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TELEGRAPHIC.

ANOTHER BOXER UPRISING.

Sensational Diamond Robbery in Vancouver.

ALGECIRAS CONFERENCE FIGHTS SHY OF MAIN FEATURE.

Washington Authorities Anticipate Trouble in China--W. J. Bryan Resigned--To Recover Contributions--Vesuvius is Again in Eruption --Domingo Revolts--Rojestvensky Not a Thief.

[SPECIAL TO THE CLAIM.]

Chicago, Feb. 14.—Wong Fong, one of the most prominent Chinamen in America, and who was formerly secretary to six different commercial companies in San Francisco, has just issued a warning to all his American friends to leave China before February 24th. Fong says that the present impending general outbreak of the Boxers is likely to culminate in the greatest massacre of modern times.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 14.—During a heavy fog at 6.45 p.m. yesterday a man broke the window of McMillan's jewelry store on Hastings street in this city and stole a tray of diamonds valued at over $7,000. Although the street was crowded at the time, the thief made good his escape.

Algeciras, Feb. 14.—The delegates of the French-German Moroccan conference are at present in a deadlock on the frontier police question. Germany is insisting on putting the police in control. Great Britain is supporting France in her contentions.

Algeciras, Feb. 15.—The delegates of the Moroccan conference today examined the proposed customs regulations for Morocco, and which contain plans for the suppression of all contraband traffic of fire arms. Not a word was spoken during today's session concerning the main feature of the present Franco-German controversy. The conference has adjourned until Sunday.

London, Feb. 14.—The Campbell-Bannerman government has a majority of over 70 over all possible combinations of Unionists, Nationalists and Laborites.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The U. S. war department is preparing to send another regiment of infantry to the Philippines in anticipation of another outbreak of the Boxers in China. The administration regards the present situation in China with grave anxiety.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 14.—William Jennings Bryan has resigned from his position as a trustee on the board of the Illinoin College because the other members of the board favored the accepting of funds from Andrew Carnegie.

New York, Feb. 14.—Legal proceedings are at present being instituted for the purpose of recovering several contributions which were made to different corporations with fraudulent charitable intent by former officials of the New York Life Insurance Company.

Lakewood, N. J., Feb. 14.—Mr. McCall, formerly president of the New York Life Insurance Company, is very ill at his home here and is sinking fast. There is no hope for his recovery.

Naples, Feb. 14.—Mount Vesuvius is again in a state of eruption and the overflow from the crater is assuming alarming proportions.

London, Feb. 15.—The Liberal association has decided not to oppose the Hon. A. J. Balfour's election.

Cape Hayti, Feb. 15.—A revolution has broken out at San Domingo. The revolutionists are congregating in large numbers and the situation is becoming more serious every day.

San Francisco, Feb. 15.—It has become known that an intense anti-foreign—and particularly anti-American—sentiment exists at present throughout the Chinese empire, and especially so in the maritime provinces of that country. Over two hundred Chinese were killed in a recent riot in a Chinese sea-port city, and it is authoritatively stated that the presence of several foreign gunboats was the only thing which prevented the riot being converted into a wholesale slaughtering of all the American and English residents of the locality.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The wedding of Miss Alice Roosevelt and Congressman Longworth will take place on Saturday, 17th inst.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 15.—Mr. Sproat, superintendent of the White Pass company's river and lake boat service, died suddenly in this city on Tuesday.

All contentious matters in the B. C. legislature are being avoided while Premier McBride is absent attending the funeral of his brother, W. L. McBride, who died the beginning of the week.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 15.—"Perhaps I am guilty to a more or less extent for our defeat, but at all events we who fought for the prestige of Russian arms in the battle of the Sea of Japan were not thieves," said Admiral Rojestvensky yesterday afternoon when addressing a meeting of the Russian Imperial technical society in this city. The admiral commented at length upon the destructive effect of the heavy Japanese shells which, when they exploded near the Russian vessels, cracked plates and opened up many great leaks.

An explosion killed 40 coal miners at Oakland, Va., last week.

The capital of the Canadian Pacific Railway will be increased to $150,000,000.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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Legislative Assembly,
Victoria, B.C., Feb. 6, '06.

