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COMBINE AGAINST CUNARD LINE

Tsans Ocean Traffic May be Cut Before the Season is Fairly Started

The Directors Claim They are Receiving Encouragement from England and America

(Associated Press Despatches.)

Liverpool, April 13.—At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Cunard line here today Lord Inverclyde, the chairman, announced that the shipping combine had intimated its inability to carry out one of the most important clauses of the settlement recently arrived at and consequently all the tentative arrangements between the Cunard line and the Continental lines and the combine were in operation. He was unable to say if the present rates would be maintained. He considered that the policy the Cunard line followed in the past was the only possible one, and believed that the Atlantic shipping combine was aimed directly against the Cunard line.

Beyond the loss of revenue caused by the rate war, Lord Inverclyde said he did not regret a single step taken. There was at present no agreement between the Cunard line and the Continental lines and the combine. The only effect to the tentative agreement was that passenger rates were restored to their old level. The chairman believed that the shareholders would not regret the sacrifices necessary to maintain the independence of the Cunard line against alliance formed against it. The directors had received encouragement here and from America to continue to defend the company's interests. The chairman also referred to the governmental support of the German lines as an indication of the severity of the struggle.

JEFFERSONIAN IDEAS OBSOLETE

The University of Virginia Makes a Departure from all Methods

Eighty Years ago and the Present Time show Vast Changes

(Associated Press Despatches.)

Charlottesville, Va., April 13.—Dr. Edward Anderson, alderman, was installed president of the University of Virginia today. Much interest was attached to the event as marking the first change in the governmental policy of the institution established by Thomas Jefferson eighty years ago. Jeffersonian simplicity of government for the institution did not contemplate a president. Jefferson wrote into its charter that government should be administered by a board of regents, a chairman, four which should be annually elected from among the professors. The recent development of the university has rendered its effective administration impracticable under the old methods and the change is made to meet the larger demands.

UNITED STATES AND JAPAN A PLAN OUTLINED IN REVIEWING

Conditions and Events Before the War Commenced in the East

There Seems to be Some Question as to When War Was Declared

(Associated Press Despatches.)

Washington, D. C., April 13.—Official correspondence made public at the state department today discloses the fact that the Japanese government in announcing to the American minister at Tokio on February 6th, of last year, the breaking of diplomatic relations of Russia, assured him that hostilities would not begin until after a declaration had been made. The correspondence comprises so much of the diplomatic exchange between Washington and Tokio as the department thinks it expedient to publish, and amongst the first is the following official phrase of a cablegram from Minister Griscorn, dated American Legation, Tokio, Feb. 6, 1901.—"Mr. Griscorn reports that the minister for foreign affairs stated that a declaration of war will not be made until after the withdrawal of their legation, which will probably take two or three days, and hostilities will not begin until after the declaration of war."

THE FLEETS ARE CRATAINLY AT SEA

And Apparently Every One Trying to Keep Track of Them is Also at Sea

The Only News Given Out is Conflicting—Fight Not Yet On

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GRAND TRUNK HELD MEETING

London, April 13.—The stockholders of the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada at their semi-annual meeting today under the presidency of Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, adopted the report of the directors after a brief speech by the chairman. The statements made were devoid of general interest except the construction of the Lake Superior branch, which will commence in June, and the building of the Prairie branch in July. Sir Charles congratulated the stockholders on the financial association of the Rothschilds with the Grand Trunk Railway, in connection with the flotation of the recent Grand Trunk Pacific bonds.

ANOTHER CONGRESS

Washington, D. C., April 13.—The Belgium government has formally invited the United States government to send an official delegation to participate in an international congress at Mons, Belgium, beginning September 25th next, at which the following topics will be discussed: Commercial and technical education, science of statistics, political economy, customs, tariffs, navigation, colonization, diplomatic and consular service and in general, means of promoting commerce and civilization. The invitation to the government has been supplemented by a circular note sent to the universities and colleges of America, and to all institutions and persons interested in the study of economy and to attend the congress.

COMMITTS SUICIDE AT AGE OF 70

Waltham, Mass., April 13.—Mrs. Louise H. Johnson, wife of a former Mayor of Waltham, and well known throughout the state as a temperance advocate, committed suicide today by drowning. Ill health and a shock following the violent death of a son in Connecticut, are thought to have unbalanced her mind. Mrs. Johnson was 70 years of age.

