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THE INFLUENZA SCOURGE

THE DREAD DISEASE SEEMS TO EUROPE HAS CROSSED THE ATLANTIC.

Hundreds Dying Daily of Pneumonia and Kindred Disorders. The Doctors, However, are Not Disturbed.

ATCHISON, Kansas, December 27th.—The first case known in this state to be treated with influenza, is Sam Jones J. Ingalls, he was taken with cold and aches, and pains last night, and today he has been stiff and sore and sneezing all day. He had an engagement to deliver an address before the State Teacher's Association at Topeka this afternoon, but his condition, although not serious, was such as not to permit him to leave home with safety. He is in bed indeed and still sneezing, but he expects to leave for Washington with his family Sunday evening.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, December 27th.—There are scores of cases of influenza in town, but all of them are of a very mild type. The health board officials say that the epidemic will not assume a malignant form here, and that nothing from it go about their business as usual. It prevails mostly among children and young folks, though some of the older population generally have by the assistance of the doctors, succeeded in fill and make the members of their families with current lingo.

OMAHA, Nebraska, December 27th.—Influenza is prevailing here in an epidemic form. It is estimated that fully two-thirds of the people are suffering from it at the present time. It is of a mild form, only about one left of those attacked being confined to their beds, and where medical treatment is promptly given there have been no deaths. Physicians look upon it as a decreased stage of the epidemic and have successfully treated it from that diagnosis.

CHICAGO, December 27th.—Russian influenza is said to have reached this city. Mr. T. O. Sparrow, physician and surgeon, who has passed through the epidemic of the disease in Russia, reports that some sort Monday he has had fifteen cases to treatment. He predicts that within a week the disease will prevail in epidemic of the city.

BOSTON, December 27th.—Influenza is on the increase here. It is safe to say that over one tenth of the population is affected by it. The symptoms are very like those of light hard cold. Influenza Affection of the lungs are also more common. Deaths so small, but the physicians do not consider the situation alarming.

CINCINNATI, December 27th.—Scores of genuine influenza have yet been reported here. This unmanageable weather offers ample excuse for taking cold and many persons have not let the opportunity pass from neglected. There are many cases of sore throats and severe colds, but large lots not resulted in 24.

SPOKANE FALLS, Washington, December 27th.—There is little influenza in this city. A few cases that only mild, genuine, have been reported and they are confined to travellers. There is nothing like an epidemic, nor any indication of one.

PARIS, December 27th.—The morning papers say that the left epidemic of the influenza of influenza in this city has not been reported, and some at least, seems to which is attributed to unseasonably warmth, that there have been some troubled and rapidly worse where the have complained hours.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 27th.—The rise in cold, the favorable progress towards recovery from the attack of influenza. Its has not at any time been in a virulent condition and no lives have been lost as to the outbreak of its illness.

LONDON, December 27th.—The Countess of Flandre, cousin to the King Leopold of Belgium, and Prince Baudouin, eldest son of the Countess and the Queen of Belgium, are suffering from influenza.

The hospitals of Vienna are crowded with patients suffering from influenza, accompanied by inflammation of the lungs, pleurisy and pneumonia. There are over one hundred cases of influenza in Prague.

BERLIN, December 27th.—For some days past there had been but cases of influenza in Königsberg, but it has now become epidemic and one of the cases are of a most serious nature.

CHEYENNE, Wyoming, December 27th.—There are three hundred cases of influenza here. The bill is increasing rapidly.

LONDON, December 27th.—The number of cases of influenza in this city and District is increasing rapidly.

Hostile Preparations.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 27th.—Orders have been issued by the Minister of War, General Vannovsky, to put the work of constructing a railroad into second Russian. It was once doubted to expend in cookies of military work the sum of two million roubles, appropriated for the enlarging of the Port of Batoum.

Fire on the Lumber Dock Burns.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ontario, December 27th.—Natural gas has been discovered at Bellevue in Spanish County. The find is the strongest yet struck in the state, and its quality is of the best. The discovery was made by parties digging for water. The pressure is so great that it carries sand and gravel away into the air. This is the fourth discovery of its kind made in South Dakota within sixty days.

Fire Fifty Years.

CHICAGO, December 27th.—The Tribune special from Mount Vernon, Indiana, says: Mr. E. N. Lott, superintendent of the Water Works, was arrested here yesterday afternoon on a charge of having embezzled $1700 of the Company's funds. Upon his arrest Lott admitted that he was guilty as charged, and stated that he lost the money in poker games in this city and in Evansville.

An Honest Finish.

PARIS, December 27th.—The Government of Paris, Brazil, has succeeded in its own interest a company of the Tonka rubber trade. This action has present employing gentlemen from many report homes, chiefly American and French, using a business of three and four years formerly. M. Spuller, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has cabled to the French Minister in Brazil for details.

Mayor Pelletiaux.

PARIS, December 27th.—General Boulanger has sent the following message to General de Fonseca, chief of the Provisional Government of Brazil:

"Accept my sincere congratulations for the able and patriotic manner in which you have carried out the plan that resulted in the overthrow of the deposed monarchy. Your guardship for years in the cause of the oppressed people is made doubly good by the fact that not a single life was sacrificed. How different from that of France in 1789. The United States took the example which crowded the possibility years ago of all America throwing free from the yoke of imperialism. France followed in her footsteps, and God grant that ere another century has rolled by all of Europe will be free. I have great faith in the future of France, much as she is being misgoverned at present, a misfortune I hope will never befall Brazil. The time is not far distant when outraged liberty will have a hearing. It is with you as it will be with us and my brethren, to show to the world as the great United States has done, that republican government, founded on liberty, fraternity, and equality, will expand until the last vestige of kingcraft is swept away from the earth. 'Long Live Free Brazil!' 'Long live America!'—Boulanger.

In reply to this remarkable greeting Boulanger received the following message from de Fonseca:

"In the name of the people of the United States of Brazil I thank you for the cordial greetings you were inspired to send us. Be assured every course worthy of patriotism were used to bring about the present glorious result. Yes, Brazil is free and all America is free. Necessary, and I speak advisedly, will the history of kingcraft be experienced upon these shores. The process would in Brazil can from the throne of my fathers. In underlying the day that has resulted so gloriously in our favor I was fully aware of the great responsibility it entailed. My duties are now to bring about a limpidus and honorable termination. That duty has been gratified, thanks be to God. Send my good friends in Old and other parts of the world have honored me with the title of 'the Boulanger of Brazil.' Let me say I am proud of the title and it is dangerous means the peaceful practice of a republican and the establishment of liberty, fraternity and prosperity. I say with all my heart, 'Long live Boulanger!'—Peixoto.

The Bettors of Innovation.

ASHLAND, Wisconsin, December 27th.—District Attorney Kanouse came into the outside office of Thursday editor Daily of the Daily News tonight and made an assault upon him. A hand-to-hand scuffle ensued, but friends of both parties interfered and the fight was stopped. The fight was the outcome of a series of articles which appeared in the Daily News relating to the federal attorney's dealings in certain law suits in which Russians have been engaged as counsel. The News has started a crusade against the district attorney and claims to have evidence in the prosecution which reflects against his administration of the office of his office. Both sides the wonder that have appeared in the News and attempts to secure Russian of conclusions. Russian is a lawyer, weighing one hundred pounds, while Daily is a small man. The articles in question have caused a sensation throughout the city and county.

Death on the Rock.

CHICAGO, December 27th.—Joseph Newman, of 4300 Wood Street, was killed, and Frank Lenahan, of 200 North Aurora, was severely injured by an engine on the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago tracks at Archer Avenue. Newman and Lenahan had crossing a street car loaded to its fullest capacity was passing the crossing when a switch engine approached at an ordinary speed. Newman and Lenahan were riding on the car platform, and imagining the car to be in danger jumped off, failing to the ground in the crossing. Before they could remove their feet the engine was upon them. The street car narrowly escaped being struck.

Four Men Dead.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pennsylvania, December 27th.—One span of the new bridge over the river at Montoursville which fell not long fully, between 10 yesterday afternoon, which a heavy load of iron has not been upon it. The iron and bridge were down with it falling about thirty feet. William Cooper, one of the men employed on the bridge, whose home is in Rochester, New York, was killed. Ben Hampson, driver of the team, John Daley and Fred Lilly were also in the bridge. None of these men, the driver was warned and in consequence the bridge has disappeared in the water.

Man's Horse Power.

