torn to smithereens. The catches of all six schooners have been published heretofore, and they had no late news of interest to report.

ABANDONED AT SEA.

The members of the crew from the abandoned schooner Ottilia Pederson are now at San Francisco. The Ottilia Pederson was en route from Whatcom to Hongkong with a cargo of lumber aggregating 900,000 feet, when she lost her rudder and began to leak, the effects of a gale beginning on October 22nd. She was 600 miles from the Japanese coast, and while the leak was kept down, it was impossible to manage the craft. Being without a rudder, she frequently pitched over on her beam ends. According to the story of the men, there was an immediate prospect of the schooner foundering, when the American gunboat Princeton put in an appearance and took off Capt. Hanson and his nine men. The Princeton herself had been slightly damaged from the storm and could not take the Pederson in tow. Consequently the schooner and her cargo was abandoned. On October 10th the Princeton's principal owner was Capt. John Pederson, of San Francisco, and the vessel was constructed last year at Everett, costing \$54,000.

REMODELING VESSELS.

The San Francisco Examiner says: "A number of steam schooners running on the coast are to be rebuilt. It has been found that steam schooners having their engines amidships are much weaker and have a smaller carrying capacity than vessels that have their engines fore and aft. Several lumber steamers now running to the port have their engines amidships. These vessels will be rebuilt and the position of their engines will be changed. It is stated by naval constructors that the change will greatly strengthen the power of the steamers. The steamer Rainier will be one of the first to be rebuilt."

LAST TRIP OF SEASON.

Steamer City of Topeka, which went north from here last night, is making her last trip of the season. On her return the steamer will go out of commission and her place in the Alaskan service will be taken by the Cottage City, which is scheduled to sail on the 13th. The latter vessel has been undergoing repairs for the last four or five weeks, having been damaged through striking on Etohin Island during a stormy night in September.

IN LEAKING CONDITION.

The ship W. H. Macy, Capt. Groth, 15 days from Ladysmith, B. C., with a cargo of 3,920 tons of coal, has reached San Francisco in a leaking condition. The first day out of the northern port the ship began to leak, and up to the time of her arrival three pumps were necessary to keep out the water. The exact location of the leak is not known.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamer City of Topeka, which sailed for Alaskan ports last evening, carried from here several shipments of freight for Skagway and White Horse.

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AS TO THE PREFERENCE.

The leaders of the Conservative party have evidently not made up their minds as yet as to the attitude they will assume in criticism of the part played by the Canadian Ministers at the Colonial Conference. There has been one feeble indication note from headquarters at Ottawa, which may develop into a general roar of disapproval when the party thinks it has discovered "where it is at." It is claimed now that the government has "cut the ground from under its feet" and made it impossible for Canada to secure a preference for her goods in the British markets by the action of the government in rushing in hastily and granting a preference to British goods without exacting any quid pro quo whatever. A few days ago the position of the Conservative party was that Laurier had absolutely refused to even consider the question of a return on the part of Britain for the advantages we had given her in our markets. When the proceedings of the conference were made public and it was shown not only that the question of inter-imperial trade had been discussed, but that the claims of Canada had been vigorously and ably pressed, it became necessary to change front again and reconnoitre for a new position from which to level the artillery of criticism. The government cut the ground from under its feet, but the governments of all the other colonies are pledged to cut the ground from under their feet in the same manner, and Europe has been impressed with the consequences which may follow when the policy inaugurated by the Laurier government has been adopted by all the colonies of Great Britain and the Mother Country has been compelled by the inexorable forces which are operating in the political and economic world to-day to become a partner in the alliance. The British government hesitates to identify itself with the movement at present. That is quite natural, because it requires no very acute political discernment to observe the delicacy of the position of Imperial statesmen. But the condemnation of the policy of the Laurier government implies that if the recommendations of the opposition had been adopted the result would have been altogether different. It is no easy matter to determine just what the policy of the Conservative party is in regard to endeavoring to increase the intimacy of the trade relations between Canada and the Mother Country. It has been said by some of the leading lights of the party that the present preference is of no value, and that it should be abolished as soon as a more enlightened government gains power. If the preference is of no value to Great Britain, would it not be taken as a rather cheeky proceeding to approach Imperial statesmen and threaten to withdraw it unless some compensating advantage were accorded? We assume that an increase of the preference would be the last thing to be recommended by Conservatives, because a great many of them have held that the present policy has proved ruinous to some home industries on account of the opportunity it has given the "pauper labor" of Great Britain to compete with the highly paid

artisans of Eastern Canada. There is apparent confusion between the various positions this extraordinarily illogical party has taken, but it would hardly be fair, we admit, to expect consistency from men who are at their wits' end to discover weakness in a position in which there is no weakness, and yet who feel that they must make an attack of some kind if they hope to gain power. By comparing the duties paid on British imports into Canada with the collections on American goods entered, the representatives of the Mother Country claimed to be able to demonstrate that the Canadian preference was of very little advantage to British business men. Until we have removed that false impression from the minds of the British we can scarcely expect a very cordial reception of our claim for special consideration. The peculiar relationship which exists, and we suppose must always exist, between the United States and Canada, must be taken into account. More than half the goods we imported from the United States were on the free list. Under any circumstances this list must always be an extensive one, because in it are included a great deal of the raw materials which enter into our manufactures. Deprived of such raw materials, as for example cotton, our home industries would be placed at a great disadvantage. Eastern Canada obtains a great deal of its coal from the anthracite regions of Pennsylvania. On the other hand, Great Britain exports no raw material. Nearly all her exports are manufactured articles. All that she sends out is on the list of dutiable goods. Therefore the comparison is not a fair one. When we look at the conditions which existed before the preference was brought into effect and compare them with those which exist to-day, we realize the advantage the preference has proved to British exporters and Canadian consumers. Every year almost under the National Policy showed a marked decrease in our trade with Great Britain. The decline was steady and continuous. In 1890 the imports amounted to some- where between \$20,000,000 and \$30,000,000. In five years under the Liberal policy the figures have been nearly doubled. When business has been all but strangled it takes time for it to recover itself. It is not at all unfair to assume, therefore, that when the old channels have been cleared out and new ones opened up, the advantages of the preference will become still more apparent, and that British statesmen and business men will be compelled to change their point of view.

