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BULLER APPEARS TO BE HEAVILY ENGAGED

Sounds of Firing Heard from His Direction.

NO NEWS LEAKS OUT

The War Office Announces That There Is Nothing Exciting—New Zealanders Again to the Fore.

London, Jan. 17.—(12:30 a.m.)—The War Office announces at midnight that no special news would be issued tonight.

London, Jan. 17.—(4 a. m.)—Even rumors are no longer telegraphed from Natal. The conclusion deducted from this silence from the military experts generally, is that no decisive blow has been struck either way, as in such an event there would be no necessity for silence.

The South African conciliation committee, quietly formed to represent the peace minority, announces itself to the country today, and asks for support. Among the members are Lord and Lady Coleridge, Mr. Herbert Spencer, Sir Robert T. Reid, Mr. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre, Mr. Frederick Harrison, Mr. Stephen Gladstone, the Countess of Carlisle and many other notable persons. Mr. Leonard Courney, Unionist member of Parliament for the Bodmin division of Cornwall, is president of the committee.

The manifest affirms that as the war was begun amid misunderstanding on both sides, a pacific settlement is possible.

There is no indication that such an arrangement would be tolerated by any considerable portion of the public. National emotion is now in a state of disquiete over the reverses to British arms. Dissatisfaction with the conduct of military business is intense and there is almost a universal determination to see the thing through to the bitter end.

The War Office has issued orders for the formation of five new batteries. Seventeen more militia battalions will be embodied in the course of a fortnight. All the regulars are now out of the country, except fourteen infantry battalions and eleven cavalry battalions.

The Yeomanry committee announces that it has accepted three thousand out of the ten thousand which it wishes to raise and still has twenty thousand applications to be examined. The Daily Chronicle asserts that the committee was goaded into this statement by the reports that there was no hope of getting the full number.

The War Office has wired to countermand the departure from Egypt of a number of officers, who were previously ordered to South Africa. The Daily Chronicle, commenting upon this and other news related to it, says there are some curious reports in circulation, apparently with some authority behind them, which point to the stoppage of the dispatch of further reinforcements when the troops now mobilized shall have embarked. The new cavalry brigade is not to leave England at present.

Modder River, Jan. 16.—There was a brisk exchange of shells this morning, the Boers returning our fire for the first time in several days. The British entrenchments are being continually strengthened and extended. Heavy rains have fallen recently and the ford of Reitbreit River are all impassable. It is reported that it will be necessary to relay the rails almost the entire distance from Modder River to Kimberley, the Boers having used the rails and sleepers in building their fortifications.

Stories still reach camp that the Free Staters desire to end the war. The latest is that a council was held recently at Bloemfontein, at which President Steyn and General Cronje were present. It was then stated that unless the British began the attack by January 17 the Free Staters would return home.

London, Jan. 17.—The Exchange Telegraph Co., has received the following dispatch, dated Tuesday, Jan. 16, from Pietermaritzburg: "There is no news from the front but heavy firing was heard today in the direction of Frere. It is probable that General Buller is engaging the enemy. A rumor is current here that a portion of the British force is near Ladysmith."

London, Jan. 17.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Pietermaritzburg, dated Tuesday, says: "There was very heavy firing in the north yesterday. I believe the Boers are contesting General Buller's passage of the Tugela. Howitzers were evidently busy as the firing is described as the heaviest yet heard in Natal."

London, Jan. 17.—The Times published the following from Pietermaritzburg, dated Tuesday. "Very heavy artillery firing was heard yesterday in the direction of Springfield."

London, Jan. 17.—The correspondent of the Times at Lorenzo Marquez, telegraphing Monday, Jan. 15, says: "I am informed of the best authority that six days ago, Mafeking was holding out as pluckily as ever. The garrison had plenty of cattle and canned meats."

Capetown, Jan. 16.—Sir Alfred Milner, the Governor, has proclaimed martial law in the districts of Hopetown adn Philipstown.

London, Jan. 17.—The Pietermaritzburg correspondent of The Times, telegraphing, Tuesday, Jan. 16, says the Delagoa Bay correspondent of the Natal Times asserts that six big Crusote guns and fifty tons of shells were landed from the French steamer Gironde about the middle of last month under the nose of two British war ships and were dispatched to Pretoria, causing much rejoicing at the ease which contraband of war can run the blockade.

The Swazi Queen mother, since the death of King Bunua, has killed all the chiefs who were ever in England or Capetown and is now plotting with the Boers. The situation may fairly be considered grave and it would be well to send regiments of Guergkhas to Swaziland immediately.

Rensburg, Cape Colony, Jan. 15.—Monday.—The hill commands a tract of country east of the main position of the Boers and they had determined to make an attempt to seize the height. They advanced cautiously, directing their fire at a small wall held by the Yorkshires and compelling the latter to keep close under cover. When the Boers rushed the wall, the Yorkshires fixed bayonets and charged. Just at that moment Captain Maddock, with a small party of New Zealanders, escaped over the wall and charged straight for the enemy, who fled, followed by a withering fire at close range. The Boers literally tumbled over each other in their hurry to escape, but the persistent fire of the British inflicted a heavy loss. Desultory firing continued for some time, but the attack was an utter failure and Boers retreated to shelter of small kopjes at the base of the hill.

Berlin, Jan. 16.—In the Reichstag today an interpellation, signed by Herr Moeller, National Liberal, and all the members of the Reichstag, except the Social Democrats and Independants, was introduced. It was as follows: "What steps have the Federal Government taken in regard to the seizure of German ships by agents of the English Government?"

In view of the excited condition of public opinion, concerning the seizures, the interpellation will probably speedily be answered. Press comment on the subject continues bitter against Great Britain. Several reports are in circulation that Emperor William has been asked by Russia and Belgium to join in an intervention movement. While these rumors are not entirely without foundation, the Emperor remains convinced that Great Britain would not accept mediation at this stage, and on political and personal grounds, he holds aloof from any such plan.

London, Jan. 17.—The Durban correspondent of the Standard deals today with the numerous reports that the Free Staters have tired of the war and will abandon the struggle as soon as the British cross the border. It prints a great story with reference to a journey of President Kruger's son-in-law, Eloff, to Delagoa Bay, in a German warship.

According to this Eloff has been making arrangements for President Kruger's escape through German Damaraland, in the event of the capture of Pretoria.

MANY WISH TO GO TO SOUTH AFRICA

All Want to Belong to the B. C. One Hundred.

THE PATRIOTIC FUND

Handsome Contributions Received Yesterday—Winnipeg Royally Entertains Departing Troops.

(Special Dispatches to The Miner.)

