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OLD LONDON GLOOMY

Weather Bad, Storms Severe, Commerce Out of Joint, and the News from South Africa Very Discouraging.

London, Dec. 31.—Miserable rain, fog and dirt made Christmas week of evil memory for England. Depressing gloom, in thorough harmony with the weather, settled over the country. The coasts were strewn with wrecks, commerce was out of joint and the public was bitterly digesting the criticism of the British army.

The demand for Major-General Sir Henry E. Colville's resignation, thrown as a sop, only served to whet the ravenous appetites of those who are howling for the responsibility for reverses in South Africa being brought home to individuals. More heads are demanded. Where so many must be blamable, it is felt the selection of Colville is woefully inadequate, if not unfair. Indeed, it is already said had not the Yeomanry force at Lindley, which Colville failed to relieve, included some of the nobility and other influential persons, Colivlle would have never been recalled. The bitterness felt by these Yeomanry at being compelled to surrender, because, as they allege, Colvlile refused to render the aid in his power, never died out, and it will probably result in one of the most interesting court martials in the annals of the British army, upon the result of which will depend the fate of several other high officers who have proved unequal to the occasion.

The Liberal papers comment severely on the acceptance by the War Office of a contingent of Maoris from New Zealand.

The Star says: "The effect of this stupid blunder on the Dutch will be terrible. After declining to employ Indan troops we are taking a paltry hundred Maoris. This will not only infuriate the Dutch, but it will insult the Indian troops, who will regard it as a declaration of their inferiority to an inferior colored race. Go on, Government of muddlers!"

However, there are signs of the dawn of that common sense, the lack of which the English critics so deplore in the military system for the cavalry now going out to South Africa is discarding the lance and carbine and substituting for these weapons, rifles and sabers. After over a year's fighting the authorities have woke up to the uselessness of lances and carbines, considering that thousands of British soldiers have never seen a Boer during the many engagements.

While Great Britain is tied hand and foot to South Africa, the navy, which is not escaping the wave of criticism, is quietly increasing its strength and morale. For months both men and ships have been kept in an unusual state of readiness and there are now building in her yards no fewer than 11 battleships, 19 cruisers and 14 smaller vessels, totalling near 400,000 tons. These exclude vessels which have been tried, but are unfinished.

The gradual removal of the social barriers which formerly restricted English political and educational life was never better instanced than by the appointment last week of Joseph Owen to a fellowship at Oxford. Six years ago Mr. Owens was a mill hand at Oldham, helping to support his poor parents. He attended at night the university extension lectures, and so much ability did he show that the lecturers got up a fund and sent him to the great university, where, with his wife, he settled down in a humble cottage. He knew no Greek and little Latin. His first success came when he won the Brackenburg history scholarship to the surprise of many learned aristocratic competitors. Four years of determined uphill work passed and the final examinations drew near. On a position in these depended Mr. Owen's whole future. A few weeks before the ordeal his young wife died suddenly. Mr. Owen's friends thought it impossible for him to accomplish anything, but the mill hand's grit stood the strain and Mr. Owen gained the coveted first class with the degree. His appointment as extension lecturer quickly followed, and Mr. Owen lectured for six years. The climax in his career came last week when Pembroke college elected Mr. Owen out of all the Oxonians to the lucrative and honored post of fellowship.

There are few original pictures of General Washington in England, hence the discovery of another miniature is interesting. It is by Samuel Folwell and is dated 1791. Another by the same artist is now in the possession of the Historical Society of Philadelphia, dated 1796. The new find is supposed to be an excellent likeness. It represents Washington wearing a pigtail.

Glasgow, which the Christmas and New Year season has made notorious for drunkenness in its streets, has acquired possession of an old mansion house situated in a deserted part of Ayreshire at a cost of £7,000, where habitual drunkards will be sent for terms varying from three months to two years. The authorities hope to effect cures by making the inmates do farm work.

In connection with the proposed Nicaraguan canal, it is said that when the United States definitely decides to build, one of the greatest shipbuilding concerns in England will simultaneously open, in one of the gulf ports, an immenes shipyard. Several steel manufacturers are also said to be considering the advisability of establishing American plants.

The Manufacturers' Record, speaking in behalf of English trade, says: "The men who have dominated the metallurgical interests of the world for so many years, whose trade ramifications extend to every civilized country, are not the men to yield to American supremacy with out sharing in it by becoming a factor in America's production. To these giants of industry it is not very material whether the source of production is England or Pennsylvania or Alabama. The people of America should welcome the incoming of this capital, not only for its material benefits, but for that close kinship into which the United States and Great Britain would be drawn."

George W. Watson's desertion of the Hendersons and his employment by the Dennys, who have never built sailing yachts of any description, to construct Sir Thomas Lipton's second America's cup challenger has created much discussion, and hitherto has not been explained. A representative of the Assoicated Press learns, however, that Mr. Watson was influenced by the benefits of the Dennys' testing tank, which he first tried with the yacht Lysistrata. After this he utilized the tank for a series of experiments to determine the best hull shape for Shamrock II. before he signed the contract with Sir Thomas Lipton. He is convinced that he has discovered a hull much better than anything that he has ever designed. The testing tank is in reality a pond 200 feet long, 22 feet broad and nine feet deep. Over it is a railroad with a car drawn by a stationary engine. The model is attached to the carriage, and the speed from every model for every ounce of power is automatically recorded. There are arrangements also for testing at all keel angles. The apparatus is said here to be the only one of its kind in the world. By its means Mr. Watson has tried a dozen models. The choice of these experiments can be judged from his admission that it was due to a fault of the hull that the Valkyrie and Shamrock failed. It is believed that this new boat will stand driving hard without drawing a big quarter wave behind. Hence secrecy is so carefully observed.