TRANSPORTATION AND BUSINESS.

The transportation problem has been brought to the attention of the Vancouver Board of Trade. Nearly all the commercial bodies of the principal cities of Canada have devoted more or less attention to the subject. It has also been discussed in a general way by statesmen, the fact being pointed out that both of the great railway systems of Canada discriminate in their rates to such an extent as to nullify the effects of the tariff in certain cases and place the industrial establishments and commercial houses of many of the chief cities of the United States in a more favorable position to compete for Canadian trade than the home institutions. This is not done deliberately. It is a result of the competition of the principal American railways. Such things should not be and were not contemplated when the Canadian people put their hands so deeply into their pockets and incurred very heavy liabilities for the purpose of assisting, in some cases practically building, the lines. The plea of the companies will of course be that they must continue to do as they are at present doing or lose their share of the business. This contention might be met Canada at which there is no competition should bear some reasonable relation to those charged for equal distances where there is competition. Under the present system of making up schedules it is claimed that where the companies have the field to themselves they charge "all that the traffic will bear." That is, the rates are placed as high as is possible, the only check being the possibility of driving concerns out of business. The transportation companies absorb the major part of the profits. The charges to the shipper bear no reasonable relation to the distance his goods are transported. In the concrete case which was brought to the attention of the Vancouver Board of Trade it was pointed out that the fifth-class rate on goods carried from Vancouver to Calgary, something over five hundred miles, was \$1.02, whereas from Winnipeg to Calgary, in the neighborhood of nine hundred miles, the rate was only 87 cents. It is perfectly obvious that this discrimination practically shuts the merchants of Vancouver and all the other coast cities out of Calgary. It also indicates the disadvantages the West must contend with in shipping goods which are produced here under specially advantageous circumstances. The railway company will contend that the comparison is not fair, because it is much more costly to operate the mountain section of the road than that which runs through the comparatively flat prairie country. The present system of fixing charges is manifestly unfair to business men, to sections of the country and to the Dominion as a whole. But it is impossible for any but a very potent body to effect many adequate reforms. During the

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session of the Dominion parliament the government announced that it intended to appoint a railway commission clothed with all the necessary power to put an end to the discrimination which was building up some cities at the expense of others—cities which were not always situated in Canada—and pulling down some concerns and building up others. The proposition was such an important one and the step mooted such a radical one that while the bill giving effect to the resolution of the government was introduced at the last session of parliament it was determined to defer action and leave the question in the hands of members for one year. It is understood the matter will be pressed during the coming session. It will not be the least important of the many weighty matters to come up for discussion at the next meeting of the House.

It would be interesting to know what political wind is about to blow now. Mr. D. D. Mann is on his way West to confer with the government about the western terminus of the Canadian Northern. He is not coming of his own volition. He was sent for. Who sent for him? Is Mr. Eberts seeking another gladiatorial combat? Will he emulate another great statesman and "fight like blazes" to keep what remains of the patrimony of the people out of the hands of the spoilers? Or has the Colonel not given up the fight? Is he about to pretend to redeem his pledges to the people as a preliminary to another election? The ways of politicians are past finding out. But something is going to happen. There is a peculiar affinity between railway schemes and elections in British Columbia.

The "gentle rain from heaven" is at last descending upon us in earnest. For the benefit of those who do not follow closely the meteorological reports we may state that the rainfall in Victoria from the 29th of October to the 4th of November was .88 inch. For the same period 3.34 inches fell at New Westminster, the weather man's abiding-place on the mainland. Water supply is obviously not a "burning question" in the mainland coast cities of British Columbia.

The Boer generals are not as successful as beggars. At a meeting held in New York a few days ago to advance the cause of the down-trodden ten thousand dollars was collected in a few minutes. But the oppressed were not Boers. A learned gentleman of Montreal has discovered a new metal. He says it is very scarce. It has not been heard of in British Columbia yet, but we will wager there is a good deal of it concealed somewhere in our mountains.

Ald. Wm. H. Gibbs died at his home, in Toronto, yesterday. For some months he had been suffering from heart trouble. Mr. Gibbs was in his seventy-ninth year. He represented North Ontario in the House of Commons in the days of Sir John A. Macdonald's regime.

The Annual Ball Given by the Woman's Auxiliary Society, PROVINCIAL ROYAL JUBILEE HOSPITAL. Thursday, November 6th. At the Assembly Hall, Fort Street. There will be a Chancel for children and young people on the following night. Patrons—His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Lady Joly de Lochnivar, His Worship the Mayor, Rear-Admiral A. K. Bickford, C. M. G., Commander-in-Chief Pacific Squadron, and Mrs. Bickford, and the Captains and Officers of H. M. Navy, Col. Grant, R. E., and Mrs. Grant, and the Officers of the Garrison, the President and Board of Directors P. R. J. Hospital, the President and Members of the Woman's Auxiliary, P. R. J. Hospital.

