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SANTA CRUZ CITY LOST TO THE REBELS

The Expedition Was Aided by Three Gunboats

USE FRONTIER TACTICS

General Lawton Accompanied His Men—How the Battle Was Fought and Won.

Manila, April 10.—7 p. m.—Santa Cruz was the Filipino's strong hold on Lake Laguna de Bay, and it fell into the hands of General Lawton's expedition after some sharp quick fighting, forming one of the most interesting and important battles of the war. The plans of the United States commanders worked perfectly with the exception that the progress of the expedition was delayed by the difficult navigation of the rivers.

About 1,500 picked men composed the expedition, which was under the command of General Lawton, on account of the illness of General King. The troops partly surrounded the city while the gunboats Laguna de Bay, Napidan and Ceste, under the command of Captain Grant of the Utah "A" battery, shelled the city and the outlying trenches. Gen. Lawton and his staff accompanied the troops, sometimes leading the charges in Indian-fighting tactics, which eventually resulted in the complete route of the rebels, with the smallest amount of damage to the city and slight loss to the Americans. The expedition started from San Pedro Macati at dusk on Saturday, intending to capture Santa Cruz by assault at daybreak but in navigating the shallow Passig River, perhaps through the cunning of the native pilots, who were not anxious to see the Americans successful, several boats grounded and it was early dawn when the troops reached the lake. The expedition then steamed cautiously forward, the Napidan and the Ceste a mile ahead and the Laguna de Bay guarding the rear. Rebel signal fires, however, were lighted on the mountain top giving warning of the approach of the troops.

It was noon before the white church towers of the city appeared in the shadow of the great volcanic mountain on a marshy plain dotted with occasional palm groves. A casco, a square-edged flat-bottomed boat, with a force of 200 picked sharp shooters under Major Weiseboger, mostly belonging to the First Washington Regiment, was run into a shallow inlet about five miles south of the city. Then a few shells were sent towards the entrenchments of the rebels at the edge of the woods, sending the enemy scampering inland. Then a number of Americans jumped into the water and wading about 100 yards, crept forward and formed in line, covering the landing of the remainder, which finished about 5 o'clock. Three troops of the forth cavalry, unmounted, were sent ashore on a dangerous marshy point, directly south of the City, under fire from the enemy's trenches.

Meanwhile, in the town itself, there was utter silence and not a sign of life General Lawton desiring to make an inspection and to give the inhabitants an opportunity to surrender, went on board the Laguna de Bay, and, accompanied by the Associated Press launch steamed slowly to the dock, the whole fleet watching anxiously. When it was discovered by the glasses that the trenches and stone buildings were swarming with white clad soldiers, the two boats with drew, receiving volleys from the trenches thrown up on the marshy plain north of the City. The fleet anchored in compact formation for the night, ready to resist any attack from the rebel gunboats supposed to be in the lake. At sunrise today (Monday) the assault commenced.

The American lines south of the city stretched two miles inland, and with its left sweeping the shore, it moved north. While the Fourth cavalry, the men on the point, advanced toward the city pouring volleys upon the trenches. Simultaneously, the gunboats hovered along the shore, shelling the woods ahead of the troops and driving the Filpinos inland. The gatlings cleared several trenches. The brigades were divided into squads of twelve, and the fighting was carried on in the old time frontier fashion, from behind trees, crawling through bushes or rushing across the open. The trenches that were not cleared by the gunboats gave considerable resistance when the lines were nearing the city, and the Laguna de Bay and Ceste bombarded them for an hour in the hope of making it too warm for them but they did not succeed in clearing them entirely.

Gen. Lawton with the Fourteenth Infantry battalion approached a narrow bridge across a stream on the border of the town here. A company of Filipinos was entrenched across the stream and behind a stone barricade at the entrance to the bridge. The Americans rushed forward in single file in the face of a galling fire, demolished the barricade with their hands and drove the enemy from the trenches, killing a dozen.

The Filipino soldiers in the town secreted themselves in various buildings and firing from the windows gave the invaders an interesting hour. There was a regular nest of them in the stone jail, which is hedged in by a wall. This was a veritable pepper pot. The Americans singly or in pairs entered the houses, and many native warriors were taken prisoners. A considerable body of Filipinos fled northward, crossing open marshes, but the gatlings poured upon them a deadly hail until they disappeared in the woods, a dozen being slain.

Major Weisenberger deployed the sharpshooters along the creek and they crept steadily forward aiding the gatlings. Finally a large body was sent against the enemy in the woods driving them towards the mountains. General Lawton established headquarters at the elegant palace of the Governor and a guard was immediately placed in churches as the sacred edifices are always the first objective of looters. Within an hour the town was patrolled and all looting rigidly prevented. Almost all the inhabitants had fled during the two preceding nights, and only a few Chinese shopkeepers have emerged from hiding and resumed business.

On the marshes north of the town were found forty dead Filipinos some terribly torn by shells and many others wounded, to whom the Americans offered their canteens as though they were comrades. A surgeon who traversed the field counted 80 killed. One Filipino attempting to make his escape, slashed violently at Major Weisenberger who shot and killed him. Yesterday the insurgents captured two men of the 14th Infantry while unarmed, but the Americans stole the guns of their captors, clubbed them, hid in the trees all night and returned this morning. The gunboats this afternoon have been searching the Santa Cruz River for shipping. Tomorrow the expedition will push forward, the Americans having destroyed miles of telegraph lines, cutting off the insurgent communication east and west.

GREMAN PRESS FULMINATES.

Think Satisfaction Should Be Accorded For Admiral Kautz' Conduct.