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 16.—Great excitement is now prevailing here over the raising of mounted scouts for South Africa. Already some two hundred applications for enlistment in the corps have been received by Major Benson, D. O. C., and Lieutenant-Colonel Gregory. They have been filed for reference, for as yet neither officer has authority to do recruiting. This morning a telegram was received from Sergeant Thomas, at Dawson, offering services, and saying that a number in the Klondike wanted to volunteer. The enthusiasm up-country is the same. Vernon telegraphed to Price Ellison asking that the quota allowed them, be doubled. Deane received a wire from Kamloops that 25 horsemen volunteered there. Dr. Munro telegraphed Deane offering services as surgeon to the corps. No reply has yet been received by Mr. Semlin in regard to the acceptance of his offer.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 16.—At a meeting of the Church of England Synod here today Bishop Bond referred to the Transvaal war, concluding by saying he hoped the Queen would live to see her arms victorious in a just war. The Synod rose to its feet as he concluded, and sang the National Anthem.

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—The North West Mounted troops will reach here on Friday morning and will start again in the afternoon. They will be reviewed by Lord Minto on Parliament Hill.

At noon today the Canadian Patriotic Fund stood as follows: Amount previously acknowledged, $12,716.66; Canadian Pacific Railway Co., $15,000; Grand Trunk Railway Co., $15,000; Mrs. H. H. Bligh, Ottawa, $4. Total, $42,720.66.

J. C. MacLaren, eldest son of David MacLaren, the well known Ottawa Valley lumberman and capitalist, was at Johannesburg when the war broke out. Mr. McLaren, who is only 25 years of age, instead of returning to Canada, thought he would like to take a hand in the fight, and he is now known as Trooper McLaren, of Methuen's Mounted Infantry, which is with General Buller at the Tugela.

There is nothing to add to the arrangements for the dispatch of the contingent. Hon. Mr. Borden says Lord Strathcona will have the choice of officers for his contingent and the Militia Department is only requested the loan of its machinery for raising the force.

WINNIPEG IN DEADLY PERIL.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 16.—The Free Press was informed a few days ago, by a man calling at the office, that the reports of the contemplated attack by Fenians from the United States, were not myths, as far as Winnipeg and Manitoba are concerned. The man said he was enjoined to secrecy and could not give details, but he claimed to have positive knowledge that the Fenians would make Winnipeg one of the first points of attack.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 16.—The second battalion of Canadian Mounted Rifles, recruited entirely from the North West Territories, passed through Winnipeg today, in two special trains. The first arrived at 3 p. m. and left at 5 p. m. On board were 13 officers and 53 men from Regina, and 150 horses. The second special, with about 200 men on board, from Calgary and other Alberta points, did not arrive until 8 p. m. and remained till 10 p. m. During the stops made here men and officers were escorted to the drill hall where luncheon was provided by the city. Cheering crowds welcomed the arrival and farewelled the departure of both trains at the depot. The North West Battalion comprises the pick of western soliders and the west is proud of them.

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—C. W. Scott, Winnipeg, son of C. Scott, of Ottawa, sends the following interesting bit of news to a friend here: "We had a splendid trip and had a good time. I must tell you about our little time in St. Paul. We were there all day Sunday and when going to lunch we saw in front of an office, on one of the main basiness streets, a large sign, printed on cotton and strung across an office window, announcing that this was the headquarters for subscriptions in aid of the Boers, also Boer buttons for sale. Well, we immediately made up our minds it ought to come down, and as after sizing the place up, we determined to wiat until evening. Our train was to leave at 7 o'clock. We went to supper about six, passing our sign again but there were too many people on the streets so we had supper and came back and eventually managed, with knives and scissors, (one at each end of the sign) to accomplish our object, leaving ourselves only 10 minutes to catch the train. We wanted to bring the sign into Canada with us and would have, if we had had a few minutes more time."

The Cabinet was in session all day when the estimates, to be presented Parliament at the approaching session, were under discussion. It is expected that they will be ready to be laid on the table of the House as soon as the Speech from the Throne is disposed of. On account of a number of Ministers leaving for Halifax tomorrow, the whole day was taken up with council work.

J. R. Booth is preparing for a greatly increased traffic on Parry Sound & Canada-Atlantic Railway. General Manager Chamberlain left today for the west to procure a couple of new steamers for grain traffic on the Great Lakes next season.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 16.—The Globe correspondent, writing from Belmont, December 10 says: "One result of the departure of the Munsters is that Colonel Otter has become a station commandant. He is now installed in a little office in the railway station and has his quarters in a forlorn and deserted hotel, where the owner is a prisoner, charged with rebellion. Colonel Buchan has taken over the command of the regiment, and with his staff is also installed in the hotel. The company officers remain in tents for ten days. We have been in this country and De Aar, Orange River, and Belmont have been our stopping places.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 16.—Mr. T. G. Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R., announces that the company has forwarded its cheque for $15,000 to J. H. Courtney, of the Finance Department, Ottawa, as their contribution to the Patriotic Fund in connection with the South African war.

DAY AT VICTORIA.

Opposition Members Still Talk on the Speech From the Throne.

(Special Dispatch to The Miner.)

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 16.—Strong opposition speeches were made in the House today by McPhillips, A. W. Smith, Booth and McBride. Although Finance Minister Cotton has been daily expected to defend the Government from the Opposition arraignment of the Speech from the Throne, neither he nor any supporter of the Government could today be tempted to contribute to the debate. McPhillips continued his speech from yesterday, challenging the constitutionality of the Alien Exclusion Act which prohibits aliens from holding placer claims in the Province. He held that it was a direct infraction of the B. N. A. Act, touching as it did the question of immigration, which is entirely under the control of the Federal authorities. Mr. Smith said he understood a number of actions were to be entered against the Province for damages arising out of the passage of the act.

All talk in the Legislature this afternoon centres round the atrocious Kamloops Standard incident. Mr. Semlin's description of the attack on the Lieutenant-Governor, as the most blackguardly specimen of newspaper writing that has taken place in the Province, is generally endorsed. So also his his view that it would have been better had the matter not been brought up in the House. But that having been done, there is no doubt that the Government will take all necessary steps to protect the representative of Her Majesty from any further insults of the kind. This will probably be done by making an example of the present offenders, who will probably be proceeded against for lese majeste.

VICTORIA AFRAID OF THE BUBONIC PLAGUE

Proposes to Give Chinatown a Thorough Cleansing.

NEWS FROM THE NORTH

Suspected Case of Robbery and Murder. A New Railway Scheme Comes Up for Consideration.

