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## AMERICAN ADVANCE TOWARDS MALALOS

### Progress Through Jungle, Fire, and Flood

### HEROISM IS TYPIFIED.

*The Filipinos Defeated at Every Turn and Fleeing to Their Capital For Safety.*

Manila, March 28th.—9 p. m.—The engineers are repairing bridges, the rebels having tailed to destroy the iron work. The railroad is kept busy hurrying supplies to the front. The country to Malalos is level with streams and patches of wood but there is no jungle. The American troops will advance at daylight taking four days' rations with them and having two hundred rounds of ammunition in their belts. They expect to take Bocavo, on the railroad to the east of Bulacan, tomorrow. It is a difficult position, protected by streams. The American line is 1200 yards from that of the rebels. Desultory shots were exchanged today. Reports show 20 Americans killed and 61 wounded on our side yesterday. The Dakota regiment lost 10 killed and 37 wounded. According to prisoners in the hands of the Americans, Aguinaldo's generals, Garcia, Tofreo, and Pycheco, were with the Filipino army yesterday and drove their followers into the first aggressive demonstration. The rebels attempted to charge across the plain east of the railroad, but the Americans charged to meet them and the Filipinos bolted after a few shots, leaving several men killed on the field. The Filipino prisoners further declared the rebels have lost all taste for fighting and their officers have to keep them in line by beating them with swords.

One of the most brilliant and costliest achievements of the campaign was the charge of Major Howard's battalion across the river. Advancing at the double quick they forded the river beneath them and splashed across with a yell, swimming and wading with bullets spattering in the water, and rushed upon the rebel trenches. Ten men were killed and eleven were wounded in the charge. At the capture of Marilao there were several incidents showing the bravery of American troops. Some Filipinos were entrenched on an island in a bend of the river. The Americans approached in a triangular formation with the 3rd Artillery in the apex and the Kansas and Pennsylvania regiments forming the sides. Col. Funston called for volunteers to swim the river. Two men crossed under fire and secured materials with which a crossing was effected. Major Bell of General MacArthur's staff with Company I of the Pennsylvania regiment and Lieutenant Abernethy and ten men engaged in similar exploits. After the Filipinos had raised the white flag many of them attempted to run and several were shot for so doing. In the church yard of Marilao the Americans found 30 newly made graves of Filipinos and a dozon bodies were seen drifting down the river with gruesome wounds. The prisoners are digging graves for their former comrades. Many huts are in ruins having been burned by their inhabitants. The Americans are not burning any buildings. Our troops captured four Spaniards who were fighting with the insurgents. Gen. MacArthur was under a heavy fire yesterday. The prisoners say Aguinaldo has declared that if the Americans take the Filipino capital he will surrender.

### NEW PHASE PRESENTED.

The Latest Statement of the Samoan Difficulty.

Berlin, March 28.—The correspondent here of the Associated Press has obtained from the highest authority at this capital the following explanation of a feature of the Samoan question which has lately arisen. On the report that the American Government has cabled to its admiral at Samoa to act in accordance with the decision of two out of three of the representatives of the powers. the German Government made earnest representations to the American Ambassador here that the Berlin treaty requires the concurrence of the three powers and called attention to the dangers which were sure to arise if there was any violation of the treaty. The American Government made a frank and concilliatory answer which has caused much satisfaction here. It recognized the necessity for unanimity on the part of all three powers under the treaty as a condition of any settled policy or permanent action and declared the admiral was only to act in agreement with a majority of the representativcs of the powers in a case of emergency which absolutely does not admit of delay. But in such a case the ratification or adjustment by the three powers must be sought at the first possible moment, and no permanent arrangement can be made without such unanimity. The American Government, it is added, cabled to its representatives in Samoa to pursue the most friendly and conciatory policy toward German representatives and German interests, carefully avoiding everything likely to be misconstrued or to create ill. In consequence of the stories regarding Mataafa having sanctioned sectarian religion the German government assured Mr. White that all its influence will be against interference with the religion of any sect.

### PROPERLY REFEREED.

New York Takes Steps to Regulate Fistic Contests.

New York, March 28.—At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of Greater New York today a motion requiring the use of eight ounce gloves at all sparring contests in the city of New York and imposing a fine of $500 for all violations of such ordinance was referred to the committee on sewers.

### "IN GOD WE TRUST."

Paris, March 28.—In the Chamber of Deputies yesterday M. Breton protested against the employment of the phrase "God protectr France" on French coins. He thougth France was fully able to protect herself. The matter was put to a vote and it was decided to retain the motto by a vote of 315 to 166.

### DEATH OF A VICTORIAN.

Victoria, B. C. March 28.—Geo. Jay, a resident of this Province for 37 years, died today after a long illness. He was in Cariboo in the sixties and from there came to Victoria where he has long been in business as a seed merchant. He leaves a widow and one son, George Jay, a barrister.