Berlin, April 10.—The national Zeitung reiterating the alleged illegality of the action of Admiral Kautz in Samoa, says: "Germany will have to strive by every diplomatic means to secure satisfaction for this behavior of Admiral Kautz in contravention of the treaty." Referring to the statement that the State Department at Washington regards the enthronement of Tanus as fully in accordance with the treaty which provides that the decision of the Chief Justice shall be final The National Zeitung says: "This view is altogether opposed to the provisions of the treaty, according to which the unanimity of the representatives of the powers is essential.

REPORTERS TOO INQUISITIVE

London, April 10.—Thomas Liptons, owner of the America Cup Challenger Shamrock has written a letter to the Associated Press on the subject of men arrested for spying upon that vessel. He says they are English newspapermen and that he has decided not to prosecute them in view of the circumstances. He added: "I wish it to be known that the men are in no wise connected with America. This is the third time such attempts have been made by journalists and I hope it will be the last, as I shall be sorry if I am compelled to take measures which may jeopardize the good feeling at present existing between myself and the press.

SPANISH FINANCES.

Madrid, April 10.—The Queen Regent has signed a decree granting a credit for the payment of the interest and the redemption of the Philippine bonds.

THE INDIAN MINT QUESTION.

Bluebook of Evidence Gathered By the Committee of Enquiry.

London, April 10.—A blue book giving the evidence obtained by the Indian Currency Inquiry Committee was published today. It includes a letter from the United States Secretary of State Colonel John Hay to Lord Aldenham a director of the Bank of England dated Nov. 25, last, saying:

"The Washington cabinet does not consider it expedient for the U. S. to reopen the bimetallic question at the present moment in view of the character of the British Ministry's reply to the bimetallic commission in 1897." Col. Hay added that the cabinet was open to consider the question of a ratio.

Lord Aldenham suggested before the committee that negotiations be entered into upon the part of Great Britain with the United States with the view to coming to arrangements for the reopening of the Indian mint at the ratio of 22 to 1, because there was a possibility in the future of the American Government taking the bit in its teeth and re-enacting the old ratio. He quoted Colonel Hay's letter in support of his views that the American Government was disposed to adopt the ratio of 22 to 1, and added: "I talked with Colonel Hay when he was here as ambassadorhe, seemed favorably disposed to this ratio but said:

"'I am an outgoing ambassador and, of course have no power': "I pointed out that he would have considerable influence when he got back to America and assumed the Secretaryship of State, and I asked him to communicate with me. He waited for some time after he returned, I think intentionally, until after the congressionals and then wrote the letter."

ALIEN LABOR LAW IS BEING BROKEN

Victoria Labor Organizations Protest.

NEW ROMAN PRELATE

Bishop Christie Will Likely be Appointed to the Archbishopric.—An Immense See.

Victoria, April 10.—The Victoria trades and labor council have passed a resolution drawing the attention of the Minister of the Interior to the published report of the importation of twenty men from Pittsburg to work on the construction of a steamer at Lake Bennett. This the council holds to be an infringement of the Alien labor law. The Minister will also be asked to appoint an agent in Victoria to assist in the enforcement of the law.

Private advices from Portland renew and confirm the recently published rumor that Bishop Christie of this city is to be appointed Roman Catholic archbishop of Oregon in succession to the late Archbishop Gross. The arch diocese includes the States of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, besides the Province of British Columbia. It is not long since Bishop Christie was appointed to his present office, coming here from Minneapolis.

RIFLE SHOOTING IN NELSON.

The Possibilities of a Range for Practice Close to Town.

Yesterday a Miner representative interviewed Captain A. E. Hodgins of the South Kootenay Rifles as to the prospects of a rifle range being provided for Nelson, it being understood that Dr Hall has abandoned his scheme of organizing a local Rifle Association.

According to the regulations it appears that to obtain any assistance from headquarters the organization must be purely military, and though civilians may use the range and compete in local matches, subject to any regulations that may be drawn up, they are not permitted to have a place on the executive, or have any say in the making of the necessary arrangements.

The Dominion Governmet have appropriated $35,000 for the construction of rifle ranges, and it is hoped that Nelson may be able to get a piece of it. An application has already been forwarded to the proper quarter.

A constitution and by-laws are being drawn up, and any company of militiamen will be permitted to use the range that contributes $50 a year from the company fund. The subscription from civilians has been fixed at $5 per annum. There will also be several necessary regulations to ensure immunity from accidents. Shooting will only be permitted at stated times, and, in the absence of commissioned or non-commissioned officers, the senior private present will have authority to give any necessary orders, which will have to be obeyed by any civilian who may be present. Signal flags will also be displayed in conspicuous places near the range when shooting is going on, and every precaution will be taken to prevent anyone unwittingly crossing the line of fire while the shooting is progressing. The men will probably have to wear uniform while competing in company competitions or performing their company practices.

The range has not yet been secured upon, but it will probably be on the flat behind the smelter. It is thought probable that a range of 1000 yards will be obtained there.

The present system of independent companies is in many ways unsatisfactory, and a different arrangement will probably entered be into whereby there will be seven companies in different towns composing one united regiment. These companies will probably be located as follows: Two here, two at Rossland, one in Kaslo, one drawn from Slocan Lake points, and one in Ymir

TAKING THEM IN TURNS.

An Atlanta Man Marries Three Sisters in Ten Months.

Atlanta, Ga., April 10.—Daniel Kelly of Hill county has just married his third wife in ten months. In June he wedded Miss Jennie Fowler, the eldest of the four pretty daughters of John Fowler, a prosperous farmer. After two months of wedded life, Mrs. Kelly died, within a month Sally Fowler accepted him and they were married. But a few weeks ago she died. The third of the Fowler sisters, Miss Lithonia, at first refused him on the ground that his wives seemed to be victims of a strange fate, but she finally consented, and they have just been married.

