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THE COFFINED FORMS OF THE IMPERIAL FAMILY SHADOWED ON CURTAINS ON THE PICTURE

Nihilist Students Do This Secretly and Skillfully in the Neva, One of the Greatest Illustrated Newspapers in Russia

St. Petersburg, April 15.—Quite a sensation was caused this morning by the appearance in the Neva, the most widely circulated illustrated weekly in Russia, of a half tone picture representing the Imperial family, including the Empress holding the heir to the throne, the background of the picture showing in shadowy outlines the Emperor, Grand Duke Sergius, Grand Duke Alexis, the Dowager Empress, the heir to the throne, and practically all the living members of the Romanoff family lying dead in their coffins.

The work is done so skillfully that the shadows in the drapery behind the Imperial family are descernable with great difficulty. The publishers disclaim and previous knowledge of the shadowy figures. The culprits, who were students employed on the paper, have not yet been located. Copies of this edition of the Neva are selling at a big premium.

M. Witte, president of the committee of ministers, has definitely decided to give up all work and go abroad. The last straw was the imperial rescript address Thursday to Interior Minister Bouligan, creating a special commission, the active head of which is M. Goremykin, a former minister of the interior, to discuss questions relating to peasant tenure of lands and the abolition of the peasant commission over which M. Witte was president. The Emperor took the step without even apprising M. Witte of his intention. The members of the Witte commission were actually at work Thursday evening, and were up to yesterday, only to find the commission out of existence. M. Witte attributes His Majesty's act to court intrigue decidedly aimed at himself, and yesterday informed his friends that he was completely disheartened and discouraged. He would no longer endure the humiliations heaped upon him, and would leave all and go abroad for a time. The Stowo has received its first warning for the publication of articles entitled "The Bureaucracy" and "The War and Reform," in which the paper severely criticised the incompetency of the bureaucracy and the general staff and the war office.

A DEADLY EPIDEMIC.

St. Petersburg, April 15.—A peculiar epidemic of cerebral spasms almost always fatal, has made its appearance in St. Petersburg. The doctors say it was imported from Galicia to Lodz, Russian Poland, where there have been many victims. It is regarded by the doctors as a precurdor of cholera.

EMPEROR GRANTS PETITION.

St. Petersburg, April 15.—Emperor Nicholas has decided that the moment is opportune to grant the petition of a group of the influential clergy for a conversation of a general council to effect a reform of the ecclesiatical administration. On the margin of the petition His Majesty appended a note as follows: "I find it impossible in the present listurbed times ta undertake a task of such magnitude, requiring calm consideration. Following the old example of the Orthodox Emperors, however, I intend a favorable moment to et afoot this great work and summon the council of the old Russian church for a canonical discussion of questions of faith and ecclesiastical reform."

MOSCOW POLITICS.

Moscow, April 15.—The Liberal conservatives, who oppose constitutionalism as contrary to the menius of Russian life, but who favor the restoration of the ancient Zemsky Soba, have formed an organization to fight the revolutionary constitutional propaganda. The organization surely will be extended to St. Petersburg and other large centres, when a programme will be published and an appeal will be issued to the Liberal Conservatives to combat the present raidcal agitation.

St. Petersburg, April 15.—M. Witte's antagonistic court, whose influence was greatly feared by M. Witte, were effectively enforced by part of the old Von Plehve-Cabal ministry, headed by M. Sturmer, formerly under the secretary of the Interior, and M. Stitchinsky, former chief adjutant of the interior department who were forced out of the ministry of the Interior by former Minister Sviatopolk Mirsky and they have worked their vengeance on their ancient chief enemy, M. Witte. The Associated Press is informed that M. Witte went to Tsarkoe-Selo yesterday and informed the Emperor that it was quite plain that a plot existed, and that he desired to retire. His Majesty, however, is understood to have declined again to accept the minister's resignation.

CHOLERA, TOO, HAS ITS ADVANCE AGENTS

The Death Rate in St. Petersberg is Alarming--M. Witte, Disgraced. Will Go Abroad--A Naval Victory Only Will Now Save Russia

RUSSIAN PRESS IS IRRITATED

Rojestvensky is Reported to be Making for Formoso to Meet Togo

VICTORY OR DEATH.

Paris, April 15.—Gaston Dru telegraphs from St. Petersburg to the Echo de Paris that Admiral Rojestvensky's last telegram before leaving Nossi was sigularly laconic and eloquent. He wired: "I will not telegraph again before the battle. If I am beaten you will learn it through Togo. If I defeat him, I will announce it to you."

M. Dru adds that the telegram was accepted as meaning that the Russian Admiral seeks victory or death.

Information has reached Port Said that the 5th division of the Russian Pacific squadron under the command of Vice Admiral Vessarago, and composed of the battleships Imperator, Alexander II., Alava and Paul I, the armored cruiser Pamyatasova and the second-class cruiser Admiral Koniloff will traverse the Suez canal in July or August.

COLLIERS WAITING.