### INCREASE IN TOBACCO.

New York, March 28.—At a special meeting of the stockholders of the American Tobacco Company held today in Newark, N. J., it was voted to increase the capital stock from $37.000,000 to $70,000,000. The increase which is all in common stock is to be used to acquire the Union Tobacco Co.

## LEAD QUESTION DEBATED

### Mr. G. O. Buchanan Explains the Situation at Length.

### RUMORED PARALYSIS OF MINING

### Several Important Motions Passed by the Board of Trade. Threatened Disastrous Results of Recent Legislation Enforcing an Eight Hours Day for Those Working Underground.

The two questions which of all others are most intimately connected with the well being of Kootenay were discussed yesterday evening by the South Kootenay Board of Trade, namely the lead question, and the eight hours day for miners. There was a good attendance of members and Mr. G. O. Buchanan, President of the Kaslo Board of Trade, was present by special request. Mr. J. A. Turner was elected to the chair.

Before proceeding to the business of the meeting Mr. O. M. Rosendale was elected member of the Board without ballot. Mr Buchanan then rose and before touching on the lead question asked the Board to endorse a petition of the Lumberman's Association of Vancouver asking the Government to impose an import duty of $2 a thousand on rough lumber and of 30 cents on shingles to enable B. C. mill men to compete on equal terms with the Americans in the markets of Eastern Canada. He stated that the Kaslo Board of Trade had endorsed the petition. After he had explained the facts of the situation the Board unanimously gave its sanction.

Mr. Buchanan then addressed the Board and stated that last year Mr. E. J. Matthews, agent for Braden Bros. who had a lease on the Pilot Bay smelter, represented that an increase in the duty on on lead would be sufficient encouragement to enable them to start lead smelting and accordingly the Kaslo Board of Trade took action on those lines. They wanted the wanted the Dominion Tariff to be raised on those commodities to a level with the Dingley Bill, which is practically prohibitive. the duties amounting to 2 7-8 cents per lb. on dry white lead, 2½ cents per lb. on lead bullion, 5 cents per lb on paints containing lead, 3¼ cents on white acetate of lead, 1½ cents on lead in ore, and 2½ cents on lead in sheets.

The Government intimated in reply, that it would be best to let the matter lie over for a year, as they had hopes of making a reciprocal treaty with the U.S. on these matters. The free admission of lead ores into the U. S. was all Kaslo wanted, though it would hurt the smelting industry if the duty on bullion remained. The enormous impetus given to mining would counterbalance this. At present the annual export of lead had never reached 20,000 tons. His information was there would have been no difficulty in getting the duty taken off lead ore and reduced on lead bullion, had the Commissioners not met with a hitch in the matter of the Alaskan boundary question. The Kaslo Board of Trade had taken the matter up again and the speaker had been authorized to impress the necessity of action upon the Government. He had written to each Minister, and very fully to the Minister of Customs. He then read the latter's letter which is so full of interest that it is reproduced here in full.

The Hon. Wm. Patterson, Minister of Customs.

Sir:—In view of the pause in the proceedings of the International Commission, and the uncertainty of any relief to the silver-lead industry through the medium of a reciprocal arrangement, I beg to direct your attention the suggestions made by the Kaslo Board of Trade last year as to the practical methods by which the ill effects of the present U. S. tariff may be minimized,

1. By the substitution of a bonus to be paid upon lead of Canadian origin, smelted and refined in Canada, in lieu of the bonus now payable under Chap. 7, 58, 59 vic. entitled "An Act to encourage lead smelting."

2. By an increase of the duty upon lead and its products coming into Canada.

(a) To the same rates as now imposed by the tariff of the U. S.

(b). To the general average of the duties now levied upon manufactured goods now coming into Canada.

3, By an arrangement by which lead mined and smelted in Canada, can be refined in bond in a foreign country, and returned into England free of duty.

Nearly the whole output of silver-lead ore continues to be shipped to the U. S. where it is charged with a duty of $30 per ton upon its lead contents.

Under the operation of the tariff which has been in force since July, 1897, the production of lead has fallen off from 19,420 tons in '97 to about 17,000 in '98.

Under our present tariff 5000 tons of dry white lead comes into Canada at a five per cent duty, about $3.50 per ton, and 5000 tons of pig lead at 15 per cent or $7.50 per ton.

The smelters in the U. S. which deduct from our mines the duty of $30 per ton, have the option of withdrawing the duty and supplying Canada to the extent of her requirements by paying the duties as above.

We are strongly of opinion that the best solution of the difficulty would be a reciprocal arrangement with the U. S., whereby lead and its products would be entirely free as between the two countries. Until such time as this can be secured, we submit our product should be upon the same basis as other goods produced within the Dominion.