STRATHCONA'S WHEREABOUTS

London, April 10.—Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, Canadian High Commissioner, is at present visiting Knebworth in Hertfordshire.

SONOROUS PERIODS FROM PREMIER DUPUY

Makes an Important Speech to his Constituents.

FRANCE IS PROSPERING

Her Foreign Relations are all Satisfactory and Dreyfus Affair will soon be Settled.

Paris, April 10.—The Premier, Charles Alexander Dupuy, in the course of an important speech to his constituents yesterday at Leepuy capital of the department of the Haute Loire, said that the situation both at home and abroad was eminently satisfactory.

"The spontaneous election of a stalwart and worthy republican as president of the Republic" proves the stability and vitality of the Republic and has disconcerted the factions who dreamed of chimerical plebiscites and futile restorations.

He referred approvingly to the recent agreements with Italy and Great Britain and said that France was "Now free for industrial and commercial development and a large field of colonizing."

Reverting to home affairs, he said "The agitations are only on the surface beneath are calm, industry and security. The end of the Dreyfus affair appears to be in sight and the complications will be unravelled by the court of cassation, whose judgment will be acknowledged by all.

"The Government however attaches importance to a reiteration of its determination to repress all polemics which call the national army in question. As soon as the court of cassation has given judgment, the Government will take the necessary measures to determine the responsibilities and evil act accordingly, if that should be necessary; but those acts and the punishment of individual faults will not affect the army, which is our hope for he future and the indispensable guardian of the constitution and the law. If certain people think otherwise let us leave them to their despicable folly and for ourselves, continue to look toward the army, full of gratitude and confidence."

THAT MYSTERIOUS FIRE.

A Man Caught Who May Know Something About the Incendiary.

New York, April 10.—The police believe that an arrest made last Friday, may help to throw light upon the mysterious Andrews fire. On that day a man who gave his name as Richard Cunningham was arrested as being a suspicious person. A diamond necklace, with a heart adorned with pearls, was found in his possession and he was arraigned in the police court. It has since been found that this necklace was sold six months ago to Wallace A. Andrews for $3,000. The police think Cunningham may possibly know something about the fire. So far the prisoner has revealed nothing.

The Evening World states that five weeks ago Wallace Andrews, the president of the New York Steam Heating Co., who was burned to death in his 5th avenue home with his family on Friday last, received through the mails an infernal machine containing enough explosives to blow up the entire house and household. The machine, according to this paper, came through the mails, and was an ordinary box, five inches long containing an arrangement of powder, matches and sulphur. Mr. Andrews is said to have handed this to the police and it is said that they had been working on the case up to the day of the fire.

TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT.

The Board of Trade Against the Eight Hour Legislation.

A meeting of the South Kootenay Board of Trade was held last evening. Gold-Commissioner J. A. Turner was in the chair and there was in attendance F. Chapman, F. W. Swannell, W. A. Jowett, J. M. Lay, W. A. Macdonald, D. Morris, O. Newling, J. F. Weir, James Bannerman, S. S. Fowler, G. E. Martin, Randolph Bruce, A. R. Sherwood, G. V. Holt, A. H. Kelly, F. W. Peters, Capt. Duncan and T. Morley.

A letter from the Rossland Board of Trade was read suggesting that a joint meeting of all the Kootenay Boards of Trade be held to discuss the interests of East and West Kootenay and the Boundary country. Rossland was suggested as the first place of meeting and the number of representatives was placed at three from each board. On motion of Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Peters, the idea was approved of.

The delegation which represented the Board at Victoria to endeavor to impress on the Ministers the fallacy of enforcing the eight hour legislation reported. Mr. Fowler was the spokesman and gave a clear and concise statement to the Board of the encouragement met with while at the Coast. The delegation had shown the Ministers that the best interests of the people in the Kootenays would not be observed by the enforcement of the law. He said that the fight against the bill, however, had just been commenced and the Board should do all in its power to bring about the repeal the law.

The Board passed a vote of thanks to the members of the delegation and left the motion of further action in their hands.

On motion of Mr. A. H. Kelly it was decided to ask all the Boards of Trade in the Kootenays to work with the Nelson board to bring about a satisfactory settlement of the eight hour legislation.

R. F. TOLMIE WAS DISMISSED.

He Receives His Reward For Long and Efficient Services.

It was stated in a local contemporary that Mr. R. F. Tolmie, the mining recorder here, had sent in his resignation. The paper was in a position to know better, and the announcement came as a surprise to his friends. That the statment was incorrect, the following letter, received by Mr. Tolmie on Saturday evening will show.:

Provincial Secretary's Office,
Victoria, April 6, 1899.

Sir:—In the absence of the Provincial Secretary I have to inform you that on and after the 15th instant, your services as a Mining Recorder will no longer be required, and that the cancellation of all offices held by you under the Government will take effect from the said date. I am, sir, your obedient servant.

A. CAMPBELL REDDIE.
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

R. F. Tolmie, Esq., Nelson.

That Mr. Tolmie was a most efficient official everybody, including his enemies and even The Tribune, admits, and this is his reward for 19 years of faithful serivce as a public official in British Columbia. The new Government has now chopped off the heads of the entire staff in the Gold Commissioner's office, with the exception of the typewriter.

The following letter has been handed the Miner for publication, and touches on this matter:

Editor of The Miner:

Sir—In a report in a local paper I notice Mr. Rod Tolmie has been fired from the position of Mining Recorder. This will be much regretted by all those who have had business to do with him. I also notice that Mr. Duncan McBeath is nominated to fill the same position. Those who know the gentleman and recognize his perspicacity in business realize what a suitable appointment it is for the present administration to make. Yours truly,

"UNCLE SAM."

AT THE HOTELS.