COVET THE SEAWANHAKA CUP.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—According to news received here, no less than five boats will be built in England for the purpose of selecting one to have a trial with the yachts of the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club for the possession of the Seawanhaka cup. Mr. Currie, the English challenger, has selected July 24 as the most suitable date for the beginning of the races. This will give visitors from England, who are expected here in large numbers, an opportunity to see the Lake St. Louis races before witnessing the contest between the giant yachts for the American trophy.

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AN INQUIRY.

General Colville Refuses to Go Into the Wilderness as a Scapegoat.

London, Dec. 31.—Major General Henry Colville, whose resignation has been demanded by the War Office, but who refused to resign and came to England from Gibraltar, arriving at Plymouth today, to demand a trial by court-martial to establish the responsibility for the Yeomanry disaster at Lindley last May, has made a counter strike at the War Office in a three thousand word statement which he has given to the press. He says he has come home to demand a free inquiry and does not intend to be made a scapegoat for the sake of the staff. He avers that the Lindley disaster could never have happened had he been informed of Lord Roberts' intentions. The primary cause of the surrender, he says, was the insufficient information given by headquarters staff Scott Sprague and himself, and he declined to accept the blame. He lays out the facts and blames others.

General Colville and his influential friends in and out of the army are thus beginning a campaign against the new secretary of state for war, Mr. William St. John Broderick, Lord Roberts and General Kitchener. It is said it is to be fought out with some ferocity in Parliament.

When he returned from South Africa, General Colville says he fully acquainted the War Office with the facts. After some time he was informed by General Sir Evelyn Wood, the adjutant-general, that Lord Lansdowne, then Secretary of State for War, had directed him to say that General Lord Wolseley, the commander-in-chief, had approved of General Colville's resuming his Gibraltar command. He learned unofficially that the army board of five of the highest officials of the War Office had considered his statements and Lord Roberts' despatches on the subject, and his re-appointment was the result of the inquiry. To his intense surprise, Adjt.-Gen. Wood, on Dec. 21, notified him that Mr. William St. John Broderick, the newly appointed Secretary of State for War, held him responsible for the loss of the Yeomanry, and ordered him to quit his command immediately and hand over his resignation. On my pointing out that I had obeyed the orders to the letter (declares Gen. Colville) he said his orders were only intended as a guide."

Gen. Colville alludes to some of the Yeomanry being millionaires, and quoted Lord Roberts as saying it was his duty to sacrifice his force for the Yeomanry.

"It will be remembered," Gen. Colville says, "that the corps in the elite numbered 500, and my force nearly eight times that number."

HE WAS DETERMINED TO DIE.

Samuel MacDonald Passed Away at Washington.

Washington, Dec. 31—Samuel MacDonald, who one week ago killed F. H. Morris, auditor for the War Department, died this morning at the emergency hospital, from his self inflicted wounds. MacDonald, after killing Morris, cut his own throat and shot himself near the heart. It was thought he had a fair chance of recovery, owing to his remarkable physique, but was determined to die, and so informed the attendants at the hospital. He was carefully guarded and prevented from inflicting any further injuries on himself, but for two days he refused to take nourishment as far as possible, and this morning at 7 o'clock died quietly and without a struggle. The physicians say death was due more than anything else to MacDonald's determination not to live. It was a remarkable exhibition of will power.

At the autopsy held over the body of MacDonald the coroner found the immediate cause to be complete exhaustion resulting from shot wounds.

During the interval of the concert to be given at the Congregational Church tomorrow evening, refreshments will be served.

BOUNDARY RAILWAY.

Two Applications Are to Be Made to Ottawa Legislature Next Session.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Application will be made next session for an act to incorporate a company to construct, equip, maintain, and operate by steam or electricity a single or double track standard guage railway for the purpose of conveying passengers, freight, merchandise, and goods, commencing near Penticton, Yale, thence southerly and westerly along Shingle Creek to Fish Lake Pass, then southerly along pass to Fish Lake, thence along Keremeos Canyon to Keremeos Valley and southerly through Similkameen line at or near its crossing of Similkameen River in British Columbia, also with power to build branches from Fish Lake westerly through Upper Keremeos Valley to Nickel Plate camp and Twenty-Mile Creek and also a branch westerly through Similkameen Valley to Princeton.

Application will also be made next session for an act for a railway commencing at a point on the Canadian side of the international boundary line near Cascade City in the Osoyoos District of Yale, B. C., thence along westerly side of Kettle River by most feasible route to a point on the Canadian side of the international boundary line near Carson, Yale, with power to construct, equip, maintain and operate branch railways and tramways in connection therewith, not exceeding 25 miles in length, and all necessary roads, bridges, ways, ferries, etc.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

Last Attraction of the Century Will Be a Splendid One.