We desire to point out the manifest injustice in the tariff rating of dry white lead and oxides, ochres, oils. raw and boiled, and almost all other material used in paint which pay 25 per cent duty and the same rate is levied on mixed paints, whiie lead and zinc in the dry state are admitted at 5 per cent. The price of paint to consumers is regulated by the cost of foreign mixed paints, and the few Canadian firms which carry on the very simple operation of grinding, profit by the margin between the 5 per cent dnty on raw lead and the 25 per cent on paint. In order that we may supply this very considerable item of 5000 tons of dry white lead with our own domestic product the business of lead corrosion must be established in Canada, but this can scarcely be expected while the industry is left exposed to so close competition as at present As for the proposition of the payment of a bonus upon refined lead, the "act for the encouragement of silver lead smelting "was avowedly of an experimental character, and a large amount of money has been earned under it, chiefly by smelters working upon ores of gold and copper, but inasmuch as no money has yet been paid under it, it can scarcely be supposed that it has had much effect upon the development of the industry.

There are now in B. C. three complete establishments ready for the smelting of lead ores, and it is probable that the payment of a bounty of 50 cents per ton upon ore smelted, would not appreciably encourage their operation. The establishment at the earliest practicable date of a refinery in Canada enabling us to prepare our smelted bullion for the market in our own country is however a desirable object. The objections are—the first cost of a plant which would probably amount to $100,000, and further the fact that it would for a series of years operate at a disadvantage on account of insufficient employment. The payment for 5 years of a sum equal to that now offered for smelting, to be paid at a rate of $3 per ton of lead refined would be a decisive inducement for the establishment of a refinery. The bounties paid by the iron and steel industries have been adjusted from time to time to meet the varying phases of that industry, and have been renewed since the advent of the present administration to power. And we believe that the silver-lead industry when freed from the initial difficulty attendant upon the the marketing of their lead product will take a prominent place at the head of the list of metallic substances mined in Canada.

The bonding privileges which we ask for, would afford an immediate outlet for our smelted bullion, pending the construction of refinery works in Canada, and would be an effective guard against the abuse of a monopoly which might otherwise arise.

Believing, as I do, that the Parliament of Canada fully recognizes the necessity of placing this industry upon a plane of equality with others in a similar position in the Dominion, I beg you will use your influence to have our requests, as herein embodied, carried out during this session of parliament.

The letter read, Mr. Buchanan stated that Mr. Fielding had promised, that if the international negotiations failed, he would consider the best means of removing the disabilities under which the lead industry labored. His only fear was that action was being taken rather late in the session. The importation of lead into Canada had increased according to the returns of seven months of the last fiscal year. The Hon. W. Patterson had given him to understand that there would be no difficulty in arranging for the lead to be refined in bond.

### EIGHT HOURS LAW.

Mr. S. S. Fowler then introduced the eight hours question which he described as of more pressing importance than the lead question. He considered that this would work to everyone's disadvantage. The community was satisfied with present conditions. The result of such an act in Utah was the exodus of the best miners.

This resolution was passed.

"That a committe be appointed by the chair to formulate a memorial to the Minister of Mines, asking his influence and intercession looking to the amelioration of the conditions which are likely to obtain if the Metalliferous Mining and Inspection Act be enforced."

The committee consists of Messrs. S S. Fowler, Capt. Duncan, S. S. Taylor, H. B. Thomson and J. Bannerman.

After passing a vote of thanks to Mr. Buchanan the Board then adjourned.

### IN THE FEDERAL HOUSE.

Ottawa March 28.—Davis of Saskatchewan, Roche of Marquette, McClure of Colchester and Chauveau of Quebec continued the debate on the address in the House of Commons yesterday. They added little that was new to the subject.

Colonel Prior will inquire how much public money was expended on Montreal and Victoria harbors in the last 28 years.

Mr. Bostock has given notice of a bill which will make provision for all members of Parliament and Senators getting passes as a right and not be received as now as a favor.

The amount received in royalties from the Yukon up to the 31st of January was $39,464.

Mr. Gillis will move a resolution in the House of Commons in favor of reducing the present high duties on tobacco.

### MERIT REWARDED.

Washington March 28.—As a result of his gallantry and judicious management of the campaign against the insurgents the War Department has practically determined to appoint Arthur R. McArthur, now a Major-General of volunteers and a Lieutenant-Colonel in the regular army, to be a Brigadier-General in the regular service. Major-General Otis, is to be appointed a Brigadier-General in the regular service.

### DENMARK TOO.

London, March 28.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail says: The Danish Government will ask Parliament to vote a credit to send the cruiser Fyen to China in connection with Denmark's projects there. Prince Waldemar will command the expedition and Princess Waldemar will follow in one of the steamers of the East Asian Company. It is probable, however, that the negotiations for commercial advantages in China will be conducted at St. Petersburg through Russia.

### YOUTHFUL INCENDIARIES

New York, March 28—Irving Taylor, the 15-year-old boy who was arrested in Brooklyn yesterday accused of arson, was arraigned to-day and pleaded guilty to charges of arson in the first and second degree. He was held without bail. Taylor, who confessed that he had started a dozen fires is suspected of having tried to set fire to the house in which his own family lives.