LONDON, December 27th.—Continental Fair has had several cases of the bubonic cause, which have proved entirely satisfactory. The trials took place in the Bay of Cadiz. The incendiary caused an explosion, making a space at the end of six hours on fire. During all this time nothing was visible above the surface of the water but the hatch of the vessel. Lieutenant Ford, in addition to this, descended to a great depth and remained there submerged forty minutes. During the time of complete submersion the boat was propelled at the rate of three and a half miles per hour.

The Sharks are All Right.

FORT BENTON, South Dakota, December 27th.—The reports of the presence of sharks in this country are not correct. Some specimens have been coming upon the Government to the Seventh along the Missouri and Cheyenne rivers and the Sioux Indians were worshipping Dewey upon them, but the sharks have not been collected. There are two companies of the 12th United States infantry here, who are able to swell any on Dewey in a few hours.

Marriage for Rent.

ATLANTA, Georgia, December 27th.—Nearly 8000 have been issued for a marriage to Henry W. Grady and only a few subscriptions have been received from outside Atlanta as yet. Believing that Mr. Grady's admirers in all parts of the country desire to help in this work, the committee committee has decided to send the lists open for some days.

Death in the Field.

VIENNA, December 27th.—Count Sandro, ex-Minister from Austria of England and Germany, died suddenly today while on a shooting expedition.

CREEK OF THE TELEGRAPH.

ZANZIBAR, December 27th.—Major Wapp Plate has arrived at Mamalingo.

ZANZIBAR, Dakota, December 27th.—Taylor's Royal Hotel was damaged by fire saturday. The loss is $3000, covered by insurance.

LONDON, December 27th.—Three cases of the order of St. Francis have been represented at Munich for cruelty to their pupils.

LONDON, December 27th.—The Government has received a dispatch stating that Mahaldidard has become thoroughly pacified.

LONDON, December 27th.—A workman's exchange has been opened in Leipsic, the object of which is to give general advice and information to workmen and to arbitrate disputes between employers and employees.

ZANZIBAR, December 27th.—The Egyptian steamer Mansoorat left Bagamoyo for Mahenge today, whence she will proceed to Cape Ten Sues. Lieut. Stairs and some of Emin Bey's troops are on board.

TORONTO, Ontario, December 27th.—There was a great wind storm here this morning. Almost two feet of the Congregational church spire on Spadina Avenue was blown down. The Salvation Army barracks at Davenport was also blown down.

PORTUGAL BEWARE!

HER GREEDY TACTICS ARE GETTING HER INTO SERIOUS TROUBLE.

The American and English Naval Forces Both Ordered to Lisbon to Bring the Portuguese to Their Senses—They Must Respect Property Rights.

NEW YORK, December 27th.—The Evening Sun publishes a long and somewhat sensational statement in regard to the possible difficulties between this country and Portugal. The substance of it is that Mrs. McNeale of Brooklyn, New York, widow of the late Colonel McNeale, an American citizen, who organized an English syndicate and built the Delagoa Bay Railroad in African territory now claimed by Portugal, recently waited upon Secretary Blaine, accompanied by a score of New York congressmen as friend and counsel, and submitted to the secretary convincing proofs that the property rights of Colonel McNeale were being disregarded by Portugal. The country received explanations from the Portuguese Government, but received no satisfactory response whereupon he sent a squadron of evolutions to Lisbon instead of to Havre as first intended, and notified Lord Salisbury that the United States is ready to cooperate with Great Britain in forcing Portugal to respect the rights of Englishmen in the territory referred to. Lord Salisbury at the same time ordered four British men of war from Malta to Lisbon.

Some for the Goose is Sauce for the Gander.

LISBON, December 27th.—The continental press, including some official and unofficial organs, give evidence of being more perturbed over the Anglo-Portuguese dispute than any of the journals of the disputing countries are, though in their expressions there is no indication that it may be deemed advisable for any of the powers to interfere in the matter. The Russian press are naturally inclined to take the part of Portugal in discussing the merits of the quarrel, and are unanimous in a declaration that England has no right to expect the sympathy of her continental neighbors in her present difficulty, since her new African policy has always been and still is selfish, aggressive, and blundering. In the present instance Portugal has merely done what England has been doing for years, and in getting a dose of her own medicine she shows the perversity of a child in refusing to take it. The German press as a rule are no more disposed to side with England than are Continental European contemporaries. The Gaulois presents with substantially the same grounds as those taken by the St. Petersburg papers to inquiring in England a policy of selfish greed in Africa, which raises her indignant wrath at the alleged encroachment of Portugal to the height of an absurdity.

Consumptive Relief.

WASHINGTON, December 27th.—United States Treasurer Hyatt today received a consumptive contribution of $600 from Philadelphia. Accompanying the contribution was the following letter: "Philadelphia, December 26th, 1889. A client of mine has been carefully going over his affairs and finds that there are certain duties which he should have paid to the government on cigars and other luxuries which he has consumed during the past few years and as he finds them up they amount to $600. He has handed me that sum and I now send it to you. Please forward receipt to me as attorney. He does not care to have his name mentioned, and I have advised him that there is no necessity for his to give it. Very respectfully yours, signed Samuel B. Huey." In secretary Windom's mail was another consignment of $200 in bills, enclosed in an envelope postmarked Washington, District of Columbia. In a letter dated New York the sender states that the money was transferred through a newspaper session of the importation of some goods.

Shore Was Starting.

LONDON, December 27th.—Cypher telegrams received here from Rio Janeiro give brief particulars of the mutinous rising which took place December 14th, the result being described as extremely formidable. The insurgents were composed of soldiers, sailors and civilians, who were joined by a number of naval and military officers and joined the streets in defiance of the military police and military force. An organized force of troops was brought against the rebels and a serious fight ensued, which lasted until the morning of December 20th, when the revolt was suppressed and the rebels dispersed. Many of those who took a leading part in the rising were subsequently arrested.

The Portuguese Foreign the English Navy.

LISBON, December 27th.—Naval circles are much disturbed at reports of the mutinous mind of Lieutenant Ford's torpedo boat in the Bay of Cadiz, the most efficient working of the vessel having especially given opportunities in view of the presence of a number of England's best warships in Portuguese waters. Subsequent to a dispatch from Ford, the boat really made six knots per hour, and answered the requirements of her guiding apparatus so readily as though she were floating on the surface.

Shady Insurance Companies.

PLANKINTON, South Dakota, December 27th.—Two fire stock insurance companies went by the board yesterday and another probably will follow. Auditor Taylor and Public Examiner Blanchard announced an examination of the Live Stock Company yesterday morning, and in the afternoon the Auditor had possession of the books and papers of the Dakota Mutual Association, and had called in the charter of the Company, and that of the State Live Stock Association.

Parties in Waste.

LONDON, December 27th.—The Pope has sent an autograph letter to Don Carlos congratulating him upon his accession to the throne. A new dispute prolonging the military dictatorship in Brazil for a year has disappointed the Portuguese Ex-president, and a decided reaction in favor of monarchy has ensued. The formal abandonment of the King will, however, take place under much more favorable circumstances than the people expected.

Drunk Drink's Dirge.

LONDON, December 27th.—At Rotherham last night Mrs. Taylor, a widow with two daughters, drank herself into a frenzy and cut the throats of the two girls while they were sleeping. After committing the crime the woman ran into the street, brandishing the razor, and was caught and disarmed with great difficulty.

Southward Go.

BRIDGEPORT, New Jersey, December 27th.—Yesterday afternoon the members of the family of Albert Eaton, a farmer living just west of here, found a boat on the shore of Oyster Lake, between up, and with a gun packed under one of the seats. The boat was one in which George Eaton, a farmer's son, and Clarence Myers, of Syracuse, had gone out in early in the morning to shoot ducks. The young men could not be found anywhere, and it is quite certain that both were drowned. There was a very high sea on the lake, and waves were running very high on account of the storm. Myers was eighteen years of age, and little more than a year ago was married a Miss Dugan, of Syracuse.

Much Needed Legislation.

NEW YORK, December 27th.—Today the grand jury having finished its labors for the term, handed in a presentment to Judge Gildersleve, recommending that the legislature shall without delay appoint a committee of its members to inquire into the subject of electrical generation, the distribution and transmission of electric currents for light and power purposes, and to report upon a plan of legislation designed to prevent further danger to the public from electrical apparatus. It is rumored that the grand jury found an indictment for manslaughter against Superintendent Pierce of the Brush Electric Light Company for the death of young Harris on Eighth Avenue some weeks ago.

The Modus Vivendi.

TORONTO, December 27th.—The Empire says that the reports which have been scattered broadcast throughout the United States to the effect that the government intends not to revive the modus vivendi next year are entirely unwarranted. By the Treaty of Washington and an act passed by the Dominion parliament last year the modus vivendi expires on the 15th of February next, and, in order to renew it, further legislation will be required. Whether it will be renewed or not involves a question of policy which the government has not considered.