What promises to be one of the cleanest and most enjoyable of the travelling attractions that have visited Nelson will be the appearance at the Opera House tonight, tomorrow afternoon and evening and Wednesday evening of the London Comedy Company. All the members of the company have had years of experience in the theatres of London and other parts of the world. Mr. Nelville Leese, one of the gentlemen members, was formerly identified with the Duke of York's and other London theatres and has also appeared on South African and Australian stages. Mr. J. Hooper is from the Globe, Shaftesbury and other equally prominent London play houses and Miss Uden has pleased large audiences in the same theatres. There will be a triple bill tonight and from the time the curtain rings up at eight o'clock until it finally goes down there will be but few pauses in the flow of talent and fun. The curtain raiser will be the "Gentleman Ranker," a military monologue, introducing Kipling's "Barrack Room Ballads." This was written by Mr. Forbes Dawson of London. The popular domestic drama, "Scapegrace," will follow and the entertainment will conclude with the musical farce "Daft" introducing songs and dances. The incidental music was specially written for the production by Mr. Hooper. It includes some topical songs that promise to make a hit. All in all the programme is one that should be entirely satisfactory and should fill the Opera House. There will be a matinee tomorrow at which their will be a change of bill, and an entirely new programme will be given tomorrow night.

Privates Dickson and Switzer, who are expected to return from South Africa this afternoon, will be invited to attend and in their honor the military monologue has been added to the programme.

LOCAL NEWS.

When you swear off tomorrow you might as well make it for the whole century. It sounds much better and will last just as long as if you did it for a year.

The Salvation Army will hold a watch night meeting at the Barracks this evening, the services commencing at 10 o'clock. Every one is extended a cordial invitation.

The Confederation Life, through its general agent, Mr. Melville Parry, is distributing very handsome calendars that possess the virtue of being over half calendar and therefore extremely useful.

By the dispensation of the Pope, high mass will be celebrated at the Mary Immaculate Church at midnight tonight. The services will be conducted by Father Ferland. Special music will also be rendered.

Mr. C. D. Crandall, travelling auditor for the Spokane Falls & Northern and Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railways, is in the City in connection with transferring part of the company's business to the C. P. R., on account of opening the Union depot to morrow.

There was a special choral service at St. Saviour's Church last evening. The choir, under the able leadership of Mr. John Lochore, has shown marked progress of late and the singing generally was very good. Especially noticeable was the anthem, "Sing, Sing, O Heaven."

A row which occurred at the Grand Central Hotel on Saturday evening between the manager, Mr. Frank Simpson, and a laborer, Sam Johnson, was ended at the Police Court this morning before Magistrate Crease. Johnston was brought up to answer to the charge of assault, but after the evidence was all taken, it was found to conflict considerably, and the case was dismissed.

Mr. W. J. Twiss, a real estate and insurance agent of Kaslo is in the City today. In speaking of the condition of Kaslo he said that times were exceedingly good. "One thing that is helping Kaslo a great deal" said Mr. Twiss, "is the renewing of the development of the True Blue property which was bonded by an English company about two months ago. Tomorrow a force of 30 men and probably more, will be put to work and the development of the mine will be pushed as rapidly as possible."

As stated in The Miner on last Thursday, trains will arrive and depart from the new Union depot for the first time tomorrow. The passenger over the Spokane Falls & Northern will leave the station a few minutes before 7 a. m. And the C. P. R. train for Rossland will leave at the usual time, 8 a. m. Tickets will be available at the new station. All the business in connection with the freight department will be transacted from the new freight sheds as the staff of that department moved into the new apartments yesterday.

At the Methodist Church tonight the annual Watch Night service will be held beginning at 11 o'clock. The choir will be in attendance and will render an anthem, besides other musical numbers. Watch Night is a noted institution among Methodists, dating back more than 150 years, and has always been regarded as one of the most impressive services of the year. This one marking the close of the Century will be observed with special solemnity throughout the world. The New Year will be ushered in by the singing of Charles Wesley's famous Watch Night hymn.

All arrangements for the Masonic Ball which is to be held at the Opera House on Thursday evening, have been completed, and nothing has been left undone to make the affair the best of the season. The decoration committee will decorate the hall on Wednesday afternoon and a full attendance of the members of the committee is requested so that everything possible can be done to make the hall as beautiful as possible. Many tickets have already been sold, and those still wishing to secure one should do so at an early date. They may be had from the Secretary Mr. R. W. Day.

To mark the end of the Nineteenth Century there will be a Midnight service in St. Saviour's Church tonight commencing at 11:15. The service is much the same as that authorized for use in St. Paul's Cathedral and the Diocese of London. To welcome in the New Year and Century the Te Deum will be sung directly after midnight, and the general thanksgiving will be said. During the service Mrs. Melville Parry will sing Handel's "Angels Ever Bright and Fair." The hymns will be "O God Our Help in Ages Past." "A few more years Shall Roll," "O God of Jacob by Whose Hand," and "Now Thank We All Our God."

City Engineer McCulloch, at the request of the British Columbia Mining Record, prepared a statement of the public work done in the City during the present year. It was too late for publication in the number of that journal for which it was intended and The Miner has applied for it several times but has not obtained it. The excuse given is that it must first be presented to the Council. There would have been a grave breach of municipal form if it had reached The Record on time. Evidently The Miner has not as much right to municipal statements as a monthly periodical published in Vancouver.