Hong Kong April 15.—Many colliers arriving here from Durban, Natal and Cardiff, Wales, apparently waiting orders. War risks at Hong Kong for Japanese have raised and trade is effected. A telegram received here from Saigon suggests that the Russian squadron possibly will not go north before the end of April.

FLEET REPORTED.

London, April 15.—A telegram from Singapore was received here today announcing that the Peninsular and Oriental steamship company's steamer Marmora sighted five Russian battleships April 3rd in latitude 8 degrees south and longitude 92 degrees east, steering from the Straits of Sunda. The despatch has no present significance. The fact that the Marmora sighted the Russian squadron was reported early in the month from Colombo. The news apparently reached Singapore through outgoing steamers. The main interest in she despatch lies in its giving the exact location of the squadron, indicating that it steered almost due east from Madagascar, presumably with the object of creating the impression that Rojestvensky intended to traverse the Straits of Sunda and draw away the Japanese from the Malacca Straits, through which he ultimately passed in safety.

VLADIVOSTOCK.

London, April 15.—The Daily Telegraphy's Tokio correspondent says: "Owing to military necessities, the residents of Vladivostock are suffering privations. Five submarine boats have arrived at Vladivostock from America. The cruisers Gromoboi and Rossia are kept in constant readiness to leave port.

STEAMING TOWARDS BATTLE.

St. Petersburg, April 15.—(2.45 p. m.)—No further news than that contained in the foreign telegrams has been received regarding the squadron commander by Vice Admiral Rojestvensky, but the impression continues that he is steaming toward the Island of Formasa with the intention of giving battle if Admiral Togo accepts the challenge. Some papers, notably the Novoe Vremya, still manifest irritation at the activity of British warships in reporting the movements of the Russian squadron. The Novoe Vremya says the vessels of all nations are observing neutrality with the exception of those of Great Britain. The paper takes particular exception to the fact that the British cruiser Ihpigenia transmitted by wireless telegraph the information that she had passed Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron 140 miles from Saigon, which was very important news to the Japanese in as much as Rojestvensky has succeeded in slipping by the Japanese scouts. "For a commercial ship to report such a fact upon arrival at port is quite natural," says the Novoe Vremya, "but it is not so important, as the news is then more or less old and in the meantime the squadron might have changed its course, but for a man of war to send such information to a coast station by wireless telegraph is unfriendly. However, this is not the first time the British have conveyed a valuable warning to their friends. During the Chino-Japanese war when Great Britain was on the side of China, a British cruiser at Wei-Hai-Wei warned the Chinese admiral by firing a salute upon the approach of the Japanese fleet, although at night, when it is not the custom to salute in that fashion."

The Russ today remarks referring to the despatch from Washington published here yesterday on the subject of the Japanese assurances in regard to the opening of hostilities: "If the telegram is true, Japan deceived the United States. Why has the United States waited fourteen months to let the world know this when it did not hesitate to charge Russia with breaking her promises?"

SITUATION UNCHANGED.

Tokio, April 15.—(7 p.m.)— The following official announcement was made today from the headquarters of the Japanese armies in Manchuria: "Our forces advancing east along the Hailung road defeated a body of the enemy's April 14th near Piechimau, ten miles east of Panshi, and vigorously chased them towards Tachtzu, 26 miles east of Panshi. Another force advancing north from Sitgking attacked the enemy, holding a position five miles south of Pachatzua. There has been no changes elsewhere in the military situation."

THE OTHER SIDE.

St. Petersburg, April 15.—General Linevitch in a despatch to Emperor Nicholas dated yesterday, says: "Our cavalry April 10th forced the Japanese in occupation of a hill southward of Mount Gaoschan, in the valley of the Hun river. The cavalry turned this position and forced the Japanese to vacate it and retire westward."

PRICES DROP.

St. Petersburg, April 15.—Doubt as to the result of the approaching naval action in the Far East on which so much depends, weakened prices on the Bourse today, all quotations falling. Imperial fours, however, yielded a quarter of a point.

NOT YET SUCCESSFUL.

Gunshu, April 15.—The expected Japanese turning movement is not developing, but preparations, it is understood, are progressing.

SULLIVAN TO MEET MITCHELL

Tacoma, Wash., April 15.—The sporting editor of a Tacoma paper has, it is said, succeeded in matching John L. Sullivan, former champion pugilist of the world, and Charlie Mitchell, champion boxer of England, for a twenty round bout. The contest is to take place in May.

When Chas. Mitchell was asked if he would meet John L. Sullivan, he replied: "Ask John. I will be ready any time."

Sullivan's reply was characteristic: "Will fite Mitchell ten, fifteen or twenty rounds, or for keeps, for a reasonable purse, providing he accepts."

The bout will probably take place in Tacoma, where boxing is permitted.

GOES TO LABRADOR

Dr. Grenfell Will beAssisted in his Work by two Ladies

(Associated Press Despatches.)