A Chapter of Accidents.

PITTSBURG, Pennsylvania, December 27th.—In a wreck on the Pennsylvania road near Altoona, Pennsylvania, this morning, sixteen cars were demolished, four engines wrecked, and Fireman Charles English injured so seriously that he died. The wreck was caused by one of the trains parting on the mountain.

Two freight trains collided this afternoon at Mayer, Pennsylvania, on the southwestern branch of the Pennsylvania road. Six train men were slightly injured and engineers Emmett Johns and Harvey Spomer were badly hurt by jumping.

Angry Demonstrations.

LONDON, December 27th.—The British Mediterranean squadron prepared for action has been ordered to rendezvous at Gibraltar, in readiness to proceed to Lisbon at a moment's notice. Her Majesty's ship Lorraine arrived at Gibraltar today, and the Colossus and Benbow left Malta for that place this afternoon. The original plan of assembling the fleet in the Tagus was abandoned because it was feared that their presence would interfere with the progress of the negotiations between England and Portugal looking to a peaceful settlement of their difficulty.

Strange to Scout.

WASHINGTON, District Columbia, December 27th.—Doctor Vasloeke, the Brazilian minister here has received a dispatch from Rio de Janeiro concerning the action of the Provisional Government in depriving Dom Pedro of the sanity allowed him immediately after his deposition. The despatch states that a plot to overthrow the Provisional Government was discovered and Dom Pedro was implicated in it. In belief that the deposed Emperor was plotting against the new government, the Provisional rulers revoked the decree granting him an annuity.

Mysterious Never Come Steady.

NEW YORK, December 27th.—A dispatch from London states that the British steamer Friar, from Hamburg for New York, which returned to Swansea two days ago with the loss of her propeller blades, has met with another accident while putting into Swansea. She came into collision with another vessel (name not given) and had a hole stove in her side. She had eight feet of water in her hold and her cargo will be discharged. She will go into the dock for repairs.

The Fort Recommend.

AUSTIN, Texas, December 27th.—The governor has information that a riot is threatened in Tyler County and has ordered the militia there to aid the sheriff in keeping the peace. At a conference of the governor and the attorney-general this morning, it was agreed that the latter shall attend the habeas corpus trial of the Fort Bend citizens arrested for murder several days ago by the United States marshal. They are of the opinion that the arrests were made without warrants for them.

A Terrible Death Rate.

PARIS, December 27th.—The health department reports that on Christmas Day three hundred and eighteen deaths occurred in the city from all causes. The average mortality for the corresponding day for several years past is two hundred. One third of the population of Paris is afflicted with influenza. The editor of the Moniteur Universal and three soldiers died from the disease at Versailles today.

Fortune Favors Victoria.

VICTORIA, British Columbia, December 27th.—(Special to Truth.)—Today's Gazette contains a proclamation summoning Parliament to meet for the despatch of business on January 23rd.

It is rumored that a young man named Phillips has won $10,000 in the Louisiana Lottery.

Christmas Boxes for a Central African.

ZANZIBAR, December 27th.—Harry Ellers with a detachment of Major Wissman's corps has left Pangani for Mount Kilimandjaro for the purpose of presenting Prince Mandes with gifts from the Emperor.

A Young Viper.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, December 27th.—Otto Zeuth, a 16 year old boy, who is on trial for the murder of Maggie Thompson, a girl of eight, was today found guilty of murder in the first degree.

From Far-Off Cardon.

The weather here continues very fine and pleasant, and the daily salutation is "What a fine, mild winter we are having." In my last I stated it was once nine degrees below zero. Since then the lowest reached was three and eight degrees above, and has ranged from twenty-two to twenty-eight, and at this writing is twenty six.

The school holidays examination took place at the school room on the 20th. There was quite a large attendance of parents and friends to education. The teacher, Mr. W. H. Phelps, has taught but four months, but the scholars have made remarkable progress in their studies in that time. The children of the Barkerville school will compare favorably with those of any other school in the province, all questions being promptly answered; and the proficiency shown in the general branches, like arithmetic, geography, history, and singing, was alike creditable to them and their teacher. W. D. M.

Barkerville, December 23d.

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The Truth

Daily Edition.

It is interesting, but at the same time rather surprising, to hear the popular comments on the conflagration of yesterday, which is the ubiquitous theme of conversation. The sympathy with those who have suffered so heavily is, of course, in perfect accord with the sentiments of every charitable citizen; but, apart from being a serious private disaster, there is another phase to the matter—it is a public calamity. The average citizen fails to realize the fact that a fire considered as a politico-economical factor is a national loss. It is so much of the world's wealth consumed; and it is a consumption which affords no adequate return. It is, pour ainsi dire, an evaporation of that energy which it is the object of all labor organizations to concentrate, and of all labor legislation to conserve. For every conflagration that destroys and dissipates man's achievements the world is so much poorer. The sum total of wealth is diminished. For this reason, if for no other, public spirited men, who are capable of rising above the niggling speculations of economists and of grasping in its fuller and broader bearings, the meaning of a fire should insist that all the legislation requisite to the prevention of the occurrence of those disasters, should at once be taken in hand. In this, as in one or two other matters, it will be easily discernible which of our new city fathers are at all level-headed, or have as much shrewdness and municipal ability as we accredited them in the last election.

The serious conflagration which visited New Westminster yesterday teaches a lesson which should not be despised. In a city of our size it is indispensable that the usual appliances for fighting with the destructive element should not only be always ready to answer an immediate call, but also that, what amounts to the same thing, the staff of firemen should be equally prepared to respond at a moment's notice to the call of duty. Such is not possible when they nearly all sleep away from their headquarters and have to be assembled in order to make a start for the scene of the conflagration. Yesterday it was fully a quarter of an hour after the bell was rung before the engine commenced to pump water on the flames. This quarter of an hour was everything to decide the question whether the building in which the fire started could be saved or not. If there had been a staff of salaried firemen here, as there are in cities of even less pretensions than New Westminster, the loss of time would have been avoided, and the unfortunate mistake which was made by one amateur fireman in putting the suction-pipe of the steam-engine into the gravel bed of the river would not have been committed by expert hands, whose only business was to know what they had to do, and do that properly. There can be no doubt whatever that property in this city will never be so safe from fiery destruction as in other places until this matter is attended to, and an efficient staff appointed in number at least large enough to start the engines and reels off immediately the call sounds at the fire-hall. The additional security to property which would result as an effect of such an institution would sufficiently offset the extra expense, to say nothing of the probable effect it would have in lowering the rates of insurance.

The way in which the boys worked yesterday is worthy of all praise. There was all the energy, all the pluck and bravery which any fireman could possess. It was no fault of theirs if the administration was at fault, what they had to do as men and as firemen they did well, and did that well thoroughly. No words of praise can be too high for them, as volunteer firemen there are none second to New Westminster's But, it is to be hoped, that the city may be spared yet from such woes as befell her yesterday, even if it is at the cost of not giving the boys enough practice to enable them to vie with the best professional talent.

The people of British Columbia have learnt to regard the Canadian Pacific Railway as a very omnipotent being. No other consideration would be of any avail to effect the uncoupling of the fire hose in order to allow a train to pass, when valuable property was being burnt. In Toronto, for instance, it is no uncommon thing to see two miles of cars blocked by one line of hose across the esplanade, and the engineer who would dare to venture across it would be yanked by the police into the patrol wagon and given a trip to the darkest dungeon at the police station there. Why have we not enough pluck to emulate this example? Are the people of New Westminster to be at the mercy of a monopolistic railway company or not? Next time there is a fire in the city the Chief of Police will do himself credit if he protects the property of the citizens first and lets the railway play at "trains" on our feeble branch line only when suitable.

Anent the verdict of the corner's jury on the recent accident on the North Arm Road, there appears to be one fact overlooked, which we should have thought would be patent to even a casual observer. It must be remembered that this is a young country, and that to make any such stringent prohibitions as those recommended would have a most detrimental effect upon the country's development. The accident was serious and most regrettable; but it would be absurd to rush to the other extreme from gross neglect on the part of legislators to the imposition of a system of strict and immutable restraints that will cramp the energy, dwarf the growth, and stagnate the life of what gives every promise of becoming the fairest spot in the broad Dominion.

A Millionaire's Christmas.

It was a bitter cold night in December, and the wind moaned and shrieked through the leafless branches of the tall trees that stood like giant sentinels about the mansion of the humble millionaire.

Standing at the front parlor window of the great house, the millionaire's family were awaiting the father's return.