LONDON'S SMASH

Hon. C. H. Mackintosh Tells of its Causes and Effects, and Mayor Goodeve of Rossland Gives His Opinion.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 30.—A representative of the Miner called upon ex-Gov. Mackintosh tonight regarding the mining collapse in London. He said: "The partial collapse, or rather evening-up, like water finding its own level, is not a very difficult problem to solve. Over-capitalization was dangerous enough, and this applies to all great mining companies, but the vital cause was first, the American Spanish embroglio; next, the South African war; then the Chinese trouble, and, again, the prolongation of the Transvaal struggle. The latter locked up hundreds of millions of investments, and thus surplus capital, once obtainable whenever danger threatened the London market, became a fixed factor in South Africa. Then again the Australian mines made a bad showing, the rich veins or ore gave out, and on top of this, the Stratton Independence mine in Colorado was reported weak and likely to give out. Then came the report of Mr. Hays Hammond, antagonstic to the Camp Bird, said to be equal or superior to the Independence, and one could feel something in the air that meant trouble. I was in London at the time and naturally enough preached the gospel of British Columbia mines, worked upon a practical basis. Capital representing many million promised to go to British Columbia, and I firmly believe this will take place, for there must be a pretty war tax levied upon South African property. Of course, Mr. Robinson, the great South African authority, considers this would be killing the goose that laid the golden egg, and I agree with him; he is a wonderfully well informed gentleman, and if he turns his attention to British Columbia, could make it a second South Africa without a Kruger or even taxation."

"What about the Globe Finance Corporation and Mr. Whitaker-Wright?" the Miner representative asked.

Ex-Gov. Mackintosh replied: "Mr. Wright is an honorable gentleman. So far as investors are concerned, I venture to say he will see the trouble through and come out all right in the end. Lord Dufferin is full of courage and every one trusts him. It is unfortunate, but I believe the whole collapse is a blessing in disguise. One has to learn stock and share market philosophy by experience, but for my part give me mines in British Columbia, for these are going to be the salvation of the British investor, just so sure as I am talking to you."

In reply to another question Mr. Mackintosh said: "No, and I say it without any other than a feeling of confidence and in a spirit of candor, the present disturbance will not injure Rossland. It is bound to prove beneficial in the very near future."

Mr. Mackintosh again returned to the subject of Mr. Whittaker-Wright's connections, and said: "He is no lover of money, and would make great sacrifices to protect those associated with him or investing in his enterprises. Australian shares, such as Ivanhoes and Lake Views, have dropped considerably. The London and Globe Finance Corporation and the British American Corporation have, been hard hit, so I should not be surprised that the crisis may prove providential in suggesting a consolidation of the strong concerns and a weeding out of the weaklings."

MAYOR GOODEVE OF ROSSLAND.

Mayor Goodeve, is speaking of the suspension of the London and Globe and its probable effect, said: "I think that a number of London brokers have been endeavoring for some time past to get Mr. Whittaker-Wright in a corner, and have at last succeeded in doing so. We all know that the mines here have been going to a large expense in order to ship ore on a more comprehensive and economical scale. In the case of the Le Roi the new plant and the big five compartment shaft and other improvements have cost a large sum. The company, therefore, is unable to pay a dividend at this time but we all know that it has large reserves of ore at the mine and that it is one of the best mines on the continent. It is also known that the improvements cost, according to the report of the management, about a half million of dollars, and for these reasons no dividend was declared at the recent meeting in London. The machinery will enable the shaft to be extended to the 2,000 foot level. We also know that large sums have been spent on other properties and that the smelter capacity at Northport is being doubled in order to take care of the tonnage which the B. A. C. mines are capable of producing. We are certain that these mines can take care of themselves now and that as soon as they begin shipping on an increased scale will be able to pay dividends. It is probable that the Le Roi at the next quarterly meeting will be able to declare a dividend. So, while the suspension of the London and Globe may have a temporary bad effect on the British market so far as the mines of British Columbia are concerned, it will be only temporary, as the investors there will quickly realize that there is real merit in the mines of British Columbia and that the trouble is not due to any lack of merit on the part of the properties here, but rather to the manipulation of the London stock brokers. Then, it must be considered that there are other British capitalist of standing who have acquired interests in the mines of this and other districts who are perfectly satisfied with the results attained and who intend to go on with their ventures. In other words, the camp and the country are too prosperous and in too good a condition to be seriously affected by what is simply a stock deal.

"As an evidence of the amount of capital that has already been put in and which is in the course of being placed, look at the smelter situation. Less than two years since there was only one smelter in the Province in active operation and now there are two reducing ore, two in the course of erection and others in contemplation, without considering the one at Northport, which is supplied with ore by the mines of this camp. This little set back is nothing serious and we may expect like ones occasionally but they cannot stop for any length of time, the onward progress of the mining industry of British Columbia," concluded Mr. Goodeve.

FIGURES ON ALTITUDES.

Talking about altitudes in connection with climatic conditions, it might interest some readers to learn what the altitudes above the sea are in approximate figures of some of the more prominent towns and places in the district.