New York, April 15.—The Times says: When Dr. Wilfrid T. Grenfell, the English physician who is known as the "Missionary of the deep sea fishermen" goes to Labrador next month he will take with him on the yacht Strathcona, Miss Clara Koonz and Miss Isabel Harris, young women who have done settlement work for several years. About $60,000 were contributed by the larger cities and a contribution from Andrew Carnegie for the establishment of loan libraries along the coast of Labrador. Miss Clara Koonz and Miss Harris not only volunteered their services to the Labrador Mission, but Dr. Grenfell said last night they propose to bear the expenses themselves. Miss Harris is said to be independently wealthy. She has for years been giving her time to settlement work exclusively, and is now connected with the Protestant Episcopal Church of the land and sea, in this city. Miss Koonz is connected with the Tenement House Commission, and is regarded as an expert in the industrial system. Both are now preparing for the journey to Labrador and before going propose to organize a permanent Ladies' Auxiliary in this city which will aid in the mission from time to time. Miss Harris and Miss Koonz will establish settlements at the various stations along the coast. A feature of the work will be the teaching of girls to work looms and to weave. The mission will purchase looms. The gift from Andrew Carnegie, it was learned, came through Lord Strathcona.

DID NOT SEE JAPANESE.

Paris, April 15.—A despatch to the Temps from Saigon, French Co. chin China, says Admiral Rojestvensky did not sight any Japanese scouts during his entrance into the China Sea. The despatch adds that it is expected that the Russian squadron will re-provision off the coast of Annam.

SHOT HIS WIFE.

Genesco, N.Y., April 15.—After a family quarrel, Antone Sparacci, an Italian, who lives in this village, shot his wife, her mother and her daughter and then shot and killed himself.

TO CHECK DISEASE

Reno, Nev., April 15.—Inhabitants of Tenopah are coming to Reno by scores to escape an epidemic that thus far has puzzled the doctors of Tonopah. Governor Sparks will appoint a special commission today and go to Tonopah to check the disease that is killing people at the rate of from five to a dozen each day. The disease brings death in from 12 to 24 hours. The bodies become black after death.

GOVT. TO PAY INDEMNITY

Chicago, Ills., April 15.—The Mexican government will be asked to pay $450,000 as indemnity for the murder of J. K. McKenzie and Dr. Robert McCoy, of Chicago, Walter Stupingey of Kewanee, and A. M. Call, of Toledo, Ohio, and for the suffering inflicted on C. E. Torrington of Salem Ohio, and H. E. Miller of Los Angeles, Cala., by Yakui Indians on January 14th last. Torrington, one of the survivors of the massacre, said that a claim of $100,000 would be made for each of the four victims slain and $25,000 each would be demanded by Miller and himself because of the terrible experiences through which they passed.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Warsaw, April 15.—Three workmen, accused of wounding a policeman during the January riots, were today sentenced to death after a trial by court martial.

SHOT A POLICEMAN.

Lodz, April 15.—Two workmen today shot and killed a policeman in the street. One of the assassins was arrested.

AUSTRALIAN CRICKET TEAM

With the members of the Australian cricket team aboard, Australian railway representatives going to Washington to attend the international congress, and a large number of tourists, the Miowera arrived shortly after 2 p.m. from Sydney, N. S. W.

The cricketers are in good form, and are looking forward to a successful season. They concede that the weakest point is in the matter of bowling, and the men are looking to Cotter, the new player, to uphold the reputation of the team in this respect. In batting, with such giants as Capt. Trumper, Howell and Gergory, they have little to fear. The team at once boarded the Atlantic express which had been held, and proceeded on their way to England, where the season begins in May.—Vancouver World.

FOR MISSIONS.

Toronto, Ont., April 15.—The Anglican Church of Canada last year raised $217,500 for missions.

In Quebec, the ice-breaker Montcalm, remains in the same condition in the ice at Cape Rouge as yesterday. The ice still holds on both sides of the vessel.

FROM OTTAWA

Ottawa, April 14. —The speakers in the autonomy debate today were Messrs. Bruneau, Cockshutt, Crawford and Schaffer.

The exports for the first 9 months of the fiscal year show a decrease of $10,080,000.

Mr. Galliher today introduced a bill respecting the Kaslo & Lardeau Junction Railway Co.

The E. & N. Bill as amended and the Monorail patent bill passed the Commons tonight.

Rider Haggard and Commander Booth Tucker had a conference with Premier Laurier this afternoon on immigration matters. It is understood that Mr. Haggard is very much impressed with the Salvation Army colonies in the States and will recommend to the British and Canadian governments their application to Canada for selected British emigrants to be brought out under the auspices of the Salvation Army.

Rev. Dr. Whitley, son of Thomas Whitley, won the thousand dollar prize offered by Miss Helen Gould for the best essay on the Catholic and Protestant version of the Bible.

COMPLETED INSTRUCTIONS.