FAMOUS LAWYER DEAD

Worcester, Mass., April 13.—A. E. Belsie, one of the most widely known French Canadian lawyers of New England, died here today.

SHOT BOY AND HIS MOTHER

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THE GUN

Evidently the Cumberland Gun Club are getting in shape for a match of some kind. The following account of their first practice is given in the Enterprise.

On Monday evening last the Cumberland Gun Club held their first shoot at their club grounds.

A large number of spectators were present, while this said some never arrived who started. Better luck next time!

AFRAID TO SAIL

San Francisco, Cal., April 13.—Fear of Russian interference with contraband laden steamships bound for Japanese ports is again beginning to affect shippers and ship owners. The steamship Doric, which sails today for Japan, has received orders to go direct to Midway and there await instructions. Her cargo includes a large shipment of mess beef for Japan, about 300 tons of leather and some machinery.

MORE VICTIMS OF ERUPTION

Lahore, April 13.—Later reports from Mandia, capital of Mandi state, say at least four hundred persons were killed in the city by an earthquake. The palace, temples and residences were leveled. Estimates of the number of persons killed at Sultampur, 30 miles southeast by south of Amritsar, vary from 200 to 700.

APPEALS TO PUBLIC

Paris, April 13.—General Velutini (the Venezuelan consul) in the course of an interview published today, appeals to the public opinion of France in behalf of the course adopted by President Castro. He says the French Cable Company seeks to substitute force through government intervention for the usual procedure of the Venezuelan courts, and asserts that Venezuela's action against various foreign companies is due to their not fulfilling their engagements and to lending support to the revolutionists.

TEAMSTERS ON STRIKE

Chicago, Ills., April 13.—Notwithstanding a continuance of the strike of teamsters and garment workers, Montgomery Ward & Co., today started out more wagons than on any previous day since the teamsters quit work. The police guards with the wagons were not so numerous as on previous occasions. One more effort to reach a settlement was made today, three representatives of the Chicago Employees' Association meeting a committee of labor leaders at the request of President Shea of the Teamsters' Union. The meeting, however, resulted in no advancement toward peace.

NEW E. & N. RAILWAY AGREEMENT

Ottawa, April 13.—(Special)—A new bill for the Esquimaux and Nainaino Railway has been introduced into the House at Ottawa, which is agreeable to all parties.

MEAT PACKERS IN TROUBLE

Chicago, Ills., April 13.—Two indictments were returned today by the special Federal grand jury which is investigating the business methods of the meat packing companies. Each warrants were issued for the men indicted. Judge Humphrey instructed the government officials to keep the names secret until the men had been arrested. He also ordered that no intimation was to be given concerning the nature of the charges.

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COUNTY COURT HELD TODAY

At the session of County Court today Judge Harrison heard and disposed of the following cases:

Wey versus Campbell—Judgment for plaintiff with costs.

Ward versus Lot Lake—Judgment summons put over to next term.

Ah Sam versus Ah Wing—Stood over.

Some half a dozen applicants who made application through Barrister Simpson, were made British subjects.

Judge Harrison, Frank J. Dixon and L. K. Nicholas, are guests at the Abbotsford.

The ladies of Ladysmith are cordially invited to attend the Spring Millinery opening tomorrow (Friday) at Simon Leiser & Co. Ltd., and inspect the many novelties in Parisian, New York and other styles.

COLLIER EDIPH SOLD. Steamer Edith, which passed up yesterday to Ladysmith from San Francisco, says the Examiner, has changed hands within the past few days. The steamer, which was owned by the Progresso Steamship Company of New York, has been sold to the Northwestern Steamship Company of Seattle to replace the seized Tacoma. The price is not stated, but is believed to be in the neighborhood of \$130,000. The steamer is to be run to Cape Nome as a freighter by her new owners. She will however, make several more trips in the coal trade between Ladysmith and San Francisco before being sent north.

AN EXCELLENT PLAN

It is not the talk among the members of the three link lodges to unite all of Ladysmith's Oddfellows in one lodge, instead of as present, having three separate ones. A meeting will be held on Monday evening at Harmony Lodge Hall, to consider, and take steps in this direction. If united there will be a membership of 225, a treasury of \$12,400 and the lodge will be one of the strongest in the Province. It certainly looks like a good proposition.

SMELTER RETURNS

The smelter ran 10 days, 1906 tons of Tyee ore treated, giving a return after deduction of freight and refining charges of \$33,086.