Rossland, on the flat in vicinity of the C. P. R. station, 3,500 feet; Trail, at Crown Point Hotel, 1,380; West Robson, 1,410; Tunnel, 3,200; Farron (summit between Columbia River and Christina Lake), 4,000; Cascade, 1,580; Grand Forks, 1,740; Eholt, 3,100; Greenwood, 2,450; Midway, 1,900; Spokane, in Washington, is just about 1,900 feet above the sea, or of about the same altitude as Midway; Kootenay Lake at Nelson, has an elevation of 1,730, and Northport, Wash., at the depot, an elevation of 1,340.

Mr. A. M. Thomas of Spokane, general auditor of the Spokane Falls & Northern, is in the City today to look after the changing the business of the present station to the control of the C. P. R. staff at the Union station. He is also here in connection with the transferring of the track between Nelson and Five-Mile Point from the ownership of the present company to the Canadian Pacific.

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THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

If any of our readers do not know what the Nineteenth Century has done for the world, we respectfully refer them to the larger periodicals, which at this particular time are full of its achievements. According to them, there never has been such a century. The world has made greater advances in all these things that go to form and develop our civilisation than any two similar periods in its history. This is probably right, and at any rate it hardly becomes those who have lived their lives in it to dispute the claim. The Nineteenth Century has been a record breaker—we will let it go at that. But whatever it has been, it is not natural that we should part with it without a feeling of sadness. A dying year is depressing enough to those who think it worth while to mark the passing of time; a dying century is much more so. We may profess to rejoice at the birth of a new one; but what has the new one done for us, that our smiles should dry up all the tears in our eyes, as we bid an eternal farewell to the old one that nursed us and made us what we are?

Tomorrow it will be the twentieth century. It may help to drive away a little sorrow at parting with our old familiar friend if we reflect that while these words are being read the twentieth century has already dawned for many. The fact is it will be nearly twenty-one hours old before it envelopes Nelson. If the surface of the earth were divided into longitudinal strips of forty degrees each, numbered one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, and nine, beginning at the one hundred and eightieth degree of longitude, the conventional line at which west becomes east and east west, the strip embracing Nelson and all the coast, out into the Pacific, would be the last on which the new year and the new century dawn. On the sixth stroke of the clock at midnight tonight we are passing from the old century into the new; but twenty-one hours earlier the inhabitants of East Cape, Siberia, have already entered it. They are the first in all the world to welcome the Twentieth Century. Their midnight has already come and gone, and to them the Nineteenth has ceased to be.

While East Cape will be the first to welcome the new century, the first sun will dawn on Antipodes Island, down in the direction of the South Pole. This is owing to the inclination of the earth's axis. If there were no inclination, the sun would rise at the same moment all along the line of the one hundred and eightieth longitude. But owing to the tilt it appears earliest at points south. Coming northward from the Antarctic Circle, there is no land until Antipodes Island is reached, and the inhabitants of that little spot will see the first sunrise of the Twentieth Century. It has almost dawned there as we in Nelson are putting up the shutters and going home to dinner this 31st day of December, 1900.

It is our duty, not less than our pleasure, to wish the readers of The Miner on this memorable occasion something more than a Happy New Year. May they experience every happiness and prosperity during that portion of the New Century it may be their lot to enjoy.

LOOKING AHEAD.

Quebec newspapers are commenting with considerable satisfaction on the diminution of the birth rate in Ontario. There can be no exception to the statement of a simple fact of that kind. Another simple fact is that The New York Times is no more affected with the taint of yellow journalism than its London namesake, and it would not tolerate for a day a correspondent guilty of sending to it matter of that objectionable tinge. A correspondent at Montreal sends extracts from Quebec papers, rejoicing that the day will speedily come when the French-Canadian race will dominate the English. The low birth rate in Ontario is pleasing to them. They see in it their day of triumph, when they shall have a majority in the Dominion and Canada shall be once more theirs. "Courage, valiant French Canadian mothers," exclaims one of them, "French domination will come about through you, and your grateful country will elevate you on its altars." This is a paper, which, The Times says, was "brought up by Mr. Tarte to support the Government during the last election, and which is now carrying to extremes the race war then inaugurated."

Another extract will be interesting: "The proof of the mutual repulsion which separates our two races is to be found in an article in an Ontario paper, which declares that the English of that Province would prefer to be annexed to the States than to submit to French-Canadian supremacy. So much the better. Do it, then, quickly, for the French-Canadian supremacy which you so much detest is coming regularly, pitilessly, as the large hand of a clock. At the hour marked it will submerge you beyond return. Annex yourselves, Malthusians of Ontario, while there is yet time. Later there will not be time, for you must remember that when we are stronger we may not permit you."

The New York Times is not sensational, and it is not meddling. It has no interest in our politics, and gives space to this Montreal dispatch merely as information to its readers in regard to what is transpiring in a neighboring country having intimate social and commercial relations with its own. The race cry started by Mr. Tarte to carry the elections is not dying out. French-Canadians are so inflamed by it as to already speculate on what they will do when the greater birth rate of Quebec gives them the majority. But they need not wait for that. The British of Canada are in danger of being swamped without the prolonged aid of barrenness among the mothers of Ontario. We have recently seen what the French-Canadians can do in the East. We shall realise with equal if not greater alarm a few years hence, what Galicians and Doukhobors can do in the West. Between them, Canada may remain a possession of the Empire, but it will no longer be British.