Victoria, B. C. Jan. 16.—The City Council has been requested by Tupper, Peters & Potts, on behalf of a syndicate not identified, to postpone completion of the by-law to aid the Victoria-Chilliwack Railway project until another scheme for securing quick connection with the Fraser Valley can be laid before them. This syndicate, the letter of application states, will ask the city to guarantee the interest on the sum of $1,000,000 at four per cent per annum for a period of 20 years. They will undertake to relieve the city from the responsibility in connection with the guarantee of interest for the Victoria & Sydney Railway bonds. They will carry out practically the details of the transportation scheme, now being considered, by providing railway and ferry communication between the City of Victoria and Centreville via Sydney and Point Roberts.

The city Health Officer reports that the unsanitary condition of Chinatown makes that quarter a likely lodging place for the bubonic plague and he asks that Legislative authority be obtained to make the Chinese quarter clean at the expense of the residents themselves. He would entrust the work to an independent commission of three men. Dr. Fraser says: "Notwithstanding the vigilance of the quarantine officials it would not surprise me if a case of bubonic plague should appear in Victoria any day. We have, in that part of our city known as Chinatown, the proper conditions for the dreadful disease to flourish in. It has been found impossible to apply the various sanitary bylaws of the city or health act of the Province to Chinatown. The danger of the introduction of this disease is so real, and our ability to cope with it under present conditions so hopeless, that I earnestly suggest that you at once ask the Legislature for special powers to deal with the sanitation of Chinatown."

The steamer Danube, which arrived from Skagway this morning, brought news that fears are entertained at Skagway for the safety of Fred H. Clayson, who left Dawson on December 7 for the Coast. He was last heard of at Minto, which he left on December 15 in company with Olsen, a Dominion telegraph man, and a third man, whose identity was not learned, but to whom suspicion has been attached, for it is now believed that the missing merchant has met with foul play. Will H. Clayson, a brother, on the 9th instant received word that the police at Tagish had arrested the suspect and that he had in his possession two revolvers, $1,600, and a span of horses. Clayson had from $2,000 to $3,000 in cash when he left Dawson. Olsen had drawn $800. It was reported before the Danube sailed that the body of a man had been found in the snow this side of Minto. It is suspected that this is the body of Olsen.

The news was brought by the Danube that D. W. Semple, editor of the Sunday Gleaner, who fled from Dawson to save arrest for contempt of Klondike courts, had reached Skagway after a rapid trip. He was ten days from Dawson to Skagway. A few months ago Semple was fined $1,000 for contempt of court on account of an article published in his paper. The day after paying the fine he again published two attacks on Dawson judges and courts. As a result a summons was issued for his arrest. He made tracks. He first started down towards Circle City, then doubled on his tracks and returned to Dawson. There he hid in a cabin for a week and at nightfall left with a dog team for White Pass. He is coming to Victoria, he says, to appeal the case.

Montreal, Jan. 16.—Captain Philip Gibson, of No 2 fire station, was killed this morning by falling over a low railing in the men's room, down two stories to the street below. His head was smashed to a jelly. Captain Gibson was a recent applicant for the position of Chief of the Winnipeg Brigade.

(Special Dispatches to The Miner.)

Toronto, Jan. 16.—The Globe's Ottawa dispatch says: "Word has been received by the Interior Department that the Indians in the vicinity of Edmonton are not excited about the Boer war. The Indian agent there says, in his report, that he has visited five agencies and found the red men ignorant of the existence of war. The situation at Battleford, however, was different. A few days ago a report to the North West Mounted Police department showed the police and Indian agents have quieted the Crees down and no trouble is expected.

Montreal, Jan. 16.—The Molson's Bank has given two thousand, and the Bank of Nova Scotia five thousand dollars, to the Patriotic Canadian Fund.

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—The Immigration branch of the Interior Department has made complete arrangements for the settlement of fifty Toledo (Ohio) families next spring in the Canadian North West.

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—Sir Charles Tupper, who reached here last night, says that on his western trip he made 56 speeches and spoke on an average of two hours at each meeting. He was merely practicing for the coming session.

Montreal, Jan. 16.—The heirs of the late W. W. Ogilvie this morning gave out a statement that the death of the owner of the largest milling business in Canada would in no way affect the continuance of the vast enterprise. As yet, it is too early to give even a general outline of the re-organization which will necessarily follow Mr. Ogilvie's death.

Brantford, Ont., Jan. 16.—Alica Ann Hart, wife of G. Acres Hart, ex-Collector of Inland Revenue, died last night in her 72nd year.

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—Archbishop Begin, of Quebec, arrived at Ottawa this morning. The nature of his visit could not be ascertained, but there is a rumor here today to the effect that he had been summoned to the capital by Monseigneur Falconio, papal delegate, in connection with the recent articles in La Semaine Relugieuse.

Whitby, Ont., Jan. 16.—The judicial enquiry into the cases of corruption reported by the judges in the trial of election protests in South Ontario, was continued today. This time the judges considered the cases of men who had given or received bribes for voting for John Dryden at his election in November, 1898. Four men were found guilty of accepting bribes and of bribery. Two cases were reserved and two dismissed. The judges were Osler and Rose, who were trial judges. The cases against Benjamin Palmer and Captain Sullivan were dismissed.

William Morris was fined $200 or six months in jail for bribery, and Patrick Sullivan, William McCormick, William Stewart and Bryan Linton were each fined $200 and costs or one month in jail.

Hamilton, Jan. 16.—Rev. John G. Shearer this afternoon tendered to the Hamilton Presbytery his resignation of pastorate of Erskine Church to take the field as secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance. The Presbytery accepted his resignation but decided to keep his name on the roll.

Montreal, Jan. 16.—The Board of Managers of the Montreal Hospital has received from James Ross, Mr. R. B. Angus and Sir William McDonald, the sum of $5,000 each, to be used in meeting the expense incident to the erection of a new building. Lord Strathcona, who has already given $10,000 for the purpose, has shown his continued interest by offering to give $1,000 more, provided an equal sum is subscribed by each of nine persons.

Winnipeg, Jan. 16.—Detective Archie Munro, for many years connected with the Winnipeg force, died this afternoon.

London, Jan. 16.—The entire special service squadron is going to South Africa, when relieved at Gibraltar by the channel squadron. A portion of it will be detailed to convey the new naval brigade, being formed for service at the front in Cape Colony.

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THE BY-ELECTIONS.