## THE MINER A VICTIM.

**The news that The Miner presents to its readers each morning is set up by a machine that is run by water power The Miner pays the City for a water service that is supposed to supply power to run the machine, but the water service, like the electric light, is of a most erratic nature, and it seems to be impossible to rely upon it. Late last evening, without a moment's notice, the water was turned off on account of some of the oft recurring difficulties at the reservoir. The Miner was therefore suddenly crippled and the indulgence of the readers will have to be asked this morning on account of the necessary curtailment of the day's news. The sudden loss of power, when it was too late to make arrangements to overcome the predicament, will explain the lack of the usual amount of local and general news.**

## AIDS RAILWAYS

### ONTARIO GOVERNMENT IS OPENING NEW TERRITORIES.

Several Large Grants to Assist Railways to Build Into Regions Now Without Communication.

Toronto, Ont, March 28.—The Ontario Government proposes large fiduciary grants to develop the northern county. It is proposed to grant a subsidy of $480,000 for a line of railway in connection with the C. P. R. at Missanabie station and reaching to tide water at the mouth of Moose river in James Bay, a distance of 240 miles. This will form a westerly route to the great inland sea. In addition to the cash subsidy a grant of 3,000 per mile of railway constructed is proposed to be given out of lands through which the railway may pass. A similar subsidy of $2,000 per mile or $350,000 in all, together with a land grant is proposed to be given to the James Bay railway, which starting at a point near Sudbury is to be pushed forward in the direction of Lake Abittiba and will form the easterly trunk line to Hudson's Bay a distance of 175 miles. This line is expected to open up a very large tract of valuable agricultural land in the vicinity of Lakes Temiscamingue and Abittiba. Other important railway grants are set forth in resolutions as follows: To the Haliburton, Whitey and Mattawa Railway, between Haliburton and Whitney, a distance not exceeding thirty miles. a cash subsidy of $3,000 per mile or $90,000. To Ontario and Rainy River Railway from the Junction with Port Arthur, Duluth and Western Railway to Fort Frances, a distance not exceeding 205 miles, a cash subsidy of $1,000 per mile; and from Fort Frances to the mouth of Rainy River, a distance not exceeding 75 miles a cash subsidy of $4,000 a mile or $55,000. To Central Ontario from Ormsby or Coe Hill to a point at or near Bancroft, a distance not exceeding 21 miles, a cash subsidy of $3,000 a mile or $61,000. To Central Company Railway from Glen Robertson to Vankleek Hill, a distance not exceeding 14 miles, as a subsidy of $2,000 a mile or $28,000. To the Ontario, Belmont and Northern Railway from the Northern terminus thereof, in the direction, of townships of Belmont and Lake. distance not to exceed seven miles at a rate of $3,200 a mile or $22,000.

### DUNLOP TIRE IN AUSTRALIA.

Toronto, Ont., March 28.—Richard Garland, who figured in connection with the flotation of the Dunlop Tire Company of Canada, has purchased the same right of the company for all the Australian colonies. He leaves for Australia on Monday and will immediately float a company. Each of these companies is required to sell only what it manufactures, which, it is thought, will interfere somewhat with the success of the Canadian company which has looked to supply the tires to thousands of bicycles sent to Australia by the Massey Harris Company.

### AMATEUR BOXERS AT LONDON.

London, March 28.—The amateur boxing competition commenced here today. There are 14 entries in the featherweight class and seven in the lightweight class. John L. Scholes, of Toronto, is entered in both and regarded with much favor.

### DREYFUS AGAIN.

Paris, March. 28—It is now expected that the Court of Cassation in united session will give a public hearing of the Dreyfus revision case and render a decision between April 15th and 20th. The Government is determined not to allow any further interruption of the judicial course.

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## PREMIER AND PLEBISCITE.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier discarded his manly ways in his speech on the Address. It was a remarkable speech for him, who has always been noted for extreme courtesy in replying to an opponent. There was little courtesy wasted on this latest occasion. He followed Sir Charles Tupper in his five hours' attack on the Government, and paid marked attention to the hon. gentlemen. Mr. Foster, who was the next to catch the Speaker's eye, said the speech consisted almost entirely of personal flagellation. It must have been a surprise to the Opposition, and the organs of that party are abusing the Premier for the vigorous personalities of his speech. They are at a loss to account for the unusual tone adopted but it will be sufficiently explained if we consider that this is to be the last and is, therefore, the fighting session of the present Parliament.

It was certainly a fighting speech, and no doubt a full report of it will be widely circulated. It was vigorous, able, and in some respects strong. But there was lamentable weakness in his defence of the conduct of the Government in respect to prohibition. He denied that any pledge was made to the prohibitionists or to the country in connection with the plebiscite. Here is his case:

"Let me say this: When we put that plank into our platform there was an implied agreement between the members of the party who believed in prohibition and those who did not believe in it. The implied agreement on the part of those who did not believe in prohibition was that if the voice of the people spoke unmistakeably, if it should be shown that the great majority of the electorate were in favor of prohibition, then those who did not believe in it would surrender their views to those of their brothers, and would work honestly for the success of that policy. On the other hand, there was an agreement on the part of those who believed in prohibition that if the voice of the people on the subject should not be of sufficient strength to warrant the adoption by the party of the policy of prohibition, they also would square their views to those of their brothers, and we would hear no more of that question in the ranks of the party."