There's trouble over the construction of the new system of waterworks in Winnipeg, and an investigation is being held. The work was done by the City itself, with day labor. A witness was asked if a certain piece of defective work would not have been pulled down and reconstructed if done under contract, and he was obliged to admit that it would. "That is one difference between day and contract labor," said the examining counsel. Yes, one difference; but in Winnipeg and Nelson and other places where business methods are discarded under pressure of demagogues and socialists they will find other and more serious differences as time goes on and the vicious doctrine develops.

Mr. Williams, the United States Consul at Kimberley, and manager for the DeBeers, who went through the siege rendering great service, is in Chicago at present and of course a victim to the interviewer. It is pleasant to read the closing sentences: "You can put it down, the British soldier has no superior in the world; he has not degenerated one jot. The officers are the weak spot, and yet braver, cleaner men you never saw." This Boer war presented the severest test of both that the world has seen for many a day.

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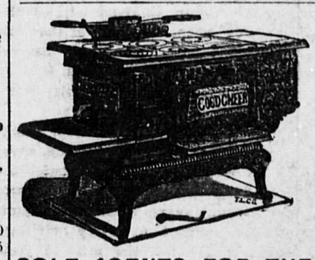

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E. L. PEASE,
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Halifax, 1st November, 1900.

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Application is not being made to the Dominion Government for a charter incorporating the Pacific Coal Company, with a capital of $4,000,000. Sir William Van Horne, R. B. Angus, Charles R. Hosmer, E. B. Osler, W. D. Mathews and several others are named as organizers, and the object of the company is to develop coal properties in the regions lying between Greenwood, Penticton and Okanagan Lake.

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It is understood that the new company have acquired large holdings in this part of the Boundary country, and that work will begin on a large scale as soon as the charter is arranged.

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7:00 a.m.	Nelson	7:15 p.m.
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9:45 p.m.	Spokane	7:00 a.m.
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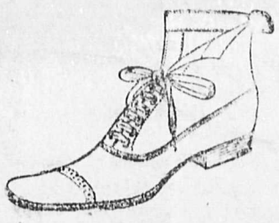

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16:00 Ex Sun	Steamer for Kaslo and intermediate points.
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NEWS OF THE TOWN

Trail is seeking incorporation. A similar agitation is being raised in Slocan City.

The regular weekly meeting of the City Council will be held at 8 o'clock this evening.

Tomorrow being New Year's and a general holiday there will be no issue of The Miner.

Tomorrow morning the Nelson and Fort Sheppard train will leave from the Union depot.

A meeting of the Nelson Hockey Club will be held this evening at the Hotel Hume at 8 o'clock.

The Operatic Society is making arrangements for an operatic concert to be given in the Opera House next month. A splendid programme is being arranged and the concert will be fully up to the high standard of all the society's undertakings.

A reception will be tendered to the Rev. J. Burtt Morgan, the new pastor of the Baptist Church, by the members of the congregation on Wednesday evening January 9, at the church. A good programme has been arranged and a pleasant time is looked for.

There will be a turkey shoot tomorrow morning at the foot of Stanley Street, commencing at 9 o'clock under the supervision of G. W. Steele. All comers are welcome. Rifles and ammunition will be supplied on the grounds.

The Maple Leaf Dancing Club will meet at Fraternity Hall tomorrow evening. The feature of the evening will be the social dance which will be given after the class. An orchestra of five pieces will be in attendance. The affair promises to be an enjoyable one.

Spokane amateurs are going to produce "The Geisha" in the spring and Herr Steiner, formerly of Nelson, will be the conductor. That will guarantee the musical perfection of the production if Herr Steiner has as good voices to work with as he did in Nelson.

The offices on the second floor of the K.-W.-C. block were completed today and some of them will be occupied tomorrow. Some of those who will go into the new offices tomorrow or shortly, are Messrs. Galliher & Wilson, Drs. Rose and Hall, Dr. Morrison, dentist; Messrs. Gracey and Rosenberger.

The session of Chambers held by Judge Forin at the Court House this morning was somewhat longer than usual and during the entire session only one case was discussed. It was that of Hyde & Titsworth vs. Webb, for the garnishee on moneys due the defendant from the Athabasca mine. The case was adjourned until next court.

As stated in The Miner last Friday a street car service to the new depot will be inaugurated tomorrow morning. One car will run over the line from the corner of Baker and Stanley to the eastern terminus, while the other will take the run from the station to the southern portion of the City.

The Vancouver Province rises to remark: "The Nelson Tribune of the 25th inst. is responsible for the statement that, 'P. Burns, of Calgary, will eat his first Christmas dinner in Nelson today.' Will Mr. Burns please rise and explain? He really looks more than one year old—but then one never can rely on appearances!"

Nothing can better show the progress of Nelson during the year which closes today than the growth of the telephone system. A year ago today there were 154 subscribers and today there are 260. A year ago it took three operators to attend to the central office; now five young ladies send their sweet "helloes" over the lines. During the year the company has spent $10,000 in improving the local system and during the coming year other improvements will be made.

The ice committee of the Curling Club has taken over one sheet of ice at the rink and all day tomorrow the votaries of the stone and broom will be indulging their fondness for the game. Only those who have membership tickets will be allowed to play. Mr. Frank Tamblyn will be on hand at his store all day to issue membership tickets. It is desirable that all intending to join should do so at once as the rinks will be selected on Wednesday night.