There will be a miniature general election on the 25th of this month. There are seven vacancies in the Commons, some of long and some of shorter standing, and after much studying of the signs the Government have determined to bring the whole seven events off on the one day. The vacancy of longest standing is that of Winnipeg, whose late member, Mr. Jamieson, died just about a year ago. During the long reign of the Conservatives there were many vacancies, through death, resignation, or other cause, and not infrequently the Government of the day delayed the by-elections until the conditions appeared most favorable to the candidate of their own party. At least, that was the contention of the Liberals, who stormed at the practice and denounced it as an unworthy trick, until finally it became an article of Liberal policy that all vacancies should be filled with the least possible delay. It is a curious commentary on the indignation thus expended that Winnipeg has remained longer unrepresented than any constituency during the period of Conservative rule.

Another article of Liberal faith was that members of Parliament should not be appointed to places of emolument. This was done on numerous occasions by Conservative Governments, and so reprehensible was the practice regarded that Mr. Mulock, the Postmaster-General, introduced a Bill when in Opposition to put a stop to it. Yet two of the seven vacancies are owing to this cause. The member for Berthier, Mr. Beausoleil, was appointed Postmaster of Montreal, and Mr. Rinfret of Lotbiniere was appointed to a Customs Inspectorship. The Liberal Ministers of the day are accused of having violated every principle they professed while in Opposition. That is perhaps too sweeping, for it is barely possible that some loose ones are lying around still intact. But there is strong presumptive evidence in support of the accusation in the fact that two of their principles are discovered in a hopelessly damaged condition within the limits of such a simple matter as a few by-elections.

The trouble in Winnipeg has been that the party was divided, and the people at Ottawa were waiting until the factions could be reconciled. Mr. Sifton undertook the good work, but his interference made matters worse than ever. It cost Winnipeg disfranchisement for a year, but under the new Liberalism that does not signify. And now when circumstances force the election, the Liberals are afraid to put up a candidate. The contest is left to Mr. E. D. Martin, a very disaffected member of the party, the leader of the revolting faction, and brother of the disturbing Joseph who is just now making matters lively for Mr. Semlin, who has for opponent a Labor candidate named Puttee. The other vacancies are—West Ontario, a Liberal hive, which was represented by the late Sir James D. Edgar; Berthier, from which M. Beausoleil stepped into the Montreal Postoffice; Lotbiniere, which gave to the Custom's service the excellent Rinfret; Sherbrooke, Conservative, vacant by the death of Mr. Ives; Chambly and Vercheres, formerly represented by Mr. Geoffrion, of the Government, whose death was deeply regretted; and, last, Labelle, the seat which Mr. Bourassa vacated as a protest against the action of the Government in sending the first Canadian contingent. All these are Liberal constituencies excepting Sherbrooke. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is active in Quebec, not wishing to lose prestige through the loss of a seat; and his visit to Sherbrooke would indicate that he is not without hope of carrying it.

The first number of The Miner's Magazine, the official organ of the Western Federation of Miners, has been issued. For frontispiece there is a portrait of the hero, Paul Corcoran, a Coeur d'Alene rioter who was convicted of murder and is now serving his term of seventeen years in the State prison. The first fifteen pages are taken up with profane and obscene matter relating to the Coeur d'Alenes troubles. In the salutatory, by Edward Boyce, President of the Federation, occurs this sentence: "Labor being the producer of all wealth is entitled to all it produces, but the privileged class upheld by the politicians have robbed it of nearly all its product, thus forcing it into a condition of helplessness and dependence." We get to something cleanly in communications from Slocan City and Nelson, dealing with the troubles here, from the standpoint of the miners, of course, but with all the fairness and moderation that could be expected.

The law means well, but there are times when it works hardship; it has even been known to commit injustice. Mr. Irving, an Aldermanic candidate in the East Ward, complained that one of his ballots had been unfairly rejected. The matter was brought into Court, and the Judge held that the ballot was a good one and must be counted. When counted it puts Mr. Irving a tie with Mr. Morrison. It transpired, however that Mr. Morrison was refused a ballot that came within the same category as the rejected Irving ballot, yet the Judge declined to entertain it. If it had been counted as well as the other, as it had equal claim to be, the will of the majority would have been established, for Mr. Morrison would still have retained his lead of one. This will the judgment of the Court disregards and even defies, and the majority candidate has to undergo a second ordeal in having his claim to election passed upon by the Returning-Officer.

The Winnipeg Tribune asks if the late Hon. George Brown was a Liberal. If Laurier and Tarte and Sifton are Liberals, then certainly George Brown was not. Nor was Mackenzie or Blake.

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HITCHED TO A WHALE

A WILD RIDE AT SEA AND THE OUTCOME THEREOF.

The Wonderful Adventures of Six Virginia Slaves Who Were Whirled Through the Ocean's Foam to Liberty and to Fortune.

In 1796 a colony of six runaway slaves came to the Stockbridge valley, the first of that race ever seen in Madison county. The history of these six slaves is full of romance, for they were no common men. They had seen all parts of the world where a ship could ride at anchor in a harbor. All could speak several tongues, but none could read or write. All were slaves from Virginia and had been bound out by their master for 21 years on a whaling vessel that was owned by a company in New Bedford, Mass. The ship had started for the south sea, to be gone on a cruise of three years.

When about 50 miles out at sea from New Bedford, the lookout discovered a large whale and ordered these six sailors to go in a small boat and follow the whale. When he came to the surface, one of the sailors, who was an expert, threw a harpoon at the whale. Instead of striking him just back of the head, which is the usual way, the harpoon struck the whale about ten feet from the end of the tail, which is of a fibrous nature and caused no loss of blood to the whale. Then the great monster shot off with wonderful rapidity toward the middle of the ocean, carrying the boat, and that was the last the captain of that whaler ever saw of his six sailors.

This narrative, as related by Paul Cuff, the sailor who threw the harpoon, reads like a fish story, but the circumstances connected with it afterward proved its truthfulness, as it was corroborated in full by all the other sailors. After this whale had gone about 50 miles in a straight course at sea, carrying the sailors behind it in a small boat and some of the time going at the rate of 40 miles an hour, it turned its course back toward the shore and then turned again back to sea. Sometimes the whale would dive down 500 feet and rise with great fury and beat the ocean to a white foam. At times he would spurt a volume of water 200 feet in the air.

"All this time," said Paul Cuff, "we were riding over the sea in great splendor, harnessed to the biggest fish in the world and making the fastest time on record." They saw and passed great merchant ships bearing their country's flag, but they had no flag, no country, no home. They passed an English man-of-war that gazed with amazement at the singular sight. They thought it was the devil incarnate hitched to a dragon and fired a broadside at them, but their cannon balls passed a mile behind the sailors, so rapid was their course. On they went like a comet shooting its fiery flame across the sky.