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Divine services will be held at congregation Emanuel on Friday evening at 7.30. Rhabi Montague N. A. Cohen will preach on "The Impulses: A Glimpse Into Habits and New Testament Psychology." Services on Saturday morning at 10.15.

The Victoria Intermediate Rugby Juniors will hold a club run to-morrow night at 8 o'clock, starting from the Victoria Athletic Club rooms, Port street. All the members should endeavor to turn out, as several matches have been arranged to come off shortly, and the teams must get into good shape for them.

The results of the examination for mine managers' certificates have been made known. The examiners were F. Shepard and W. H. Wall. Twelve candidates wrote for the examination, and of this number eight were successful. The successful candidates were James Mcintosh, from St. Luke's; C. E. Eroy, Fernie; A. R. Wilson, Fernie; C. Simister, Fernie; A. Cottrill, Fernie; A. Faulds, South Wellington; Thos. Budge, Nanaimo; Thos. Mills, Nanaimo; J. A. Richards, Nanaimo.

The funeral of the late Mrs. M. Sanky, of Calhoun Bay district, who died on Saturday last, took place on Monday afternoon from St. Luke's church. The services were conducted by the rector, Rev. R. Connell, assisted by Rev. E. G. Miller. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. E. W. Beale, L. Rye, J. W. Tolmie, E. M. Reid, J. M. Healy and F. G. Hildidge. The choir was present, and rendered impressive music, Mrs. King presiding at the organ. The wealth of floral tributes afforded evidence of the high esteem in which Mrs. Sanky was held in the district. She was 77 years of age, and has resided with her son-in-law F. W. Blankenbach for the past two years.

THE MINISTER SAID

"Dear beloved brethren, I'm going to stop this sermon right here. How can I preach when two-thirds of this congregation are coughing their heads off? I earnestly commend you before next Sunday comes, to go to Fawcett's Drug Store and provide yourselves with their famous Dr. Williams' Cough Cure, which costs but 50 cents a bottle, and cures a cold like the touch of magic. The congregation is dismissed."

COB. DOUGLAS ST. AND KING'S ROAD. TELEPHONE 630.

At the special general meeting of the London Wanderers the provisional committee, which have had the formation of the club in hand, were thanked for their services. The secretary, J. A. Williams, was given special thanks in this connection. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, H. L. Salmon; vice-president, E. F. Langton; treasurer, C. Holmes; secretary, J. A. Williams; committee, Rev. M. N. A. Cohen, E. Codling, E. A. Tuson, J. Parkers and T. J. Dearborn. It was decided to hold meetings every fortnight commencing on Monday, November 17th. The arrangements for the annual dinner on Monday, November 10th, Lord Mayor's Day, are complete, and a splendid time will be held at the Boomerang. Tickets are on sale at Salmon's cigar store.

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NORTHERN CREEKS GOLDEN HARVEST

AN EXCELLANT YEAR IN ATLIN DISTRICT

An Outline of the Past Season's Work Given by J. Stables, M.P.P., Who is in City.

J. Stables, M. P. P., who has just come from Atlin after spending the summer there prospecting mining work, speaks in high terms of the district, reports have repeatedly been circulated to the effect that Atlin was no poor man's country, but was only to be worked by capitalists. This has done incalculable injury to that country. The individual miners on Boulder Creek alone have, it is safe to say, cleaned up \$50,000 this past season.

The day when prospectors went in expecting to clean up a fortune in a single season has passed, and systematic work is being carried on along the various creeks of the district. Properties which were three years ago staked and then abandoned, have now been re-staked in many instances, and are being made to pay.

There has been royalty paid upon gold from Atlin district this year. There is in addition to that amount, also an additional output upon which the royalty has not been paid, ways being constantly devised for overcoming this by mining men. With not more than 1,000 men in the whole district the average clean-up for the season is thus very high, and Mr. Stables doubts if the Yukon could show as good results.

There has been a large production of gold from the hydraulic mines on the various creeks. Some of these are approximately as follows: McGe Creek, \$40,000; Boulder creek, about \$40,000 and Pine Creek, \$30,000.

In many instances miners are working these creeks at a depth of from 20 to 30 feet with gratifying results. Water wheels and Chinese pumps for keeping out the water are utilized, while attached to the end of the shaft of the water wheel is the lifting gear for raising the gravel and hoisting the boulders.

Hoisting plants and large steam pumps are now beginning to be installed. On Gold Run creek a twelve-horse power engine has been installed for this purpose. The De Lamare Co., a French syndicate, are also installing an extensive plant on Boulder creek. The Pine Creek Power Company have their hydraulic plants working running their nozzles. On Spruce creek an hydraulic plant has been installed, but has only recently been completed so that but a few thousand dollars has been produced.

These improved methods of working the creeks will make a vast difference in the production of gold, and will allow of a much larger exploitation of the mineral wealth of the district than what could take place under the old methods.

There is in addition to the placer gold many rich bodies of quartz ore. These have not been developed to any extent owing to the lack of machinery and the expense connected with the carriage of machinery in or out. As an example of what the country is capable of doing in this respect, however, a trial shipment from Windy island in Takli Inlet is interesting. Of thirty tons of ore sent to Tacoma a net profit of \$33 a ton was realized after all the charges had been paid.

A stamp mill is being installed at the Engineer Group, about 30 miles from Atlin City. The machinery was just going in for this mill, which will be a five stamp one, when Mr. Stables left.

Next year, it is expected, see extensive dredging carried on on the lower part of Pine creek. The location upon which this dredge will be employed will be a vast flat known as the Poorfarm property. Engineer Cameron, who is interested in the undertaking, has done much in the way of dredging operations in California, and he looks upon this gravel bed as an ideal spot for this work. A testing drill will be brought in and the character of the gravel ascertained.