Editor ATLIN CLAIM, Atlin, B. C.:

DEAR SIR,—As has been my custom during my tenure of office, I wish to briefly outline to my constituents the progress made so far in the present session. I was unable to be here for the opening, owing to the length of my trip out, as it took me two weeks to reach Victoria. However, matters have gone along quickly since then, and I have been able to bring about some good results for my district. In the matter of the administration of the "Placer Act", I have gone into this fully with the department, and they are doing everything in their power to meet my wishes, and bring about a just and equitable administration of the law. As we all know, great injustice was done in our district in the early days, and it is a difficult matter to bring order out of chaos all at once.

The department has gone ahead as quickly as they could, and have met my wishes in every way.

Anyone holding hydraulic property in our district will have to work or give up the ground and, at my request, the department have forwarded instructions to the Gold Commissioner insisting upon a full and final report up to the 31st Dec., 1905, and, beginning with the first of the year, a quarterly report on the standing of leases. There should be no occasion in the future, when these orders are carried out, for any complaint in this direction.

I have also under consideration with the Minister of Mines, an amendment to the Act providing for an enlargement of the placer claim, and hope to be able to carry this through. I am meeting with a great deal of opposition to it as they are very much averse in the house to tinker with the Placer or Mineral Acts. Mining matters in the province, in general, are in such a prosperous condition that everyone here, on both sides of the house, deem it to be inopportune at this time to open the Acts, but I do not intend to give up, and hope in my next letter to be able to report the passage of the clause enlarging the claim.

During the past summer there was considerable staking in the Teslin Lake district. The records of such claims have to be kept at Telegraph Creek. As this whole country is tributary to Atlin, and as the present arrangement causes great inconvenience, I laid the matter before the department and they have, at my request, added the Teslin district to the Atlin Mining Division. This embraces all the territory at Volcanic creek, Consolation creek and clear south to the Taku river.

The estimates of the session for the coming year will be down next week, and I am pleased to report that I have succeeded in getting an increase of $2,000 for my district, making the total amount $11,000 for roads, trails and bridges. In addition to this they have granted me $1,140 for the Atlin school. This places both our schools in a position where we have practically nothing to raise to carry on the educational system.

I am endeavoring to secure aid for the hospital, and trust that I will be successful.

There is not much of moment before the house as yet, although things may develop.

I looked for a short session when I came down, but the work before the Private Bills committee is piling up so that I hardly think we will get through before the first or second week in March.

I will write you later as the session progresses, and keep you in touch with the legislation introduced.

I am very busy, being chairman of the Private Bills Committee, a member of the Mining Committee and secretary for the selected committee appointed for the Kaien Island investigation.

I have met a great many of my Atlin friends who are wintering on the coast, and from what I learn down here, I do not doubt but that we will have a very good summer this year.

Yours truly,
H. E. YOUNG.

Spruce Creek Notes.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

We are pleased to be able to state that Chas. Hewet is again up and around after a hard cold.

When are we going to have another dance.

Billy Brown was out hunting this week and brought in a nice bag of ptarmigan.

A couple of Spruce creek ladies have been out shooting several times lately and got what the little boy shot at.

John Prescott, Archie McLeod, Thos. Swanson, Thos. McCaw, Jas. Johnson, Geo. Cassels and several other Spruce-creekers took in the A. B. smokes and "Smoker" at Discovery on Tuesday night.

Mrs. Rineberg visited Atlin on Wednesday and attended the entertainment in the Presbyterian church.

Spruce Creek has got down to business again and the mild weather has given the miners an opportunity to resume sluicing, and which they have taken advantage of. We understand that the dirt from the ground of Smaill, Patterson and Fox is averaging $2 per car.

An American syndicate has secured a thirty-six years lease of the Russian railways in Central Asia at a yearly rental of $40,000,000.

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A glimpse at some of the leading members of the B. C. Legislature as seen by the Victoria Colonist man on Jan. 27th:

Towards the end of the week the legislative ardor of the House cooled off, and is fairly guaged by a thirty-minute session on Friday, and an adjournment from then until Monday. The actual sessions of the week covered about ten hours, but this furnishes no criterion of the amount of work done by the members, who do far more in committee and caucus than in the house itself, which has become more of a registration bureau than a legislative factory.

Several good speeches were delivered during the week, one of the best being that of Mr. W. J. Bowser in reply to Mr. John Oliver on the Dewdney measure. Mr. Bowser is a forceful and excellent fighter when roused, is regularly in the house, in constant request, and looks like a "coming man."