We do not think the country, which paid $200,000 for the plebiscite, has anything to do with agreements or understandings between sections of the Liberal party as represented at the Ottawa convention. It was on account of the agitation and because of the persistence of the prohibitionists that a plebiscite was made a part of the party platform, and prohibitionists and the country alike were distinctly assured that the plebiscite, if yea, would be followed by legislation giving it effect. The mere fact that the plebiscite and prohibition, taken together, were incorporated in the platform was a positive, distinct pledge to the people of Canada. If it were not, party platforms are a sham and a fraud.

Nothing was said to suggest that the vote should show a clear majority of the entire electorate; prohibitionists and the country were led to believe that all that was necessary was a majority of the votes cast, and if this were obtained the declaration of the majority would be supplemented by legislation to prohibit. It was on this understanding the prohibitionists threw themselves into the contest and, as is alleged, spent three quarters of a million in prosecuting the campaign. To say now that there was a private understanding among the conventionists at Ottawa that the plebiscite should show a majority of the entire vote, cast or uncast, is as wretched an expedient as can be conceived to get out of a difficulty. It exposes the party leaders to the charge of obtaining the prohibition vote under false pretences.

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The Colonial Goldfields Gazette says: "A popular error, to the effect that the Payne mine is the largest producer in British Columbia, has been dispelled by the publication of the official statistics of the taxes paid by the various mines on their output for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1898." Whatever is believed in London in respect to this matter is doubtless based on what is said here on the spot. It has not been claimed in British Columbia that the Payne is the largest producer. The claim here, and it holds good to this day, is that the Payne is the largest dividend payer. It has never been a question of gross output, although the Payne in that regard is a close second to the Le Roi.

## CRESTON.

Creston, the boom town at the junction of the Crow's Nest Railway, is in a state of innocuous desuetude. Although the snow has almost entirely disappeared, the long promised boom has not swelled to the proportions which were fondly anticipated. Delightfully located at the junction of the railway, in the midst of a fertile agricultural region and a country seamed with precious metals, it will ultimately become one of the important centres of trade in West Kootenay. Like most towns which are called into being by the exigencies of railway construction, it will never attain its proper place from this cause alone but must finally depend for growth on the resources which environ it.


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# A MINING STORY

## LONDON PAPER'S ACCOUNT OF FINDING THE HALL MINES.

### Correspondent Thinks the Hall Mines May Pay Dividends—Some Notes.

In the fourth of his series of letters to The Pall Mall Gazette, the British Columbia correspondent says: "The mining division of Nelson is an important one from an English point of view, for within its boundaries are situated many properties from which British shareholders fondly hope to extract dividends. It is devoutly to be wished for their sakes as well as for the reputation of British Columbia that these dividends will be forthcoming. The chief English companies that have invested in the district are the Hall Mines, Limited, the London and British Columbia Goldfields, Limited, the Athabasca Gold Mining Company, the Duncan Mines, Limited, and the Ymir Gold Mines, Limited. The latter is an offspring of the London and British Columbia Goldfields, and it may be mentioned that this latter company has secured some properties in the Slocan, including the Ruth and Whitewater Mines, which have also been floated as a subsidiary companies. The Hall Mines promoters led the way in informing the London market that there is such a mining region as Nelson in the world. The company takes its name from the Brothers Hall, who got hold of the property in rather a romantic way more than a decade ago. They contrived to make a living from their crude working of the silver-copper deposit on Toad Mountain, and then they came across the ubiquitous company promoter, who obtained an option on the property. For a time London men did not look favorably upon the proposition from the wilds of British Columbia. It is even reported, though I cannot find any sponsor for the story, that one financier when approached asked the remarkable question, 'Where is British Columbia?' and proceeded to answer it himself by saying, 'Let's see, it's in South America, isn't it?'' It is not too much to say that the flourishing City of Nelson owes not a little of its present prosperity to the opening up of the Silver King lode and the subsequent establishment by the Company of the smelter. The company own about twenty claims, covering in all about 500 acres Some are in a silver-copper belt, and others are in a silver on the gold belt in the same geological formation. It was not until April last that the directors felt themselves able to pay a dividend, and subsequent events proved that they were a little too previous even then. Expert opinions go to show, however, that with the strictest economy and experienced management, the Company may, in a year or two, enter upon a period of profit-taking.''

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Five carloads of ore from the Queen Bess mine, near Three Forks, arrived at the Hall Mines Smelter yesterday.

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The Yellowstone mine, near Salmo will have a compressor plant in the near future. The necessary machinery has been ordered from Fraser and Chalmers of Chicago.

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New York, March 28.—Bar silver 59 1-2. Mexican dollars 47 1-2. Silver certificates 60 to 60 1-2.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

The members of the Nelson Baseball club will hold a meeting this evening at the Hume Hotel at 8 a m.