Coal has been reported to have been found on Taku Arm, and there are also indications that it may exist at the south end of the lake. Copper properties are also found in that part, which, with further development, may prove valuable.

The quartz claim on Munroe Mountain is showing up well. On Pine Creek, Rock of Ages Mountain and Yellow Jacket Mountain are showing up well in free milling ore. The mountains between Birch and Boulder creeks are also being developed, and are showing promising results.

The future of the district as a quartz producer is fairly assured, and many miners have put in years of development work upon their claims, without realising upon the output, but feeling that the richness of the claims will ultimately attract attention.

A prospector named Bevis is instanced by Mr. Stables as affording an excellent example of this persistence. The man has put in three years alone on his property on the lake shore. He has five claims, and has sunk from twelve to fifteen prospect holes ranging in depth from 10 feet to 150 feet in depth. Many of these are timbered. He is at present working an incline shaft which is 150 feet in, and is showing excellent samples of fine milling ore. Development work of this character is being carried on by men who have faith in the future of the district. The heavy charges for the car-



Mr. Stables thinks no one has any occasion to feel discouraged over the prospects for Atlin.

WOULD SLAY QUEENS.

Anarchists to Intimidate Monarchs by Warring Upon Women.

A recent dispatch from Copenhagen says: "The international police claim to have discovered a plot of Anarchists, banded together to hit their enemies, the Kings, by murdering their wives."

"Kings are too well guarded nowadays, argue these Anarchists, and for the purpose of intimidating them it is just as well to slay their wives. The idea has been propagated among Anarchists for years, and Empress Elizabeth was the first victim. The Dowager Empress of Russia, now staying here, is billed to be the second, say the police, while hunting for interred assassins."

"The mother of the Czar Nicholas does not appear to take much stock in this story, for she is seen daily in the streets without escort. She is a great favorite with the Danes."

HOSPITAL BALL.

All Arrangements Completed For Tonight's Event—The Decorations at Assembly Hall.

This evening at the Assembly hall the annual ball in aid of the working fund of the Woman's Auxiliary Society of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital will be held. The work of preparation has been going forward quietly but none the less effectively during the past few weeks, the ladies of the auxiliary, with the assistance of many local volunteers and the hearty cooperation of Admiral Bickford and members of the Royal Navy, having decorated the interior of the hall tastefully with innumerable flags and bunting. As in past years, everything that can be thought of has been done to ensure the enjoyment and comfort of those attending.

The decorations this year, there is no doubt, excel anything yet attempted, which is largely due to the kind co-operation of the sailors, a squad of whom spent some time at the hall assisting in the work. The colors of the hospital, red and white, predominate, and a cross worked in these hues has been placed in a place of prominence at the lower end of the hall. The supper room is in yellow and white, and the effect is remarkably pretty. As usual the two rooms on the left and right of the entrance hall have been fitted up with sitting-out rooms, and for that purpose have been tastefully decorated and furnished. Mrs. Langley, Miss Brook Hunt, and Mrs. Loxley comprised a committee of ladies responsible for a large portion of the work. There are several cosy corners, three corners of the hall having been used for this purpose, the fourth being occupied by the orchestra stand. Misses Dunsmuir, Vernon, Prior and Loewen did the work in connection with the cosy corner situated in the upper left hand corner of the hall, while the Westside and Weller Bros. respectively are responsible for the other two.

That there will be a large attendance at the ball this evening and at the purpose of the ball, the object of the entertainment is taken into consideration, patronage is assured. This function gives an opportunity for aiding the work of the hospital and at the same time spending an enjoyable evening.

Those who wish to contribute towards supper are requested to send their donations to the Assembly hall as early as possible. Cake or sandwiches for the Cinderella will be received to-morrow.

It would seem that the denotation of Boers who are now visiting Canada will have much time in which to see British Columbia and to study its adaptability to their needs. Advice has been received by the government that the Boer party will leave Calgary on Monday next, and as they sail for Australia on the 14th, three or four days later, it is obvious that their investigations in this province will not be exhaustive.

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Sporting News. THE RING. SUCCESSFUL TOURNAMENT. Victorious shows the association of the sports being made by the Victoria Athletic Club in behalf of sport in this city by turning out in large numbers to the boxing tournament held last evening.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. EXECUTIVE MEETING. A meeting of the executive of the District Football Association, having charge of the junior league, will be held in the near future for the purpose of deciding a protest which has been entered by the North Ward against some of the decisions given by the referee in last Saturday's game between the Central and North Ward teams.

RUGBY FOOTBALL. NO REPLY YET. A reply has not yet been received to the challenge issued by the Victoria Rugby team to the Navy for a return game to be played at Caledonia grounds next Saturday. The boys, however, are busy getting in trim so as to be prepared. A well-attended run was held last evening around the city. It is announced that plans will be held on the evenings of Monday, Wednesday and Friday every week, and those desiring to take part are requested to attend as regularly as possible.

HAVELEY'S MINSTRELS. Will Hold the Boards at the Victoria Theatre. Haveley's minstrels, headed by George Wilson, will appear at the Victoria theatre to-night. The company comes direct from the Metropolitan Theatre, New York City. Mr. Wilson's name is too well established to require anything further than the mention of his presence. Assisting him on the ends are such capable comedians as Jolly Bert Swar, whose funny story-telling has made him a favorite, Perron Sommers, Jake Young, Johnnie Swor, Frank Young. The first part setting represents a night in Venice, showing the gondoliers carrying the serenaders through the beautiful waters of ancient Venice, a new departure with mechanical lighting effects of an indescribable nature.