The wife was trying, in her grave and hopeful way, to cheer the hearts of the little ones, so that the still invalid might be greeted by a cluster of happy, smiling faces when he entered his humble abode.

"Oh, mamma," cried little Mary, plaintively, "I don't want to go to school any more, because the other children will not play with me. They sneer at me because my father is not a man of toil. Oh, it is so hard that we should be only the children of a millionaire, instead of an honest workingman."

"My darling," cried the mother, in a shocking voice, as she clasped her offspring in her arms, "you must be brave and patient! I know full well that the millionaires are downtrodden and oppressed, but your dear papa tells me that better days are coming, and that ere another winter sets in the honest workingmen will find themselves in the soup."

"Is papa coming home soon?" whispered little Charlie. "I am getting so hungry."

"Hush, my child," replied the mother. "Papa has gone to ask the hungry working delegates to permit him to keep his mill open four hours a day instead of three. It is but a poor boon that he asks, and yet I fear me they will refuse. But here he comes now. Run away and play, darlings, and you will soon have something to eat."

The millionaire entered the parlor and threw himself into an easy-chair with a deep sigh.

"It is useless!" he exclaimed. "They say that they cannot break the 8-hour law which was passed by the legislature last June. There is only one course left for us to take, and I have resolved to try that. Hot is our dinner nearly ready?"

"Not quite yet, darling," said the affectionate wife, in soothing tones. "The cook has gone to a meeting of her union, and she has promised me to ask their permission to let us have cooked beef hash occasionally. She is a good creature, John, and does all in her power to make our lot easy and pleasant for us."

"But isn't there a little cold meat in the house?"

"Why, John! Would you violate the laws of the Butcher's union which forbids us to serve a roast more than once?"

"True, true," murmured the millionaire; "but at least you can make me a cup of tea."

"I would willingly do it," replied the faithful wife, gently, but firmly, "and we would drink it with pleasure, but it would be at the risk of our lives. You know the new law is as furious whenever—"

"That is true," replied the millionaire. "let us be thankful that we thought of it in time. We have much to be grateful for. We had better postpone our meal until tomorrow, and, in the meanwhile, we must not forget how unhappy our lot would be in another country. It is only in this great republic that statesmen are of sufficient calibre to cope with these labor problems."—*Life.*

Preparing to Kick.

A well known citizen was discovered going through some singular motions in one of the corridors of the city hall yesterday, says the Detroit Free Press, and on approaching him we saw he was feeling out:

"What on earth are you up to now?"

"Taking off my diamond pin."

"But where's your watch?"

"In my vest tail pocket."

"Afraid of being robbed?"

"Oh, no. It's business."

"How?"

"Why, the assessors have put me down for $1 tax on personal property, and I'm going to kick."

"But you've got a horse."

"Yes, but he wasn't in the day they called."

"And a piano."

"That happened to be at the factory to be repaired."

"But you took account."

"No! It is my wife's name. Keep quiet. Now, then, I'm ready to go in and tell them that the people are ready to take up arms to rid themselves of this terrible burden of high taxation."

Shareholder's Meeting.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Tuyen Pheenix Company will be held at the office of the Company on Church street, New Westminster, B. C., on Thursday, January 2nd, 1890, at 3 o'clock p.m., to ratify certain acts of the Board of Directors.

By order of the Board.

J. H. JAQUES, Acting Secretary.

New Westminster, December 26th, 1889.

SOCIETIES.

Canadian Order of Oddfellows, M. U. meets on Thursday, December 26th, 1889, and every two weeks thereafter.

Photographs by Night.

Mr. A. Maurizio is now prepared to take photographs at night by a new system of artificial lighting. This will prove a great convenience to those who cannot come in the day time. During the holidays the gallery will be open in the evenings from 6 to 10. Satisfaction guaranteed. Studio in the Westminster building, Columbia street, New Westminster.

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HERBERT G. ROSS.

Assessment Act, 1888

DISTRICT OF NEW WESTMINSTER.

The court of revision and appeal will hold its first sittings for the year at the court house, in the city of New Westminster, on Saturday the 5th day of December, 1889, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and at the city hall, in the city of Vancouver, on Monday the 9th day of December, 1889, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

BY THE COURT.

Dated the 11th day of December 1889.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the legislature assembly of the province of British Columbia at its next session for an act to incorporate a company to construct, operate and maintain a system of electric lighting and motor power within the city of New Westminster, and to acquire lands and do all things necessary for the purposes aforesaid.

THOMAS R. McINNES,
A. M. ROBBINS,
for selves and others.

Dated this 8th day of December, 1889.

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New Westminster, Oct. 30. JOHN BURNS.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made at the next session of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia for an act to incorporate a company to be called "The British Columbia Mills, Timber and Trading Company," for the purpose of acquiring the shares in the capital, and the business, property and privileges, and also of assuming the liabilities of the Royal City Planing Mills Company, Limited, and the Hastings Saw Mill Company, Limited, respectively, and to provide for the said Companies being wound up and dissolved, and

To operate and carry on the business of the aforesaid Companies;

To acquire by purchase or otherwise, hold and operate saw and shingle mills, lath factories and machine shops of any description, timber limits and other lands of any description, railways, tramways, roads and ferries, and to dispose of the same, or any interest therein, by sale or otherwise;

To acquire by purchase or otherwise and manage steamboats, barges, scows, and other craft, and to dispose of the same or any interest therein, by sale or otherwise;

To acquire by purchase or otherwise, lease or barter and hold water privileges, and to dispose of the same or any interest therein, by sale or otherwise;

To acquire, by purchase or otherwise, and hold lands, and dispose of the same, or any interest therein, by sale or otherwise;

To acquire, by purchase or otherwise, gold, silver and other ores and minerals, logs, timber, lumber and merchandise of any description, bills of lading, bills of exchange, promissory notes, and securities for money, and to dispose of the same;

To carry on and carry on the business of mill owners, lumbermen or other mills, timber and lumber merchants, manufacturers, shipbuilders, and carriers, and to conduct and carry on a shipping, towing and general trading business;

To undertake agencies and conduct financial business of any kind other than that of banking or insurance;

To perform all such acts, matters and things as the Company may deem incidental or otherwise conducive to the attainment of any of the above objects, or to the conversion or disposition of any security or property held by the Company.

DRAKE, JACKSON & HELMCKEN,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

Dated 4th December, 1889, Victoria, B. C.

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THOMAS EARLE.

CITY DEBENTURES.

Tenders will be received up to 5 p. m. on Monday, January 27th, 1890, for debentures of the city of New Westminster, B. C., amounting to $20,000. Debentures are for $100 each, payable in fifty years, in this city, and bear 5 per cent. per annum interest, payable on the 1st day of January and July (the interest payable for July, 1890, being for five months only). Form, date of issue of debentures, coupons will be ready for delivery February 1st, 1890. Tenders to state number of debentures that will be taken and amount of premium that will be paid, and to be endorsed "Tender for Debentures," and addressed to the undersigned. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

H. BOWRON, city clerk.

New Westminster, B. C., December 19th, 1889.

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NOTICE.

A meeting of the creditors of Flora Miller will be held at the Queen's hotel in this city on Thursday, December 26th, 1889, at 4 p. m.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an act to incorporate the Westminster Club, whose objects of association are those usual in clubs of the Province.

GEORGE E. CORBOULD,
Solicitor for applicants.

Dated December 18th, 1889.

TELLING A GHOST STORY.

How it is Effectively Illustrated in Great Britain.

Quite a great number of people have an idea that it requires little or no ability to tell an effective ghost story. They soon discover, however, on trial that reading a ghost story and constructing an entertaining one "right off the reel" for the benefit of friends are altogether two different things. It is a gift with which few are endowed, for, like a good play, a ghost story must have telling situations and an effective climax. While the published article would raise the very hair on your head and send an icicle feeling creeping down your back, the extemporizer of commodity would very often elicit nothing further than a passing "thank you."

Now, as Christmas of 1889 is upon us, and as the Old World custom of entertaining the younger members of the family circle with ghost stories appears to be gaining ground in this portion of the new hemisphere, a few pointers on the subject might be helpful to those who are anxious to entertain the little folks in this manner.

In the rural districts of Great Britain, on the eve of the festival of Christ's nativity, it is customary for all the members—if within a hundred miles of the old home—of families to come together and celebrate the auspicious occasion by making merry after the manner of their forefathers.