Washington, April 15.—Inquiry into the Statues of the negotiations initiated by President Roosevelt, looking to a second peace conference suggested by Lord Lansdowne, reference to the subject in the British parliament, develops the fact that the state department here has completed its instructions so far as this matter is concerned at least for the present, having returned it to the executive council of the Hague tribunal. This was done, notwithstanding an effort on the part of the German government to induce the United States government to outline the programme of subjects to be considered at the conference. The State Department would have been pleased to have acceded to this German suggestion, but it was concluded that to accept it would be to jeopardize the success of the undertaking. It was believed that conflicting views of the Great Nations as to the limitations to be placed on the conference could be more easily reconciled by the executive council.

Nashville, Tenn., April 15.—As a result of a powder explosion at Trenton, Tenn., today, three men were killed and several injured. Considerable property was damaged.

LADYSMITH PUBLIC WHARF

Work to Complete the Wharf Will Commence the Middle of Next Week

It was officially announced this morning that the completion work on the new public wharf will be commenced shortly. Today, Mr. Thomas, the construction superintendent, laid an order with the Ladysmith Lumber Co. for sufficient lumber to properly finish the wharf, and he is now making a list of the supplies necessary to complete the construction.

He informed a Ledger representative, in a conversation today, that it was safe to state that the work will be re-commenced the middle of next week at the latest.

This news will be most acceptable to the Ladysmith people generally, and there is every reason to believe that in the course of a very short time a road will be made down to the new construction and the wharf in a condition to use. Quite a piece of work is yet to be done, but once the start is made, the length of time before the wharf is completed, will be short.

BAIL FOR MRS. CHADWICK

Cincinatti, Ohio, April 15.— Mrs. Cassie Chadwick, who has been convicted and sentenced to prison for ten years on procuring money by false pretenses, was today admitted to bail in the sum of $5,000 by Judge Larton, of the United States circuit court of Appeals, who ordered consultation with the other judges of the circuit court pending appeal proceedings, which are to come before the court next October.

J. S. Dally, chief counsel for Mrs. Chadwick, stated today that the $5,000 bond named by the Circuit Court of Appeals, Cincinatti, for the release of his client, was in addition to the $47,000 bail fixed by the United States District Court, and the County Criminal Courts. The total amount required is, therefore, $52,000.

CONDITION UNCHANGED.

Atlanta, Ga., April 15.—The latest advices as to the condition of Joseph Jeferson, whose was reported seriously ill at his winter home, West Palm Beach, Ga., are that his condition is unchanged. His family and friends are hopeful and his physicians say the reports of his illness have somewhat exaggerated the seriousness of the case.

OFF FOR VANCOUVER

Winnipeg, Man. April 15.— After drill last evening the sergeants of the 90th Regiment gathered in the mess room to say good-bye to Color Sergeant Clarence, of G. Company, who leaves today for Vancouver. The rooms were filled with the sergeants and their friends, with Sergt.-Major Morley in the chair. In a neat speech the chairman expressed the regret of his comrades at the loss sustained in the departure of Sergeant Clarence and presented him with a gold locket on which the cipher of the regiment and a suitable inscription was engraved. Col. Clambre, Adjutant Capt. Baker and Paymaster Capt. Harrison all expressed their high appreciation of his worth as a soldier.

THREE MEN KILLED.

Popular Bluff, Mo., April 15.—Word has reached here that three men have been killed in a pitched battle at Ten Mile Creek, 10 miles west of here, resulting from a quarrel over a piece of land.

ROOSEVELT AFTER BEAR.

New Castle, April 15.—President Roosevelt started at 11.30 today on horseback for the first bear hunt of his vacation in the Rocky Mountains.

TAKLED OVER QUESTION

Paris, April 15.— Although details are carefully guarded, there is best reason to believe that conversations have actually begun between representations of France and Germany with a view to removing misunderstandings relative to Morocco. It is certain that diplomatic means have been found to bring about a mutual exchange of views in place of the mutual recrimations which heretofore have been going on. This favorable turn of affairs, appears to be the direct result of the more moderate attitude Germany has shown in communicating to Washington and London, Rome, Madrid and St. Petersburg, and Vienna.

REGARDING MOROCCO

Berlin, April 15.—Foreign Minister Delcasse talked over the Morocco question with Prince Von Rodolin, the German Ambassador yesterday, this being a direct exchange of views between German and French governments. Nothing is said at the foreign office here regarding the substance of the interview, only that Von Rodolin reviewed classes observations in suitable spirit. The foreign office prefers to make no statement on the subject insomuch as the French newspapers, even the so-called inspired papers, today contain nothing from the French foreign office regarding the conference.

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THE ISLAND RAILWAY.

Again it seems probable that a change will soon be made in the management of the E. & N. Railway. Notices have not yet been sent out but from the advancement made in bills and agreements necessary to safeguard the large interests involved, it seems safe to assume that it will not be many weeks until the C.P.R. are in possession of the Island railway. It is not likely that the rumors of the C.P.R. Company negotiating for the land grant or the coal mines are correct. It is much more likely that within another 18 months the Province of British Columbia will conclude to make terms with the owner of the grant, and will as it should, if it is possible, to secure the same on any reasonable terms, make land sales or grants for settlers, and on mineral lands the same as is done in other parts of the Province.