BASKETBALL. J. B. A. V. VICTORIA WEST. The senior basketball league will open on Saturday evening with a game between the J. B. A. and Victoria West teams. The teams are very evenly matched, and a hard game from start to finish is anticipated. For Victoria West, besides the several players mentioned, the following are well known players noticeable. The boys will have five substitutes, including Jesse, Whyte and others. Both are in excellent trim, having been training for the occasion for some time past, and a warm struggle is looked forward to. The colors of the J. B. A. are blue and white, while the uniforms of Victoria West are green and black. The teams follow: Victoria West—Wm. Fairall (capt.), Chas. Fairall, Chas. McNeill, E. Jacobson and Theo. Crocker, reserves, F. Baker and Wm. Broomfield.

ATHLETICS. ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting of the Victoria West Athletic Association will be held in the rooms this evening, when the reports of retiring officers will be submitted and the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place. Arrangements for the winter season will be discussed. A full attendance is desired.

DIED, IN CHICAGO. A Niece of Geo. Riley, M. F., Passed Away as Result of Operation. Miss Minnie Shicklina, niece of Geo. Riley, M. F., and a young lady who, during a residence in British Columbia, made many friends, died on September 18th at Chicago. Her body was taken to her old home at St. Catharines for interment.

MINING APPEAL. Van Norman Co. vs. McNaught Heard in Supreme Court, Ottawa. In the Supreme court, Ottawa, on Friday, the appeal in the Van Norman Co. vs. McNaught was heard. The dispute arose in consequence of the provisions of the British Columbia Mineral Act that none but free miners can hold mineral properties, that all free miners' certificates must be renewed annually each May 31st, that the remaining mines shall become vested with mining interests lapsing through the neglect of a co-owner to renew his free miners' certificate, and that claims shall be liable to seizure and sale as chattel property under an execution against goods.

SEMI-MONTHLY MEETING. Of the Trades and Labor Council Was Held Last Night. The Victoria Trades and Labor Council passed the following resolution relating to the Victoria Terminal Railway Company and its employees at their regular meeting:

NOVEL FORM OF INSURANCE. Denmark is credited with what appears to be an original development of the insurance idea. They call it "celibacy insurance," but as it is understood to be open to women only, it might more appropriately be termed the spinster endowment plan. The young woman who applies for a share in this insurance must first be single, if she qualifies in this respect, and in certain other immaterial requirements, she is given a policy in which the agreement is made that if she remains single until 40, and keeps up her assessments, she will be considered a widow, and entitled to a life annuity. If she marries before she reaches the age of forty, she forfeits her policy and all she has paid in. Of course, the wise promoters of this plan are well aware that a great many policies will be cancelled in this manner, and this knowledge enables them to furnish the insurance at a very low rate.—Exchange.

French and Dutch Bulbs. W.M. DODDS. 207 PORT STREET. Please call for price list.

THE RETAIL CLERKS' UNION. The Retail Clerks' Union thanked the Trades and Labor Council committee for its assistance in bringing about the early closing of grocery stores. Secretary P. M. Draper, of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, wrote requesting that circulars appealing for aid for the Pennsylvania coal miners be distributed to the different unions. The request was granted. In this connection it might be stated that the majority of the unions have already contributed toward the relief fund.

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Provincial News.

LADNER. What might have been a serious shooting accident occurred here recently. While W. J. Leary was walking out the trunk road he was somewhat surprised to receive a severe peppering about the hands and body from a shotgun discharged in an adjoining field.

KAMLOOPS. The death occurred at the hospital on Monday night of the Jap who in attempting to get off the train on Sunday, October 18th, was badly damaged about the head. The deceased never regained full consciousness since the accident.

Alexander Easson, a native of Scotland, died at the Provincial Home on Monday morning at the age of 61 years. Deceased has lived in British Columbia for the last 23 years, and came here from "Pexada," where he followed coal mining for a living.

Jack Madigan, who has been employed with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company since the road was taken over from the contractors, and is one of the oldest employees in the service of the company, sent in his resignation last Monday. Mr. Madigan purposes going to Washington, D. C., his old home.

THE SUIT BROUGHT AGAINST the corporation by R. B. Smith, to recover \$5,000 damages for injury suffered by a fall on Granville street, near the post office, in January last, as alleged owing to negligence on the part of the city, was heard on Monday, and resulted in judgment for defendant.

Great activity in mining and lumbering prospects is reported at the timber inspector's department. Mr. Murray states that the business which passed before the office last month exceeded by some thousands of dollars that of any month in any year gone by. In fact all previous records were broken. It is somewhat odd, too, that despite the untoward season, the number of free miners' licenses issued has been remarkably large, and they are still in daily demand.

During the past month the fire department was only called out six times, and the total damage by fire in the city is estimated at under \$80. So far, this year, the city has been remarkably free from fires, and the loss recorded is very light. The small shingle mill adjoining Casey's shipyard, the Kirkpatrick shingle mill, Cedar Cove, and the Mount Pleasant tannery fire have been the only serious blazes this year. With cold weather setting in again, however, it is likely that the department will be kept more busy during the next month.

There were 37 interments in the city cemetery during the month of October, but of these only 25 of the deaths thus indicated took place within the city limits.

The customs for October amounted in duty to \$128,958, or nearly \$43,000 more than for October, 1901. The total exports, foreign and domestic, amounted to \$17,871, and imports, \$58,628.

VITAL RETURNS issued for the month of October at the registrar's office: Births, 49; deaths, 32; marriages, 32. The deaths include 25 white people and 4 Chinese, Japanese and Indians.