After getting through with the Christmas tree, hunting the slipper, blindman's buff, charades, kiss-in-the-ring, forfeit, etc., it is, of course necessary to wind up by dancing the romping "Sir Roger de Coverly." By this time it would be half past 11 o'clock at night. Next comes the grand finale to the evening's entertainment, which is given by the family—from the aged grandfather to the youngest grandchild—adjourning to the large dining room, with its glowing draperies and great open fire place, whereto smoulders and splutters the remains of the big yule-log. The children immediately make themselves comfortable by squatting on the warm hearth-rug, while the older members occupy the chairs reserved for them. The aged father of the happy circle fills "the throne of honor"—the old arm chair—which is generally on the left side of the fire-place. Standing beside the venerable gentleman, with a hand resting lightly and lovingly on his father's shoulder, is the eldest and favorite son, ready to protect all. In the center of the circle, close to the eldest married daughter, sits the gray-haired mother, usually with some pet grand-child on her lap, and whose little curly head she lovingly nestles to her old warm bosom.

The above is how the family prepare to listen to the thrilling ghost-story by the "head" of the household.

Next, before the lights are extinguished—for no story of the supernatural description is appreciated or effective with the lamp burning—the patriarchal gentleman glances around to see if all his flock are present. One is missing, and that one being the "jokist" of the family, the father slightly knits his brow. He feels sure some mischief is on the board, but as the youth returns just as inquiries are about being made no further notice is taken. The lights are now put out, and, with red bandana across his knee, and snuff box handy, the old gentleman proceeds to tell the much covered ghost story, which all of the elder members of his family have heard repeated over since they could remember.

The "jokist"—and it is more than an ordinary family that has not one—to giveness realistic effect to his father's ancient narrative, has unfastened the big barn door, which creaks and slap-bangs with the wind. As the tale progresses and the old "governor" warms up to his task and proceeds to minutely illustrate the awfully blood-curdling details by raising and lowering his voice, the "jokist" quietly opens one of the windows a little, allowing a cold breeze to sweep over the scared and cowering children. With eyes bulging out of their heads and mouths wide open, the little ones now cling tightly to their mothers' hands and dresses. The effect of the icy draught has been magical. But they shiver and crowd closer to their parents as they hear an unearthly pitter-pat coming from the garret overhead. This nearly supernatural noise, mingling with the solemn creak-creak of the barn door and ghostly sound of the story-teller's voice, causes the little circle to become thoroughly frightened. The ghost and its accompanying noises seems to be a fact. Walnut shells on a cat's feet and every boy knows this trick—is the cause of the pitter-pat from the floor above.

Just as the father reaches the climax of his story the "jokist" gives a hidden rope a sudden pull. Hang-bang goes the barn-door, the alarm bell in the hall clock goes off with a terrific noise, and crash go off several tin pans among a number of empty bottles placed for the occasion; flap-flap go the blinds as they are blown about by the howling wind, which chills nearly everyone to the heart; spatter-spatter plays with the old lady out, as horribly scared from a second sleep it springs among the already terrified children, who cling shrieking and crying around their parents necks.

The "jokist's" practical joke has made his father's story very realistic indeed. Even the women folk are frightened, but as they recover they join in the hunt for the "jokist." He, aware of the penalty likely to be meted out for his mischief, dousings before lights are procured, and if he is wise will make a bed among the straw in the hay-loft for the night.

The above, of course, is but one of many ways of illustrating a ghost story; it is, however, a never-failing one. To "jokists" who live in cities the difficulty of making a ghostly narrative effective by the slamming of a barn door can be overcome by fixing the lock of the kitchen or cellar door and fastening a rope to it. The rest is comparatively easy. Then, instead of having to make a shake down in a barn, the "jokist" could put up at an hotel until the "governor's" ire had somewhat subsided.

If the "jokist" will follow the above examples he may rest assured he will not be troubled with an invitation to dinner by either his married sisters or brothers for many a long day. S. O. F.

The Fates of a Boy.

At the last gathering of the Young Naturalists Society of this city, Charles Piper, the botanist, told John B. Denny, the anthropologist, that in hunting for grass and such stuff, he had run against a good specimen in his department.

"What was it?" was eagerly inquired.

"Oh, it was not a skeleton nor any prehistoric footprints on the sands of antediluvian time. It was simply a story—a story of an Indian pilot."

"Let's have your story," chimed in the long man, the ethnologist and the pomologist, as they all suspended operations.

"Once upon a time" Piper's stories always begin that way "there was a ship master sailing his private vessel into the streets of San Juan de Fuca, when he became rather bewildered by a little mist appearing. In the distance he espied a canoe approaching. He hailed the lone skiffish:

"Hey there, Indian! Are you a pilot? Can you take me into port?"

"Nawtiks, captain, and Mr. Indian climbed on into the ship. He had seen ship pilots pace back and forth on the decks of vessels, so now he threw his shoulders back and strutted around as proud as Lucifer.

"Do you know all the rocks, John?" asked the anxious skipper.

"Nawtiks, captain," and John strutted around some more.

"Just then the ship went bff against a big sunken rock. The Indian pilot jumped excitedly towards the bow and pointing knowingly down into the seething foam, he shouted:

"Hey, captain; lyas lock cittlie, captain."

But the anthropologist made no record, and the story if it had not been repeated to an outsider by the man who stuffs the white owls and the pretty sea pigeons and other things of that kind would have been lost.

"Hello, there. What are you going to do with all those cancelled stamps?" was asked an insurance agent as the questioner tumbled out a goldsfull on his desk.

"Oh, I'm saving them for a friend of mine. She is probably some relation to the autograph enthusiast. She says she is going to collect all the cancelled stamps she can until she gets a million of them, and then she will get $500. Some of us have figured up how long it will take her to earn that $500. Allow that she finds about thirty stamps every day, last Sunday, in one year she will collect about ten thousand stamps in round numbers, and at that rate she will collect the one million in just one hundred years, and then by generous persons she may be aided and abetted until her daily collections should amount to the large amount of three hundred stamps per day. She would then be just ten years in earning the $500.

"I tell you, I bless the man who invented that scheme. We are to have regular and smiling visits from that little lady every day for the next ten or one hundred years. I wish one or two more nice young ladies would start on the same race for wealth. Our office would then be continually lighted up by the sunshine of happy, girlish faces."

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Lots in lot 9	600
Lot 82x132 in lot 10	800
Lots in lot 11	500
Lots in lot 20	350
Lots in lot 23	350
Lots in lot 24	375
Lots in lot 25	375
Lots in lot 26	400
Lots in lot 27	400
Lots in lot 28	400
Lots in lot 30	350
Lots in lot 31	375
Lots in St. Patrick's square	375

SUBURBAN BLOCK NINE.

Lots in lot 4	$ 150
1¼ acres in lot 5	650
Lots in lot 6	125
Lots in lot 7	125
Lots in lot 8	125
Lots in lot 9	150
1¼ acres in lot 11	1,500
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Lot containing 1 acre	625
Lots in lot 14	350

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Lots in lot 2	$ 225
Lots in lot 3	250
Lots in lot 4	250
Lots in lot 8	225
Lots in lot 9	225
Lots in lot 12	300
Lots in lot 13	250
Lots in lot 14	250
Lots in lot 15	250

SUBURBAN BLOCK ELEVEN.

Lots in lot 4	$ 200
Lots in lot 5	200

SUBURBAN BLOCK TWELVE.

Lots in lot 8	$ 60
Lots in lot 11	60

SUBURBAN BLOCK THIRTEEN.

Lots in lot 8	$ 150
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Recollections of the Indian mutiny and rebellion of 1857 and the years that followed? Yes, I certainly remember those days. So you would like to hear me tell you something about those stirring times? Well, I will try and entertain you. The fort and city of Allahabad (the "City of God") in India, situated at the forks of the sacred rivers Ganges and Jumna, had just been recaptured from the mutineers, after a hot struggle lasting some five or six hours through the streets of the city and its suburbs, and the blowing open of one of the gates of the fort, which we found nearly deserted, with the exception of some sixteen or seventeen Mussulmans (fanatics) occupying one of the casemates, the openings of which were barricaded, but having loop-holes, through which they kept up a constant and deadly fire, to the destruction of twenty of our men, before it was known from whom or whence the deadly shots came. To have attempted to dislodge these fanatics by open assault with small arms would have caused the death of dozens of men.

It was known that from some one of the casemates of the fort communication could be had with the underground provision stores, the powder, shell, and round shot magazines. Who could tell—the fort Lascars, native artillerymen and arsenal workers, having deserted to the enemy and all the European Superintendents being murdered—but that this was the very one? Consequently an unhappy feeling of a dreadful death by being blown up without a chance of a fight for life pervaded the breasts of every officer and man of the force.