Mr. T. Madson is erecting a residence on Mill street which should be completed by the end of next month.

Walter Askew, who was lately employed in the Recorder's office at Nelson is now with T. J. Coryell at Grand Forks.

The April Kootenay Mining Standard, a special number, will give profuse illustrations of the Boundary country. As extra pains will be taken in getting the number up, it should meet with a large scale.

Mr. A. H. Clements was presented with a handsome past grand's jewel at the regular meeting of the Odd Fellow's lodge on Monday evening in recognition of the zeal he had always shown in promoting the interests of the order.

The traffic over the Crow's Nest Pass both freight and passenger is lighter than it was, though a steady business is being done. When the line first opened there was a great rush, 147 cars of freight being hauled in one week.

The firm of Brackman & Ker will move into their new warehouse on Water street today. A splendid building, adapted to the needs of this enterprising firm has been completed and reflects great credit on Mr. Frank Gibbs, their local manager for Kootenay, who designed the details.

Messrs. H. M. Vincent, A. G. McIntyre, Fred Smith and A. D. Emory have purchased lots, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, blocks 39, on Mill street, and the two former gentlemen have already let contracts for the erection of residences thereon. The other two gentlemen also intend building in the immediate future.

## AT THE HOTELS.

The Phair—Miss Acker, Vancouver; A. Jackson, Spokane; H. Allenberg, Spokane; G. W. Suckling, Toronto; V. Fleutot, London; Ernest Mansfield, London; Heber Archibald and R. Young, Winnipeg.

## BLUE JACKETS ON A SPREE.

Kingston, March 28.—The crews of the American fleet ashore on leave, started rioting among themselves last night over an old feud about the flagship New York's alleged absence from the fighting at the battle of Santiago. The trouble lasted over two hours before the officers and police succeeded in suppressing it. Several men were slightly wounded and Green and Armstrong, of the Texas, were most seriously injured. The former had his bowels ripped and the latter was twice stabbed in the side. Both men are in the hospital, where they are pronounced to be in a dangerous condition. The wounds were inflicted by a colored man named Johnson also of the Texas, who is Jamaican born. He was surrendered by the police and is now in irons on board his ship awaiting the issue. All is quiet today,

The Governor of Jamaica, Sir Augustus Hemming, received Rear-Admiral Sampson this morning and returned the latter's visit this afternoon.

## TO BE POSTPONED.

London, March 28.—It is stated that the meeting of the Venezuelan tribunal will be postponed a month in consequence of the appointment of M. Martens, the Russian jurist, who is the umpire of the tribunal; as a delegate to the disarmament conference at the Hague. Lord Chief Justice Russell who succeeded the late Lord Herschell as a member of the tribunal will go to his country residence at Tamworth at Easter and at once begin to study the documents in the case.

## NEW YORK CANADIANS.

New York, March 28.—The third annual meeting of the Canadian Society of New York was held last evening at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. The following were elected officers for 1899-1900:

President—The Rev. Dr. Edward H. Kruas; First Vice President, F. James Gibson; Second Vice President, T. N. Jarvis; Third Vice President, Stewart Browne; Fourth Vice President M. R. O'Laughlin; Treasurer, A. W. McLaughlin; Secretary, Henry C. Hunter; Executive Committee, Dr. James Albert Meek, Dr. Wolford Nelson, W. S. Champ, Dr. F.R.L. Secord, Harold W. Buchanan, E. B. Hamilton and A. J. McDougall.

## HOW ABOUT MR. WHYTE?

Montreal March 28.—James Oborne assistant to Vice President Shaughnessy, C. P. R., leaves today for Winnipeg, having been appointed general superintendent of the western division—his jurisdiction extending from Fort William to the Summit of the Rockies, on the main line as well as on the Crow's Nest, to the foot of Kootenay Lake. Mr. Oborne has been connected with the C. P. R. since 1883 and is considered a very able official.

## STILL GIVES UP ITS DEAD.

New York, Marce 28— Another body was found in the ruins at half past two this afternoon. It consisted of a skull, the greater part of the vertebrae, the thigh bones, the arms and some pieces of flesh. It lay on a mattress. It is It is impossible to tell whether it is the body of a man or woman.

## WILL CONQUER FILIPINOS.

London, March 28.—The British and Foreign bible society is at present getting out bibles in the Filipino dialect. The translation is being done in Madrid and the printing here. The Bible Society expects to send a ship load of bibles to the Philippines shortly.

## ANGLO-FRENCH SETTLEMENTS.

London, March 28.—Lord Salisbury and M. Cambon, the French Ambassador after contemplating the African agreement have agreed to take up the Madagascar and Newfoundland shore questions next in the list of Anglo-French diplomatic settlements.

## WHERE WILL IT END?

Paris, March 28.—A despatch to the Eclaire from Toulon says that recent experiments made there with armour piercing shells have conclusively demonstrated the possibility of a shell piercing a warship's armor and exploding inside the ship.