Such a condition of things, if brought about, would vastly improve present conditions now obtaining on Vancouver Island, and would assist very materially in bringing forward that era of prosperity that even the most conservative now admit, or believe to be in sight.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

The joining together of teachers and pupils, neighbors and associates, to give entertainments such as are occasionally given in Ladysmith as in Duncan, should be encouraged in every possible way. The young man or young woman who begins during school days to declaim, take part in dramatics, sing or speak in public, finds during the journey of life that such preliminary education to what must be met in real life is valuable. It is a gift well worth possessingto be able to say what you wish before a thousand people with the same ease that you would in a drawing room. It is, in fact, nowadays, a part of the regular education that one must acquire before fitted to take part in real life and its different conditions. Where pleasure is found in such practise, as is the case at such entertainments as a rule by the participants, they are doubly repaid for the work they do in assisting to entertain or amuse.

THE JUDGE'S CHARGE.

A Missouri paper says that a new judge arose to charge the jury, and spoke as follows: "Gentlemen of the jury, charging a jury is a new business to me, as this is my first case You have heard all the evidence as well as myself. You have heard what the learned counsel have said. If you believe what the counsel for the plaintiff have told you, then you will find a verdict for the defendant; but if you were like me and don'tbelievewhat either of them have said, then I'll be d—d if I know what you will do. Constable take charge of the jury."

LARGEST WHITE SAPPHIRE.

The largest white sapphire ever discovered has been found by M. Hepner, a German engineer, who has resided for many years in Brazil, where he possesses several mines. Before cutting the stone it weighed 1250 carats, but a flaw caused the clearage of a piece weighing 100 carats. That cut from the larger piece weighs 138 carats, is two inches in length and one inch and a half wide. The owner values the stone at 300,000 crowns.

TALE OF ORANGE BLOSSOM.

The wearing of orange blossoms at a wedding is accounted for in various ways. Among other stories is the popular legend from Spain. An African king presented a Spanish king with a magnificent orange tree, whose creamy, waxy blossoms and wonderful fragrance excited the admiration of the whole court. Many begged in vain for a branch of the plant, and a foreign ambassador was tormented by the desire to introduce so great a curiosity to his native land. He used every possible means to accomplish his purpose, but all his efforts coming to naught he gave up in despair.

The fair daughter of the court gardener was loved by a young artisan, but she lacked the dowry which the family considered necessary for a bride. One day, chancing to break off a spray of orange blossom, the gardener thoughtlessly gave it to his daughter. Seeing the coveted prize in the girl's hair the wily ambassador offered her a sum sufficient for the dowry, provided she gave him a branch and said nothing about it. Her marriage was soon celebrated, and, on her way to the altar, in grateful remembrance of the source of all her happiness she secretly broke off another bit of the lucky tree to adorn her hair.

Whether the poor court gardener lost his head in consequence of his daughter's treachery the legend does not relate, but many lands now know the wonderful tree, and ever since that wedding day orange blossom has been considered a fitting adornment for a bride.

STERILIZED VEGETABLES

Some New York capitalists and a Pittsfield, Mass., man, says the Springfield Republican, are experimenting in sterilizing vegetables for market. The discovery was made lately that hot-air sterilization will preserve vegetables indefinitely without injuring their structural parts. Corn, peas, beans, lima beans, and other garden product treated by the new process will take on a withered form, much like cured hay, but when put in cold water will resume their shape and retain their former brittleness and garden flavor. Cabbage, potatoes, beets, celery, and other produce granulated, treated by sterilization, have the same freshness and taste as when gathered in gardens by their reproduction in water, after months of preservation after sterilization. Eggs can be sterilized, but of course do not take their form as when broken from the shell, but are valuable for cooking purposes. The men interested in this discovery say that sterilization of vegetables reduces their bulk, makes the charges for handling and transportation but a small item, and that the value of the discovery lies in being able to serve fresh vegetables at places a long distance from truck farms and gardens at any time of the year.

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All the forces of the parish council of Shelton, near Nottingham, have been defied by a schoolmistress. She is still in possession of the schoolhouse, from which the council wishes to evict her. And she has still a deep-rooted conviction that she has not received the proper notice necessary to terminate her engagement. She feels quite secure in her fastness, and from behind locked doors and barred winsows she breathes defiance at the parish council and the crowd of rustics who nightly congregate near at hand. She cherishes unkind feelingge towards these rustics, for when she was at church one evening they stopped up her chimneys with bundles of hay and straw. The house was full of smoke when she returned, and she has been unable to light a fire since. The council now hope to freeze her out. Meanwhile the new schoolmistress has arrived. Her furniture is stored in a farmer's barn until her predecessor capitulates, and she has had to accept the hospitality of a local resident. Colonel Vere Wright, the village magnate, is exercising all his persuasive powers on the recalcitrant schoolmistress, but she is determined to see justice done, though her house may fall. The village is now awaiting the attempt of the authorities to put in force the ejectment order which has been applied for. Even if it be granted, it cannot be put in force for three weeks.—News of the World.