After riding in this style for almost three days up and down the ocean hitched to a whale's tail by a slender cord the great fish took a singular turn and a lucky one for the six sailors. He steered his course southwest and by accident struck the bay and outlet of the Raritan river, on the coast of New Jersey. The water was deep, and he followed its course for two miles. His nose struck the piers of a bridge that cost $7,000, and it fell with a crash into the river. The whale then struck an oyster sloop and shivered that to atoms, drowning three sailors. On he went, but the water soon became so shallow that he landed on the shore, and in three hours he was dead.

By this singular accident the six negroes became the owners of the whale. They sold it to an English oil merchant in New York city for $12,000 in gold who did not know they were slaves bound out in the marine service and not entitled to the whale under the laws. His title, however, proved good, for the company in New Bedford never heard of the transaction in 20 years. The whale was really worth about $30,000 and was the largest ever found on the Atlantic coast.

After receiving their money the slaves made an equal division, which gave them $2,000 each, and, through the advice of their leader, Paul Cuff, they set their faces toward the western wilds of the state of New York. When they reached Albany, they met a Pequod Indian who was returning from piloting some missionaries to the Stockbridge valley. The Indian gave them a fine description of the country, and they induced him to return with them for a stipulated price. He did so and lived with them in this locality until he died. They bought on contract with the Oneida Indians about 200 acres of land for each at a nominal sum. Afterward the titles were confirmed by the state of New York. They all lived to a fine old age, and all were highly respected.

All of them died here except one, who returned to New Bedford after a lapse of 50 years and died there about 40 years ago. The remains of the others are laid to rest side by side in the old Indian graveyard at Valley Mills, and there is nothing whatever to mark their graves. There was once a small slab at the head of one grave of rude form and chiseled by an unskilled hand. The inscription read as follows: "Jack Morgan, a runaway slave, who chased the whale." Then followed age and date, but the slab has long since moldered away.

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Rumor Is Rite as to the Destination of the Contract, but the Local Men are Still Waiting.

One of the most interesting of local topics just now is the destination of the contract for the construction of the railroad from here to Procter's Landing which the C. P. R. has decided to baptize as Balfour. Apart from the contractors who are bidding on the job, nearly all the Nelson merchants are interested as the amount of trade which Nelson will derive from the building of the road will depend very much on who gets the contract.

Rumor has been very busy lately stating that the contract was let long ago and that the whole matter is cut and dried, though this would argue a breach of faith on the part of the C. P. R. which fair minded persons will be loath to admit without definite proof. It was stated on apparently good authority a few days ago that Carlson & Co., were the successful competitors, but Mr. Carlson stated no longer ago than last Sunday that he had had no intimation that his tender had been accepted. The local contractors for the most part observe a discreet silence, but it is learned that their private belief is that Stuart & Welch have been awarded the job.

If this conjecture be correct, it will be locally received with universal regret as it will mean that Kootenay will receive the least possible benefit from this piece of construction. The C. P. R. are obliged, by the terms of their charter, to let the contract to a British subject. Mr. Stuart is a British subject, so he fills the bill, but he resides on the other side, his property is on the other side, he pays his taxes on the other side and he spends his money on the other side. Thus he is a British subject only in name. Apart from this, he represents the big railway contractors, Foley & Larsen, who are from the other side. So if Mr. Stuart and his brother-in-law, Mr. Welch, get the contract, aliens and not Canadians, will derive the chief benefit from this piece of work. Color is lent to the belief that this outfit has been successful by the fact that Mr. Foley arrived in Spokane on Monday night.

Mr. W. F. Tye was expected in Nelson last night, and it was thought that the award of the contract would then be publicly made. He did not arrive, however, and the local contractors are still waiting, day by day, for the official commencement. That this cannot be long delayed is shown by various circumstances. On Monday afternoon a C. P. R. survey party of twelve left here for Balfour, and advices were received last night to the effect that they were engaged in erecting a camp preparatory to commencing operations.

Mr. Theo. Madson, of this City, sent them three big tents by yesterday afternoon's boat, and there is no doubt that active operations are beginning.

The announcement of the award of the contract cannot long be delayed, and until it is actually made there will still be a hope that the just claims of the various firms of Canadian contractors have not been ignored.

HYPNOTISM EXTRAORDINARY.

Professor McEwen Gave a Wonderful Exhibition Last Night.

Last night's performance at the Opera House was universally conceded to be the best of all the good performances that Mr McEwen has given in Nelson. It was intensely, not to say screamingly, funny in places, and was also most interesting to the student of psychology as manifested in mesmeric and hypnotic experiments.

The most interesting of the tests was hypnotism, or rather catelepsy, by telephone, whose success fully bore out Mr. McEwen's contention that given a suitable subject, the hypnotic state is induced by *suggestion coupled with* the concentrated co-operation of the subject, and not by any semi-supernatural power possessed by the hypnotist as is apparently the common belief. A telephone had been erected on the stage. Mr. McEwen picked out six subjects, and then, accompanied by a committee, proceeded to the Phair Hotel. He then called up the subjects one by one over the phone and conveyed to them the suggestion that their muscles would become rigid. Everything worked as if Mr. McEwen had been on the stage himself. The subjects one by one fell back in a cataleptic trance into the arms of a committee standing ready for them, and so remained until the professor's return. He put them through various tests showing the reality of their condition, and the success of the wonderful experiment was attested by the applause of the audience.

An experiment, which provoked intense merriment was the suggestion to two of the subjects, one a very tall and the other very short, that they were respectively mother and baby. The former fed and caressed the latter with the utmost solicitude and spanked him vigorously when he was greedy and yelled. After that exhibition none can say that a man does not know how to nurse a baby. Another very interesting experiment was the hypnotic statuary. A number of subjects had recalled the days of their extreme youth, and were squabbling and having lots of fun over a tub supposed to contain soapsuds, each being armed with a clay pipe. Suddenly the suggestion of being turned to stone was thrown out, and each man was instaneously arrested in the position in which he happened to be, and there remained until the spell was broken. Many of the positions were impossible to maintain in the normal state and afforded a conclusive proof of Mr. McEwen's power, while the effect was striking, not to say picturesque.

Tonight, which is Mr. McEwen's last appearance here, the balloon ascension will be given which is said to be intensely funny by those who have seen it. Another exhibition of hypnotic statuary will also be given.

MORE NELSON VOLUNTEERS.

Lots of Recruits Are Anxious to Go to the Front.

Patriotism has its drawbacks, at least so thinks Lieutenant G. S. Beer. He is overwhelmed with applications from men who are anxious to go to the South African war with the Mounted contingent that are to be raised in British Columbia. Over fifty men have applied, and all want all kinds of possible and impossible information, and all are anxious to impress their peculiar qualifications for the service.