The cold weather of the past two days has enabled the rink management to secure good ice and the rink will be formally opened at 8 o'clock tonight. An effort is being made to arrange for a band. There will also be skating tomorrow afternoon and tomorrow evening. To those who purchase season tickets at $5 the Tramway Co. will sell 20 street car tickets for $1 for use to and from the rink. These tickets can be had from the conductors of the cars, at the tramway office or rink. Notice boards will be put up at the Josephine and Stanley street corners on Baker Street telling when the rink is open to skaters. Arrangements have been made for refreshments at the rink.

TIRED OF NOME.

Mr. Dooley Would Sooner Be Somewhere Nearer Home.

"Not any more Nome for me," said W. U. Dooley, who spent some time in western Alaska last summer, and who is now in Spokane. "A streak 15 miles wide from Bering Sea inland for 150 miles has been thoroughly prospected and on only two small creeks have paying results been obtained. Any of the area will prospect, but the bench claims of the Anvil and Dexter streams alone have shown enough to make a man stay in the country for a week. The mouth of Anvil Creek is about five miles up Snake River from Nome City, and good paying claims have been located right from the junction nearly to its source, but that does not make room for 20,000 men. From Dawson 4,000 miners came down over the ice in early spring and until the Fourth of July, when most of their gold dust bags had played out, times were good in Nome City from a commercial standpoint; after that everything was dead. The ships remained over for a week and by that time many of the unfortunates who had made the trip had found that there was nothing in the country for them and they went back with the vessel on which they came.

"The boats went back to Seattle with nearly as many men on board as when they arrived.

"I left Seattle myself on May 26 and arrived at Nome City, June 14, so that I was in the midst of the greatest rush. I found there 7,000 men, and the majority of these who had not money to take them back immediately had to be removed by transportation companies free of charge. Nome City had then 8,000 inhabitants, but it was impossible to get a job of any description. Most of the men went stranded, and there was the utmost indignation expressed against the transportation companies whose representations, the would-be miners said, had induced them to come to a barren waste. Next summer the bench claims along the two streams I mentioned will be developed, but unless there are some startling improvements there will be nothing more."

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

In India when a woman loses her husband she paints her face black. To get a husband in America, many women paint their faces red.

Like the Canadian soldier, the Canadian horse has won a good name for himself in South Africa. Major Phillips, horse buyer for the British army, says our horses have proved the best for service in South Africa. That is an advertisement that should be worth something to our farmers and breeders.

The largest coke plant in the world is at the Standard Shaft mine, Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania. There are 908 coke ovens; the daily consumption of coal is 3,000 tons; daily coke output 125 carloads

The Czar of Russia weighs 38 pounds less than the young Queen of Holland. This is probably due to the fact that his loving subjects keep him jumping livelier than she has to.

"If a woman has only three lines to write on a sheet of note paper she can't resist the temptation of writing two of them on the side margins and signing her name upside down over the date," says the Westmount philosopher.

A writer in the London Daily Mail has figured it out that, averaging the poor and frugal with the rich and extravagant, it costs a young Enlgishman about $2,000 to fit himself for the navy, $3,000 for the army, $3,875 for the church, $4,000 for the bar, and $4,720 for the practice of medicine.

A geat feat in engineering has nearly been completed on the Great Northern Railroad, where in the Cascade Mountains a tunnel has been made two miles in length through almost solid granite. One thousand men have been at work on the job for three years and the work will cost over $5,000,000.

Down in Southwestern Missouri, a preacher announced that in the near future he would discourse on "Hell and who will go there." The good man has been somewhat puzzled on receiving several letters from parishioners, threatening all kinds of vengeance if their names are mentioned in the forthcoming sermons.

THE TALK OF THE TOWN.

The talk of the day in Monteal is the opening of the magnificent new building erected on the best site of the principal street by The Family Herald and Weekly Star. The Family Herald's contemporaries are paying it the highest compliments. The new building is said to be the finest newspaper building in the world. This is saying a good deal for Canada. The Family Herald and Weekly Star has made gigantic strides.

AT THE HOTELS.

Hume.—Mrs. Montgomery, Kaslo; Mrs. F. Wheeler, Spokane, Wash.; W. J. Larmer, Rossland; E. J. Cann, Fort Steele; C. W. Busk, Kokanee Creek; Charles Parsons, Vancouver.

Phair.—Frank Oliver, Rossland; W. J. Twiss, Kaslo; A. M. Thomas, Spokane; J. J. Sullivan, Hamilton.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

Spokane Mining Stock Exchange Quotations

This morning' Spokane quotations as received from The Miner's special correspondent:

NAME.	ASKED.	BID.
Blacktail	10¼	..
Butte & Boston	2	1
Crystal	4⅞	4¾
Deer Trail Con	2⅜	2⅛
Evening Star	7	5½
Gold Ledge	2	1¾
I. X. L.	20½	18¾
Iron Mask		33½
Lone Pine Surprise	7	6¾
Mountain Lion	25	19
Morning Glory	8	7¾
Morrison	3½	3⅛
Princess Maud	1⅜	1⅛
Quilp	24¼	20
Rambler-Cariboo	26	25
Republic		59
Reservation	5	3½
Rossland Giant	2⅜	2⅛
Sullivan	14	13⅜
Tom Thumb		10¾
Waterloo	2¾	2½
UNLISTED STOCKS.		
American Boy	10⅜	9¾
Conjecture	4¼	3¾
Dewey	2⅞	2¼
Miller Creek	3¼	2
Flag Hill	1¾	1½
Ben Hur		6½

SAW DEATH NEAR.