Owing to a cave in the mine, the output will be restricted for the present.

ITS DIFFERENT HERE. Money is Given Back Just for Asking in Ladysmith.

Ballard, Wash., April 12.—J. Upchurch, a soldier of Fort Lawton, was shot by Officer Joe Diggs in the Bowers Saloon last night. Upchurch had been engaged in playing poker in a back room of the Bowers, and lost \$17. He drew his revolver and demanded his money back, threatening that he would divulge the fact that the anti-gambling law was being violated. Upon the refusal of the proprietor to turn over the money, the soldier fired at him, the ball passing close to his legs.

Officer Joe Diggs, who was close at hand, told the soldier to drop the gun. The latter handled the revolver in a threatening way, and Diggs says he was forced to draw his own revolver and shot Upchurch, the ball striking the man in the right side. He will probably recover.

INVITES SICK AND INJURED

Simla, India, April 13.—Lady Curzon, wife of the vice-roy, has invited all the Europeans and Indians injured during the recent earthquakes, who are able to be moved, to come to the Walker and Ripon hospitals at Simla as her guests. The invitation was sent through the Lieutenant-governor of the Punjab with an intimation that she will gladly defray the expenses.

SOME IN LADYSMITH

A teacher was trying to explain the meaning of the word "recuperate" to one of the pupils.

"Now, Willie," said she, "if your father worked hard all day, he would be tired and worn out, wouldn't he?"

"Yes'm."

"Then, when night comes and his work is over for the day, what does he do?"

"That's what ma wants to know."—Moberly Democrat.

THE LAND FORCES

St. Petersburg, April 13.—A despatch from Gunshu Pass dated yesterday, says the Russian advance detachment on the Mandarin road pushed forward April 11 and bombarded Maclantzy at midnight. The Japanese infantry and cavalry hurriedly vacated the place.

COLLIER RELEASED

Singapore, April 13.—The German Collier Hindoo, which was refused clearance papers for Saigon, was released today, her captain agreeing to deliver his cargo through the British consular at Saigon.

COAL FOR RUSSIANS

Paris, April 13.—Herr Bekel, who is charged with the duty of gathering together supplies of coal for the Russian second Pacific squadron, has, according to a statement made to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Matin, 70,000 tons at Saigon and 50,000 tons at Shanghai, which he expects the Russian squadron will take on board.

IS LOOKING FOR A FIGHT

London, April 13.—The British naval men comment on the lack of secrecy regarding Admiral Rojestvensky's movements since his arrival in far eastern waters. The fact that he is keeping to the main trade route although knowing his squadron will constantly be sighted and reported by passing steamships, they consider clearly shows that the Russian Admiral is keenly anxious to meet Admiral Togo, and fight it out to a finish.

COMMISSION'S DECISION

St. Petersburg, April 13.—The special commission of the Academy of Science, which has been considering the subject has pronounced in favor of the abrogation of the restrictions placed upon the use of the little Russian language in schools, books, and the press. Little Russians are inhabitants of the southwest and southern parts of Russia.

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SPIES WHO GUARD THE RUSSIAN CZAR

They Prowl Through Every Avenue of National Life

"I do not think," said a highly placed Russian official to a St. Petersburg correspondent of an American paper a few days ago, "that there is a more nervous man in Europe than our Emperor. And no wonder. The measures taken to shield him from danger would shake nerves of iron, and his nerves are constitutionally weak. He is perpetually being reminded every hour of the day that he is in imminent danger of sudden death. There was a time, shortly after Minister Plehve's assassination when he trembled at a shadow, and I believe he is worse now."

To safeguard the Czar there is a regiment of officials and an army of understrappers scattered over three different departments of state—the Ministry of the Interior, the Secret Police and the Imperial Chancery of the Ministry of War. Each of these sections is presided over by a responsible chief.

The Minister of the Interior is head of the ordinary police, nominally, also, of the Secret Police, but only nominally so. When the Czar is in St. Petersburg, or in one of the palaces in the vicinity of the capital—like Pavlovsk, Tsarskoe-Selo or Peterhof—the Minister deputed picked men for service in the neighborhood of the palace. These men are armed with revolvers. They are the most intelligent of their fellows, sharp-eyed, sharp-eared, and absolutely ignorant of physical fear. When danger threatens they are not to hesitate to shoot, and the fact is impressed on them by their superiors that danger may occur at any moment and from any quarter. Their instructions are to note every one they see, to suspect everyone, and to report everything out of the common.