The death occurred on Sunday at the city hospital of Miss Alida Parker, a highly respected young lady of this city. Miss Parker was head waitress at the Badminton hotel on Howe street.

The death occurred on Sunday afternoon at her residence, 634 Homer street, of Mrs. Gotlove Weiss. The deceased was well known in the city, and leaves seven sons to mourn her demise.

At Monday's meeting of the Ministerial Association, Rev. Archibald Ewing, of Victoria, superintendent of Presbyterian missions in British Columbia, gave an address upon Chinese mission work.

It is reported that Rev. Mr. Kirby, who, with Mr. Turk, recently commenced a series of evangelistic missions in the British Columbia coast cities, has been invited to accept the pastorate of the Wesleyan church, Georgia street. During his visit, Mr. Kirby was taken ill and was a patient in the New Westminster hospital for some time.

A special meeting of the council took place on Monday for the purpose of re-arranging the wards, according to population. After some discussion it was decided that the time of re-arrangement was premature. All agreed, however, that the first change that should be made in the future was to create a new ward in Fairview district.

His Honor Judge Henderson, of the County Court, returned on the Princess May from Atlin, where he held a session of the court. While the cases on the docket were of considerable importance locally, they were not of much outside interest. One of his decisions, which will be appealed, as it is desired to have a final interpretation of an important point in the mining laws. The plaintiffs in the suit in question had been working a claim on lease and sought to establish a right to the claim on the ground that the former owners had not complied with the law. Judge Henderson, however, decided that the claim should revert to the crown, if the Mining Act had not been complied with. There was only one criminal case, the accused being convicted of house-breaking, and sentenced to nine months' imprisonment. Judge Henderson states that for a mining town Atlin is most orderly place, crime being almost unknown. Speaking of the prospects of the camp, His Honor said that Atlin now showed much greater solidity and the camp was self-sustaining. Drifting would be carried on during the winter on a number of claims, and all looked for a good season next year. The Atlin Mining Company and the French Company are both well satisfied with the season's work, and the output of gold has been placed at about \$500,000.

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Empire Reform Association of Vancouver to-day forwarded by the Empress of Japan a draft for \$400 in favor of the relief committee of Canton, to be used in relieving distress in the famine stricken districts.

Chief Justice Hunter yesterday dismissed the charge of fraud against J. C. Keath, who was charged with selling timber limits that did not belong to him. The Chief Justice in dismissing the case with costs against the plaintiffs without hearing the defendant's side of the case, very severely lectured the witnesses, accusing one of them of perjury and telling him that the punishment for perjury was seven years in the penitentiary in this world, to say nothing of what might happen in the next. Mr. Keath sold the plaintiffs a certain block of timber limits as his own. The plaintiffs claimed that the alleged actual owner of the limits ordered them off of the limits, saying they belonged to him, not Keath. The upshot of the affair was that Mr. Keath was sued for fraud.

Albert Cotton, of Calgary, who owns a large mill in the Crow's Nest Pass region, purchased on Tuesday, through Mr. Yondall, the Imperial shingle mill, near Robertson and Hackett's lumber mills. The mill is well equipped with modern machinery. Mr. Cotton, previously engaged in purchasing the mill, acquired large timber limits by special license. The mill will be operated to the full limit. Inquiries for timber are now reaching here from Toronto and Montreal investors.

Over one-quarter of the amount required by the Vancouver General hospital management (\$50,000), to enable it to maintain the civic grant of \$50,000 towards the proposed building operations, has been secured; nearly \$8,000 having been subscribed to date.

At a special meeting of the city council on Tuesday it was decided to contest the right of the C. P. R. to the ownership of the street and the right of the city to the street.

Another stage of the ambulance question was reached on Tuesday when the board of directors of the Vancouver General hospital decided to accept the care of the Ladies' General hospital ambulance, and to store the same until arrangements can be made for putting it into commission. In the meantime the city for the infectious cases only, will be put into commission for both accident and infectious cases, but not for ordinary invalid or accident use, the city deeming the St. Paul's and Vancouver General hospital managements, which now both have suitable vehicles under their care, competent to attend to ordinary cases requiring the services of an ambulance.

A meeting of representatives from the different churches of the city was held on Tuesday evening to consider the question of the establishment of a coffee house in this city, on some more suitable plan than at present exists. The meeting appointed a committee to formulate a plan to carry out the undertaking and report two weeks hence. The Vancouver Power Company has awarded a contract for the supply of 170 miles of copper transmission wire, which will amount in round figures to the sum of \$35,000. The deal was closed by the management of the Power Company with P. Phillips, Electrical Works Co., of Montreal, for the new supply of the material. This wire, which will weigh 130 tons, is intended for the transmission of the current from the generating stations of the power company on Lake Beautiful to this city.

The church committee of Holy Trinity parish held a meeting on Monday night to take over from the contractor the new hall and parish room, which has been erected at the corner of Church and Clarkson streets. The new building is on the site of St. Leonard's hall, which was wiped out in the great fire of September, 1898.

A. G. Davis, a Greenwood livery stable keeper, formerly in charge of work on the Rambler mineral claim, near Eholt, met with an accident here on Friday afternoon. He was hitching up a lively team when they started off and he was knocked down and the buggy wheels passed over him. He was bruised and shaken, but Dr. Spink did not find any bones broken when he examined him. He is resting quietly in bed, complaining of pain internally, but it is thought he will be about in a day or two.