When night fell a trench was dug, three feet wide and three feet deep, with a platform in the center, lower and wider than other parts of the trench ensemble, and a parapet on which to place a 9-pounder gun was erected. At midnight the gun and thirty men of a storming party were in position, two hundred and fifty feet from and opposite the barricaded front of the casemate occupied by the mutineers. All this time the enemy did not neglect to take care and fatal shots at anything appearing over the parapet, three of our men being fatally shot through the head while they stood erect after working in the trench to wipe the trickling perspiration from their foreheads and faces.

Although it was midnight, the tropical heat was oppressive and almost intolerable. The silence was ominous and awful; nothing was heard but the faint sounds of the rushing and bubbling waters of the two sacred rivers at their confluence outside the eastern ramparts of the fort.

THE BEAUTIFUL MOON,

Shed its refulgent light upon all surrounding nature as well as upon the material work of man, in the way of forts, frowning buildings with their ironbound spaces, the heavy, strong ramparts and parapets, the frowning, heavy guns with their piles of shot and shell beside them, the huge iron-bolted black and forbidding looking gates, all marked with singular distinctness in brilliant light and dark shading. Our dreadful object, situated in the north-east angle of the fort, and which was brought into sad and terrible distinctness by the lovely and peaceful moonlight, was a gibbet, or gallows, with its black uprights and cross-tie beam, with the ghastly black rope rove through a ring-bolt in the center of the cross-bar, noosed and ready for its dreadful work on the morrow. The noose hung two or three feet below the ring-bolt and swayed to and fro, moved by a current of air coming in from over the waters, through an embrasure over the quarters occupied by the six Sutlej and Punjaub prisoners, with servants, confined therein since the campaigns of 1846-7-8, and who were tried and convicted and were to be hanged at daylight the next morning on that dreadful instrument, made so cruelly and sickeningly prominent by the brilliant light of the moon.

Of the prisoners, their crime—manufactured against them—and fate I will tell at some other time.

It was midnight; the gharry (a large, circular, flat gong, cast of a composition of brass, copper, and a small portion of the precious metals, emitting, when struck with a wooden mallet, a loud, distinct sonorous sound), had just been struck the first blow of 12 o'clock when the officer commanding the gun in the trench gave the word of command to "fire."

Almost simultaneously with the report of the gun there was a dreadful and sickening shock, a trembling of the earth beneath and around us, a flash of flame that shot out the moon for a time, a fearful roaring sound, as if a thousand heavy guns were fired off, at the same time there was a hurtling noise as of large, jagged, objects flying through the moonlight air; the stones and gravel, thrown up as a parapet when digging the trench, were boldly thrown back on the gun and storming party, and all was still and darkness to me. I became unconscious, but just before becoming so I felt an unbearable and crushing pressure all over my whole frame, but more especially on my chest. It must have been some half an hour afterward when I came to my senses that I felt a craving desire to breathe, but could not do so freely. I thought to open my eyes, but could not. I tried to raise my right hand and arm, but they were held as if in a vise. I realized my position in a moment, such is the acuteness of the human mind in moments of extreme peril. The ringing sense of the battle and storming of the strong buildings in the city, and

THE TERRIBLE SLAUGHTER

Of the day before, the blowing in of the fort gates, the barricaded casemates, with the brave made among our people by the men therein, the trench, the firing of the gun, the dreadful shock, the brilliant and blinding flash, the terrible explosion, all rushed with lightning rapidity through my mind, but more vivid than any was the ghastly gibbet, with its gently swaying black rope and noose. It seemed to stand still as a terrifying memento to me amidst the rapid flying scenes passing through my mind. At the time of the explosion the cross-bar spent part of its force against the parapet of the trench near the gun, where I stood, throw me to the earth, covering me with sand, gravel, and stones and left the trail of the gun resting on the debris that covered my breast.

Well for me that it was so, for most men that were exposed to the full force of the shock were instantly killed. In my desperate position I made a supreme effort, turned on my side, the blessed air of God rushed into my lungs through the loosened fabric, it gave me strength, and, oh! what a heavenly relief. Another strong effort and I was free. I struggled to my feet and looked around. All was dark—the moon being heavily clouded and hidden from view at the time, as if horrified or ashamed of the bloody scenes that had been enacted under her gaze.

When I gained the full power of my sight I observed glimmering lights moving about and up and down, just in front of me. I clambered out of the trench and staggered forward toward the lights and beheld a cruel and terrible scene. The place was that lately occupied by the casemates, now shattered to atoms, with the parapet over and contiguous to it, with two 24-pounder guns and their piles of shot and shell lying about in utter confusion. The sixteen or eighteen fanatics lately occupying the place, where were they? Their remains were scattered around, under and mixed up with the debris, burnt, black, bloody, hideous and sickening to look upon. The arms of some, heads, chests and legs of others, were subsequently quietly gathered and decently buried out of sight. The lights that I had seen mistaken for lighted lanterns carried through the ruins by the remaining men of the storming party, the general and other officers attending, while the small body of the force stood to their arms, three hundred yards outside the ditch of the fort, so as to prevent all from being killed in case of a general blow-up of the fort.

Apparently, the unfortunate but desperate men of the casemates had, during the course of the day, struck off the slight silver shackles worn by the Princes, ordered a indigenous native boat to be on the river under their quarters—the Princes quarters—at dusk, into which they were to be lowered and make the best of their way to Cawnpore, then in the hands of Nana Sahib. The rapid advance of the right wing of our forces toward the fort disconcerted their plans in this direction; the desperadoes then carried two kegs of powder from the arsenal, close by, deposited them in the casemate, and after doing as much harm as possible in the ways of killing, cutting the trench dog and the gun in position, they were desperate enough to blow up the casemates—and, of course, themselves—at the first shot from the 9 pounder; hence the result shown.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

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The Victims and Their Losses—How the Steam Fire Engine was Checked—Something for the Council to Think of—Heroic Efforts of the Firemen—The Insurance Companies Affected.

One of the most disastrous fires New Westminster has experienced occurred between 6 and 7 o'clock yesterday morning. A lad named Johnny Wise was one of the first to notice the blaze, which came from the basement of the Columbian office. The plucky little fellow did not wait to finish dressing, but rushed out without hat, coat or boots and gave the alarm. Captain Cavin, of the steamer Rainbow, and the mate of the steamer Irving noticed the blaze about the same time, and they too gave an alarm. Some persons rushed up to the fire hall and commenced ringing the bell, and this was the first intimation that foreman Kelly or driver Watson had that their services were so urgently required. Watson was out of bed in an instant, and it was a race between him and the engineer for the engine house. The horses were hooked in and the steamer started for the slip. In the meantime willing hands drew the hand engine down Columbia Street, and an attempt was made to remove the cover of the tank opposite Ellard's store, but it was frozen so tight that it had to be chopped off. Then the suction pipe was thrown in, and for an hour a good stream of water was poured on the burning buildings.

The clanging of the fire bell, as it sounded its alarm, roused the citizens from their comfortable beds to enquire as to the cause of the alarm. A ruddy glow lit up Columbia street from one end to the other, while full volumes of flames shot upwards into the darkness, illuminating the river and the dark fringe of forest trees beyond. Crowds rushed to the scene of the conflagration and there was no lack of willing workers ready to fight the fire fiend. But the fire must have been burning some considerable time before it was discovered. When the firemen came on the scene the flames were already lapping half way over to Blackett's Hotel and threatening every moment to envelop it in their embrace.

Chief Ackerman was early on the scene and at once took in the serious nature of the position. All the buildings on the corner of Mary and Columbia streets were of wood and the fire was right in the center of them. It was therefore useless to try to save the Columbian office or Lyal's store, and his efforts were directed towards preventing the spread of the flames. He rushed up to Thompson's photographic studio, broke open the door and, passing through the operating room, made his way across the roofs to the Bank of Montreal, where he could look down on the burning buildings. From this point of vantage he issued his orders. Ladders were quickly placed against the neighboring buildings and a length of hose carried up. A stream of water was then thrown along the brick wall and over on Cunningham's tin shop with the view of preventing, if possible, the spread of the flames in that direction.