Mrs. C. one morning last week thought she smelled gas. Bravery came to her mysteriously and she crept down stairs to investigate. After smelling about for some minutes she rushed up-stairs, called Mr. C., then shook him, and at last aroused him. Then this was heard:

"John, there's a leak in the gas pipe in the kitchen. We'll all die if it is not fixed.

Leaks had been heard of before, and Mr. C. sleepily asked:

"Is it a-leaking much now?"

"Not much!" screamed his wife, and then, as Mr. C. turned over, this soothing advice was given:

"Put a bucket under it and come to bed."

CLARA MATHES CO.

Below are given a few of the press notices of the Clara Mathes Company, which open an engagement in Ladysmith on Wednesday night. The Company furnish good entertainment.

The Clara Mathes stock company, although playing at popular prices, would be a good company at any prices, and their conscientious endeavors to please merit the praise they receive. In the Queen of Hearts Miss Mathes had a geniel role that gave scope to her versatility, the contrast between the simple country girl and the woman of fashion being admirably drawn. Her costumes were elegant and tasteful. A pleasing feature of the company is that all the parts are cleverly handled, so much so as to render it difficult to individualize.—Springfield Republican

Charles A. Wheeler, the well-known critic of the Tribune, says:

Miss Clara Mathes is worthy of the highest praise for her winsome impersonation of 'Nell of Old Drury,' a difficult part to portray naturally without exceeding the bounds of prudence, and Nell was no prude at any time of her life. Miss Mathes succeeded in interesting the audience from the very first moment of her appearance as an orange girl, with a ready tongue and hand, and well able to hold her own with king or courtier. She was excellent in her mimicry of Jeffries, and in the sharp encounter of wits between Nell and Jeffries this clever young actress gained repeated bursts of applause, rising to enthusiasm when she completely fooled the judge in the last act.

"The support was clever and of an unusually well balanced nature. Every character was well drawn, correctly dressed and with the manners of the time. * * * The frequent and hearty laughter and applause received was well merited."

Clara Mathes and her clever company concluded the first week of their Victoria season last night. The performances during the week have been in every case up to the standard, each play being staged with that taste and detail which always goes so far towards making a presentation enjoyable. Miss Mathes has improved wonderfully since her last visit to Victoria. She has evidently worked hard and, like all earnest workers, has succeeded in placing herself well up in the ranks of her profession. She is today a more capable actress than many who, less modest, proclaim themselves as queens of the art, and depend upon the bill board and the press agent to bear them out.

Her support is composed of people above the average found in stock companies, equipped with the knowledge of their business, which makes all their work smooth and pleasing. They are painstaking and conscientious, throwing all their energies into the parts assigned to them, so that night after night they have surprised their audiences by the evidences of versality which they displayed.

The Mathes company have grown rapidly in public favor, each night of last weeking bringing together a larger audience than on the preceding one—the best evidence possible that their performances are satisfactory to the public.—Victoria Times.

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 $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 2½ 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 dregde 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. Royalty at the rate of 2½ 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 1stday of August in the year of the 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 hald 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 chargen, the rest of the party ordinary claims only.

Entry fee, $10. Royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent. on the alue 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.

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 width shall not exceed three times the breadth.

Should the prospector discover oil n paying quantities, and satisfactorly 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.

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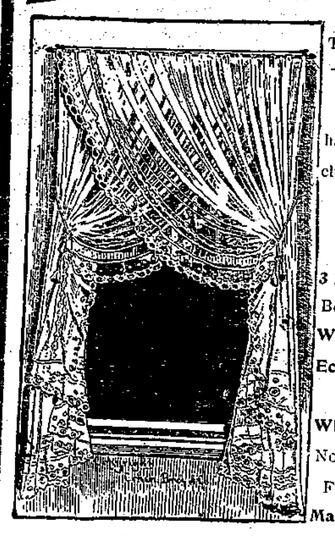
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LOCAL ITEMS

FOR EASTER DECORATIONS—Daffodills, Narcissus, Primroses and forced Roses, at Berrow's nursery, Chemainus, B.C.

Have your photos taken NOW, today, and until Monday evening, April 24th., $5.00 cabinets for $2.50 per dozen.
FRICK & SCHENCK, Campbell's Corner.

Mr. D. Thomas went up to Nanaimo at noon.

Miss L. Coburn was a passenger to Nanaimo on the 12 o'clock train.

Miss E. Teague came down from Nanaimo on the morning train today.

Mr. Allan Porter, of Chemainus, passed through to Nanaimo on the noon train today.

Among the names of successful candidates for diplomas at the Normal School, Vancouver, appears that of Miss Hellis Fisher, of Ladysmith.

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W. E. Case, Nanaimo.

A good variety of picture post cards, eighty different kinds at Knight's Book Store.

Preparations for the Presbyterian Church Bazaar and concert to be held on Easter Monday, are going ahead, and the affair promises to be a success.