Phair—E. J. Mathews, Nelson; W. H. Grant, Rossland; J. T. Alexander, Kaslo; Henry B. Thomson, Ireland.

Hume—W. H. Spencer, Rossland; David Reid, Montreal; V. E. Ashdown, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Fife, Vancouver; R. R. Thoburn, Silverton; L. Vigmier, Silverton; H Porter, Carington; J. A. Whittier, Kaslo; R. J. Kirkwood; New Denver; A. J. Watson, Lunham, Eng.; J. A. Long, Kaslo; R. Green, Oro; R. A. Garatt, Montreal.

FREE MINERS' LICENSES.

Scale of Charges For Licenses Good for Less Than a Year.

The current issue of the British Columbia Gazette among other matters contains the following announcement:

"In re acts to amend the Mineral and Placer Mining Acts, 1899, made by the Minister of Mines."

The following table will show the scale of fees to be charged for free miners' certificates covering only a portion of the year:

Certificates issued between 1st June and 18th June $5.00.

Between 19th June and 6th July, $4.75.

Between 7th July and 24th July, $4.50.

Between 25th July and 11th August, $4.25.

Between 12th August and 30th August, $4.00.

Between 31st August and 18th September, $3.75.

Between 19th September and 7th October, $3.50.

Between 8th October and 26th October, $3.25.

Between 27th October and 14th November, $3.00.

Between 15th November and 2nd December, $2.75

Between 3rd December and 20th December, $2.50.

Between 21st December and 7th January $2.25.

Between 8th January and 25th January, $2.00.

Between 18th February and 2nd March, $1.50.

Between 3rd March and 20th March, $1.25.

Between 21st March and 7th April, $1.00

Between 8th April and 25th April, 75 cents.

Between 26th April and 13th May, 50 cents.

Between 14th May and 31st May, 25 cents.

These dates are in all cases inclusive and the practical result is that the licenses will be 25 cents for every 18 or 19 days.

GENERAL GOMEZ REINSTATED.

Havana, April 10.—General Maximo Gomez was notified last night by the Cuban army representatives from the Pinar del Rio, Havana, and Matanza Provinces that they had reinstated him as commander-in chief. The Cuban generals of the Santa Clara Province under Josef Gomez, the civil governor of Santa Clara, adhered by telegraph to the action of the western provinces.

EVIDENCE GIVEN AT NEW YORK ENQUIRY

Young Frank Croker on the Witness Stand.

THAT ROEBLING DEAL.

Moss Tangles Croker up Badly on the Question of the Payment for his Roebling Stock.

New York, April 10.—The second day's session of the Mazet investigation committee commenced today and a large crowd was on hand early. Surprise was created when Mr. Moss rose and said that certain disreputable individuals were going about extorting money upon the plea that they had been engaged to serve subpoenas. According to Mr. Moss this plan was to withhold the spurious subpoena for a consideration.

Dr. O. Sullivan, who represents the city departments, then rose and after announcing that Frank Croker was in court and had been served with a subpoena, created a little stir by adding:

"Mr. Richard Croker desires me to say that he will be at the disposal of the investigation committee at any time up to the 18th of April when he sails for Europe."

Mr. Moss then called for Frank Croker and the son of the Tammany Hall leader took the witness chair. He said he was 21 last September. He owned 170 shares out of the 50,000 in the Roebling Construction Co. He had no relative who was interested in the other Roebling Co. Young Croker said he himself proposed to his father that he enter the Roebling Co. He admitted he did not know much about engineering or fireproof construction. He simply wanted to go into a good company. Mr. Moss by his line of questioning apparently endeavored to intimate that Richard Croker had put his son into the Roebling Co. The young man, however, was persistent in the statement that it was his own idea. Croker said he paid $17,000 for his stock. He paid it by check to the treasurer of the company. His check came back in the ordinary course of events Then Mr Moss got very interested. Young Croker said his father paid the check, gave him the money for it.

"You can get that check that was given you?" asked Mr. Moss.

"Yes sir," said Croker.

"Will you send it to me?" asked Mr. Moss courteously, and then it transpired that there had been no check at all in the transaction.

Croker corrected his previous statement.

"Why did you say you gave a check?" asked Mr. Moss.

"I thought you meant paid him, gave him a check," replied the witness, who finally declared he had not understood Mr. Moss' question. The money was paid to the treasurer of the company, Frank Briggs.

Mr. Moss got Croker to say that before going into the Roebling Company they had explained the status of their business to him and he had found their statements to be absolutely correct. One of the Roeblings testified on Saturday it was only recently that their method of construction had been passed by the building department. Mr. Moss suddenly changed his friendly line of questioning and asked Croker:

"Then you learned the kind of fire proof business the Roeblings were doing was a kind that was not allowed generally to go through the building department did you?"

"I learned that afterwards" answered Croker.

"Then tell me" said Mr. Moss, "In the light of everything that you have discovered since the original statements made by these people if they were fair and square, if before allowing you to join they had made representations which concealed the fact that their kind of fire proofing was in bad odor in New York, and allowed you to put your money in it, it would have been a misrepresentation?"

"They never said they were in bad odor. I dont think it is in bad odor now." replied Croker.

"Of course it is not now" said Mr. Moss with emphasis.

"It was not then either," rejoined Croker.

The witness said although at first he had only expected to go into the company in a subordinate position he was not surprised that the proposition should be made to a stockholder. They had told him that the new company was going to do fireproofing. He did not really know then what fire proofing was.

STATUE OF EMPRESS ELIZABETH

Paris, April 10.—A beautiful monument to the memory of the late Empress of Austria was unveiled at Cap St. Martin in the Riviera, on Saturday in the presence of a large assemblage. The monument represents the Empress Elizabeth seated on her favorite horse jumpng a fence. The Austrian consul read an ode, composed for the occasion by Mme. George de Montgomery. The last two verses of this ode are engraved in golden letters on the granite base.