The steamer reached the slip at the foot of Mary street without accident and had steam up as soon as she got there. But here an accident occurred which caused a delay of forty minutes and rendered this valuable adjunct of the fire brigade practically useless. On reaching the slip the only persons present were the engineer, the driver, and a couple of citizens. The driver, after unhooking his horses, took them away, and the engineer had to look after the steamer. He unhooked the suction pipe and, while he was oiling the engine, the two strangers placed the pipe in the water. The engineer glanced over to see that it was all right and thinking it was, started the pumps. But the tide was out and the water very low. The suction pipe lay on the mud at the bottom, and the result was that the pump was choked. Then the engine had to be stopped, the pipe adjusted, and then valuable time was lost before it was again ready for work. The suction pipe was carried out to the stern of the steamer Rainbow where it was made fast with a line. Three quarters of an hour was thus lost. At last the engine was again in full play, and nothing further occurred to raise delay. But in the meantime the flames had spread with alarming rapidity. Lyal & Co.'s store was directly over the press room of the Columbian and into it the flames now found their way licking up the inflammable stock like so much tinder. This place was literally crammed with goods, the firm having laid in a few days before the whole of their Christmas and New Year's stock. The heat blew the front windows out, and sheets of flame sprang right across the sidewalk, and seized the verandah posts. From his point of vantage Chief Ackerman directed the movements of the firemen below, and nobly did they respond to his commands. There was no place too dangerous or too hot for them. They worked like Trojans, and to their heroic efforts is due the fact that the flames were confined to the block of wooden buildings in which fire first originated. A few minutes sufficed to get Lyal's place of all that was in it. Then the blaze worked its way through the partition and under the rafters to Wolfenden's store, and soon the whole of the street flat was one fiery furnace. Gradually the flames worked down into the basement, but not before the crowd had succeeded in saving a couple of hundred dollars worth of groceries that were stored there. But they were soon driven out with the smoke, and for a time stood helplessly by watching the flames as they spread in every direction. The Bank of Montreal was the next place to be attacked, and although the books and everything in the place was saved, the whole building was deluged with water and blackened with smoke. Ogle, Campbell & Co.'s dry goods store was next threatened and the willing crowd soon cleared everything out of it, in a laudable effort to save the stock. White shirts were trampled in the mud and slush, and boxes of expensive underwear shared a like fate. The whole stock was thrown together in a heap in a room over Alderman Curtis' drug store on Columbia Street. The building was damaged to a considerable extent by water and smoke, but the fire did not get into it. For an hour the hand-pump did good service. As men dropped off from the handles others stood ready to take their places, and from the time the engine started till the task was pumped out it never stopped. Then the engine was taken to another tank further down the street. But there is this difference between muscle and steam that whereas the former may tire out the latter never does, provided the fire and water hold out. And this was the case yesterday morning. Gradually the force in the hand-engine grew less, and the stream did not come with the force of the first half hour or so. Chief Ackerman was the first to notice it and rallied to the pumpers to put more muscle into their work. They answered with a spurt which soon slackened down again, and again there came an appeal from the chief, which was answered with another but shorter spurt. But in the meantime the steamer had got to work and was thrown into a couple of splendid streams right into the blaze. The steamer Irving, too, took a hand in the work. She dropped down opposite the burning building and got her fire-engine to work. She had only one length of hose, but it did good work in preventing the fire reaching the houses on Front Street directly in rear of the burning buildings. It was early seen that nothing could save the block on Front Street and the firemen therefore turned their attention to the adjoining buildings, to save them if possible. And they succeeded. It was 1 o'clock, however, before the steamer ceased playing on the burning mass and turned its hose into the tanks to fill them. About 3 o'clock it was again turned on the ruins, and for an hour it played away on them.

Twice during the evening the fire broke out in the ruins, and the brigade was summoned. At 9 p.m. the fire bell rang again and the citizens thought another fire was in progress. On this occasion the hand engine was taken out and worked for nearly an hour before it was deemed safe to leave the ruins.

During the afternoon a reporter of TRUTH visited what a few hours before had been, a thriving business center. Blackened beams and boards lay in every direction. In one corner of what had been Wolfenden's cellar was a large pile of flour in sacks, apparently little the worse of the fiery ordeal through which it had passed. In the basement of the Columbian office was a pile of paper covered with boards which had fallen from the floor above. Strange to say a great deal of it was practically uninjured. On the site of what had been Cunningham's tin shop were stoves, metal sinks, stove pipes, pails, and a dozen other articles of metal, all blackened by the flames and mixed up with sand, dirt and ashes. The boiler of the Columbian stood bold upright in the wreck, but little the worse of the scorching. The engine, however, was covered with debris, and will never be of one cent as scrap iron. The same may be said of the steam press, which is totally destroyed, as well as the job presses and paper cutter.

Chief Ackerman was seen by a reporter last night, who asked him what he had to say about the fire. "In the first place," said the chief, "there was no truth in the statement that one of the water tanks was empty. The best proof of the correctness of what I say is that the hand engine pumped from it steadily for more than an hour. Of course, you couldn't expect a tank to last all day, besides, a volunteer company like our own cannot be expected to turn out every day to fill the tanks. So far as the men are concerned I have nothing to say but praise for them. They worked nobly, no man shirked his duty, although at times it was dangerous in the extreme. For the first hour or so the hand engine worked well, but after that the muscle seemed to give out and it was hard to get a steady stream. Once the steamer got to work we had no further trouble from that quarter. The mistake was in having to take that slip when the water was so low. I could name several of the men who displayed the greatest courage, but it would be unfair to the others. The reason they acted so courageously was simply because they happened to be in a position to do so at the time. I am quite satisfied that any of the others would have done the same, but they were otherwise engaged.

Engineer Kelly was next seen. He said:

"We always have had the same trouble every time we have worked on that slip at the foot of Mary Street during the past two years. It is nearly two years since I pointed it out to the Council and told them what we had to contend against. At low water, as was the case at this fire, there is scarcely enough to cover the suction-pipe. Of course, you can get enough by going out to the end of the slip, but then there is a lift of about nineteen feet. Then again, when the train came by we had to disconnect to let it pass. This caused some delay, but fortunately the fire was under control at the time. Now, if we had had the proposed engine house on Front Street we would not have had to move out of it, but could have worked right from there. You can readily see what a saving of time that would have made. Another matter I thought to the situation of the aldermen was a means of carrying the hose under the railroad track by placing a box under the rails. Trains could then pass without interfering in any way with the work of the steamer, and in a serious fire every minute counts. If we had been in the new fire hall they talked of building on Front Street I believe Wolfenden and Cunningham would have been saved."

Following is a list of the gross losses as estimated by the victims themselves. W. & G. Wolfenden $15,000; Daily British Columbian, $15,000; D. Lyal & Co., $15,000; J. Cunningham, $5000; Ogle, Campbell & Co., $5000; Blackett's saloon, McKenzie's building and the Bank of Montreal were also slightly damaged.

The insurance was: On the Columbian $4000 in the North British and Mercantile, D. Lyal & Co. $3000 in the North British and Mercantile, and $3000 in the London & Lancashire, W. & G. Wolfenden $3000 in the Guardian, and $3000 in the Imperial, Ogle, Campbell & Co. $3000 in the London & Lancashire, and $2000 in the Phœnix, Cunningham $3000 in the Imperial. The London & Lancashire had $900 on the building and stock of N. C. McKenzie & Co., and $4000 on the building occupied by Ogle, Campbell & Co. and the Bank of Montreal. These buildings belong to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. The buildings occupied by D. Lyal & Co., the Columbian, and W. & G. Wolfenden, belonged to Mr. Major of the firm of Major & Pearson. Mr. Cunningham owned the building he occupied. The total loss cannot amount to much less than $70,000.

It will be interesting to hear what will be said about the fire at past Monday night's meeting of the Council. The discussion which took place there is still rife in the minds of the citizens. Alderman Jaynes did his best to have the new fire hall erected without delay. He pounced out the necessity for it, and said "I tell you what it is, gentlemen, you'll have a big fire some of these nights, and then you'll wish to goodness you'd have taken my advice, no matter if you haven't the money just on hand to go on with the work." Alderman Ireland seconded the remarks of Mr. Jaynes but they were laughed at by some. One alderman remarked that Alderman Jaynes always wanted to present the firemen with some new toy to play with. If they had had the toy Alderman Jaynes worked so hard for it is more than probable that Wolfenden and Cunningham would have been in their respective places of business this morning, instead of having nothing but smoking ruins to mark where their shops once stood. Alderman Jaynes can very well ask next Monday night "what do you think of it now?" Every word he uttered, a few weeks ago regarding the fire brigade and the engine house has proved only too true, and the aldermen who shirked the responsibility of going on with the work will now have some trouble in satisfactorily explaining their position.

WHO WERE THE INSURED.

The contents of the safes in the burnt buildings were found uncrumpled.

Ogle, Campbell & Co. expect to be back in their old building within a couple of weeks.

T. J. Tapp had his head severely cut by a piece of broken glass which cut through his hat.

The only copy in existence of the Vancouver charter was destroyed in the Columbian office, where it was being printed.

Kennedy Brothers have gone to Nanaimo to purchase the outfit of the defunct Courier with which to make a fresh start.