Lieutenant Beer, in spite of a telegram and four letters to Colonel Prior, has as yet received no authorization to accept recruits nor indeed any answer at all. He has received numerous applications from professional and business men who do not wish their names made public until they know whether they will be able to go or not, and for two or three days past he has refused to accept any more names until he gets an answer from the military authorities. Among those who have volunteered, and who all describe themselves as good shots and good horsemen, are the following:

Messrs. C. Pitchford, J. Scott, W. Routh, Isaac Holden, A. S. Brown, (ex sergeant Manitoba Dragoons), A. S. Rankine, (ex-sergeant Halifax Garrison Artillery), A. W. Mackenzie, H. Congdon, (ex N. W. M. P.), B. H. C. Johns, H. G. Cooke and W. Cooke (professional horse breakers and scouts), A R. Macdonald and Joseph Hicks.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

The Kelly Case Thoroughly Ventilated Yesterday.

Police Magistrate Crease was occupied from 10 a. m. until 5:30 p. m., yesterday taking the evidence on the charge brought against James Kelly, aged 16, for abducting a young girl not yet 14. Chief of Police Jarvis prosecuted, Mr. W. A. Macdonald, Q. C., appeared for the defence and Mr. S. S. Taylor, Q. C., represented the parents of the child.

The girl's evidence, briefly, was that she was enticed down to the Opera House and was frightened by Kelly and a boy named Johnstone to accompanying them. They went to a house of ill fame, where Kelly tried to get her a room, but the keeper of the house would not take her in, and they went to the Tremont Hotel, where a room was procured, where they spent the night The keeper of the disorderly house was called, and she testified to Kelly and the girl coming there. It was represented to her that the girl was from Rossland and the child said she had left her parents The witness told her that that was not a place for her and gave her a dollar, telling her to get a bed at the Tremont Mr. Malone told of Kelly engaging a room, nominally for his aunt, and that was all he saw of them. The police are satisfied that the proprietors of the Tremont are in nowise to blame, as they had no idea the girl was in the house, she being brought up to the room by a side entrance. They also gave the police all the assistance in their power when it was first suspected that the child was there. Dr. Hall testified that an indecent assault had been attempted on the girl. The Chief told of finding the girl in the dining room of the Tremont Hotel next morning. The magistrate eventually committed Kelly for trial, and he is now lodged in the Provincial jail.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Judge Spinks, of Vernon, is in the City.

Mr. C. W. McAnn, the newly elected mayor of Kaslo, is registered at the Hume.

Mrs. A. J. Stephens, of Ottawa, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Thorburn Allan, on Victoria Street.

An official car arrived at the scene of the wreck on the C.P.R. near Creston yesterday, to inspect the damage done. Three cars are still there badly wrecked, and it has not yet been decided whether or not an attempt will be made to save them.

The Right Reverend Bishop Dontenvill is expected to reach Nelson to-night or on Thursday morning. He is on his way to Europe from New Westminster. There will be no benediction of the blessed sacrament in the Catholic Church tonight on account of the non-arrival in time, of His Lordship.

Mr. Pettypiece, well known in western journalistic circles, is in Nelson. He intends to go to Ferguson in the Lardeau Country, in a day or two and will start a paper there.

"A lady living at Edgar, Illinois, writes asking that The Tribune be sent to her address. She says she wants to hear the latest war news." A paper must be in a bad way, when it has to boast of subscribers of that degree of intelligence.

Owing to the trial of the Kelly case in the City Hall yesterday hardly standing room was available all day long It was a striking instance of the insufficiency of the accommodation there Ordinary civic business had to be to a large extent suspended.

The steamer Nelson has to be laid up for a few days for repairs. This is particularly inconvenient at this juncture, as the C. P. R. just now is hauling more freight over the Crow's Nest Pass than it has ever done except at the time when the Boundary road first opened.

The plans and specifications of a branch line of the C P.R. up Ten Mile Creek through Camp Mansfield down Kaslo Creek to Kaslo, have been forwarded to Montreal, and this line will certainly be built next summer. The new road will pass near all the properties in Camp Mansfield and within a mile and a half of the Molly Gibson, to which point an aerial tramway can easily be constructed.

Mr. Bruce White returned yesterday from a visit to the Molly Gibson mine on Kokanee Creek. He reports that 35 men are now employed at the mine, which is showing up exceedingly well. Leads of gold bearing quartz are being encountered, and it looks as if the Molly Gibson will soon be shipping gold ore, as well as silver-lead. Another shipment of high grade ore was made to the Hall Mines smelter on Monday.

The Nelson Gas & Coke Company's works are a busy place just now, over 60 men being employed in construction and installing the machinery. The last carload of this is expected this week and is being put in place as fast as it arrives. The trusses are all up and the corrugated iron roof is being put on. The stack for the boilers is in place, and the condensers, scubbers, and purifiers are in process of installation. The bottom of the gasometer, which is 62 feet in diameter, will be completed ready for lowering into position today.

The leader of the Smelter Band has been dismissed, and the band is temporarily non-existent but will be reorganized as a City Band with the same membership at a practice to be held tomorrow evening. A story has gained credence in certain circles that The Miner used its influence to bring about the state of affairs mentioned, because the band took part in Mr. Houston's procession on election day and subsequently played a dead march under The Miner's windows. This is absolutely untrue. None connected with this paper know of the change referred to until after it had taken place.

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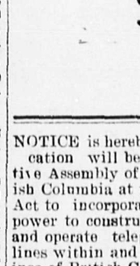

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NELSON LODGE No. 25, K. of P meets in K. of P. hall, Oddfellows block every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock All visiting knights cordially invited

L. SCOTT C. C.
G. JOY, K. of R. and S.

COURT KOOTENAY, I. O. F., No. 3133. Meetings 2nd and 4th Thursday, Fraternal hall, J. A Irving C. R. W. B. Shaw, R. S.

I. O. O. F. Kootenay Lodge No. 16, meets every Monday night, at their Hall, Kootenay street Sojourning Odd Fellows cordially invited.

G Shaw, N. G. John Scoley, V. G.
Fred J Squires, Sec'y

NELSON L.O.L. No. 1692 meets in the MacDonald block every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting members cordially invited John Tove, W. M.; F. J. Bradley, R. S.

S.O.E.

NELSON'S QUEEN NO. 241 SONS OF ENGLAND, meets first and third Wednesday of each month at Fraternity hall, corner of Baker and Kootenay streets. Visiting brethern cordially invited.

JOHN WATSON, Secretary.