## BRINGING BACK THE DEAD

New York, March 28.—The United States transport Crook arrived here tonight having on board the bodies of the soldiers who died during the campaign in Porto Rico and the bodies of 671 of the soldiers dead from Santiago.

## JACKSON VS. MULROONEY.

Victoria, B. C., March 28.—In Jackson vs. Mulrooney an action tried some time ago at Rossland, Justice Martin gave Judgment for the plaintiff.

**Meterological Report,**

(Observations taken by A. H. Holdich.

| DATE | DAY | HIGHEST | LOWEST | SNOW FALL | BAROMETER |
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| Mar 21 | Tuesday | 29.5 | 21.0 | 0.00 | 27.70 |
| Mar 22 | Wed'day | 25.0 | 11.0 | 0.06 | 27.75 |
| Mar 23 | Thursday | 42.0 | 20.0 | 0.00 | 27.55 |
| Mar 24 | Friday | 44.0 | 27.0 | 0.01 | 27.75 |
| Mar 25 | Saturday | 40.0 | 17.0 | 0.00 | 28.10 |
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Tenders addressed to the undersigned, sealed and marked on the outside "Tender for Erecting Electric Light Poles," are required to be sent in not later than ten o'clock on the morning of Saturday, the 1st of April next.

The City Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender sent in.

By order,
J. K. STRACHAN,
City Clerk

Nelson, B. C., March 28, 1898.

**NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT.**

**Pursuant to the Creditors Trust Deed Acts and Amended Acts.**

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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### TUSCAN SONG.

When in the west the red sun sinks in glory,
The cypress tree stands up like gold, fine gold,
And then the mother tells the child the story
Of the gold trees the heavenly gardens hold

In golden dreams the child sees golden rivers,
Gold trees, gold blossoms, golden boughs and leaves.
Without the cypress in the night wind shivers,
Weeps with the rain and with the darkness grieves.

—Pall Mall Gazette.

## FROM BOHEMIA.

Van Rensselaer had sat through many an embassy dinner, eating messy dishes out of ribbons and frilled papers and offering his polyglot remarks to many a foreign celebrity, but he glanced toward his left hand neighbor with some apprehension as he finished his soup, making a hasty study of the princess, with her blue black hair and her swarthy side face. There was a display of shoulder and blazing green jewels in the corsage, an impression of large outline and a pervasive personality. Clearly she was not attractive, he decided, and then, as she finished what she had been saying to the man who took her out and turned toward Van Rensselaer, he instantly reversed his judgment under the compulsion of her dark eyes. Whether or not she was handsome by ordinary standards he could not have told, but attractive and interesting certainly, and inexplicably odd. With her large red lipped mouth and gleaming white teeth she might have been a quadroon or she might have posed to good effect as a gypsy queen in private theatricals. She spoke to him in French.

"I suppose you are a senator or a general, or perhaps a cabinet member? You American men are so ostentatiously plain in dress. You abstain so carefully from wearing your decorations on your evening coats that a poor foreigner may not know."

He laughed. She was audacious even for a princess.

"I am sorry, your highness, but I have neither office nor insignia to my name. Indeed I have been puzzling my inglorious head not a little to know why I am placed so illustriously at your side!"

But he knew, and so did she, that it was because he spoke French like a Parisian and was the cleverest diner out in Washington. It was not until the first entree that they again took a turn, and she passed with evident relief from the heavy German of the Austrian embassador to her more accustomed tongue. They tasted and hazarded suggestions as to the composition of the dish before them.

"Permit me, monsieur," she broke off suddenly. "Allow me one more guess, more intimate—personal! I am a clairvoyant, it has been said, and I have taken a great liberty. I have been reading your thoughts. Will you allow me to tell you?"

Van Rensselaer bowed, smiling his incredulity.

"You do me much honor, madame!"

"Very well. You were looking down the table a moment ago when I addressed you, past the green and gold Bohemian glass. I do not know what you saw, but it was something very far away—oversea, I think." He flushed slightly and assented. "We spoke of the entree, your mind on other things. I said, 'It is made of fish, I fancy,' and you replied, 'Since it is a game of guess, I choose lobster.' What you were thinking was, 'It is the world old mess of pottage—to be henceforth my daily bread!' N'est ce pas, monsieur, un bon hasard?"

Van Rensselaer finished his wine and set down his glass. He was not smiling now, and the flush had died out of his cheek. He looked at her with a gravity very like displeasure.

"Your highness is indeed clairvoyant. It was not a guess. It was the truth. Princesses always tell the truth, do they not?"

She made no reply, and the jewels in her piled up hair burned not half so deeply as her eyes. He wished that people who were clairvoyant would not fall to his lot at dinner. It was distinctly uncomfortable and not conducive to good digestion.

"Is it too much," said the princess softly, "to ask what the birthright was?"

It was too much decidedly, and yet before he knew he answered, "Music."

"Ah!" murmured his questioner. "And now?"