They are relieved every hour, and not one of them knows beforehand where he will be placed. The most remarkable part of their instructions is that they are to have their eye on one another. Each of these policemen is a spy on one another.

In St. Petersburg this picked body of police numbers five hundred men, and before they are set aside for this special service the minutest inquiries have been made into their antecedents, and the most private affairs, not only of themselves, but of all their relatives and friends. Their wages are double those of the ordinary policeman, and for valuable information which they give they are rewarded with liberal presents and promises of excellent posts, mostly sinecures, when their time of service expires.

More important still are the services rendered by the Secret Police. "Unique"—everywhere—is their motto. Practically the entire work of the secret Russian police, the dreaded third section, is guarding the Czar. In their underground burrowings in Russia or abroad their object is to trace out the trail of those with designs on the Czar. Their power is fearful, their knowledge is fearful, their work is terrible.

They are not in uniform and they are perfect masters of the art of disguising themselves. Before they are drafted into the secret force they must have passed a searching test. They must be educated. Usually they speak two or three different languages in addition to their own. They must be able to assume the dress, manners, and language of the highest society, as well as the patois of the gutter. It is preferred that they have no family ties, and each of them is ignorant of the personality of his colleagues.

At the present moment there are swarming all over St. Petersburg and in Tsarskoe-Selo and its neighborhood more than three hundred of them are stationed. At the railway station in St. Petersburg whence the trains leave for Tsarskoe-Selo they are to be found, but you never know how many. Two or three of them may be disguised as railway porters. One of them is in the booking office scanning every purchaser of a ticket. Or, possibly, furs, pretending he is going on a journey. The man in furs does not now the railway porters; the railway porters are ignorant that the man in the booking office is one of themselves.

Nor are they all men. Some of the most daring of the revolutionaries in Russian history have been women, earnest, devoted, passionate. The Russian Government is wise as a sergeant and sets a woman to watch a woman.

Finally, and most important of all there are the military guards. The precautions which have been taken since January 22 seem almost incredible. There are several regiments which have been ransacked for suitable men for this service—the Preobrazhensky and Pavlovsk Guards, the on Cossacks, the Kuban or Tersek Cossacks, and some Mohammedan outposts from Kazan and the Caucasian provinces. Blind, undeviating fidelity, stern religious conviction and loyalty to either the Orthodox church, of which the Czar is the earthly head; or to the Koran and Mohammed; absolute fearlessness in the face of danger; supreme physical courage, presence of mind, intense, oglike affection for the person of the Czar and a fanatical hatred of his enemies are the qualities for which they have been selected.

In the palace at Tsarskoe-Selo, in the park, and along the roads leading to the park are nearly eight hundred of these men on duty—three hundred in day duty and five hundred for the night watch. Their officers are picked for the same qualities and are men of the highest personal honor as well as of a soldier's finally sent to in this picked body he must communicate and confess his sins and assuage some time in the church in prayer, and every day before going on duty he must visit the church for prayer.

Night and day these great silent men prowl aimlessly along the carpeted corridors of the palace with naked sword in hand. Night and day their comrades prowl through the halls outside the park, on horseback or on foot, peering under every bush, behind every hedge. There is no relaxing of tension. They listen for every sound and remember it. Nicholas is in his palace and around him are his myriad watchers, stern, unbending, unscrupulous.

KILLED IN A FIGHT. New York, April 13.—One man was killed and two others seriously injured early today in a saloon brawl on West 31st Street. The dead man is Roy Joyce, a bartender. The wounded are John Doyle, one of the proprietors, and a waiter named Weston.

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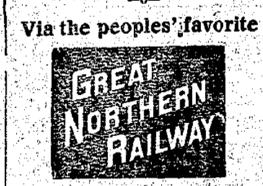
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The members of the Ladysmith Football team are requested to turn out regularly to practice and urged to get in shape for the semi-final with Nanaimo. A full turn out is expected for Sunday morning, when a big practice will be held. Nanaimo team is unable to come down on the 15th, as several new men are being tried, and on the 23rd they will be here with a strong team, fully confident handed out to them by Ladysmith wiping out the two big despatches.