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DOWN WITH HOME SMELTING.

A number of the Provincial newspapers are using the following, taken from the Spokane Spokesman-Review: "'If Mr. Hill will give the word, Spokane can be made one of the chief smelting centers of the United States. He indicates a desire to do this. Mr. Hill also comprehends the grave responsibility, if smelters are not established here, of the smelting industry being firmly established across the line in British Columbia. Already successful smelters are established at Nelson and Trail, and plans are formulated for another in the Boundary Creek country. A large part of the ores of the mineral belt along the International Boundary will not bear shipment to the distant smelters of the United States, and if smelters are not erected here, these ores will go to the local smelters of British Columbia and the tonnage will pass to the Canadian Pacific.''

It is necessary in Spokane's interest and in the interest of Mr. Hill and the Great Northern, to close the smelters at Nelson and Trail and to make sure that the one prepared to be established in the Boundary Creek country shall never be erected. Therefore let a charter be given to Mr. Corbin to tap the Boundary mining region, which will insure the latter and go a long way towards accomplishing the destruction of those already established. The Boundary ores must go to Spokane for treatment, otherwise local smelting will be encouraged and British Columbia will receive the benefit from its own mines that ought to be diverted to the enrichment of the neighoring State of Washington. And, of course, that will never do.

We do not know whether The Toronto Globe is entitled to speak for the Government on the question of a Kettle River charter, but it appears to be quite positive that Mr. Corbin's application will be gained. More often that not The Globe is inspired, but sometimes it is not. It was not inspired on the Senate question, and it may not be on this. Before Parliament takes *the irrevocable step, the members* should reflect that there are a great many things to be considered which have a direct bearing on this matter of a foreign railway which can develop nothing locally but which will carry off all it can get. The effect on the smelting industry of British Columbia is one of them, and to it The Miner would respectfully direct their attention, begging them to give it as serious, as impartial, and as intelligent consideration as the capacity of their minds will permit.

MOMENTUM GONE LAME.

The Daily Columbian, of New Westminster, has great faith in the future of British Columbia. There is nothing so very exceptional in that, it may be said, for all British Columbians have faith in the Province, and believe that it is destined, within a few more decades, to rank as first in the Dominion in wealth, population, and enterprise. A member of Parliament hailing from near by the other ocean that laves our shores was saying some pretty and flattering things of us a few days ago, and these have stirred our excellent and esteemed contemporary of New Westminster into a burst of enthusiasm over the future. The gentleman predicted that the next census would place us third in the list of Provinces. The Columbian is hardly as sanguine as that, although it sees that much may be gained in the two years yet to intervene. A good deal of progress can be made in that time, it says, "when a good momentum has been got on such as we have begun to travel under, in the mining regions of the Province particularly.''

Does The Columbian seriously believe that this "momentum'' has been aided by the legislation to exclude aliens and the law which threatens to set the miners and mine owners at each other's throats? It supports the Government who are responsible for both enactments, and also the enactments themselves. Looking back two years, it is easy to imagine that the next two, if the Province were left alone to develop as it might, would bring us close up to the half million mark in population. But with laws to exclude our own kith and kin from assisting in our development and expansion, and to surround with uncertainty and confusion the one industry of the Province on which our whole future is chiefly staked, our contemporary will have to admit that its "momentum'' has gone somewhat lame. Legislation may help prosperity, and legislation may retard it. With the former, British Columbia would forge ahead at a pace which no British Colony or Province has yet set; what the latter can do we are only too likely to learn from experience and to our considerable cost.

The attention of those organs that are boasting of tariff reductions during the past year or two is directed for a moment to the Customs revenue for the port of Nelson for the month of March just passed. We imported dutiable goods to the value of $30,130 on which were paid in duties the sum of $8,808. This is a fraction over 29 per cent. a rate that will hardly be held to be consistent with those free trade professions that tickled the fancy of the country just previous to the last general election.

The Government at Ottawa have no more unwearying foe than The Montreal Star, yet it is carrying two government advertisments. One does not require to be very old to recall the time when a Canadian Government would as soon think of suicide as to feed an Opposition newspaper with patronage. That was not a proper feeling, for Government advertising is a public business and the advertisement should be inserted where the best value would be obtained for the cost of it. The large circulation of The Star makes it an excellent medium, and it is therefore employed in the public service. Uncompromising in its attitude of hostility as it may be, The Star is shut off from condemning the Government because of partisan favor in distributing their advertising patronage.

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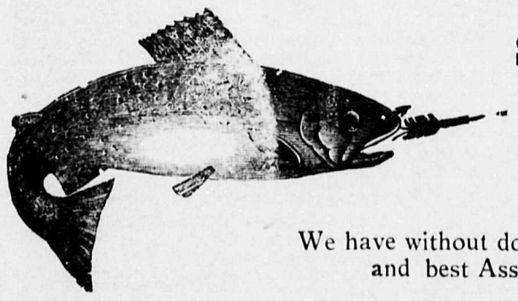
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CITY WILL CHANGE ITS BANK ACCOUNT

Bank of Halifax Will Hereafter Have Business

MEETING LAST NIGHT.

The Assessment of the City Shows a Most Encouraging Increase Over Last Year.

The City Council decided at its meeting last evening to transfer its bank account from the Bank of Montreal to the Merchant's Bank of Halifax. A discussion in which all the aldermen took part was the only lively feature of the meeting which was attended by Mayor Neelands and all the Aldermen. Various reasons why the account should not be transferred were advanced but in the end those in favor of it were triumphant and the recommendation of the Finance Committee was carried.