Another indefatigable worker on the government side is Dr. Young, the chairman of the private bills committee. Everything he does is done with a business-like air that begets confidence and respect.

The ministers are constant in attendance at every session. The Premier says little, and only rises to a large fly, but what he does say is always pointed and impressive. He is cultivating by degrees a somewhat nonchalant air, which is not altogether out of keeping with his build and general appearance, but it is only on the surface, as his opponents well know, for they never catch him napping.

Hon. Chas. Wilson, the attorney-general, is easily the busiest man in the house. So far he has monopolized almost every sitting with important and voluminous amendments to the defective legislation of his predecessors, and whilst genial to all, and anxious at all times to compromise, one cannot resist the feeling that he often yearns for those old Cariboo days, when there was some excitement really worth having.

Capt. Tatlow is by common consent a model finance minister, who talks little and contents himself with sticking to business. He is always in his place.

Would you know the "deux ex machine" of the administration? The man who says little, yet sees all. The man who is retiring to the verge of self-effacement, yet has to be reckoned with every time. The man who beneath the velvet scabbard wears a sword of steel. The man who combines the inscrutable diplomacy of a Machiavelli, with much of the political foresight of a Richelieu, then look to the seat in the rear where the Hon. R. F. Green is installed.

A.L's. Entertained A.O.U.W.

On Tuesday evening about twenty members of Atlin Lodge, No. 15, A. O. U. W., drove to Discovery and were the guests of Camp Discovery, No. 19, Arctic Brotherhood, at a social gathering which was held in the A. B. hall. The interior of the A. B's. home was cosy and cheerful and everything was agreeably arranged so that the visitors should thoroughly enjoy the evening's entertainment. The walls of the hall were tastefully decorated with bunting and lore of the society, conspicuous among the latter being the Arctic Brotherhood motto, "No Boundary Line Here." The hosts, garbed in the regalia of their order, received their guests with open arms and warm hearts. Arctic Chief H. E. Brown occupied the chair, while N. C. Wheeling, acting Master Workman of Atlin Lodge, A. O. U. W., and Gold Commissioner J. A. Fraser were in the vice-chairs. The Arctic Chief delivered a short address in which he extended a most hearty welcome to the guests assembled and then introduced the following programme, every number of which was rendered with vim and well received:

Selection, by the orchestra, composed of Messrs. Thos. Hanna and Chas. Hickman, violins; Jno. Cartmel, cornet, and J. Pilling, piano; song, "The Diver," W. E. Fisher; song, "There's a Picture for You," C. Hickman; short speech, C. Cullen; reading, "La Vieux Temps," Geo. A. Kerr; selection, orchestra; song, "Rowan Tree," and encore "The Scottish Immigrant," N. C. Wheeling; stump speech, "A Dutchman's Fourth of July," with song encore "Sauer Kraut," C. Prescott; stump speech, "Which He Was, Yet," Rev. A. M. Ross; song, "A Long Way to Go," and encore "Running Up and Down Our Stair," C. Hickman; remarks on "Social Gatherings, Fraternal Societies, etc.," J. A. Fraser.

The chairman at this point declared an intermission of half an hour, during which refreshments were served and, everybody having kindled fresh "smokes," the programme was resumed with a selection by the orchestra; speech, "A Song Without Words," Rev. F. L. Stephenson; song, "The Lass of Richmond Hill," Geo. Cassels; recitation, "The Cow's Cud," C. Cullen; song, "One Single Word," W. E. Fisher; song, "Kingdom Come," C. Prescott; song, "A Glasgow Policeman," Jas. Dick; reading, "Mon Frere Camille," Geo. A. Kerr; song, "Judge Duffy," and encore "Between Love and Duty," J. Cartmel; selection, orchestra; song, "The Benches in the Park," and encore "A Dear Little Dicky Bird," C. Hickman; song, "The Light Brigade," and encore "Dorkin's Night," E. Sands.

Mr. N. C. Wheeling moved a vote of thanks to the Arctic Brotherhood for the good entertainment provided, and the members of the two societies gave three cheer for each other.

The singing of the national anthem brought to a close one of the most enjoyable social gatherings which has ever taken place in the camp, and much credit is due the Arctic Brotherhood for the success which the affair proved.