The Ladysmith team has a good record this season. It played six games won five and lost one. They have scored 23 goals and had only seven scored against them, which speaks well for the local team.

Arrangements are being made with the Celtics, of Vancouver, for home and home games.

BASEBALL

A Vancouver despatch says: Geo. Babbitt, who will play short-stop on the local team this year, arrived in the City yesterday and says he is ready for practice. Manager McCloskey expects to have all of his men here about April 20th, and till the Recreation Park is ready the team will work out every afternoon at the Cambie street grounds. "I will have the boys all ready for the opening games," said Manager McCloskey last evening, "and I hope to make a successful start."



FOR DISPOSAL OF MINERALS: ON DOMINION LANDS IN MANITOBA THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES AND THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Coal—Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz—Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miners' certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.

A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five years, upon payment in advance of \$7.50 per annum for an individual, and from \$50 to \$100 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500x1,500 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end on the line of the lode or vein.

The claim shall be recorded within fifteen days if located within ten miles of a mining recorder's office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles or fraction. The fee for recording a claim is \$5.

At least \$100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$500 has been expended or paid the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at \$1.00 an acre.

Permission may be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate claims containing iron and mica, also copper, in the Yukon territory, of an area not exceeding 160 acres.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of a Royalty of 2 1/2 per cent. of the sales of the products of the location.

Placer Mining—Manitoba and the N.W.T., excepting the Yukon Territory—Placer mining claims generally are 100 ft. square, entry fee \$5, renewable yearly. On the North Saskatchewan River claims are either bar or bench, the former being 100 feet long and extending between high and low water mark. The latter includes bar diggings, but extends back to the base of the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet. Where steam power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be obtained.

Dredging in the rivers of Manitoba and the N.W.T., excepting the Yukon Territory—A free miner may obtain only two leases of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who have, or who may receive, entries for bar diggings or bench claims, except on the Saskatchewan River, where the lessee may dredge to high water mark on each alternate leasehold.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles, but where a person or company has obtained more than one lease one dredge for each fifteen miles or fraction is sufficient. Rental, \$10 per annum for each mile of river leased.

Petroleum—All unappropriated Dominion lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories, and within the Yukon Territory, are open to prospecting for petroleum, and the Minister may reserve for an individual or company having machinery on the land to be prospected, an area of 1920 acres for such period as he may decide, the length of which shall not exceed three times the breadth.

Should the prospector discover oil in paying quantities, and satisfactorily establish such discovery, an area not exceeding 640 acres, including the oil well will be sold to the prospector at the rate of \$1.00 per acre and the remainder of the tract reserved, namely, 1,280 acres will be sold at the rate of three dollars an acre, subject to royalty at such rate as may be specified by order-in-council.

JAS. A. SMART,
Deputy Minister of the Interior,
Department of the Interior,

will probably have one of the amateur clubs from Seattle play a couple of games here on May 5th and 6th, and the fans will then have an opportunity to get a line on the players who will be seen on the diamond for Vancouver this season.

THE OAR

Winnipeg, April 13.—In reply to the repeated request of Greer, of Boston, for a match with the world's amateur sculling champion, Lou Scholtes, a Toronto man recommends that Greer go to Henley, and win his honors there at first-hand. Scholtes has accepted the offer of the New Westminster fair authorities to row there in October, and if matters were satisfactorily arranged with them would go to the Coast. It was possible that the New Westminster people might induce Greer to go to the Coast to meet him, but he had no intention whatever of going into hard training to oblige Greer or anybody else, and if the Boston man were brought to New Westminster it would be to meet him with practically no preparation for the event at all, which would rob him of any honor that might attach itself to the race.

BOLD FREDDIE

Mattie—Fred says he couldn't live without me!
Grace—Bother! That's just what he told me a little while ago.
Mattie—Yes; Fred and I often laugh about it. The funniest thing about it was, as Fred says, that you really supposed he was talking seriously.

Royalty at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent. collected on the output after it exceeds \$10,000.

Dredging in the Yukon Territory—Six leases of five miles each may be granted to a free miner for a term of twenty years, also renewable.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars in the river below low water mark, that boundary to be fixed by its position on the 1st day of August in the year of the date of the lease.