After the minutes of the previous meeting, the report of the Finance Committee was the first order of business. It recommended the payment of various accounts and the employment of J. W. Peck as auditor. Ald. Hillyer raised the question of the discharge of Auditor John Hamilton. He contended that last year's auditor could draw salary until he was notified that his services were no longer required. The question, however, did not interfere with the approval of the minutes which were approved of after Ald. Hillyer promised to bring the auditor question up later.

The report of the Finance Committee was read and Ald. Hillyer moved that it be considered clause by clause.

Ald. Beer moved that it be accepted as read but as Ald. Kirkpatrick seconded Ald. Hillyer's motion the latter was adopted.

All the clauses were passed without discussion except the clause referring to the bank account. Ald. Beer stated that the duty of the Finance Committee was to ascertain the best arrangement that the City could make regarding the City s account. Ald. Fletcher thought that the reception of tenders was irregular. Ald. Hillyer thought the same and expressed the opinion that the Council should have been consulted before any tenders for the bank account were asked for.

Ald. Beer said that the tenders came before the Finance Committee in the regular course of business. The bank account question was discussed at some length during which Ald. Beer said that the tender of the Bank of Halifax was the lowest and was consequently accepted.

Then all the aldermen took part. Each had his opinion as to just where the City's account should go, the good or harm it would do the City in changing it and the money that would be made in accepting the tender of any bank. Ald. Fletcher and Hillyer opposed any change but after the matter was thoroughly talked over the question was put and Ald. Beer, McKillop, and Kirkpatrick voted in favor of the transfer and Ald. Fletcher and Hillyer against. Ald Thomson did not vote.

The report of the Board of Works was then considered. It contained a clause that the City should take over its own scavenging and that the sum of $3,500 should be allowed the Board of Works for this purpose. A discussion followed the reading of this clause but it finally carried.

A clause in the report, which was also adopted, urged the enforcement of the law requiring land owners to pay 20 cents per foot frontage for scavenging services. The report further recommended the construction of sewers on Silica street on Block 31 and then along the alley way between Blocks 31, 33, 34, 35 and 36 and on Victoria street from Ward to Josephine. Sidewalks were also recommended on Baker from Kootenay to Falls street; on Carbonate from Ward to Stanley, and as the east side of Stanley from Silica to Carbonate street.

The tender of J. A. Sayward for lumber for City work at $9 per thousand was accepted.

City Assessor Strachan presented his report for the year. It showed that the total assessment was $1,642,311. In the East Ward the assessment was $954,835, and in the West $687,476. The total land assessment was $1,171,696 and the total improvements $470,615. In 1898 the land assessment was $806,870 and the improvements $174,572. This showed a total increase over last year's assessment of $660,869.

The court of revision was fixed for the first of June and the Mayor, Ald. Hillyer, Fletcher, Thomson, and McKillop were appointed members of the court.

Mr. Inskip wrote submitting another offer from the English capitalists interested in installing a gas plant in Nelson. His company wanted an exclusive franchise for 25 years and would not give the city a percentage of the gross receipts. Mr. Inskip was present and addressed the meeting but his letter was received and filed.

John Croft wrote offering a complete scavenging outfit to the City for $500. On motion Ald. Fletcher was authorized to investigate the matter and report to the Council.

The question of putting in electric light metres was brought up but was laid over until further information was received. The Mayor nad City Engineer were authorized to look into the question of providing the City with a rock crusher and the Mayor was also authorized to order a uniform for the Chief of Police after which the meeting adjourned.

CHICAGO LADIES' QUARTETTE.

An Artistic Performance Given Last Night in the Opera House.

Promptly on the rising of the curtain at the Opera House last night, he Chicago Lady Quartette came demurely on to the stage, dressed in black, each with a colored token on the left shoulder, and at once began the opening piece, "Wake, Little Kate." It was a simple little ditty, and although cleverly and tunefully rendered the audience were not sure that they were to have an evening's entertainment. The feature of the quartette, and the one which struck everybody, was the wonderful alto voice of Mrs. Alice Raymond, pure, rich and flexible, and managed in this, as in other parts later on, with the ease and grace of a consummate artist. Something could be heard, too, of a strong, rich contralto, while the blending of the two soprano voices was distinctly pleasing. The effect of the whole, however, was disappointing, the reputation of the company having prepared the audience for something finer. Expectation was not reassured by the recitation of Miss Bolkcom, who gave "Grandfather's Clock," the recital of an event of the Revolutionary War of 1776, in which the British, of course, got the worst of it. It required some courage, or a quality of some other character, to present this to a Nelson audience.

From this on the company carried everything by storm, and encores were the order. The break was made by Miss Dunn, soprano, and Miss Lutiger, contralto, in their duet, "Go, Pretty Rose." Both were excellent voices, highly trained, and the song was capable of the artistic treatment it received. The recall was too preemptory to be disregarded. Miss Grace Caborn, the second soprano, who came next in the first solo of the night, was even more enthusiastically received and responded with a pretty little piece that gave delight. Of the quartetts, of which there were five or six, the best was an arrangement of Scotch songs by Mrs. Raymond, "Highland Laddie," "Comin' thro' the Rye," "Annie Laurie" and "Ye Banks and Braes." This was loudly encored, and a coon song that carried much merriment was given in response. Miss Lutiger's "Clang of the Forge" was most acceptably rendered, her fine, rich contralto coming out to great advantage. Perhaps the gem of the night was Mrs. Raymond's "Daddy," pathetic enough to satisfy the most sentimental, but capable of delicate and skillful rendering, which it received. Her beautiful voice, clear and pure as a bell, charmed the audience. Miss Bolkcom appeared in two other pieces, and was successful in gaining the full measure of applause.