"Now," said Van Rensselaer, smiling once more as he shrugged his shoulders, "now, I am Darby. But perhaps Darby and Joan are not indigenous to Russian society."

Through the orchids a face was smiling greetings to him.

"How despairingly charming!" sighed the Russian as she laid down her lorgnette. "And that is Joan?"

There was an exasperation for Van Rensselaer in the finality of this woman's intuitions.

"Princess," he said when next they turned toward each other, "I am haunted by a resemblance. I think my subconscious mind, if I have one, had gone wandering over time and space to verify it when you caught me napping. I have never seen but one woman who looked like you—it was years ago in my student days. She also was a princess—of Bohemia!"

"That was once my country," she replied.

Van Rensselaer laughed. "But not hers—or mine. There is another and greater Bohemia where such as you may not dwell. Yours is geographically located. The other is not. It is No Man's Land. As it happened, that other princess belonged to both Bohemias."

"Who was she—and what?"

"Pardon me. She had your eyes, but not your ancestry. She was a gypsy violinist in Prague. I have never since seen eyes like hers until tonight, and I shall never again hear a tone like that from her violin."

If he thought he had punished her, he was mistaken. She drew in her breath with an odd little sigh and looked at him from under her lowered lids.

"I again read your thought, monsieur, and I honor you for it. You are saying to yourself that her real rank was as far above mine as your Bohemia was a happier land to dwell in than—let us say Russia!"

It was after dinner when the women were grouped in knots in the long drawing room that the princess managed to learn what she wanted to know of her neighbor at the table.

"Van Rensselaer—oh, yes!" said the hostess. "We call him Fortunatus; he's such a lucky dog. He's the last of an impoverished old American family—if there is such a thing as an old family in so young a country—and was quite out of sorts with fortune when he met his wife. I believe he was knocking about Europe consorting with all sorts of shabby musical people, studying to be a pianist. She fell so desperately in love with him that her father was obliged to allow the marriage. She had always had her whims gratified, and she threatened to kill herself if denied this one. There was some delay about it, and then the wedding took place with the compact—so I have been told—that he was to give up his profession. I fancy that was no great hardship," she laughed, "as the price was $3,000,000 down and the hand of the richest heiress in America. It is not a difficult metier to be rich, princess!"

"I think it is sometimes very difficult," was the surprising answer.

It was at the bidding of a scented note with a coronet on it that Van Rensselaer found himself a few days later entering the apartments of the Russian.

"It's a thundering annoying sort of thing having your mind read, and I hope she won't be up to it again," he grumbled.

She was clad in flowing red garments, ornamented with gold filigree, and a finely wrought gold girdle hung down from the clasp to the hem. Van Rensselaer felt the costume to be so barbaric as to be out of good form—too theatrical—and yet her manner was simple enough.

"We were speaking that night," she began as if they had just left off, "of music, Hungarian music, or were we only thinking of it? I was hoping you would play for me today."

"I never play, never touch a piano any more." And he felt a thrill of annoyance, as if some one had pushed against him roughly.

The princess arose and crossed the room, taking up a violin that lay on the open piano. "Then you will listen to me?" she said.

It was Schubert, and she played with such mastery of the instrument, such sympathy and love of the work, that Van Rensselaer was moved out of his reserve. He laid aside his hat and gloves and sat down by the piano. Once more he threaded through exquisite harmonies and filled the scheme with the piano accompaniment he knew so well. For more than an hour they played with no words save: "Do you remember this?" or "Another composer has solved that problem thus—you know it," leading and following by turns through those paths where only musicians may walk in happy knowledge.

"And now," said the princess at last, "do you remember?" She stood straight and tall in her barbaric reds, the gold ornaments gleaming in the late slanting light, and Van Rensselaer had no need to wait for the strains that were coming. He was back again in student days, and through the cigar smoke of the music hall in Prague he could see the gitana, more slim and girlish, but with the same strange eyes and the blue black hair, while above the clink of the beer glasses and the soft shuffling of the waiters' feet he could hear the witchery of her gypsy music—that half remembered strain that had teased him so often through the intervening years. Back and forth flashed the bow while her figure swayed to the mad motions, and then came the sad cadence with the heartbreak in it that often characterizes the Hungarian music. Here she broke off and laid the violin on the piano. Then she came and put her hand on Van Rensselaer's shoulder.

"You know me now. I also was a Bohemian and I also sold my birthright for a mess of pottage! Ah, comrade, it is a grand country, that Bohemia! But we were not worthy of it, and there is no going back! But it is still left to us to be true—true to a compact, and one dishonor is enough!"

The princess held out her hand in farewell and dismissal, and Van Rensselaer kissed it reverently. He felt unsteady on his feet, as if he had been drinking.

"Goodby!" she said brokenly. "I shall not see you again, for I am going away tomorrow—back to my Darby in Russia. I shall think of you sometimes when I dream of Bohemia, and I shall pray that you be not too unhappy in your exile. Be good to your Joan!"—Annie E. J. Searing in Short Stories.

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