The lessee shall have one dredge in operation within two years from the date of the lease, and one dredge for each five miles within six years from such date. Rental, \$100 per mile for first year and \$10 per mile for each subsequent year. Royalty, same as placer mining.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory—Creek, gulch, river and hill claims shall not exceed 250 feet in length, measured on the base line or general direction of the creek or gulch the width being from 1,000 to 2,000 feet. All other placer claims shall be 250 feet square.

Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end, bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten miles of mining Recorder's office. One extra day allowed for each additional ten miles or fraction.

The person or company staking a claim must hold a free miner's certificate.

The discoverer of a new mine is entitled to a claim of 1,000 feet in length, and if the party consists of two, 1,500 feet altogether, on the output of which no royalty shall be charged, the rest of the party ordinary claims only.

Entry fee, \$10. Royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent. on the value of the gold shipped from the Yukon Territory to be paid to the Comptroller.

No free miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim on each separate river, creek or gulch, but the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and free miners may work their claims in partnership by filing notice and paying a fee of \$2.00. A claim may be abandoned and another obtained on the same creek, gulch or river by giving notice and paying a fee.

Work must be done on a claim each year to the value of at least \$200.

A certificate that work has been done must be obtained each year; if not, the claim shall be deemed to be abandoned, and open to occupation and entry by a free miner.

The boundaries of a claim may be defined absolutely by having a survey made and publishing notices in the Yukon official Gazette.

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THE DEATH DICE

Strange Story That Comes From the Seventeenth Century.

A notable exhibit in the Berlin Historical museum consists of the famous "death dice." About the middle of the seventeenth century a beautiful young girl was murdered, and suspicion fell on two soldiers, Ralph and Fred, who were rival suitors for her hand. As both prisoners failed to extract confession from either Prince Frederick William, the Kaiser's ancestor, decided to cut the Gordian knot with the "death dice." The two soldiers should win for their lives, the loser to be cut as the murderer. The event was celebrated with great pomp and solemnity, and the prince himself assisted at this appeal to divine intervention, as it was considered by every one as the accused themselves.

which was given the best throw, and he drew sixes, the highest possible number, and no doubt felt jubilant.

The dice box was then given to Alfred, who fell on his knees and prayed aloud: "Almighty God, thou knowest I am innocent. Protect me, I beseech thee!" Rising to his feet, he threw the dice with such force that one of them broke in two. The unbroken one showed six, the broken one also showed six on the larger portion, and the bit that had been split off showed one, giving a total of thirteen, or one more than the throw of Ralph. The whole audience thrilled with astonishment, while the prince exclaimed, "God has spoken!" Ralph, regarding the miracle as a sign from heaven, confessed his guilt and was sentenced to death. It is probable that Alfred ever after did not number himself among those who look upon thirteen as an unlucky number.—London Tatler.

CRIME IN LAPLAND.

In Lapland the crime which is punished most severely next to murder is marrying a girl against the express wish of her parents.

THE FORCE OF HABIT.

"They say that Versus' wife married him while he was still a struggling poet on the ground that so thoughtful a man must make a good husband."
"How did she get that idea about him?"
"When he wrote to her offering his hand he mechanically inclosed a stamped and addressed envelope."

LOCAL ITEMS

Principal Haggard is improving, and will, it is hoped, soon be able to resume his work in the schools.

Knight's book store. Popular for May at Knight's.

Don't fail to remember that the Clara Mathes Troupe opens an engagement in the Opera House on Monday evening. You may expect good entertainments during the engagement of this troupe and you will not be disappointed.

Five Hundred new novels just in at Knight's book store.

Business men in Ladysmith do not, as a rule claim that times are good, but at the same time do not find them at all bad. It is generally believed that within a few weeks Ladysmith merchants will be doing their usual spring trade and all hope for a fair summer's business.

Samuel Thompson, an old timer, and for many years an hotel keeper of Vancouver, died in that city on Tuesday. He was a brother of N. Thompson, of the firm of machinists in the Terminal City.

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The celebrated case in Rosland against the Miners' Union, of that city, to recover some \$30,000, for which judgment was given a couple of years ago, has been closed. The company, under new management, had dropped all claims and the feeling between men and company is now cordial.

Mr. Nicholson, manager of the opera house, after many efforts and at considerable expense, has secured the Clara Mathes Company for an engagement of three nights commencing April 17th. The plays will be selected from the long list they have ready, and if there is any particular play desired by her patrons, Miss Mathes will be only too happy to produce it. Miss Mathes and her company have been praised by all the best critics and their last two long engagements have been in the finest theatres on the Coast.