Should the Chicago Lady Quartette ever find themselves within reach of Nelson again, they will be the cause of much disappointment if they do not give the music lovers of the City another opportunity to hear their sweet voices. They appear tonight for the last time on their present engagement, with an entire change of programme. They deserve a crowded house.

WENT INTO THE LAKE.

An awkward mishap occurred yesterday afternoon at the C. P. R. depot when shunting was going on near the head of the wharf. Owing to some defect in the coupling arrrangements seven cars got loose, and sailed gaily down the wharf to the lake, four of them going under water, while one remained on the edge of the apron, and the other two stopped on the wharf.

The cars were fortunately empty, and the apron only sustained temporary damage which can be speedily repaired. The immersed cars were towed round last night, and will be got on shore today or tomorrow, probably by means of an improvreised track laid down to the beach.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. John A. Gibson returned yesterday from a visit to Spokane.

Mr. H. R. Cameron returned on Sunday from a short visit to the Halycon Hot Springs.

A man named J. B. Perry was arrested yesterday for being drunk and disorderly on Baker street.

The first lacrosse practice game of the season took place on the recreation ground on Sunday morning.

The Rossland Company of the South Kootenay Rifles have now got their rifles as have also the Kasloites.

Mr. H. E. Croasdaile, general manager of the Hall Mines Company, is expected back in Nelson this week

There was a practice game of baseball on Sunday afternoon on the recreation ground between a team drawn from the fire department and a scratch nine of the City. The fire boys won by 16 to 6.

Mayor Neelands, Captain Duncan, and Messrs. S. S. Fowler and J. J. Campbell, the deputation which recently interviewed the Minister of Mines on the eight hour question, returned to Nelson on Sunday evening.

The merchants and provision dealers of the City will meet next Tuesday evening in the Board of Trade rooms to discuss the early closing question. All provision dealers and merchants are invited to attend.

Sam Kee, a Chinaman, was fined $10 yesterday for carrying concealed weapons, and his weapon a 38 calibre gun fully loaded was confiscated. A warrant is out against the man for a theft committed in Kuskonook, and, after the fine had been paid, he was handed over to the Provincial authorities.

Mr. Kenneth 'ffarington Bellairs, the well known and eccentric newspaper man, erstwhile of Rossland, who fell out of a window in Spokane on to his head and was thought to have broken his skull, is getting better. It appears that he only sustained scalp wounds and will soon be about again.

Captain Hodgins is now at work on the plans for the big brick block which P. Burns & Co., are about to erect on Baker street. The building will be three stories high, and the dimensions will be 60 feet frontage by 100, which will take in seven feet of the present post office building. The eastern half of the block will be built first.

There are many rumors of impending building operations, more especially of the erection of brick business blocks. Those in a position to know state that every thing depends on the nature and extent of the local brick supply. Therefore all good citizens will hope that there will be no mishaps in the various brick kilns this summer.

COMMUNICATIONS.

ABOUT FISH

Editor of The Miner:

Sir:—I have now had an opportunity of holding a post mortem on a fish known locally as a "ling". Yesterday a gentlemen, who had managed to capture one kindly gave it to me for that purpose..

The fish is a "Burbot" or "Eel-Put," the scientific name being "Lota vulgaris," The "'Burbot" is locally distributed in Central and Northern Europe, and in North America. It is one of the best fresh-water fish for the culinary artist to exercise his skill on. Sometimes it exceeds three feet in length. The fish should be skinned and filetted; then egg and bread-crumb the filets and fry in fresh lard. It would be hard for an epicure to distinguish the difference to the "Burbot" so cooked and the old country sole.

W. F. BROUGHAM.

Nelson, April 10, 1899.

Meterological Report,

(Observations taken by A. H. Holdich.

DATE	DAY	HIGHEST	LOWEST	SNOW FALL	BAROMETER
Apr 4	Tuesday	54	35.0	0.07	28.15
Apr 5	Wed'day	56.0	31.0	0.00	28.05
Apr 6	Thursday	60.0	39.0	0.00	28 30
Apr 7	Friday	60.0	30.0	0.00	28.15
Apr 8	Saturday	58.5	32.0	0.00	27.85
Apr 9	Sunday	62.5	39.0	0.01	27.70
Apr 10	Monday	51.0	35.0	0.01	27.70

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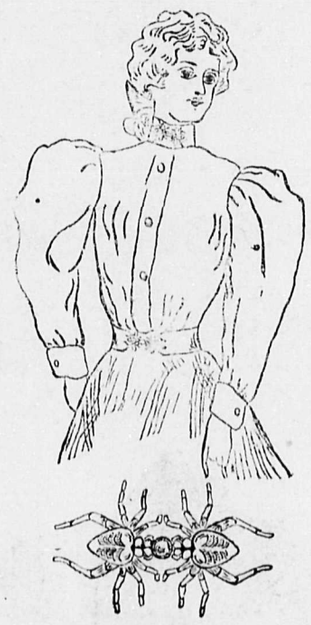

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2 lots on Latimer street	400
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MINES OF KOOTENAY

Mr. A. E. Rand has written Messrs. Hall and Murray, mining brokers, of this city, in regard to the Athabasca, that the English shareholders are highly pleased with the results of the working on this property. A settlement has been obtained from the London Stock Exchange on the stock issued to the English holders, which is an important point, for without the settlement it was practically impossible to sell shares in England. Owing to the Canadian shares not having been issued they could not be included, but as soon as exchange of the existing Canadian company shares for those of the new English company is completed, a settlement of them will be secured. Mr. Rand says: "Arrangements were completed, while I was in London, for this exchange, and the necessary certificates and books were being prepared when I left there for transmission to the Canadian Office in Nelson, B. C. Holders of the Canadian shares should therefore forward their certificates to E. Nelson Fell, at Nelson, for exchange as quickly as possible, so that the settlement referred to may be secured, and the English market thus made available for Canadian holders. The Stock Exchange Committee in London made up the last settlement price at 17 shillings and 6 pence, but transactions have been put through at £1, and when I left London the brokers' quotations were 17s., 6d, to 22s, 6d.