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Sunday Observance.

Editor of THE ATLIN CLAIM:

DEAR SIR,—A letter from the pen of Rev. A. M. Ross, in your issue of Jan. 20th, drew our attention to the petition emanating from and being circulated for signatures throughout Canada by the association known as the "Lord's Day Alliance." As the principles involved in this matter are wider and deeper than at first appear, I think some of the salient points are worth considering.

To me it seems that the intention of the petition, though couched in language which conveys the idea that the legislation sought is the protection of individual rights, is in reality an attempt against the freedom of action of the individual. While I am in sympathy with the principle of keeping one day in seven apart for bodily rest and soul development, I submit that the L. D. A. is taking the wrong road to attain it; the name of the alliance is sufficient proof that the avowed object is the keeping of the Christian Sunday, that this is an essentially religious subject none can deny and to attempt to coerce men to observe a religious tenet savors of the dark ages and religious tyranny. If the legislation sought was enacted and enforced it would bring antagonism to the principle the alliance seeks to inculcate, and further, it would bring discredit on the church which fathered it.

The Sabbatarian law worked well under the primitive Israelitish conditions, but in the 20th century in the midst of our complex civilization it would be impracticable. That these are no idle wares, consider one deplorable result that would follow the enactment of a Sunday law; it is granted that the chief object of the act is the stopping of the Sunday tram car service, Sunday excursion trains and consequently all the vast amount of work concomitant thereto; these very trams and trains are provided so that the poorer classes of the population of our great cities can, for a small sum, enjoy a day once a week in the pure air of the country. This would be stopped. The rich could roll to church or to the park in their cushioned carriages, but the poor would have to endure their Sunday in the sordid surroundings of their week day homes. It is a very nice, very Utopian picture—that of a whole nation keeping one day apart, forgetting work and all necessary pursuits, to spend the day worshipping God, but it cannot be brought about by legislation. Far better to try, as Mr. Ross himself suggests, by appeal to the individual conscience of man.

But, sir, is there any inherent merit in the keeping of one particular 24-hours in the week? Personally, the Pauline principle, enunciated in Rom. XIV., 5 and 6, is sufficient both for myself, and also to judge others by.

Apart from the religious element in the subject, it is universally admitted that from an economic standpoint men and animals work better when they have one rest day in seven, and, this being so, it would be for the national betterment if we would lend our endeavors—(so that except in circumstances where business necessity or the immediate interests of humanity requires the continuance of work on Sunday)—to secure to every man the option of having one day in the week to himself.

In working our placer (and especially our hydraulic) mines, where every day of water is of value and the loss of twenty Sundays in the open season might make the difference between profit and loss, I believe that, by mutual agreement between the management and the men, every man could have the option of having one free day a week. A little thought shows that this requires only one extra man for every six employed. The principle could be applied to tram and railroad services, and, if required, made the subject of legislation. This would be a practical way of making the enjoyment of one day in seven optional to every man. That there would be difficulties in the way, I admit, but "where there is a will there is a way."

Yours obediently,

ALFRED CARMICHAEL.

Otter Creek, Feb. 4th, 1906.

Dyer—How is it you never married, Higbee?

Higbee—I went to a baby show once.—Judge.

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Local Events.

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Wednesday's mail got in on time. Perkinson should make camp today.

Theo. Sweet and Dan Clacher arrived back in camp from the coast on Friday.

One of the hospital chimneys burned out Monday night but no damage was done.

HOCKEY MATCH—Discovery vs. Atlin, at 2 p.m. today. Turn out and see a good game.

Why use inferior gasoline when you can get 76 and 86 per cent. at Regan's. Atlin and Discovery.

An account of the reception and dance tendered to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Black last evening is held over to next issue.

The passengers to arrive by Wednesday's stage were: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Black, Mrs. Hill and Mr. A. R. McDonald.

Bourne's circulating library furnishes good and cheap reading.

A. R. McDonald arrived in town Wednesday on a short visit from Conrad City. He says business is fairly brisk in the Windy Arm town.

Those interested in the holding of an Irish concert in aid of St. Andrew's hospital are requested to meet in the dining room of the Vancouver hotel on Monday next at 3 p.m.