NELSON AERIE No. 22, F. O. E., meets every second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Visiting members cordially invited J. R. Wray, Secretary.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

S. SAVIOUR'S [ENGLISH] CHURCH—Corner Ward and Silica Sts. Sundays: Holy Communion 8 a. m.; and on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month after Mattins; Mattins at 11 a.m.; Sunday School 2.30 p.m.; Evensong 7.30. Daily: Mattins at 9.30 a. m. Thursdays and Saints' Days: Holy Communion 10 a. m. Fridays: Evensong 7.30 p. m., followed by choir practice. H. S. Akehurst, Rector. Fred Irvine, Geo. Johnstone, Wardens.

CATHOLIC CHURCH—Corner Ward and Mill streets Mass every Sunday at 8 and 10.00 a.m. Benediction at 7.30 p.m. Mass every week day at 7.15 a.m. Rev. Father Ferland Rector.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Services at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Sunday School at 2.30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8 p.m.; Christian Endeavor Society meets every Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. R. Frew, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH—Corner Silica and Josephine Streets. Services at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sabbath School, 2.30 p.m.; Prayer meeting on Friday evening at 8 o'clock Epworth League C. E., Tuesday at 8 a.m. Rev. John Robson, Pastor.

BAPTIST CHURCH — Services morning and evening at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.; Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. the B. Y. P.U. Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Strangers cordially welcomed. Rev. C. W. Rose, Pastor

SALVATION ARMY—Services every evening at 8 o'clock in barracks on Victori street Adjudant Edgecombe in charge.

CANADA AND THE U. S.

How Each Country Is Interested in Keeping the Other's Friendship.

(From the New York Stockholder.)

Few of our people realize the extent, resources and development of our neighbor—our nearest neighbor, we may say—Canada, lying right at our doors—its metropolis, Montreal, within 12 miles by rail of our Greater New York. Not is it known generally that Canada in area slightly exceeds in extent the whole of the United States. Then the extent of the trade between Canada and the United States is greater than between Canada and Great Britain and steadily increasing in volume. Bordering on our domains for 3,000 miles, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, with one great line of railway, the Canadian Pacific, stretching the entire distance, being the largest continuous line of railway in existence; within ten days' of Japan on the west and seven days of Europe on the east, our neighbor is attaining an importance that is worthy of our highest respect and consideration.

Bound together by the ties of geographical affinity, and by the commercial and financial interests inseparable to such proximity, it is surely becoming for these two Anglo-Saxon countries to cultivate relations mutually harmonious, enduring and in consonance wtih the civilized character of both. We can pass over the border without knowing scarcely whether we are in the domains of Her Majesty the Queen, or in the United States. It is true there have been at times some slight differences of local interest arising between Canada and the United States, for instance the Lynn Canal matter at present, but these have been amicably adjusted to the mutual satisfaction of the parties concerned and honorably to both. Nor is it likely that there will be any occasion for trouble between these two nearest neighbors, that cannot be settled in an equitable manner.

The scope for the development of trade between these two extensive countries, lying side by side for thousands of miles, is very great. It would be impossible to attempt to calculate what this inter-trade will amount to. We have made greater strides than Canada, but Canada is now moving along the same lines to populousness and prosperity, and is showing remarkable progress. Canada is highly favored under its union with Great Britain. She has all the powerful protection of the Crown and it does not cost her a penny. Canada regulates her trade with Great Britain just as independently as she does with any other nation, and provides her own legislature. She has really protection and independence co-existing. Our facilities for putting Canada's products in all markets reached by our steamship lines are excellent, and Canada avails of these advantages in no small degree. Canada is a wonderful country in minerals, in lumber, in fisheries, in stock-raising, in agriculture, in furs, and the development in the fields has scarcely begun, and the territory is as yet sparsely settled, but population is seeking its boundaries largely and the coming year must show a material increase.

As a country of natural beauty and diversity Canada may well be said to be unsurpassed, and for the hunter and tourist it is a delight. Think of 30 pound trout and deer with antlers 5½ feet from tip to tip, to give some idea of Canada as a land for the hunter and fisherman. Its varieties and beauties of scenery, waterscape and landscape mingled in Nature's most lavish perfection, culminating in those falls—the wonder of the world—make Canada in this respect unsurpassable, some claim unapproachable. As these two countries come to know each other better, and understand each other more and more, the ties that unite them commercially, financially, geographically, will increase in number and strength, and the most friendly relations will be established on an enduring basis between them.

Canada has need for us, and we have need for Canada. Her interests will be promoted by intercourse with us, and our interests will be likewise fostered by dealing with her. Interchange of products is already large between us, some $150,000,000 a year, and this is bound to increase. Montreal, beautiful and historic, with its quarter of a million inhabitants—half English, half French—half ancient, half modern—rising from the broad St. Lawrence to the slopes of Mount Royal, greets cordially our own great metropolis and gladly is the welcome wafted back. There is no telling what the vicissitudes of the future may be as to Canada and the United States, but the present time is surely bringing them closer and closer together in commercial and financial relations, and inspiring the citizens of the two countries with a higher regard for each other.

IN THE COURTS.

New York, Jan. 16.—A bill in equity, on behalf of the New York and Canadian stockholders of the Seattle Lake Shore and Eastern Railway Company, has been filed in the United States Circuit Court at Seattle, against the Seattle & International Railway, asking for a receiver for the road; also asking for an injunction against the movement of tracks of the company. An examination into the accounts of the Union Trust Company of New York is also demanded. Charges of fraud and conspiracy are made against the Union Trust Company, and the Seattle & International Railway, in the mortgage foreclosure, wherein the Seattle Lake Shore & Eastern Railway Company was sold to satisfy the mortgage of the Union Trust Company.

A KENTUCKY FEUD.

Result of an Attempt at the Usual Method of Settlement.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 16.—Ex Congressman David G. Colson shot and killed Ethelbert Scott, Luther Demaree and Charles Julian and slightly wounded James Golden and Harry McEwing in the Capital Hotel today. The killing was the resultof a renewal of a feud between Colson and Scott, which grew up between them while in the army last year. Julian and Golden were by-standers and were shot by accident. Colson was shot in the arm but not seriously hurt. After the shooting he went to the residence of Chief of Police Williams near by, and gave himself up. Later a warrant was sworn out by Clint Fogg, who witnessed the killing. Fogg says Colson shot first. Scott who was the first killed, was a nephew of ex-Governor Bradley. Demaree was assistant postmaster at Shellyville and a prominent Republican politician, and Julian was one of the wealthiest farmers of this country. The tronble between Scott and Colson, which began in the army last year, resulted in Colson being shot by Scott, and it has been predicted since that one or both would be killed should they meet as they did today. Accounts of the killing differ and it is impossible to give details further than that while Colson and a party of friends were standing at southwest corner of lobby, Scott came into the hotel and, when near Colson, the fight began. Scott, after being shot, walked backward toward the stairway and fell down the stairs dead. His body rolled over against the barroom door and as it did so Colson, who had followed, shooting at every step, fired one or more shots in the prostrate form. Demaree, who was killed in the general fusilade, was shot twice, one ball piercing the heart and the other either penetrated the heart or went directly under it. Those in the immediate Colson party declined to talk about the affair and, while it is generally understood that several others were engaged in the shooting, no names are given.