"A dividend will not be declared immediately, although the mine has actually earned the dividend that was expected to have been paid in April, owing to the fact of February being such a cold month, and the mill only running practically half-time, and that they have got the drift in so far that the steam will not reach it to work the drills properly, and they will have to wait until the compressor plant is installed (which will be done just as soon as the weather permits), the directors thought it well not to declare the dividend for the next two or three months.

"Recent developments have been wonderfully good, and it is estimated that ore to the value of nearly (if not fully) $1,000,000 has been proven on No. 2 ledge alone. The manager, under date of March 2, says that in the last 75 feet of the tunnel it was difficult to pick up a single piece of rock without seeing free gold in it, and an average of the ledge at that time gave $11 per ton, and the last clean-up showed upwards of $20 per ton saved in the mill and concentrates."

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At the foot of the main shaft in the War Eagle, now down 725 feet, six feet of solid ore has been encountered, says the Rossland Miner. Assays taken this week demonstrate that the ore will average $30 per ton, and the management is naturally pleased. Despite the fact that there is considerably over a thousand tons of broken ore in the workings, the shipments still continue to be on the small side. "It is very slow work," said Manager Hastings yesterday, "getting out this accumulation. It will be another week yet at least before we get the mine into shipping shape, but once started, will make things lively." As stated last week, rapid sinking is now the main aim of the management. The rest of the mine will soon be in a shape to take care of itself. Meanwhile only 468 tons were sent to Trail during the week just ended. The shipments are made under the agreement with the Trail smelter to ship at least 300,000 tons within 24 months. It is understood that the time mentioned—two years—will not commence till June 1 next, but the shipments will be increased as rapdily as the circumstances will permit. At the present time no ore is being broken except on the 625-foot level. The tramway from the big hoisting plant down to the New Columbia & Western railway switch on the Centre Star ground, is ironed and ready for use. One side of the new hoist is working, and all the ore shipped out at the 350 foot level. The electrical compressor has been running light off and on all week, and was working away all right yesterday afternoon. It will, however, be some time yet before the War Eagle company will take over the whole plant.

At present there are several distinguished guests at the comfortable headquarters of the company, the party being made up of mining experts who have come to the camp for the famous law suit with the Iron Mask Company, and the legal advisers of the War Eagle consolidated. Although the trial will not begin until the 18th instant all hands are busy preparing for the fray.

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The explanation of the closing down of the Victory-Triumph is that the mine has been acquired by the Trail Creek Mining Company, of London, England. The capital of the new company is £120,000, and a fund for further development of the mine of £30,000 is provided. The coming season should see the property well advanced to a paying basis.

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Camp McKinney, April 10.—The development of the numerous mining properties is steadily going ahead here with flattering results. Superintendent Crane is working a force of 12 men on the Little Cariboo and Dolphin-Shannon. Drifting is now in progress on the Little Cariboo in a full breast of quartz. The tunnel on the Dolphin-Shannon is now in 92 feet. Indications show that the ledge may be broken into at any time.

Development is being steadily carried on in the Waterloo, Warton, Fonteney and Minnehaha with good results from each.

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The new water jackets for the lead stack at the Hall Mines' smelter have been put in place and are a great success. They fit perfectly. A fire will be started today to warm up the new crucible, and the furnace will be blown in in the course of the next few days.

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New York, April 10.—Bar silver, 59⅛; Mexican dollars, 47⅝.

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NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT.

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NOTICE IS hereby given that Samuel J. Mighton, of Nelson, B. C., heretofore carrying on business as Tobacco Merchant at Nelson, B. C., has by deed dated the 10th day of March, A. D., 1899, assigned all his personal estate, credits and effects, which may be seized and sold under execution, and all his real estate, to Hugh R. Cameron, of Nelson, B. C., Agent, in trust for the benefit of his creditors. The said deed was executed by the said Samuel J. Mighton and by the said Hugh R. Cameron, on the 10th day of March, A. D., 1899, and all persons having claims against the said Samuel J. Mighton are required, on or before the 10th day of April, A. D., 1899, to send to the Trustee full particulars of the same, duly verified, together with the particulars of the security (if any) held by them.

Notice is hereby further given that after the said 10th day of April, A. D., 1899, the trustee will proceed to distribute the assets of the trust estate amongst those creditors who are entitled thereto, and whose claims have then been lodged with him, having regard only to the claims of which he then has notice, and that he will not be responsible after said date for the assets of the said trust estate, or any part thereof, so distributed to any person or persons, firm or corporation of whose claim he had not notice at the time of distribution.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of the said Samuel J. Mighton will be held at the law office of Macdonald & Johnson on Baker street, in the City of Nelson, on Monday the 20th day of March, A. D., 1899, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated at Nelson, B. C., this 10th day of March, A. D., 1899.

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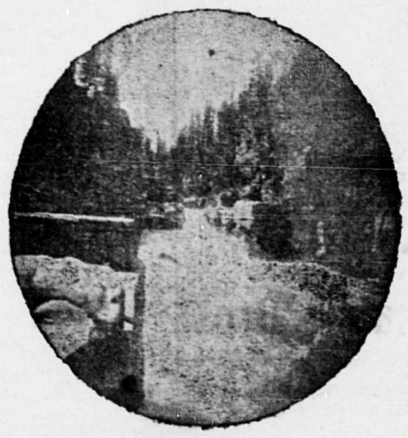

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