Mr. Martindale, the agent for the International Correspondence School, is in this city today in the interest of his school, and endeavoring to get some pupils. While cycling down from Nanaimo last evening, Mr. Martindale was unfortunate enough to fall from his wheel, hurting his arm and rather badly grazing his face.

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

Popular for May at Knight's.

Don't forget that the entertainment in aid of the school library commences at 8 o'clock sharp tonight It is hoped that everybody will be in their seats at that time, as it is very confusing to the ones taking part to have people moving about during the course of the play. Tickets for the affair are reported to be going like the proverbial hot-cakes, and a full house is expected.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

What promises to be one of the most enjoyable entertainments given here for a considerable length of time will come off in the opera house tonight, when the Harlequin Dramatic Club will present a couple of plays and a short musical programme will be rendered. Last night the full-dress rehearsals for the plays took place and those who were privileged to see them state that they are cleverly acted and well staged. Both are extremely funny and those who turn out to the affair can rely upon spending a very pleasant evening.

At the conclusion of the programme a social dance will be given, (for which good music will be furnished. Manager Nicholson has the floor in first-class condition and the "kick-up" promises to be very jolly.

As is well known, the proceeds, over and above the expenses, will be donated to the public school library funds, and it is hoped that the public will turn out well and by their liberal patronage enable the teaching staff to add largely to the library, , and by thus doing, they will be helping on greatly the cause of education.

The admission to the concert and dance, will be 50 cents only, children 25 cents.

CLARA MATHES IS COMING.

Unfortunately, Miss Clara Mathes will not be able to open her engagement here on Monday night as at first expected, but Manager Nicholson has arranged for her and her talented company to play to the Ladysmith public on the evenings of Wednesday and Thursday next.

Mr Marsh, the manager of the company, is expected here this evening to make final arrangements. As will be seen by the press notices in another column of this issue, Miss Mathes has earned for herself a good reputation in the Province and the Sound cities, and no doubt during the course of her engagement here, she will receive a liberal patronage by the play-going public of Ladysmith.

NANAIMO NOTES

A meeting of the Nanaimo Board of Trade was held on Thursday evening and the resignation of Mr. C. E. Stevenson was presented. The resignation was accepted, the members of the board expressing great regret at the loss of by the board of so energetic a member. The secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Stevenson, informing him of the board's acceptance of his resignation, expressing the regret felt by the members, and extending to him their best wishes for his future prosperity.

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The Lord Bishop of Columbia, at the service of the local Church of England on Sunday morning will ordain Mr. A. Bagshaw into the ministry of that church. His Lordship will be assisted by Archdeacon Scriven and there will also be present Rev. Silva White, and Rev. G. Taylor, of Wellington.

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A service of this nature is not often seen in British Columbia and there will doubtless be a large congregation present on the occasion.

This evening at the Opera House, the united bands of Ladysmith and Nanaimo will give their first public concert, which promises to be a notable event in the musical history of the city. The Ladysmith band will arrive by the evening train and accompanied by the Nanaimo band, who will meet them at the station, they will march down to the Opera House.

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VICTORIA DAY.

The following business was transacted at the adjourned meeting of the Victoria Day Celebration Committee held last evening. It will be noticed that a prize of $5 for the winners of a baseball match between Nanaimo and Ladysmith has been decided upon and a similar amount of a be given to the winners of the Association football match.

A communication from Mr. George Williams was read tendering his resignation as terasurer of the celebration funds. The communication was received and filed and the resignation accepted, Another communication was received from Mr. Watson, chief of the Victoria fire department in reference to the sending os a team up for the 24th. The communication was received and ordered to be brought up for discussion under the proper head.

The Sports committee brought in a report asking for $125 for Athletic sports.

The musical committee brought in a report asking for $270, which included the Nanaimo Band, $110; the Boys' Brigade Band, $100; Ladysmith Band, (afternoon) $60.

Mr. C. Martin, on behalf of the Gun Club, requested a donation of $75.00

Mr. Robert Swanson, on behalf of the Grounds committee, reported that the Athletic Club had decided to rent the grounds for the same price as last year, $75.

The following amounts were asked for the various lines of sports:

Baseball Club	$100
Football	$100
Printing Committee	$200
Regatta	$325
Firemen's races	$400
Children's singing	$50
Basketball	$50
Rifle Club	$100
Lacrosse	$75
Fire Works	$300

The above items were gone over separately and finally decided as follows, stating the sports to be held, and the amounts to be appropriated for each, besides other items:

Athletic sports on green	$125
Music by Nanaimo Silver Cornet and Church Lads Brigade Band	$210
Gun Club	$75
Grounds Committee	$75
Rifle Club	$75
Baseball, Nanaimo vs. Ladysmith	$75
Lacrosse, if outside team competes	$75
Two local teams	$50
Football, Ladysmith of Garrison vs. Nanaimo	$ 75
Printing Committee	3.00
Basketball	50
Children singing	50

The items of hose reel and regatta were left over until next meeting In the meantime, a committee comprising H. Freeman, F. Robinson and J. Lowden are to prepare a programme and report at the next meeting.