Small boys are energetically working on the flat just north of the city limits by the main road burning trees and stumps and making themselves football grounds that they will have the first call on at any time and no be obliged, as they are at present, on the bunker grounds, to give way to the larger boys at any time, even in the midst of a close game between the Water Fronts and the Hill Climbers. The boys are making great headway and deserve a good word for their efforts.

ON SATURDAY EVENING.

It should not be forgotten by anyone living in Ladysmith that on Saturday evening the entertainment gotten up under the auspices of the Harlequin Club takes place. The programme, which will be given has already been published in the Ledger is a good one. The teachers and pupils are entering into the spirit of the entertainment with zest and the results should be very satisfactory both as an entertainment and financially, for it will be remembered that the proceeds, above expenses, go toward the acquirement of a school library. The entertainment is one which everybody who can possibly do so should attend. The admission will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

A PLEASANT EVENING.

About 20 young people gathered at the home of Thomas Kiddie last evening to pay Mr. George Kiddie a social call, and also to tender to Mr. Carmichael, who was present, a good-bye visit. Charades and dancing, all combined to make a pleasant, and at a late hour, the guests, after uniting in cordial good wishes for Mr. Carmichael, and wishing him success in his calling in his new home, the Boundary County, for which he leaves today, said good-night to their host, Mr. Geo. Kiddie, and dispersed conscious of the fact, that another of the not too frequent evenings in life's journey had passed.

This has been a very profitable season for the trappers of the district. On Saturday last Texelmerit Pound, of Vancouver disposed of \$1,000 worth of raw furs, chiefly marten, which had been sold to him during the past few months. Not long ago he disposed of another batch almost as great.

FLOWER, FIELD AND GARDEN SEEDS

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NANAIMO NOTES

The collier Edith is at the dock of the Western Fuel Company, loading coal.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Davis, was largely attended at Nanaimo yesterday. Many and beautiful floral offerings were sent by friends.

The newly wedded couple, Mr. and Mrs. Denny, were plentifully besprinkled with rice on their departure from the Nanaimo depot yesterday.

The small boys in Nanaimo got after the Herald for reporting the crowd and point story, as they thought, to their discredit. A committee waited on the Herald and furnished their side of the story and now the boys have got the poundtaper. A pound-keeper's life is not an easy one.

Mr. George L. Williams, for the past fifteen years manager of the Nanaimo Bank has been instructed by the Bank authorities to leave next Monday for Sault Ste. Marie to assume the duties of manager in that important branch. Mr. Williams' departure from Nanaimo will be very much to the regret of its citizens, but all will agree that this substantial advancement is only giving Mr. Williams his due. He has been a careful and capable manager during his long service in the Nanaimo Bank.

BILLIARDS.

In the final game of the billiard tournament played in the Athletic Club rooms, C. Rosewall defeated J. Penheth, thus winning first prize of the tournament. The prize cheque of the winner was \$4.00 worth of goods donated by the Powers and Co. Penheth, which was a clock donated by J. Sampson. Third prize went to J. Caldwell, a fishing rod, donated by W. H. Morton. Fourth prize went to Charles Graham, a pipe.

SPORT.

Even if the Britt-White fight is arranged, there are plenty of sports anxious to know the number of the rounds.

Jeffries will positively retire from his ring unless some one with a fight in him shows up before June 1st. Jeffries will show you he is too late.

It is now Jenkins' turn to have the wrestling championship. As soon as paying gate can be relied on, Mr. Jotch will win it back.

THE RING.

Hot Springs, Ark., April 12.—"Terry" McGovern, lightweight pugilist, will leave for New York tomorrow. McGovern is suffering from extreme nervousness that borders on collapse. He appears broken in health and cannot sleep.

Clara Mathes will bring her entire company for the short engagement she plays here commencing April 17th. It is unnecessary to introduce this company to Ladysmith people, as Miss Mathes is known to many personally, and will be only

DUNCAN LOCAL ITEMS

Dr. Quinlan is spending a week in Duncan, a guest at the Quamichan hotel.

No doubt a large number of Duncan people will travel down to Shawnigan Lake on the 26th inst. for the dance that is to be given under the auspices of the Cobble Hill Dramatic club at the Stratheona hotel. The dining room of this hotel is to be converted into a ball room on the occasion. The members of the Dramatic Society expect to have a number of people up from Victoria for the affair. No pains are being spared to make the opening event of the season a great success.