Mr. Webb the well known gunsmith was early on hand, and with Dutch Bill rendered valuable assistance at the pump handles.

Dr. Smith worked at the hand engine for a time, and then changed off to assist in rolling sugar barrels out of Wolfenden's cellar.

Alderman Jaynes knew nothing of the fire until he came down town, and the first words he uttered were "What did I tell you?"

James Stephenson, a night watchman, says he passed the building a few minutes before the alarm was given, and saw no signs of fire.

The rear portion of some buildings on Front Street caught fire several times, but the blaze was promptly extinguished before it made any headway.

A young man named Bradley had his face severely cut by the smashing in of a window. Dr. Hall put in less than thirteen stitches in the wound.

Mr. Robertson, a clerk in Ogle, Campbell & Co.'s store, was struck on the shoulder and severely injured by a trunk which came one three down stairs.

W. N. Draper, wharfinger at Mathers & Milligan's wharf, was among those who first discovered the fire. He started to give the alarm when the fire bell rang.

James M. Kennedy, of the Columbian, visited the office at 10 o'clock Thursday night and found everything all right. When he left the place an hour later all the fires were out.

The Bank of Montreal lost no time in getting to work after the fire. The engines were still playing on the burning ruins when they opened a new office in the Colonist Hotel block.

During the progress of the fire Mr. Bell, of the Bank of Montreal, made no less than four attempts to open the vault, but every time the crowd pressed him so that he could not succeed. The first time someone fell against him and knocked him down. The second time his hat was crushed down over his eyes, and the third someone undertook to pull him out of the building. Just as he was about to make a fourth attempt a man at the door shouted, "Don't open it, there's powder in there." The crowd suddenly remembered a pressing engagement they had on Columbia Street, and rushed out pell-mell. The man who was holding the light for Mr. Bell remembered that he could be of more use outside than in, and followed the crowd, but considerately dropped the candle on the floor, as it did not belong to him. Once on the street the crowd waited breathlessly for that powder to make itself heard, but after a time it dawned on them that they had been hoaxed. It had the desired effect, however, for Mr. Bell was left to open the vault at his leisure.

William Corbett was another of yesterday's heroes. He climbed upon the burning front of one of the buildings, and axe in hand proceeded to cut a hole through the roof to give the hose a chance to play on the fire beneath. Twice he was driven away by flame and smoke, but he stuck to his pull till his work was accomplished. A few minutes later the roof fell in.

William Murray, who was passing along Columbia Street at 6.30 yesterday morning, says he noticed smoke and flame in Cunningham's tin shop. He believes the fire originated there and not in the office of the Columbian. On the other hand the firemen are all of the opinion that the fire started in the printing office.

Sam Woods worked like a hero all day long and risked his life more than once in the battle with the flames. This was "keeping coals of fire" on the heads of his enemies with a vengeance for two of those whose places were destroyed, were amongst those on the Board of License Commissioners who voted against his license.

Lieutenant Mowat left his Highland costume in Lyal & Co.'s store a few days ago, and now he wishes he had taken it home with him. F. R. Glover, also, lost his uniform, and Mrs Drummond a valise full of valuables, together with a number of other articles.

A peculiar accident occurred during the fire. One length of hose which had successfully withstood a pressure of one hundred and sixty five pounds on being shut off, and then turned on burst at a pressure of one hundred and twenty pounds.

Dutch Bill was early on hand and gave orders to William Venier which were promptly obeyed. He finally conducted in favor of Chief Ackerman, and carried out his instructions in a way to reflect the greatest credit on "dier vaterland."

Alderman Curtis did good work in carrying Ogle, Campbell & Co.'s stock out. He placed one of the rooms over his drug store at their disposal in which the stock was stored temporarily.

Mayor Townsend telegraphed Vancouver for assistance, but a few minutes later it was found that the fire was under control, and the telegram was countermanded.

AN IMMENSE BIRD.

One of the largest turkeys on record in these parts was partaken of in the city on Christmas Day. It was brought here by Mr. Thomas Ladner, the well-known cattleman, from the States. When the delegation, of which that gentleman was an important member, had finished its business in Eastern Canada Mr. Ladner made a trip over to Wisconsin, there to pay a flying visit and wish the compliments of the season to his sister, Mrs. Hugh Phillips, of Mineral Point. During his sojourn there he saw one of the largest turkeys he had ever beheld. He admired the bird so much that his sister promised that, if he would delay his departure but one day, he should have the bird dressed to bring back with him to his home on the lordly Fraser. Mr. Ladner was quite agreeable to present his friends here with such a fine Christmas gift, and when he started on his journey a day later he brought the turkey, already dressed, with him. What at head he wored Mr. W. J. Armstrong, with whom he proposed to dine, to delay the feast, as he would bring with him a novelty for that meal. There was great expectancy when the box arrived, and, when the lid was removed, the astonished party saw an immense turkey already dressed for the table, weighing no less than twenty-four pounds. Twenty-two relatives sat around the festive board and there remained twenty-four more who could not be present, a family circle of no ordinary dimensions. The turkey was by no means overgrown, it being very tender and delectable.

SMALL CHUNKS OF NEWS.

Messrs. D. Lyal & Co., the stationers, are roofless. Although completely burned out yesterday morning, they will carry on business as usual in Lathem's old store next the City Hotel on Columbia Street.

"Old stock"—"invoices days from London." Xmas cards from ten cents a dozen and upwards. A very large assortment of booklets and "Sand pictures." Will be sold cheap for cash.—Ziel S. Hall.

Never too late to learn. Those who want to protect their property from a blaze similar to yesterday morning's should read Herbert G. Ross's advertisement on the second page.

Several houses to let. Herring, druggist.

Lost—On the 25th instant a black collie puppy, about six months old, with tan marks on nose, chest, and legs; any one returning the same to this office will be suitably rewarded.

For best Wellington coal, and to and hardwood, see J. M. Wise. Orders left at Mathers & Milligan's will receive prompt attention. Telephone No. 36.

Red tea and pickled pigs feet at The Club.

This morning during the fire William McMurphy had his overcoat in front of Ellard & Co.'s store while he helped to work the hand engine. On returning for it, it was gone. The party who appropriated it will be duly thanked if it is returned to this office. The coat was a dark Chinchilla one.

For sale—Hide saloon, Columbia street, New Westminster.

Coasting was in full swing on Mary street last night and pedestrians had seen at close shaves from being run over. There are plenty of less frequented hills in other parts of the city where there would be less chance of coasting accidents.

A good white towel given away with every $1 purchase at Grant & Maclure's shoe store.

The magistrate had a clear calendar at yesterday morning's police court.

People from up the river report considerable ice in the neighborhood of the Musqui.

The first freight train out yesterday took two carloads of lumber for the Canadian Pacific Railway.

HAUL THE DECKS.

The Princess Louise arrived from Victoria last night with the following passengers: Constable Irving with a lunatic, Captain Hewlett, Honorable T. G. Verrin, Lieutenant Warrender, Lieutenant Kingford, Charles Verrin, W. Grimmer, Davidson, J. Blair, Duffey, J. Woodward, H. Dunnan, F. Wright, J. H. Webb. She had the following freight: Canadian Pacific Railway 20 cars, Grant & McLure 3 packages, T. E. Kitchen 1, A. McDonald 2, A. Dufferey 2, Bell Irving & Patterson 1, C. E. Heard 1, C. McDonough 5, G. Mayanne 1, G. Raymond 3, H. V. Edmonds 1, J. B. Kelly 1, J. Rammers 13, Kwong On Wong & Co. 202, N. McColl 10, M. Hayes 2, M. Ross 3, N. C. McKeon & Son 10, R. Dickinson 28, R. J. Armstrong 22, S. Marshan 33, Sam Hop 40, and Ying Tai 23.

The steamer Irving went up to her winter quarters at Coquitlam yesterday.

The Delaware went up the river yesterday morning with passengers and freight.

THE NORTH ARM ACCIDENT.

Dr. McGuigan held an inquest on Thursday to enquire into the death of Jonas Lawson killed by a falling tree on the North Arm road on Christmas. The only witnesses examined were W. M. Mudgeley and James Saint. After hearing their evidence the jury returned the following verdict:

"That James Lawson was killed by a burning tree falling on him; that the tree was set on fire by James Saint for the purpose of burning it down to clear his land and for the safety of his house; that the death was caused by accident; but the jury are strongly of opinion that burning down trees within reach of the highways should be strictly prohibited.

The evidence has been sent to the Attorney General to see whether or not legal action will be taken. The funeral of the victim took place yesterday afternoon, several friends from this city attending.

HOLIDAY SUITS

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