The remains of William Edwards, who was burned in his cabin, were buried on Friday. From the position of the body and the portions which were blackened, it was found that he must have been in bed when death overtook him. It was his habit to burn candles in wood holders, so it is thought that he fell asleep leaving a candle burning and that when the flame reached the wood it set it alight and the burning grease spreading over the table started that, too. It is quite likely that the unfortunate man was suffocated before the fire burned down his limbs and his head off. Near where the door had been was found the charred skull of his dog, but the fire had quite consumed the animal's body.

J. F. Hemenway, who has been for the last five years connected with the Granby mines, in this camp, left on Monday with his wife for Prescott, Arizona, where he has accepted a responsible position as financial agent for a New York syndicate, now operating two groups of copper claims in that section. A delegation of twenty-five employees of the Granby mines waited upon Mr. Hemenway, and presented him with an illuminated address and a purse of gold, as a token of the regard in which he was held by the employees of the company. This ceremony was followed Tuesday evening by a presentation by King Edward lodge, A. F. & A. M., of a fine gold solid gold locket and chain to Mr. Hemenway. On Wednesday evening a banquet and smoking concert was tendered

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It is reported at Winnipeg that W. R. McInnes, assistant freight traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific, will be transferred from Winnipeg to Toronto, where he becomes assistant to the fourth vice-president of the road. G. M. Bowditch, P. W. Peters, general freight agent, Vancouver, is mentioned as a probable successor to Mr. McInnes.

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THE FIRE-WALKERS OF FIJI ISLANDS

CROWD OF SPECTATORS WATCHED EXHIBITION

How the Stones Were Prepared for the Performance by the Stalwart Islanders.

Suva, Oct. 10.—One of the queerest sights of Fiji is the fire walking, and a wonderful institution it is.

When we arrived on the ground, an old quarry at the back of the government gardens, the stones were red hot—they were about 1 foot to 18 inches in diameter, and the order was given by the old chief, who had that in charge, to level them off.

There are at the Vernon the following commercial men: Joe Proctor, J. H. Hamilton, and A. Finery, of St. Louis.

THE PINKHAM CURES

ATTRACTING GREAT ATTENTION AMONG THINKING WOMEN.



Mrs. Frances Stafford, of 243 E. 114th St., N.Y. City, adds her testimony to the hundreds of thousands on Mrs. Pinkham's files.

When Lydia E. Pinkham's Remedies were first introduced skeptics all over the country frowned upon their curative claims, but as year after year has rolled by and the little group of women who had been cured by the new discovery has since grown into a vast army of hundreds of thousands, doubts and skepticisms have been swept away as by a mighty flood, until to-day the great good that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and her other medicines are doing among the women of America is attracting the attention of many of our leading scientists, physicians and thinking people.

These were the Fire-Walkers. They deliberately walked steadily down and stepped on the hot stones, and walked round one after the other to the number of 18 or 20, encircling the stones and forming a spiral track, as they had not all entered when the leader got round.

They showed no signs of haste or fear, or of being burned, and presently, with another howl, the natives who had been levelling, rushed for a pile of green leaves that had been provided and threw them on the stones. The fire-walkers tramping on them while they burst into flames in places until smothered by more leaves. This was the foundation on which to place the food which was to be cooked and to be the fitting finale of this wonderful scene.

They now put on the baskets of food and began to cover the whole with leaves and then earth. The crowd now began to disperse. The acid smoke was getting too dense to allow of a good view, and the numerous cameras shut up with a bang, and spectators, went home.

Before the walking took place the admiral and Mr. Alford, acting governor, accompanied by the fleet, went to pay a nearer visit to the hot stones, and were no doubt satisfied of the reality of the heat: a fact which was abundantly testified by the vivid whiteness of the stones when first moved by the poles, by the rapidity of the flames on the green poles when stuck in to get a hold, and by the hot air when a whiff of wind wafted the heat of air towards the spectator.

This is one of their ways of cooking, and unquestionably a very fine way, everything coming out of the "lovo" being thoroughly cooked, and having a pleasantly fine flavor and as tender as possible, whether meat, fish, fowl, pork or vegetables. We did not wait to see the cooking, for we're so full of ants, whose nest had been disturbed. After a round of applause from the spectators the crowd resolved itself into bunches of three or four to "argue the point" on their way home.

L. H. Hardie, one of the staff in the employ of the Wilson Company, Wharf Street, underwent an operation for a diverticulitis in the Jubilee hospital on Monday. The operation was performed by Drs. Fraser and Davis, and though a very serious one, the patient is now doing as well as could be expected.

Leclian Macmillan, who has been for some years in the office of Dr. Ernest Hall, left on the steamer Queen last night for San Francisco where he will accept of the College of Physicians and Surgeons. He was accompanied by H. McEwen, formerly of this city, who will study at the same institution.

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ORIGIN OF TOTEMS.

Prof. Curtin relates the history of the Sacred Indian Totem.

Prof. Jeremiah Curtin, head of the department of ethnology at the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, and author of "Creative Myths of Primitive America," and a number of other books on Indian subjects, is one of those who has been making a study of some of the totem poles which have been shipped East from this coast. Professor Curtin was in Victoria a short time ago, and an account of some of his work was then published in the Times. Speaking of his investigations relating to the totem pole he said the other day:

"The Indian believes, and now I speak of the Indian who has not been harnessed by education, that there was a world before this one in which he now lives, and he also is certain that there were many people in it. According to his traditions the people in that world for a very long time lived in peace and harmony. But at the end of that very long time variations came upon them. Their minds were changed and struggles began. The course of it all was that when a man of a stronger mind got into a quarrel with a man of a weaker mind, the weaker one said that the stronger man, to rid himself of the presence of the weaker one, commanded him to turn to a region or anything he chose. The word of the stronger was law with all the inhabitants of the particular world of the Indian, and in time all the people were changed into birds, animals, reptiles, fish, plants and every sort of thing that we have on this earth not human."