"It often made my heart ache," writes L. C. Overstreet, of Elgin, Tenn., "to hear my wife cough until it seemed her weak and sore lungs would collapse. Good doctors said she was so far gone with Consumption that no medicine or earthly help could save her, but a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery and persistent use of this excellent medicine saved her life." It's absolutely guaranteed for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma and all Throat and Lung diseases. 50 cents and $1.00 at the Canada Drug & Book Co. Trial bottles free.

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German Syrup is the special prescription of Dr. A. Boshee, a celebrated German Physician, and is acknowledged to be one of the most fortunate discoveries in Medicine. It quickly cures Coughs, Colds and Lung troubles of the severest nature, removing, as it does, the cause of the affecton and leaving the parts in a strong and healthy condition. It is not an experimental medicine, but has stood the test of years, giving satisfaction in every case, which its rapidly increasing sale every season confirms. Two million bottles sold annually. Bosche's German Syrup was introduced in the United States in 1868, and is now sold in every town and village in the civilized world. Three doses will relieve any ordinary cough. Price 75 cents. For Sale by W. F. Teetze.1

"You'll Never Miss the Water Till the Well Runs Dry," runs an old refrain. You'll miss a good thing if you don't use "The North-Western Line" when you go East. Four fine fast trains each way daily between Minneapolis, St. Paul and Milwaukee and Chicago. Also two trains daily to Omaha and Kansas City. Our trains have all the modern conveniences. All agents have our tickets. H. S. Collins, General Agent, Spokane.

K. R. & N. CO., LTD.

Christmas and New Years Excursions.

In connection with the Christmas and New Years Holidays, the Kootenay River & Navigation Company, Ltd., will put into effect local holiday rates of single fare for the round trip. Passengers can purchase tickets on the following dates: December 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th, good to return until January 3rd. Tickets will also be on sale December 29th, 30th, 31st and January 1st, good to return until January 3rd.

ROBT. IRVING, Manager.

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CARS GO TO RINK.

Special rates to season ticket holders.

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From Portland, Me.

Allan Line Numidian ..... Jan. 2
Dominion Line Vancouver ..... Dec 29

From St. John, N. B.

Beaver Line Lake Champlain ..... Dec 29

From New York

Cunard Line Campania ..... Dec 29
White Star Line Oceanic ..... Dec 26
American Line St. Louis ..... Dec 26
N.G.L. Line Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. Jan. 3
N. G. L. Aller ..... Dec 29
Anchor Line Anchoria ..... Dec 22
French Line La Torraine ..... Dec 27

From Boston

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Passages arranged to and from all European points. For rates, tickets and full information apply to C. P. R. depot agent or H. L. Brown City Passenger Agent, Nelson, B. C.

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NOTICE.

Mining Companies needing the services of a millwright to erect stamp mills, concentrators, cyanide plants, or any other mining machinery can secure a competent man at address below.

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Kerr & Co.

Cor. Baker and Ward Streets,

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MISCELLANEOUS

Advertisements inserted under this head at the rate of one cent a word per insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 25 cents.

FOR RENT.—Cellar. Apply Merchants' Bank of Halifax.

LOST.—On occasion of dance at Fraternity Hall on 28 December, Fleur de 'Lys brooch, set with small turquoises. Finder please return to Miner Office.

PROSPECTORS having promising mineral claims for sale are requested to call at The Prospectors' Exchange. Phone No. 104, Room No. 4, K.-W.-C. Block, Nelson, B. C.

WANTED—Free Milling Gold Properties in British Columbia. Phone No. 104, K.-W.-C. Block. Andrew F. Rosenberger, Nelson, B. C.

LOST.—A gray fur collarette, trimmed with black. Finder please return to Miner Office.

FOR SALE.—Small flat, furnished complete for housekeeping. Snap for man and wife. Address "Flat" Miner Office.

WANTED.—Furnished room, or board and room, in private family, by young gentleman. Address "E" Miner Office.

DO YOU need an experienced Bookkeeper and stenographer. Write W., Miner Office.

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THE NELSON Soda Water Company will be obliged if householders having their empty syphons, or patent screw top bottles, will communicate with them by telephone or post card as the syphons and bottles are required for the holiday trade.

WANTED.—Position as mine foreman or will develop properties by contract. Just returned from developing properties in the north. Can assay, survey and a good accountant. High class testimonials. Extended experience in B. C. and South America. Apply P. O. Box 75, Rossland B. C.

FOR RENT.—A warm, comfortable house, seven rooms, water and bath. Apply, "D," Miner Office.

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LADIES' HAIR DRESSING Parlors—Mrs E. H. Thompson, (late of Doranwend's well known establishment, Toronto), has opened parlors for hair dressing in Victoria Block. Ladies may make appointments by mail or otherwise. Room 1, corner Baker and Josephine Streets.

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FOR SALE—A new house, ten rooms, very convenient, with all modern improvements. Apply A. E. Clarke, corner of Stanley and Carbonate Street.

J. E. ANNABLE

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Real Estate and Insurance Agent.

FOR SALE

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