AT THE QUAMICHAN. J. H. Franck, Victoria. L. J. Cooper, Vancouver. A. Johnson, Victoria. W. Waller, Victoria.

Wednesday, April 12.—Mr. W. R. Robertson, Indian Agent, came down from Nanaimo on the evening train. He had been settling some land and other disputes among his dusky wards and left them comfortable and happy. It is indeed remarkable, he says, how completely harmony and good will prevail when all was strife and bitterness when once the voice of authority has announced a decision. Ah herein is a lesson for some other—not for us of course, we need it not—but say, the Russians and Japs, and—oh, well, the rest of the world! Judge Harrison also came down this morning to preside at the County Court. There are half a score of cases on the docket, but the first taken dragged its weary length through the day, and was still unfinished when the shadows began to fall.

J. Hensworth and wife, of Mount Sicker, are spending a few days in Duncan.

The traveler on the E. & N. railway is apt to leave a sigh as the train pulls out of the little village of Duncan, so loathe is he to leave it and its lovely surroundings, but, glancing out of the window as the train moves along, he quickly becomes interested in the beautiful scenery on either side of him. Passing Cobble Hill, the train runs along the mountain until it reaches one of the prettiest spots on the Island, Shawnigan Lake. The conductor cries "Stratheona Hotel" and the traveler, as he leaves the train, beholds a most lovely view. It is difficult to describe, with justice the magnificent scenery presented to the gaze. Standing at a level with the railway track is what is often termed by tourists, the prettiest and most comfortable hotel on the island. Surrounded by beautiful gardens with tennis and croquet lawns, stands this large, well constructed, well furnished Stratheona Hotel.

As one breathes the fresh, bracing air, looking across the lake, on the broad stretch of blue water, alive with trout; as the eye takes in the noble mountains arising all around, one cannot help but think that he has at last struck a model place for a holiday. The Shawnigan Lake is very large, and the land around is most fertile and many a

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The Dominion government steamer Falcon is in at the bunkers taking on coal for fuel.

The steamer Lelanaw passed down the straits last evening having in tow the barge John C. Potter, loaded with concentrates from the Treatwell mines for the Tacoma smelter.

The Norwegian ship Tricolor which it will be recalled, has been chartered by the island collieries, is unloading Japanese coal at Los Angeles. She arrived there April 5th and should soon be on her way to Vancouver Island.

New York, April 13.—Arrived steamers Civic and Majestic from Liverpool, Koenig, Luise from Genoa.

THE FINNISH COLONY.

Mr. R. M. Palmer, Secretary of the Provincial Bureau of information, and Mr. J. E. Bird, solicitor, left Vancouver on the Princess May on a visit to Malcolm Island, where trouble has broken out in the Finnish colony. Some months ago, it may be remembered, a portion of the Kanton-Kansa community became in doctrinal with the tenets of "free love," which the other and greater portion of the colony as actively repelled. Trouble has arisen in consequence, and Mr. Palmer, on behalf of the Government, and Mr. Bird, as legal representative of the colony, have gone to see what they can do towards soothing the strife of socialism in active operation and also see if the colony cannot be placed on a sounder financial basis.

There. The hotel contains a first-class billiard room, the meals served are moderate in price and excellent in quality. On the whole the accommodation of the Alderlea is splendid.

MOROCCAN QUESTION.

Paris, April 13.—Foreign Minister Delcasse will give a dinner tonight in honor of the German Ambassador Prince Von Radolin. This is in conjunction with the fact that Prince and Princess Von Radolin occupied President Loubet's box at the opera last night gives promise of a more favorable settlement of the Moroccan question. The officials take an optimistic view of the situation.

"Jack" Regan, bartender of the Enderby Hotel, in Vernon, left on Thursday for the Old Country, where he has fallen heir to some \$40,000.

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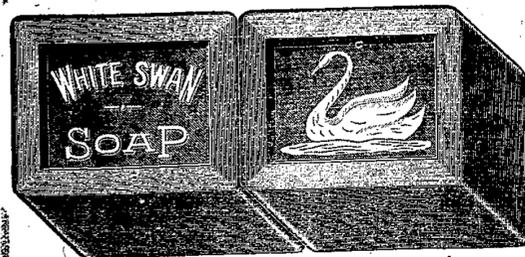
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