At the Hospital.—R. McKay is convalescent and if his present rapid improvement continues he will be out in about a week. H. Farmer's fractured leg has been set and is mending nicely.

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Mr. Woods has received word from W. Pollard Grant, solicitor for the defendant in Carstens vs. Doelker, that the full court has allowed the defendant's appeal from the judgment of His Honor Judge Young, given last fall against the defendant, and that all the proceedings have been set aside.

The St. Valentine entertainment in the Presbyterian church on Wednesday evening was a big success, both financially and socially, and quite a number were present from Discovery and the creeks. A good vocal and instrumental programme was rendered, the ladies served an abundance of refreshments, and everybody in attendance thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Word reached town this week that Wm. Francis had lately been mistaken for a moose and shot dead by Indian Shorty, of Atlin. At the time of the accident the men were hunting on Takhina river and about 20 miles from Whitehorse. Francis, who also belonged to Atlin, was a well educated Indian—having received a college education—and was much respected by the people of the camp.

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Curling News.

The Visiting Rinks Were Defeated--Ridd Won Wilkinson Cup.

On Saturday last the two rinks brought from Discovery by R. D. Fetherstonhaugh and C. Gilmour were defeated respectively by rinks skipped by J. A. Fraser and C. R. Bourne. In the afternoon Fraser and Fetherstonhaugh occupied the ice for three hours and fought hard for each of the fifteen ends and, although the score was 14 to 11, the loser had a chance of winning the game with the last stone he played. In the evening Gilmour and Bourne played a somewhat better game than what was furnished in the afternoon, both the skips and their men playing almost every stone for all it was worth. At the completion of the fifteenth end the score was a tie of 10 to 10. An extra end was played and Bourne captured it and the game by one point. Following is a personnel of the rinks and their scores:

DISCOVERY.	ATLIN.
M. R. Jamieson	E. M. N. Woods
W. H. Vickers	A. J. Burnside
C. Hickman	Jas. Stables
Fetherstonhaugh	J. A. Fraser
—11	—14
W. Morrison	J. Cummings
A. Galarno	W. E. Fisher
J. Cartmel	D. Ross
C. Gilmour—10	C. R. Bourne—11

WILKINSON CUP.

On Monday afternoon the semi-finals in this competition were played off and resulted as follows:

E. Ridd 11 vs. W. Owen 5.
Jas. Stables 11 vs. C. R. Bourne 4.

On Tuesday afternoon Jas. Stables and E. Ridd played the final in this competition and a sharp contest took place. The score was 7 to 6 in favor of Mr. Ridd, who now holds the cup against all-comers.

CLUB SCHEDULE MATCHES.

On Friday, 9th inst., Stables defeated Bourne by a score of 9 to 5.

Monday evening Rosselli's and Bourne's rinks played a close game and the former won by 11 to 10.

On Tuesday Ross and Fraser met and played a tie game.

DISCOVERY CURLING NEWS.

SLOAN COMPETITION.

The Discovery Curling Club has entered five rinks, to be skipped by R. D. Fetherstonhaugh, C. E. Gilmour, J. Cartmel, W. H. Vickers and M. R. Jamieson, for the Sloan medals competition.

BROWN TROPHY.

The following games were played off this week in this contest:

Jamieson, 9 vs. Vickers 6.
Fetherstonhaugh 8 vs. Eggert 6.
Gilmour 9 vs. Wrong 6.
Taylor 10 vs. McCartney 5.

ROSS TROPHY.

The best single hand game played in Discovery this winter took place in this competition on Thursday, when W. Morrison defeated R. D. Fetherstonhaugh. Following are the games and scores as played:

Wrong 12 vs. Hanna 7.
Jamieson 10 vs. McDonough 6.
Hickman 9 vs. Taylor 6.
Trotman 7 vs. Hampton 5.
Galarno 7 vs. Sweet 5.
Morrison 11 vs. Fetherstonhaugh 5.

The Weather.

The lowest and highest temperatures and precipitation recorded for the week are as follows:

		Max.	Min.	Precipitation. Rain.	Snow
Feb.	9	— 2	—17	—in.	—in.
	10	— 4	—17	—	—
	11	— 8	—26	—	—
	12	— 7	—26	—	—
	13	— 8	—27	—	—
	14	2	—25	—	—
	15	6	1	—	—

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