The evolution was according to the merit of the man by the mythical world. For instance a very great man in that weaker one a small bird and so on. He also believes that all these things, to be seen on the earth by the Indian, to have been their original men of the world he believes existed. It is in that when we see the sign of the Indian carried on the totem we believe that he is simply referring to an animal or plant as an emblem. But this is not the case, for the totem is a great man in the world he is taught to believe existed at one time, and therefore it is his honor with the Indian to have himself represented, after death, by a bear, a lion or other representative of the hero in his world he believes in. "All Indians believe in this world I have told you about, but of course civilization has changed most of the customs of the various tribes. It is therefore not any wonder that the Indian holds the totem sacred, for it means much to him."

COLEMAN HAS BEEN RELEASED ON BAIL

Extradition Proceedings Will Open Tomorrow Morning in the Alleged Kidnapping Case.

In Chambers this morning the first of the proceedings in the alleged kidnapping case were disposed of. The case promises to be one of a sensational nature, and is apparently attracting a great deal of attention in San Francisco.

The application made by Frank Higgins this morning for the release of Capt. Coleman was granted. The accused had been arrested simply upon a telegraphic message from San Francisco, which was insufficient upon which to detain him. No objection to his release was made by Geo. Powell, counsel for the private prosecutor, Mrs. Smith. Since the arrival of the accused, however, the necessary information had been received from San Francisco and a warrant had been accordingly taken out for his arrest so that the proceedings might be made perfectly regular.

Upon Mr. Justice Martin granting the application of Mr. Higgins, Capt. Coleman was therefore again placed under arrest, and is awaiting extradition proceedings being gone on with. The accused will fight extradition.

Mr. Higgins applied later in the day to Mr. Justice Martin for Coleman's release on bail. The application being opposed by O. C. Bass, of the Attorney General's department, and Mr. Powell for the private prosecutor, the court's contention was that the court had no jurisdiction to grant bail for a prisoner held for extradition, but on the authority of a precisely similar case which occurred in Ontario last year His Lordship admitted the prisoner to bail in the amount of \$2,000, to be made up of \$500 on Coleman's own recognizance, and two sureties of \$750 each. R. J. Ker and C. W. Rhodes appeared as bondsmen for the prisoner and furnished the necessary securities, and Coleman is now at liberty.

The prosecution contended that the court should make some other order as to the disposition of the child, pending the arrival to-morrow of the mother and the expected extradition papers. His Lordship, however, could not see that he had any authority to make such an order, remarking that the father, having brought the child into the jurisdiction of the court, he would be looked upon as criminally responsible for its proper support, and being in the eye of the law the child's natural guardian, the court could not assume to deprive him of his custody. The prosecution stated that their fear was that Coleman would immediately spirit the little girl away, and thus deprive them of their only material witness.

The order releasing Coleman provides that if proper extradition papers are forthcoming, he shall immediately surrender himself again to the warden of the common jail.

The hearing of the case will commence to-morrow morning.

SURROUNDED BY WOLVES.

A survey party, who were working within seventy miles of Winnipeg, spent a most disagreeable night recently. Their work had led them through thick woods. Two tents were erected, and the party, the large one was used to shelter the chain, two men and cook, the smaller one was the temporary house of the survey party, in the shape of beef and pork, had arrived and were hung up in some staves near the tents to keep them sweet and cool. The party, on the night question, had retired early to their blankets. A loud howl, almost as if of a human being, aroused the attention of the party. The single tent in which Charles Dickens describes in "Pickwick" as "the arms of a scorpion" again, but this time the howl at hand, sounded the horrible shriek. Putting on his boots and hurriedly stirring himself, he went to the front of the tent, and again listened. The cry was repeated. He called to the occupant of the other tent, who came out once for the other had been aroused by the same cry. Not a word of their party was missing, so the shrieks of the woods did not come from their camp, as they stood in the dark, under attention, the call was given to the right of them at a few paces, was repeated to the left of them, and then to the front. Then they knew their friends. They were the big timber wolves, as their mournful wail, which together with the bark of the coyote or prairie wolf, is the bark of the camp consisted of one loud cry, and a few cartridges were loaded on the party, and a few cartridges were taken out of the larger tent took a shot at the wolf, but returned with much rapidity, followed by a huge wolf. A shot sent the brute back into cover. The footprints of many wolves were found in close proximity, and on every side of the tent. The party congratulated themselves on "having their bacon" and grub, although they lost their sleep.

SHIPPING ZING ORD.

Four Mines Contract for the shipment of 1,000 Tons.

The first shipment of Slovan zinc ores to the Kansas smelter will go forward this week, says the Nelson News of Friday, and in a short time the mine owners will be in a position to produce zinc in great quantities for treatment charges. The first of the zinc ores consigned to Kansas will come over the Slovan branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company having been asked to furnish three 30-ton cars.

The shipment of 1,000 tons that have been contracted for by Thomas Jones, the representative of the Layton Zinc Co. of Colorado, is a zinc ore which has been in the Slovan for several weeks looking into the possibilities of that section as a zinc producer. Four prospecting parties have been sent to the Slovan to test the possibilities of that section. The first of these parties, consisting of 250 tons each. These are the Boston, Slovan, and Payne and Francho. Although the tests for settlement at the smelter have not been announced, it is claimed that it is much more favorable than the Antwerp zinc, under which considerable quantities of zinc were marketed. The general opinion throughout the Slovan is that a very profitable market is opening up for the owners of silver-bearing properties, in which considerable quantities of zinc occur in the ores, and that the

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