A U. S. PACIFIC CABLE.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Secretary Long and Rear Admiral Bradford appeared before the Senate committee on naval affairs today in advocacy of the construcion of a Pacific cable by the Government. The Secretary's statement was general and related entirely to the feasibility of the plan and its advantage over doing the work by private enterprise. Rear Admiral Bradford detailed the operations of the collier Nero, which is now engaged in making a preliminary survey of the proposed line west of Honolulu. According to the reports made of the preliminary work, the proposed cable was entirely practicable. It is to run from San Francisco to Honolulu, thence by the Midway Islands and Guam to Dingala Bay, Islands of Luzon, with a spur for commercial purposes to Yokohama.

PITIFUL HOME COMING.

Barcelona, Jan. 16.—The Spanish trans-Atlantic steamer, Leon XIII, has arrived here from the Phillippines with former Spanish prisoners and their families. A majority of them are in a lamentable plight. The town authorities and Red Cross agents, met them and gave assistance to the sufferers.

CANADIAN ACQUITTED.

New York, Jan. 16.—Charles E. Pearson, of Ottawa, Ontario, a passenger of the Cunarder Utruria, was arrested here on December 17 last on a charge of smuggling a seal skin coat into the country, and was acquitted of the charge yesterday before Judge Thomas, in the United States Circuit Court.

FATAL EXPLOSION.

Turin, Jan. 16.—A dynamite factory at Avilgilano, 14 miles from here, exploded today with the result that five buildings were reduced to ruins and many other houses were badly damaged. Ten bodies have been recovered from the ruins. Several persons were injured and taken to hospitals.

DEATH OF AN EARL.

London, Jan. 16.—Earl Manvers (Sydney William Herbert Pierrepont) is dead. He was born March 17th, 1825.

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FIRE AT DAWSON.

Another Disastrous Conflagration in the Far Northern Town.

Victoria, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Word has been received here that Dawson City has been visited by another disastorous fire. It took place on Wednesday of last week. It is estimated that the business portion suffered to the extent of a half a million dollars. No particulars are yet to hand.

RICH CAPE NOME.

A Big Rush is Expected There Next Spring.

The Yukon Sun, published at Dawson City, prints a long interview with Mr H. B. Foley, of that city, who had just returned from a visit to Cape Nome, of which so much is being heard now. He says in part.:

"Mr. Foley freely expresses the opinion that Nome is the centre of the richest placer mining region on earth. During his sojourn there he visited the principal creeks, but admits that he was unable to glean much information concerning them because of the lateness of the season. As to the local diggings, he is satisfied from what he saw and heard, that they are very rich. At the time of his departure from the district operations there had virtually ceased, but many were preparing to resume operations, their intention being to pitch tents over their digging, and thus prosecute work all winter. When Foley arrived in Nome there were proximately 4,000 people there. He is satisfied, however, that not to exceed 1,000 or 1,200 remained for the winter. As already stated, provisions were scarce. Of the several trading concerns doing business in that field, the A. A. Co. only had any supplies left. At the time of his arrival flour was being sold at $2 per sack. During the brief period of his stay, a trifle more than three weeks, the price had risen to $8 and the advnace of the prices of provisions generally corresponded to that of flour.

"The placer ground of known or supposed value, says Mr. Foley, was all staked. Most of it, however, was expected to be thrown open for relocation, as it was officially announced that the validity of only one power of attorney in the hands of each person would be recognized. He therefore estimates that not only will all those who remained have an opportunity of locating one or more claims, but that there will be location open for many who come early this winter or next spring. He anticipates a 'stampede' to these diggings such as has never been witnessed. Was told by 'Lucky' Baldwin, of California, that 30,000 would go from that state alone. In Seattle and en route everybody was agog for Nome news, whilst no interest at all was manifested in Dawson matters. He estimates that as many as 75,000 or 100,000 people will visit these diggings during the next nine months. It is impossible to secure transportation on the ocean steamers, as there are already more passengers booked on the different lines than can be carried. All available craft is being pressed into service for the coming season."

A ZINC DISCOVERY.

A good strike has been made on the Queen and Iron Duke claims, situated on Kokanee Creek, about a mile and a half from Kootenay River. While working on the Queen claim last week Mr. A Gray uncovered two feet of clean ore, and upon having samples assayed in Nelson, received returns of 60 per cent zinc, as well as good values in gold, silver and lead. The properties are splendidly located for shipping as the wagon road running up Kokanee Creek to the Molly Gibson mine crosses the claims. The property is owned by Mr. A. Gray, of Kokanee Creek, and Capt. D. C. McMorris, of Nelson, and work will be continued on them throughout the winter.

HIS LIFE WAS SAVED.

Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says, "I was taken with Typhoid Fever, that ran into Pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I could not sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected soon to die of Consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvellous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all Throat and Lung Trouble. Regular sizes 50 cents and $1.00. Trial bottles free at Canada Drug & Book Store. Every bottle guaranteed.

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NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session; for an Act to Incorporate a Company with power to construct, build, equip and operate tramways in the Districts of Kootenay and Yale, in the Province of British Columbia; to run and operate such tramways by electric, steam or other power, as may be most economical or convenient; to erect and operate telegraph and telephone lines in and between all the cities, towns, villages and settlements in said Districts of Kootenay and Yale, with power to connect with other lines that may operate in or outside of such districts; to supply electric, steam, air, water or other power to other corporations, manufactories or individuals; to supply light to other corporations, manufactories or individuals; to acquire and hold water rights for the purpose of generating power, whether for their own use or the use of other corporations, manufactories, or individuals to furnish and supply water to other corporations, manufactories or individuals in said Districts; to acquire and hold land, timber rights, rights of way and other property and easements, for the purposes of the Company, with all necessary powers in that behalf; to acquire all the assets, franchises, privileges and business of the Nelson Electric Tramway Company, Limited; to acquire all the assets, franchises, privileges and business of the Rossland and Sophie Mountain Electric Railway Company, Limited; to receive aid, either by way of bonus or otherwise, from any municipality in said Districts of Kootenay or Yale; to obtain exemption from taxation and other privileges from any municipality in said Districts of Kootenay and Yale, and all other usual, necessary or incidental powers and privileges as may be necessary or incidental or conductive to the attainment of the above objects, or any of them.

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