The collectors reported as having collected $230 up to date and stated that they expected the total to come up to last year. The secretary was authorized to write the large contributors of last year in reference to their contribution of this year.

The meeting then adjourned until Wednesday evening next at 7.30

The following is the programme of sports to be held on the Green:
100 yards race for boys under 12.
100 yards race for girls under 12.
75 yard sack race for boys under 16
50 yard race (egg and spoon) for girls under 16 years.
50 yard three legged race.
50 yard ladies' needle-threading race
50 yard boys' wheelbarrow race for boys under 16.
75 yard old man's race, over 50 years.
100 yard sack race for men.

The sports to be held on the Cricket grounds are:
100 yards for underground employees
100 yard merchants and employees.
125 yard amateur race.
125 yard professional handicap.
50 yard blindfold race for men.

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In the basketball match between the Wellington team and the Athletics United, the former were defeated, the score at the conclusion of the game standing 17—16. The game was well contested and most interesting throughout.

Yesterday afternoon two of our hardest working business men concluded to take an afternoon off, rest up and call on a few friends. Today both are in bed, one says letting up on work for even half aday makes him feel as though he had fallen from a forty-foot scaffolding, and the other remarks that that walk around town has affected him internally, in fact he feels worse than as though a horse had kicked him.

DUNCAN LOCAL ITEMS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Duncan, Sunday, St. Peters' Parish Church. Holy communion 8.30 a. m. Evening, prayer and sermon, 2.30 p.m.

Somenos—Morning prayer, 11 a.m.

South Cowichan—Service 3 p.m.

Duncan Masonic Hall—Evening service 7.15 p.m.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday, Maple Bay—Morning service, 11 a.m.

Mt. Sicker—Service 3 p.m.

Duncan—Sunday School, 2 p.m. Evening service, 7.30.

Tuesday—Mill Bay, Prayer meeting 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday—Duncan. Union Prayer meeting, 7.30 p.m.

There will be special services during Holy Week, at St. Peters and Somenos, of which further notice will be given, Rev. Leakey, Rector.

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COMING EVENTS.

There will be no lack of amusement at Duncan and the district during the coming month. On Easter Monday the ladies of the Church of England have arranged to give a concert, farce, and dance in aid of the church funds, in the agricultural hall

On the 28th inst. the Oddfellows celebrate the anniversary of the founding of their order by giving a grand dance. At the Strathcona Hotel on the 26th ints the season will be opened by a ball which is being arranged for by Mrs. Cheeke. The proceeds of this affair are to be devoted to the Cobble Hill Dramatic Society, of which the above mentioned lady is an active member. No doubt a large number of Duncan people will patronize the event, for a very enjoyable evening can be depended upon.

CHEMAINUS.

Chemaines, April 15th—The British ship Cedarbank is now in this port loading lumber. The Cedarbank is a fine boat, of about 2,080 tons, and will take a cargo of about 2,000,000 feet of lumber. She is bound for Antofasgastin.

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TOMORROW'S EVENTS.

The footballers are requested to turn out to practice tomorrow morning at the Bunker Grounds.

In the afternoon a meeting is to be held to discuss plans to organize a baseball club here for the coming season. Residing in Ladysmith are many splendid baseball players and there is no doubt that a very fine team could be gotten together this year. It is hoped that all who are interested in this splendid game will put in an appearance at the meeting. If there is a good attendance, and there is every reason to expect that there will be, a club can be formed without delay, and a very formidable team of boys should be ready to meet the representatives of other cities forthwith. The baseball enthusiasts have already been indulging in practice and they are making a very fine showing indeed.

Since the above was written, Mr. J. Adam has received a communication from Mr. V. Stewart, President of the Nanaimo Athletic Association inviting the Ladysmith baseballers to enter for the baseball tournament to be held at Nanaimo on the 2.th of May. The prize is to be $50.00. The advisability of entering this tournay will also be discussed at the meeting to-morrow. Judging by the way in which the boys have been coming out in the practice of late, there is reason to believe that they would make a very good showing in the tournay. It is hoped that satisfactory arrangements will be made tomorrow.

MARINE.

The new steamship Tricolar has left Port Angeles and is due here in a few days for a cargo of coal. It is understood that the ship will take about 6,000 tons.

S. S. Princess Beatrice will be in tomorrow morning for bunker coal.

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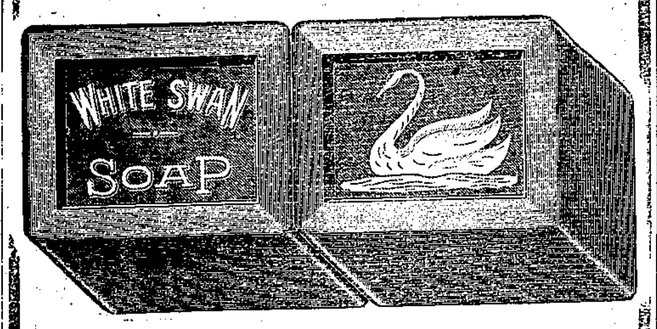

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